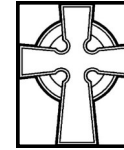


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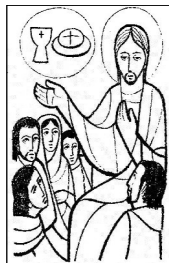
# ST COLUMBA'S WIDEOPEN

## Our Mission Action Plan

Ensure that we put Christ at the centre of all that we do.

Attract more young families and young people to the family of our Church

Help all members to grow in faith, discipleship and pastoral care



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Book Club monthly, watch for dates and venues

Ladies' Group 3rd Wednesday of the month 7.30 pm

Mothers' Union 2nd Thursday of the month 2 pm

Open Door 1st Tuesday of the month 12 - 2.30 pm

Parent and Toddler Group Tuesday 9.15-11 am (term time)

Scrabble alternate Mondays 2pm

Whey Aye WI 4th Tuesday of the month 7.00 pm

All held in the Church Hall unless stated otherwise.

Please note the Parent and Toddler Group does not meet in the school holidays.

**None of these is meeting at present.**

**We hope to resume all activities as soon as the current situation allows.**

## **ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH IN THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING**

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## From your editors

For the year 2021 the month of January is indeed appropriately named. It is taken from the Roman god of transitions and beginnings, Janus, who was normally depicted as having two faces, one facing the future and the other the past. It seems as though that is exactly the situation many of us are in now.

On the one hand we are mourning the loss of over a hundred thousand members of our national community. Each death is an individual tragedy felt by countless numbers of people for whom that person had contributed to their life. Such is how communities thrive and how at moments like this they are sorely afflicted.

And yet there is a pinprick of light clearly visible in the form of the vaccine. We are urged by the experts not to get too excited, not to go mad after having had the jab but it is human nature to grasp at hope and to look to the future.

We are approaching Lent and the magazine includes all the services at St Columba's available to you both in live form and in a digital framework. Lent is concerned both with the suffering of Jesus, the pain if you like of the afflicted community, but also with the hope of the resurrection, for us that will come too.

You will be very welcome to join us at any of these services.

*Bill and Avril*

## WORD LINK QUIZ

Find the six letter word which follows that in the first column to make a word or phrase and precedes that in the end column to make another.

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| STAMPING  |  | RULE       |
| CHEEKY    |  | WRENCH     |
| LORD'S    |  | BOOK       |
| PASSION   |  | WHALE      |
| SLEEPING  |  | PARLOUR    |
| PAINS     |  | STOCK      |
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| SMALL     |  | TACK       |
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| SMOKED    |  | PINK       |
| CHANNEL   |  | VISION     |
| HB        |  | CASE       |
| ITCHING   |  | ROOM       |
| WILD      |  | BED        |
| PEARL     |  | SUGAR      |
| FINISHING |  | CURRICULUM |

Good Luck  
Answers next time

## Christmas Quiz fun

### Answers

How many did you name ?

1. LSTFTHSMMRW N Last of the Summer Wine
2. FTHRTD Father Ted
3. THGDLF The Good Life
4. NLYFLSNDHRSS Only Fools and Horses
5. BRD Bread
6. HDH Hi De Hi
7. LLLL Allo Allo
8. DDSRMY Dads Army
9. WTNGFRGD Waiting for God
10. DTYFR Duty Free
11. STPTNDSN Steptoe and Son
12. PNLLHRS Open All Hours
13. BSLTYFBLS Absolutely Fabulous
14. THGDS The Goodies
15. RYBNGSRRVD Are You Being Served

## SERVICES AT ST COLUMBA'S



Services until further notice will be :

Wednesday 9.30

Holy Eucharist and then open for private prayer until 12pm

Friday 6pm (FacebookLive)  
Evening prayer during Advent

Sunday 8am Holy Eucharist  
*(in the new year this will be on the second Sunday only whilst  
St Aidan's are in vacancy)*

10am Parish Eucharist  
(and on Facebook and YouTube - book ahead if attending)

4pm Holy Eucharist

## From our Team Vicar, Pauline

Dear friends



As I write we are in lockdown 3 – and in the weeks ahead covered by this magazine, we will reach the once unthinkable milestone of a year since that first lockdown. I am mindful of how little we have been able to predict anything over this year. And it feels in some ways as if we are caught in a sort of Groundhog Day experience, facing recurrent loss of the ordinary and precious, and anxiety about - and fear of the consequences of - opening up our lives again.

