

Contact

Chester-le-Street Methodist Church
September 2025



OUR VISION

The Chester-le-Street Methodist Church is a people in whom Christ's love is celebrated through Worship, expressed through Service and shared through Mission.

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<https://clsmethodist.org.uk/styled-4/>



From the Stewards

I haven't written a Stewards' letter for quite some time but thought I would reflect on my time with this wonderful team because I will step down at the end of this month (August)

I step down with a heavy heart because the last ten years or so have been a mixture of great fellowship, great respect for the talents of others and interesting moments (like Rev. Jenny being taken ill right before a service and Marion and Bill and I taking the service with the help of a reflection sent at the last minute and the Methodist Worship book...I think the Lord was with us all on that Sunday !).

Its my belief that the Lord uses us according to our talents and I now feel the call towards supporting Cornerstones. Unfortunately, this means that I have to give up a role which I have enjoyed very much but I appreciate that the last eight years on Cornerstones' Management committee have given me some skills and insight which I should be using to help Cornerstones move forwards in its church – given mission.

Local arrangements are a feature of the life of stewards, and I am so pleased to have been involved in these. They have all been carefully planned and have worked well (well at least there have never been any complaints in my hearing!) I know that the Lord stands with us all of the time and He has had a hand in everything we have done in preparing Local Arrangements with inspiration, comfort and leadership.

Another feature of the stewards' role is that of welcoming preachers to our church and we are privileged to greet them and make them feel at home, especially those who have not preached to us before.

I've always enjoyed chatting to ministers and local preachers in the vestry before they speak to us and it has brought me into contact with folk who have helped my personal faith considerably.

I know we are always saying this, but the team would welcome anyone who feels the call to join us. As Rev. Jenny said last Sunday, if you can only cover mornings or evenings - you are

welcome, if you don't want to speak at the front - you are welcome, if you don't want to do prayers - you are welcome

Sadly, we say goodbye to Neil Garlick who has been our Children and Families worker for the last 6 ½ years. Neil has achieved much in his time with us and with the help of volunteers has run Make Lunch, Jigsaw and Family Fun days – activities which bring non-churched folk into our building. Neil is moving to a new (similar) role in the circuit so we will still see plenty of him. I'm sure we all wish God's Blessing on Neil as he deals with some new challenges.

Finally, I am encouraged by the new opportunities for mission which will emerge as the circuit merger with East Durham progresses and am feeling positive about this.

God Bless

Robert



Thank You...

I would like to thank everyone for their visits, cards, phone calls, flowers and all the other kindness shown after the death of Derick.

Eileen Pringle

Thank you to the church flower ladies for the beautiful floral arrangement. It was very much appreciated.

Joy Thompson

I would like to say a very big thank you to Rev. Anne for her visit to see me today. I had a very happy afternoon with Anne and we discussed many topics in the most friendly way. It is true that Anne left me much the better off for her visit.

Thank you and God bless you Anne.

David Piercy



Doreen has now very kindly put together the programme for our first Music Night of the season. It is hoped that the selection of music will have something for everyone.

As is usual, the individual items of music will be introduced by members and friends of our church family.

Please remember that when you log in everyone can hear everything you say, so please remember to mute yourself if you don't want that !

Doreen and I look forward to your company on the evening. For the Zoom login codes contact Robert Berry or the Church Office.



Your choice

One beautiful Sunday morning, a priest announced to his congregation: "My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons...a £100 sermon that lasts five minutes, a £50 sermon that lasts 15 minutes, and a £10 sermon that lasts a full hour. "Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver."



A prayer for today, and every day

Teach us O God to pray - not to present our demands and suggestions, but to bring to you all our hopes and fears, our ambitions, our plans, our failures, our embarrassments, our doubts, our problems. Talk to you in prayer, simply and naturally, as one would talk to a father.

From a Book of Prayers belonging to my father in law.

