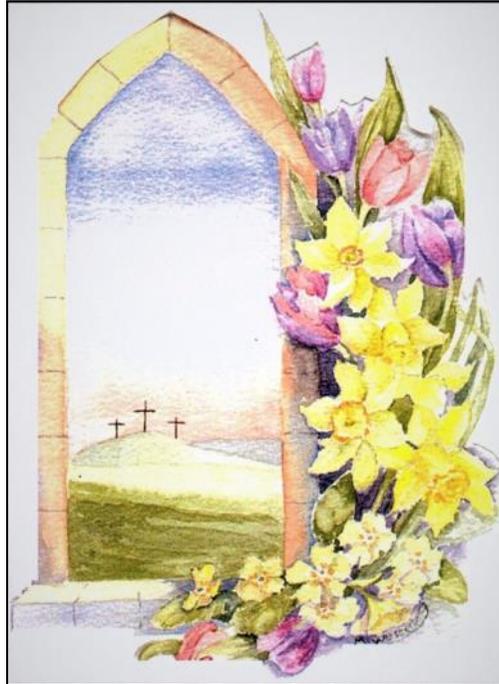


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Vernon Cuthbert writes...

The Easter Season is all about Resurrection. It centres on the resurrection of Jesus, which Paul describes as *the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.* (1 Cor. 15.20)

In order to celebrate resurrection though, there needs to have been a prior death.

What do we need to let die, to enable the new life that Jesus brings to flourish in us, a life in all its fullness?



In our last cluster meeting for churches within the current cohort of Partnership for Missional Church within Durham Diocese, we revisited a Holy Habit we were introduced to last year, Hospitality.

Hospitality is not just about giving, but receiving as well. It was something brought home to me during my Sabbatical travels. Janet and I had to learn to accept hospitality. At times it felt very uncomfortable as we were often not in control of the situation. (Deep fried jellyfish experienced in Singapore was both crunchy and chewy and not to my taste). Hospitality depends on the reception of others, whether as guest or host, and is an imitation of, or participation in, God's Hospitality.

If we are to become the people who live as those God has sent into the world to be part of God's mission in and with the world, the practice of Hospitality becomes central to our life.

Vernon

Grifaid Update Spring 2021

I am pleased to tell you since I updated you in the Autumn our team at Grifaid has been busy.

As you will have seen in the news, Yemen is a desperate country with civil war and famine. Following a successful trial, we have sent 100 Grifaid Family filters and 1 Community filter, sponsored jointly by our partners in this project SOS Yemen, and our supporters who donate regularly to us by standing order.

We always encourage our partners to trial filters first, to ensure they are accepted in the community and to reinforce a health education programme. Working with the Rotary Charity Water Survival Box and a Rotary Club in Denmark, 3 Grifaid Family filters and 1 Community Filters were sent to Burundi.

More good news this week when the Danish Rotary Club ordered 13 more Grifaid Family filters, which will arrive safely in the luggage of a Rotarian travelling to Burundi.

Yet more good news – the 500 Family Filters that could not be distributed in the Democratic Republic of Congo, due to flooding, Covid and the death of one of the Pastors we knew well, are now in use, following a training session attended by over 50 Community Nurses.

Also, after transport delays, 100 Family Filters and 1 Community filter were distributed round Lake Wamala, Uganda, by David, our partner from Wamala Rotary Club, where we visited last year.

Since Christmas approximately 8,500 people will now have clean water for the next 6 years.

For photographs, please visit www.grifaid.org and our Facebook page. Looking forward to some fundraising activities when restrictions are lifted.

Gill Griffith.

News from Cleadon Church of England Academy - Church Council.

Here are some examples of work from
Years 3 and 4.



Year 4



We have been exploring the question:

'What is Sikhism?'



We also wanted to find out what Sikhs believe in and to learn about their place of worship.

Before we started any learning, we thought about what we knew already. Some of us hadn't heard of Sikhism but some of us knew it was a religion.

We began by finding out what Sikhs believe in and found out they believe in one God. We listened to children talking about what it is like to be a Sikh and discovered that they value living an honest life, sharing what they have with others and that everyone is equal. We began to realise that their values are very similar to those of Christianity and the values we try to keep in school.

Sikhs place of worship is called a Gurdwara. The word Gurdwara means gateway to the Guru and in Sikhism this means 'teacher'. There were ten Gurus who taught people the values of Sikhism and how to live their lives. We thought this was a bit like Jesus and his disciples. The tenth Guru decided that after him, the eleventh Guru would be the Sikh Holy book, called the Guru Granth Sahib. This is treated with great respect both in the Gurdwara and in people's homes. The Gurdwaras have four doors. This is a sign that everyone is welcome no matter where they come from. On entering the Gurdwara, people remove their shoes as a sign of respect.