In these winter days, lockdown feels especially hard – and the rising tide of death which we hear about on our news each day feels inexorable... but it seems that tide may be about to turn – even if slowly – and our region appears to be progressing well in delivering the vaccine too.. There is, genuinely, light ahead.. light in the darkness... appropriate as we celebrate Candlemas, when we celebrate Christ's recognition by Simeon as a light in the darkness of the world – and traditionally, also bless all the candles we will use in the year ahead.

In a very short time we shall be beginning Lent: a time when we recall Jesus' temptations in the desert, and seek usually to simplify what are generally complex and busy lives, to focus attentively once more on God. This year though, we have been doing pared back lives for months...

## Do you buy online?

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for St Columba's Wideopen with easyfundraising?

There are over 4,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

All you need to do is:

1. Go to [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stcolumbaswideopen/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stcolumbaswideopen/?utm_campaign=raise-more) and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to St Columba's Wideopen at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and we at St Columba's Wideopen will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.



## Events around the diocese

### Family worship

Every weekend, Mina Munns posts a video for families wishing to worship from home. These can be found on the diocesan YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/user/NewcastleDiocese> or click here: <https://bit.ly/3egZBF9>



**WE ♥ NHS**

**St Valentine's  
24/7 Prayer Event**

13th-14th February 2021 – 9am-9am

All welcome to join us to pray for the NHS  
& those affected by the Pandemic.  
Join when you can, for as long as you like!

Zoom Login: 832-5384-3685  
Password: 525299

Enquiries: Val Cowan – 07887 594161

  
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### ANOTHER YEAR

Many thanks to all those who have donated to church funds instead of direct payment for the magazine.

Still If you would like to donate to church funds the amount you normally pay (for most people this is £5 a year) we would all be extremely grateful. Payment can be made on givenet (on the website - main page at the bottom) or through cash or contactless payment at church when we are open.

Many thanks , Bill and Avril

We are itching to reach the other side, to escape from our imprisonment, to break out into the light. Simplicity is becoming tedious. We want more – and now.

But lockdown, and Lent, require persistence... paying attention... and change as we journey towards that vision of hope, of a new and transformed future

How do we keep going? How can we keep alert as one of those slogans had it? How can we grow and contribute to that new future? We can keep going because we care – and because we are not alone. We can keep alert when we take time to look after ourselves, to refresh and renew ourselves physically, mentally and spiritually, through exercise, through rest and through prayer. And we can grow and contribute to a new future when we listen to the people around us – to the voices of people in need and the creativity and courage of our community and our world – and are ourselves inspired.

Other people have faced – and still face – huge challenges which imprison them in different ways –racism, poverty, oppressive regimes. Perhaps we can learn from them. From people who are dedicated and passionate, inspired by their vision of how things ought to be. In the sustained and generous dedication of so many key workers, particularly those in health and social care and education.. In the kindness which has flowed between neighbours and strangers alike. In the creativity and energy and persistence of so many faced with extraordinary challenges.

This Lent we pray for passion and persistence to pursue justice; for refreshment and renewal as we journey; and for growth and inspiration as we hear God's voice in the needs of our world.

Every blessing *Pauline*

## CHRISTMAS TRAIL AROUND THE LOCAL AREA



GREENFIELDS Community Primary School worked with St Columba's Wideopen and took the idea of a family Nativity Trail for the community and turned it into a fantastic series of art installations, each from a different year group, which were on display in Wideopen from 18 December 2020 to 5 January 2021. Each installation was in a garden or space in the community, starting from St Columba's, and a map and guide with some activities could be downloaded from St Columba's website for families and others who wanted to walk around the whole. QR codes linked to a reading and a prayer for each station.