Margaret Stoye

World's Biggest Coffee Morning Friday 26th September 2025

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

The Friday Coffee Morning on 26th September will be in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Donations for the cake stall will be most welcome and please do call in to church for a cup of coffee to support this worthy cause.

There will also be a Tombola. Any prizes for the Tombola will be gratefully received & can be given to Christine Smith. Thank you.

Come along for coffee & a chat!



band concert & meal

a social event designed to bring two Methodist Circuits together into one

by lumley methodist band

from heaven's kitchen crew

broth and stottie at half time

saturday 13 september at 7.00pm

numbers and dietary requirements to church stewards by friday 5 september
stewards to then inform Ethel Parkinson 07530 207662 or ethelparkinson@btinternet.com





Our Coffee Shop is open to the public,
as well as being a place to rest and refresh for
people accessing our care and their visitors

**Find us at St Cuthbert's Hospice,
Pork House Road, Durham, DH1 3QF.**

**We are open Monday to Friday
from 10am - 3pm.**

The Coffee Shop is staffed entirely by volunteers!

Each and every week day
they dedicate their time to toast toasties,
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Registered Office; St Cuthbert's Hospice, Park House Wood, Durham, DH1 3QF

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Saturday
October 25th
10.00am-2.00pm

DISCOVER UNIQUE, HANDMADE
TREASURES! FROM BEAUTIFUL
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THE PERFECT PLACE FOR A SPECIAL GIFT.

Chester le Street Methodist Church

North Burns, Chester le Street DH3 3TF

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YC Durham Theatre Company

Sister Act

A DIVINE MUSICAL COMEDY



Music by
ALAN MENKEN

Book by
**CHERI STEINKELLNER &
BILL STEINKELLNER**

Lyrics by
GLEN SLATER

Weds 8th October to Sat 11th October 2025

Park View Theatre, Chester le Street

Performance times: Wed-Fri 8-10 Oct at 7:15pm, Sat 11 Oct at
2:30pm

Tickets £10 - £13

Wednesday 8th all tickets £10

Groups of 8 or more, £10 per ticket, any performance

Book: ticketsource.co.uk/ycdurham or call 07845 066157

HARVEST FUN AFTERNOON!

Explore the theme of 'hidden treasure' using a Bible story, crafts and games.

BOUNCY CASTLE

TREASURE HUNT

BAKE JEWEL
BISCUITS



MAKE TREASURE
CHESTS AND MAPS

Includes refreshments for all and a prize bag for each child.

When: Sunday 28th September, 2-4pm

Where: Chester-le-Street Methodist
Church, DH3 3TF

Who: Children with an adult

To book your space please contact
our office on **0191 388 1313** or our
children and families team on
cfw.cornerstones@gmail.com

FREE!

The **Methodist** Church
Chester-Le-Street

CORNERSTONES
centre for the community

Supported
by:

TLG make
lunch

Baptism

During morning worship on Sunday 3rd August led by Rev Jenny Porterpryde, we welcomed **Archie Michael Fullard** and his parents Christina and Ross together with their family and friends, for Archie's Baptism.

Miriam



Dates for your Diary



Houghton Brass Concert
Saturday 20th September 2025.
Tickets £10 available soon.



**Chester-le-Street
Methodist Church**

Afternoon Tea & Film

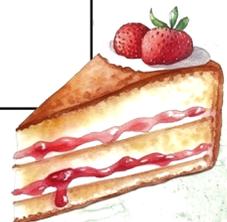
Saturday 18th October 2025

2.00 p.m.

Entry by Ticket only

Cost for Tea £10

Tickets available soon



Cornerstones Craft Club Coffee Morning



Tuesday 16th September 2025 9am - 11.30am

Sweet and savoury items available

If you would like to join us our group meets every Friday
10am till 1pm

Our Knit and Knatter group meets every Tuesday 10am to 12pm



Crafting for Wellbeing



Connect with a community of creative women at our crafting for wellness group.

Perfect for all skill levels!