We thought it was fun and interesting to explore another religion.

What is it like to follow God?

In Year 3 we have been thinking about this question this half-term.

We have been thinking about the story of Noah and why God decided to choose Noah to built the ark when he felt people were being evil towards each other and not following God's path. We reflected on what we would like to change in the world; many of Year 3 thought they'd change pollution and people being unkind to one another.

Trusting in God

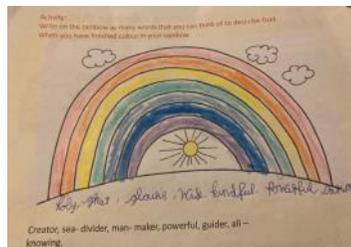
Noah followed God's instructions and trusted in God. God asked Noah to take two of each animal into the ark. They stayed on for 40 days. Noah sent out a bird to search for land; when the dove came back with a branch, he knew the flood would soon be over. This is why the dove is a symbol of peace. God sent a rainbow as a sign of his promise never to flood the world again. We thought about promises people make to each other and promises Christians make to God. This special promise God made with Noah is a covenant.

Understanding a covenant

We looked at promises we make in our lives at home; Brownies, Beavers and school; we learnt about the covenant. A covenant is a special agreement; we made a family agreement. We agreed with our families a home covenant; I will listen, I will be helpful, I will be kind, are some ideas we put on our home covenant.

Some times it is hard to keep promises and have faith that God will keep his promises to us. We also considered the importance of forgiving others and that God will always help us and forgive us.

On our rainbows we put words that describe God. By Year 3.



Partnership for Missional Church

It has been a strange year for us all, and opportunities to engage with the community have been restricted by lockdown. However, the Steering Team has continued to meet regularly, (albeit virtually), and there have been two cluster meetings on zoom. In the last few months we have been considering the spiritual practices of “Hospitality” and “Announcing the Kingdom.”

The Steering Team has discussed some key questions related to “Hospitality,” which in PMC terms, goes beyond inviting people for tea and cake. It requires us to really engage with what is important to those we are interacting with. It requires us to go out and meet people *where they are*, a willingness to engage with them *on their terms* and to be fully accepting of them, which means dropping any prejudices or pre-conceived judgements we may have. We also discovered that we are more comfortable giving or providing hospitality, then receiving it from others even when it is freely offered. We know that to allow others to give we must be willing to receive, but we sometimes find it hard to accept. I wonder if that resonates with you?

We have also begun to explore how readily (or otherwise) we announce God’s work to others in the spiritual practice of “Announcing the Kingdom.” All too often we feel our faith is a private thing, and we are not really comfortable about sharing where and when we see God at work in our daily lives, or pointing out where we see God working through others. During the pandemic we have heard people say things like “she was like an angel,” or “it was a miracle” but we tend to use these phrases loosely as a generalisation, rather than calling attention to it.

At the cluster meeting we heard a story about a time when Desmond Tutu visited Springfield, Massachusetts. All the local dignitaries were present at a dinner to honour a local school for under-privileged children. When the Archbishop rose to speak, he lauded the community leaders for the great work that was being done for the poor in the community. He said, “God sees what you are doing here and smiles because it is very close to his heart.” The effect these words

had on the community leaders was staggering. Those who had been reluctant supporters now became eager participants looking for ways to become more involved.

As we all know, the world is full of people who are more than glad to point out shortcomings and predict disaster. But where are the heralds of Christ who identify the works of God and encourage those around by pointing it out to those involved? Maybe that is something we could try all to do more often?

Marie Philpott.

St George

St George was said to have been declared official patron saint of England by Henry V during the Battle of Agincourt. He is also the patron saint of soldiers and scouts.

He was born in Cappadocia in the 3rd century, but when his father died his mother moved back to her native Palestine. They were Christians.

He became an officer in the Roman Army. Myth and legend has it that when the King's daughter was to be sacrificed to the dragon, George slayed it. He then asked the King for a mass conversion to Christianity, which the King agreed.

Later, the Emperor Diocletian persecuted Christians, but George refused to denounce his faith. He was tortured and executed in 303 and was canonised in 494 by Pope Gelasius.

It was during the crusades that the cult of George grew. When Edward 111 founded the Order of the Garter around 1348 he put it under St George's patronage. The flag of St George is, of course, a red cross on a white background, which is incorporated into the Union Flag.

The council of Oxford had named 23rd April as St George's Day in 1222. His story only achieved mass circulation when details of his life were published in a book *The Golden Legend* in 1483.