As chaplain designate of RAFATC 861 Squadron (Wideopen) I wanted to do something to mark this 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. So, I thought I'd walk at least a mile for every year of ATC during February 2021, to raise money for The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund. They provide welfare support to serving and ex-RAF and their families.

You can donate to my JustGiving page by clicking here: [https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/pauline-pearson4?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=pauline-pearson4&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=189f40fc1936433e9baa072d16b50a0b](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/pauline-pearson4?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=pauline-pearson4&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=189f40fc1936433e9baa072d16b50a0b).

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

Pauline





## RAF Air Cadets Anniversary Challenge



February 5<sup>th</sup> marks 80 years since the RAF Air Cadets was formed. Squadrons were set up in as many towns around the UK as possible, including Wideopen 861 Squadron. Local people ran them. During World War II, with many instructors being drafted into the RAF and squadron buildings being used by the military, cadets were sent to work on RAF stations. They carried messages, handled aircraft and moved equipment. They filled thousands of sandbags and loaded miles of belts of ammunition. They were invaluable.



We also thought about the different stations in our Family Carol Service on Christmas Eve.





Members of the congregation who hosted installations reported enjoying seeing families gathering to look at ‘their’ station, and we heard from some, for example: “Just wanted to send a quick note to say thank you for organising and your friends for allowing us to ‘trespass’ and admire the lovely art each school year have created. Great idea and my mini-me’s loved it.”



A book which might be useful for **personal reflection** – with a reflection for each day, plus an action and a prayer – is *Rooted in Love: Lent reflections on life in Christ*, edited by Rt Revd Sarah Mullally, published 2020 by SPCK

Online or as booklets, the Church of England’s Lent offering  
**#LiveLent: God's Story, Our Story**



### **Holy Week services**

*Our Preacher during Holy Week and Easter will be Revd David Emmott, latterly Vicar of Our Lady and St Nicholas with St Anne, Liverpool*

28th March Palm Sunday 10.00 Eucharist with procession (and online)

4.00pm Eucharist

29 March

7.30pm Eucharist

30 March

7.30pm Eucharist

31 March

9.30 Eucharist

7.30pm at St Aidan’s

1 April Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Eucharist (and online)

2 April Good Friday

10.00 Liturgy of the Day (and online)

2.00pm The final hour: prayer and

reflection

3rd April

8.00pm Easter Vigil (and online)

4th April Easter Day

10.00 Festival Eucharist (and online)

4.00pm Eucharist



## Dates to note

**Shrove Tuesday** 16<sup>th</sup> February Virtual Pancake Party 7-8pm  
Come and share the fun! (free) <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/virtual-pancake-party-tickets-138601016371>

**Ash Wednesday** 17<sup>th</sup> February 9.30 Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes (and live online at 7pm from St Aidan's)

**Mothering Sunday** 14<sup>th</sup> March 10am  
Family Eucharist – all welcome

Throughout Lent, we will be broadcasting **Evening Prayer each Friday at 6pm** on Facebook Live and YouTube. Why not join us for a time of quiet to reflect?

Lent groups will take place on Zoom starting after Ash Wednesday and will focus on **The Beatitudes** as a tool for thinking about all that we have been travelling through, and the Christian vision for the world going forward. There will be 2 or 3 different times available across the Parish – **please watch for details on our website and social media as these are finalised.**

Quiet Day on Zoom on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March** (St Cuthbert's Day) - listen to excerpts from the Poet's Gospel by John Alan Davis and reflect on them with others, starting and finishing with a brief act of worship. There will be breaks for refreshment!