Saturday 13th Sept 10am till 12:30pm

Saturday 20th Sept 10am till 12:30pm

Saturday 27th Sept 10am till 12:30pm



For more information contact the office,
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Hetton Methodist Church

Invite you to

A Fashion Show and Sale with High Street Brands

By Complete Clothing Company



On Friday September 5th

At 7pm

Tickets £3 or pay at the door

Raffle and Refreshments



Chester Le Street TKZ Group Sessions 2025

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Make friends, have fun, learn a new skill, get support and swap tips and talk about issues surrounding Type 1 Diabetes over a cuppa or two!

Free drop-in family session includes activities for children of all ages including toddlers & young people. As well as a space for parents to have a cuppa and a chat in a supportive environment.

Sunday 28th September

Sunday 26th October

Time:

10.00am - 12.00pm

Location:

**Cornerstones Chester le Street Methodist Church,
North Burns, Chester Le Street DH3 3TF.**

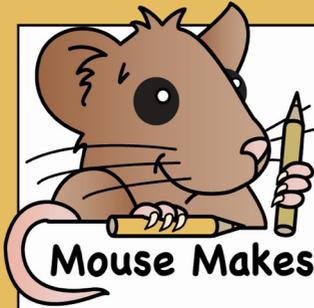


Meet other Type 1 Diabetes families online!
Search for **Type 1 Kidz Group (IIC)** on Facebook.

LISTEN TO OUR PODCAST ON



KEEP IN TOUCH!
JOIN OUR MAILING LIST:
<http://eepurl.com/hKhPX>



Mouse Makes

"May the people **praise** you **God**...
The **land yields** its harvest, God,
our God **blesses** us."
- from Psalm 67:5-6

"**Honour** the
Lord with your
wealth and the
first part of
your **harvest**."
- Proverbs 3:9

"Let us fear and respect the Lord our God.
He gives **autumn** and **spring** rains
at the right time. He makes sure that we
have the harvest at just the right **time**."
- from Jeremiah 5:24

"God... gives you **rain** from
heaven and good harvests
at the right times. He gives
you plenty of **food** and
fills your hearts with **joy**."
- from Acts 14:16-17

"So the one who **plants** is not
important, and the one who **waters**
is not important. Only **GOD** is
important because He is the one
who makes things **grow**."
- 1 Corinthians 3:7

D E B R E A D C R O P S
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Find the words in **bold** type in the bible quotes in the wordsearch then look for the words below too!

PLOUGH • **FIELD** • **SOIL** • **SCATTER** • **SOW** • **SEEDS** • **SUN**
REAP • **PICK** • **CROPS** • **GRAIN** • **CORN** • **BARN** • **BREAD** • **THANKSGIVING**

The Rush Job Calendar

Won	Fri	Fri	Fri	Tue	Wed	Tue
8	7	6	5	4	3	2
15	14		12	11	10	9
22	21	20	19	18	17	16
29	28	27	26	25	24	23
36	35	34	33	32	31	30

Use this space to note things to be done today.



Notes on the calendar;

- 1 For those jobs wanted 'yesterday', the dates on the calendar run backwards enabling things ordered one day to be completed earlier, e.g. ordered on 15th, completed on 14th!
- 2 For the superstitious the 13th has been omitted. The resulting space can be used for
 - a. sleeping-in
 - b. sickness
 - c. day's holiday
 - d. Christmas shopping
 - e. golf
 - f. etc.
- 3 Three Fridays each week helps to eliminate the 'needed by Friday' problem
- 4 To remove the 'end-of-the-month' dilemma, extra days have been added to enable any backlog to be taken care of before the end of the month. Also the 1st has been omitted to discourage late completion.
- 5 Monday has been dropped altogether as no one likes them anyway!
- 6 The need to work at week-ends to catch-up is also avoided by omitting Saturday and Sunday.
- 7 By including "Wonday", the calendar caters for those "it will be alright", "it will happen one day" situations.

