



Whitehall Road Methodist Church Gateshead



Newsletter

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**Sunday
May 18th 2025
10.30 am
Preacher
Mrs. R Tench**



**The Church exists to
increase awareness
of God's presence
and to celebrate
God's love**

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please contact Ian by Wednesday.

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Sunday
May 25th 2025
10.30 am

Preacher
Mrs M Hutchinson

From our Prayer Book please pray for

David Cranston
Auriel Crocker
Audrey Noble
Bob Noble
Elizabeth Obasa
Joseph Obasa
Don Bertram

Sylvia Smith
Carol Thorpe
Sheila Whitehouse
Muriel Williamson
John Wilson
Barbara Wilson

Everywhere and always, O Christ, let us feel your presence, the gift of grace upholding us, the gift of faith strengthening us, our hope fortified and our love reborn. Amen.



Marie Bernarde Soubirous (1844-1879)

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A moment for humour



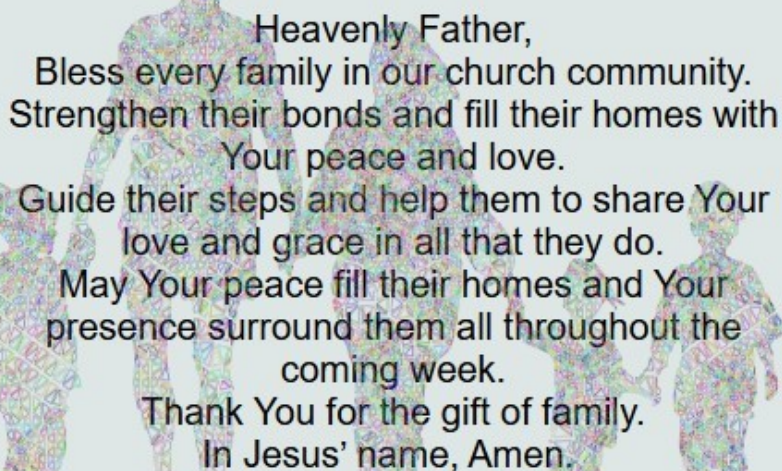
After a very long and boring sermon the congregation filed out of the church without making any comment to the preacher. Towards the end of the line was a very serious person who always commented on the sermons.

"Preacher, today your sermon reminded me of the peace and love of God!", he said. The preacher was thrilled. "No-one has ever said anything like that about my preaching before. Tell me why!"

"Well - it reminded me of the Peace of God because it passed all understanding and the Love of God because it endured forever!"

(No criticism of any preacher that visits this church is implied!)

A prayer for the week



Heavenly Father,
Bless every family in our church community.
Strengthen their bonds and fill their homes with
Your peace and love.
Guide their steps and help them to share Your
love and grace in all that they do.
May Your peace fill their homes and Your
presence surround them all throughout the
coming week.
Thank You for the gift of family.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Do you remember this face?



Some of you may remember that I have been sponsoring a very intelligent young man from The Gambia for quite some time. If you have really good memories, you will know that, a few years ago, his laptop was stolen while he was doing his undergraduate studies and people from our church donated money to help me buy him a new one.

Last year, I reported that he had gone to do a Master's Degree in America at the University of Ohio. He sends me updates from time to time. This week, I asked him if he had sat any tests and to send me his results. This is what he sent me:

98/100 in Development Economics

99/100 in Computer Database Analysis

98/100 in Seminar In Urban Planning Presentation

99/100 in Project Planning Management

I think you will agree that your money was well spent. He is due to graduate this summer and he tells me he hopes to go on to do a PHD in Information and Communication at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

The help that you gave all those years ago has enabled a very talented young man from a deprived background to achieve great things.

Thank you!

Ian

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Whitehall Road Methodist Church,
Gateshead**



BRUNSWICK CLUB PROGRAMME

March to July 2025

Date	Speaker	Subject
Mar 4	Alan Curry	Sayings We Used To Use
11	Elizabeth Smith	Commonwealth War Graves Commission
18	Malcolm Wilkinson	The Prince Bishops of Durham
25	Anne Raffle	Newcastle Elders Council
Apr 1	Tom Baker	The People's Kitchen
8	Graham Sout	Remembering the North East's Department Stores
15	Christopher Tipple	Turner on the Tyne
22	Gordon Henderson	The Roman Military
29	Geoff Hughes	Songs and Stories of Newcastle
May 6	Susan Lynn	Impressed.....you will be
13	Liz Finch	The Families of Wallington
20	Marion Anderson	Experiences of Evacuees (World War 2)
27	John Parker	Relish
June 3	Yvonne Young	Our Lives
10	Alan Spoors	A Taste of the East
17	Susan Oxley	Cruising with Cunard
24	Harry & Kath Gilbert	Madagascar – A Land Like No Other
July 1	Lt Gen Robin Brims	Iraq 2003 with Lessons for Syria today
8	Annual General Meeting	

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The Brunswick Club meets on Tuesdays in
 Brunswick Methodist Church, Newcastle
 from 10.30 to 12 noon. All are welcome.

The church is at the end of the street that runs along
 the side of Fenwick's.





Every donation means:
A child doesn't go to bed hungry.
A family feels supported.
Hope is restored.
Our Promise: 100% of donations go directly to supporting vulnerable families in our community.

Peace of Mind is looking for help.

Yesterday, our charity faced one of the most devastating moments of 2024 - above 40 families left our food bank empty-handed and with heavy hearts. As Refugee led charity our resources are already very limited and currently we are struggling to keep up with the need and demand for food support.

Why We're Reaching Out:

We're not just asking for donations; we're pleading for hope. Each contribution can transform a family's desperate situation and provide immediate relief.

What We Urgently Need:

- Tinned chickpeas
- Chopped tomatoes
- Milk
- Basmati Rice
- Dried lentils
- Chili flakes
- Cumin seeds
- Ground paprika
- Ground coriander
- Cooking oil
- Salt

- Tea / Coffee
- Sugar
- Biscuits
- Cereals

Dignity Supplies:

- Personal hygiene products
- Soap
- Toothpaste
- Sanitary items

How You Can Help:

1. Food Donations: Bring items Wednesday mornings before 11am

2. Financial Support: Contribute through
<https://gofund.me/62e51de7>

A prayer for Peace in Africa

The Sahel region of Africa covers a vast area to the south of the Sahara Desert. There is much poverty and this is made worse by political unrest. This region has many problems that need our prayers:

As hundreds of thousands of people have been forced to flee their homes after attacks from armed groups in Niger, Lord, bring peace.

As violence and insecurity in Mali means less food is available in markets, many people are losing their businesses and going hungry, Lord, bring peace.

As Chad begins a transition to new leadership after the death of their President, violence continues. Fighting has contributed to 1.8 million people lacking drinking water, along with hygiene and sanitation facilities. Lord, bring peace.

As threats and attacks have led to the closure of more than 600 schools in Burkina Faso, and thousands of children are missing out on their education, Lord, bring peace.

In all these nations of the Sahel, where violence and conflict are destroying lives and pushing people further into poverty, Lord, bring peace.

(from the Tear Fund website)