Seventy Five Years Ago

Extracts from the Whitburn and Cleadon Magazine

17 and 18 April	A Passion Play “The Iscariot”
19th April—Good Friday.	Morning Prayer at 10.30 am A Devotional Service from 12.00 to 3.00 United Service at 7.00 pm
21st April—Easter Day	Holy Communion at 7.15; 8.00 and 10.30 Evensong at 6.00 pm

As a preparation for Easter we shall again have a Passion Play on Wednesday and Thursday of Holy Week. On Good Friday, the vicar of St Hilda’s, South Shields will take the Three Hours: Devotional Service.

Easter Day is a constant reminder that Our Lord is equally Lord of All Life and of Death. He conquers death not by escaping it, but by accepting it as the last surrender of human self-will. The victory is won through the gate of death. As a seventeenth century puritan expressed it:

Christ leads me through on further room
Than He went Through before
He that unto God’s Kingdom comes
Must enter by this door.

May Christ’s victory at Easter be a message of hope to those who have lost their loved ones in the past year.

All Saints’ Players went on tour for the first time on 18th March, when they performed ‘Barnet’s Folly’ at a local camp. A friendly audience laughed uproariously at the witticisms of ‘George’ and ‘Hannah’, even if the subtler jokes of the other characters were sometimes missed. The players caught the carefree atmosphere of the ‘house’ and gave one of their best performances.

Free Will Offerings for month

No 4: 21/-; No 7: 5/-; No 18: 21/-; No 27: 25/-; No 43: 2/-; No 49: 63/-
Un-numbered: £1. 0s. 3d. Total £7. 7s. 3d.

The Girls Who Flew Anything

The year 2020 marked the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Britain which took place primarily in the skies above southern England during August and September 1940. Much has been written about the event, and rightly so.

Something which is not quite as well known is the Air Transport Auxiliary (ATA), which kept up a continuous supply of replacement aircraft at that time and indeed throughout WWII. Members of the ATA were known as ferry pilots and by the end of 1944, three of the twenty two ferry pools were exclusively female.

In all 165 young women in the ATA, with courage and skill, risked their lives transporting Spitfires, Hurricanes, Lancaster's, Stirling's, Mosquitoes and Transport aircraft to front-line RAF stations, whatever the weather. Sadly 14 lost their lives, including Amy Johnson, the first woman to fly solo from Britain to Australia in 1930.

" The weather was our biggest enemy. We didn't have radio contact with the ground and there were a couple of times when I thought I had lost one of my nine lives"



The ATA had an unofficial motto to match the initials: "Anything To Anywhere" - as long as it had wings and at least one engine. During WWII they ferried just over 300,000 aircraft, including every kind of RAF fighter, bomber and transport.

There is one iconic photograph showing a girl, who had just brought in a four-engine Stirling bomber, standing alongside the undercarriage. The pilot is scarcely taller than one of the wheels!

In October, 2009, two of the UKs best known female pilots, Anne Walker and Caroline Grace, flew a Hurricane Mk XIIA and Spitfire TR9 over the Imperial War Museum airfield at Duxford in front of former members of the Air Transport Auxiliary, who now have their own veterans badge.

Cleadon W.I.



aster is upon us, so, we are holding a competition for our ladies to produce an Easter Bonnet, in any form that they wish, be that an actual bonnet, a drawing, painting or any type of craft bonnet, with the final judging taking place the following week and, of course, an appropriate prize at the end for the best bonnet.

It is just recently that our ladies have once again committed to their annual membership, as they have been enjoying our camaraderie and team spirit throughout the lockdown months, and are looking forward to the coming year. Especially so, as we hope soon to be planning our meetings, events and with a bit of luck maybe an outing or two in the latter months of the year if things go well.

As the lockdown restrictions begin to ease and we are able to recommence our activities we will also be looking to try and build our numbers with new like-minded ladies who feel that they want to make a difference and enjoy meeting others for a good natter and for sharing their skills.

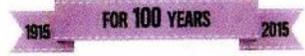
Our Newsletter, (available on our Facebook page - CleadonWI), continues to keep everyone informed about our activities, provide mental challenges and share a great deal of stories, poems and jokes etc. We are approaching our 50th edition since starting around the beginning of lockdown last year and we are immensely proud of what it has become. Our ladies often arrange their Friday morning 'cuppa-time' to coincide with its arrival through their letterbox.

Over the year it has also acted as the open market place for our ladies swapping jigsaws, books, crafting ideas and it has also provided a focus for charity drives, be it foodbanks, refuges or assisted living, we have been happy to help. We have many jigsaws if anyone needs one, just get in touch.