HOUGHTON BRASS

In Concert



SATURDAY
20TH SEPTEMBER

7 - 9
PM PM

CHESTER LE STREET
METHODIST CHURCH
NORTH BURNS DH3 3TF

TICKETS £10
AVAILABLE FROM THE CHURCH
OFFICE - MON TO FRI 9AM - 3.30PM
CONTACT 0191 388 1313
(OR MESSAGE THE BAND DIRECTLY)



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Prayer for September 2025

Heavenly Father,

September is the month of new starts for so many. New starts can be exciting, but they can also be daunting. We don't always know what to expect and sometimes we feel as if we are on our own in a strange new place, or situation.

Help us to know that, as your people, we are never alone. You promised, through Jesus, to be with us always and You gave us Your Holy Spirit to empower us.

In some ways every day is a new start – a new gift from You. As we unwrap the gift of each new day, this September, encourage us to receive it confidently and expectantly.

Help us to know that we can do all things, through Christ Jesus, who strengthens us. We can! In Jesus' name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



Golf - What are chances of a hole-in-one?

There was a clergyman who was an avid golfer. One Sunday was a picture-perfect day for golf, and the minister could not resist the temptation. He rang his assistant and told him he was too ill to attend church. Then he packed up the car, drove 30 miles to a golf course, and began to play. But an angel watching the minister was quite perturbed. He went to God and said, "Look at the minister. He should be punished for what he's doing."

God nodded in agreement as the minister teed off on the tenth hole. He swung, and the ball sailed effortlessly through the air and landed right in the cup, 350 yards away. A perfect hole-in-one. The minister was overjoyed. The angel turned to God and said: "Begging your pardon, but I thought You were going to punish him." And God smiled. "Think about it; who can he tell?"



EMERGENCY FIRST AID AT WORK

A Quallsafe Level 3 hands-on course followed by a written test. Free for volunteers, unemployed and the retired.

Photo ID required. Please wear appropriate clothing for working on the floor.

8th September 2025

8.45am-4pm

To book a place, please contact
the Cornerstones office



Flower Rota

September

7th

14th

21st Freda Raine

28th Denise Holmes



October

5th Margaret Walker

12th Christine Smith

19th Joan Moore

26th



Group Therapy



Do you feel stressed, overwhelmed, anxious or need someone to talk to about issues that are coming in your life? Come along to our group therapy session, where you will feel safe, valued and have the opportunity to freely talk about how you are feeling.

Saturday 13th Sept 2:15pm till 3pm

Saturday 20th Sept 2:15pm till 3pm

Saturday 27th Sept 2:15pm till 3pm

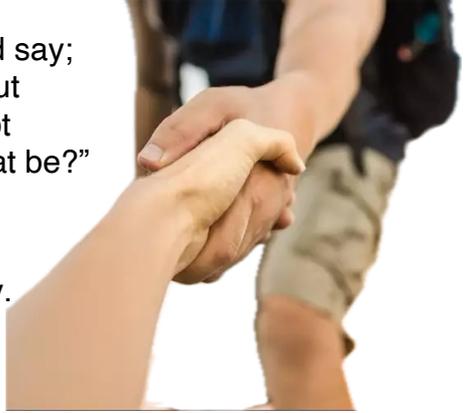


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The Good Samaritan

To Jesus came a man one day
Who knew full well what the Law did say;
But thought he might catch Jesus out
With silly questions, shades of doubt
“Love my neighbour, who might that be?”
So, Jesus told the Pharisee:

“A man lay bleeding beside a way
Where robbers often seek their prey.
A priest came by – a man of prayer
But for that victim he'd no care.
A Levite then that poor man spied
He crossed straight to the other side.



“From Samaria a stranger came
Heard his sorrow, felt his pain
Bound his wounds then carried him
To the nearest wayside inn,
And once he'd got him safely there
He paid the landlord for his care.”

The Pharisee did not like this
Replying in an angry hiss
“You are kidding, Jesus, right?
“Samaritans are those we fight!”
But Jesus pressed him, “Of the three
“Which one was most neighbourly?”