Just this last week we have managed to deliver another of our fortnightly drops of fresh produce to the Key2Life foodbank at Boldon Lane, chocolate Easter eggs to a Women's refuge in South

Shields, and meanwhile our ladies are building up a reasonably large stock of knitted blankets, clothing, and dementia aids in support of local services.

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INSPIRING WOMEN



If you are a woman who feels that you have something to give, enjoys socialising and wants to learn new skills, share your skills and look forward to exciting day trips out, why not think about joining your local Cleadon Women's Institute. Check out our Facebook page for how to get in touch and give us a call, we are always happy to welcome new ladies to our group.

Maureen Ling.
President – Cleadon WI.

Some famous put downs

He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire.

Winston Churchill.

Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go.

Oscar Wilde.

I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it.

Groucho Marks.

Thank you for sending me a copy of your book. I'll waste no time reading it.

Moses Hadas.

Paraprosdokians

If I agreed with you we would both be wrong.

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

You're never too old to learn something stupid.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you

PASTORAL CARE

Praying for our village

This month in our cycle of prayer, we pray especially for the people in the following streets:



Sunniside Lane, Sunniside Terrace and Sunniside Leigh

The Network Representatives are

Patricia Hayes, Rita Sample, Jenny Grant and Janet Birchall

God, our Father, be with us in our homes today and every day. Help us to control our tempers and think of others even when we are tired or depressed. Make us loving and patient, forgiving others as we hope to be forgiven, so that Your love may shine through us and throughout our village. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Praying for Individuals

Please remember in your prayers and hold in your hearts those who are sick or recovering, elderly, lonely or housebound, departed or bereaved.

We especially remember this month,

The Sick: -

Linda English

Those in Nursing Homes: -

Peggy Carson, David Napier,
Elsie Pearse and Doreen Taylor

From the Registers

Funerals

09/02/ 2021

24/02/2021

“May they rest in peace”

Georgina Murray Hodge

Robert Willis

Parish Pump

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News and Views

April 2021

Editorial - Good to see the Duke of Edinburgh released from hospital after a month and return to Windsor Castle. Sadly we said goodbye to Captain Sir John Moore who ironically died of the Covid 19 virus in February. Also in the news was the celebration of Colin Bell DFC, Battle of Britain pilot who celebrated his 100th birthday. The same day also commemorated the first flight of the Spitfire fighter aircraft in 1936, designed by R J Mitchell, which, together with the Hurricane, fought in the Battle of Britain.

Bearing in mind that the women who ferried (or flew) the new aircraft from the manufacturing plants have had little mention, they were known as the ATA (Air Transport Auxiliary). Elsewhere in this edition of the Courier can be found more details about his gallant band of pilots. There were, however, some male pilots added to the group who were unfit for combat duty but could deliver aircraft.

Recently it was learnt one of the last survivors of the female ATA aviators had died in Britain aged 103, although there are two surviving ATA girls, one in Canada and the other in America.

Moor Lane Traffic - latest news is the scheme has been extended till further notice, then a survey will be conducted and a decision made regarding the viability of the project bordering Boldon Flats.

Tile Shed Bridge - looks like this will never happen; how would it be achieved? It may, however, take NEXUS 3 years to change it.

Planning Applications - an extraordinary number of planning applications have been lodged with South Tyneside Council during the lockdowns; another two have been added recently, one in Laburnum Grove and the other in Ashleigh Gardens.

Cleadon Village Flagpole - Whilst St George's flag has flown since Thursday 31st December 2019 ready for Friday 1st January, 2021, when the UK officially left the EU, it looks like the Government would wish us to fly the Union Flag in future.

Wit and Wisdom - "My tastes are simple: I am easily satisfied with the best" Winston Churchill. Brian Bage.

Monthly Meetings and Additional Events

April 2021

Thursday 1st	MAUNDY THURSDAY 10.00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
Friday 2nd	GOOD FRIDAY 10.00 am Service on Zoom and YouTube
Saturday 3rd	EASTER EVE
Sunday 4th	EASTER DAY 9.00 am HOLY COMMUNION
Wednesday 7th	7.30 pm PCC meeting on Zoom
Thursday 8th	10.00 am Holy Communion
Sunday 11th	The Second Sunday of Easter 9.00 am Holy Communion
Thursday 15th	10.00 am Holy Communion
Sunday 18th	The Third Sunday of Easter 9.00 am Holy Communion 3.00 pm Family Service on You Tube
Thursday 22nd	10.00 am Holy Communion
Sunday 25th	The Fourth Sunday of Easter 9.00 am Holy Communion 3.00 pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Zoom

The Cleadon All Saints You Tube channel is:

<https://youtube.com/channel/UC73b3ksCCY3ZbGHSEQREzdA>

The audio of the **Sunday** services is on 0191 814 1214 after 12.00 noon.