“The last,” he said, with downcast eyes;
“So go,” said Jesus, “do likewise!”
And we in turn must be quite sure
Our neighbour may not live next door
But may be one we do not know
To whom a neighbour's love we show.”

By Nigel Beeton

The Methodist Church
Chester-Le-Street

CORNER STONES

THURSDAY LUNCHES

Every 1st and 3rd Thursday

NEXT DATES:- Sept 3rd and 17th



Everyone is welcome! Served from 12 Noon.

Soup, Sarnie, Cake and Cuppa

Only £4.00

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Chester-le-Street Methodist Church, North Burns,

Chester-le-Street, Co Durham, DH3 3TF



FORGET ME NOT SINGERS



Dementia - Friendly

- Fun, friendly & relaxed music sessions
- A great way to enjoy music while making friends
- All ages welcome
- Perfect for people with dementia to come along with family, friends & carers
- Arrivals & refreshments from 1pm

THURSDAYS 1.30 - 3PM

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An Amazing Tale of Two Presidents

Both President Kennedy and President Lincoln were concerned with the issue of civil rights.

Lincoln was elected in 1860, Kennedy in 1960

Both were slain on a Friday in the presence of their wives.

Both were shot from behind and in the head.

Their successors, both named Johnson, were Southern Democrats, and both were in the Senate.

Andrew Johnson was born in 1806 and Lyndon Johnson was born in 1906.

John Wilkes Booth was born in 1839, Lee Harvey Oswald was born in 1939.

Booth and Oswald were Southerners favouring unpopular ideas.

Booth and Oswald were both assassinated before going to trial.

Both Presidents' wives lost children through death while at the White House.

Lincoln's Secretary, whose name was Kennedy, advised him not to go to the theatre.

Kennedy's Secretary, whose name was Lincoln, advised him not to go to Dallas.

John Wilkes Booth shot Lincoln in a theatre and ran to a warehouse.

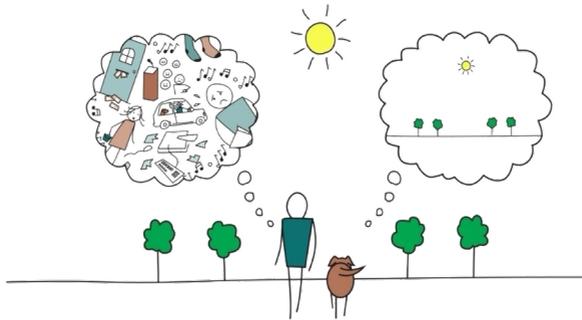
Oswald shot Kennedy from a warehouse and ran to a theatre.

The names Lincoln and Kennedy each contain seven letters.

The names Andrew Johnson and Lyndon Johnson each contain thirteen letters.

The names John Wilkes Booth and Lee Harvey Oswald each contain fifteen letters.

Meditation Class



Mind Full, or Mindful?

Do you feel stressed, overwhelmed, anxious or want to make some quality time for you to relax, come along to our meditation class

Saturday 13th Sept 1:30pm till 2:15pm

Saturday 20th Sept 1:30pm till 2:15pm

Saturday 27th Sept 1:30pm till 2:15pm



For more information contact the office,
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Perspectives on a glass of Water



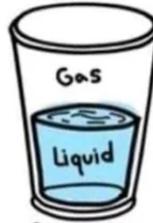
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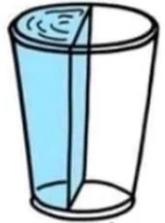
Pessimist



Realist



Physicist



Surrealist



Relativist



Utopist



Skepticist



Artist

Those articles without names along with God in the Sciences or God in the Arts are courtesy of Parish Pump

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CORNERSTONES MISSION STATEMENT

A permanent commitment by the whole Church to reach out and become more involved in the life of the community of Chester-le-Street and for the community to be supported by the wider Church family.



Items for "Contact" to be handed in by the 20th of the month to:
Derick Lawson, 2 Loweswater Avenue, Chester-le-Street, DH2 3HJ
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