## The Right Reverend Mark Wroe Bishop of Berwick



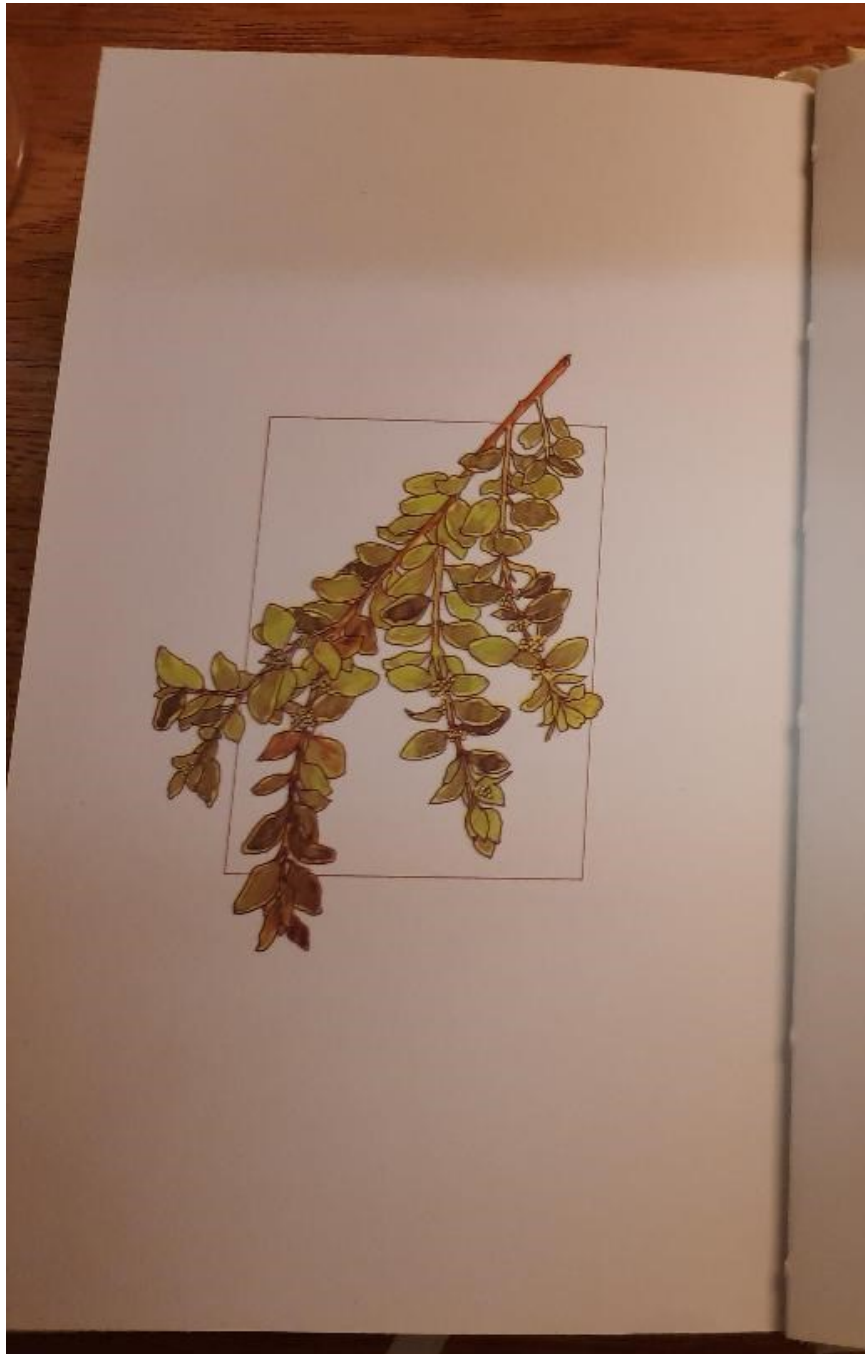
On 25th January 2021 the Right Reverend Mark Wroe, formerly Archdeacon of Northumberland, was consecrated at York Minster as the new Suffragan Bishop of Berwick.

The consecration service took place in the context of the Eucharist and included readings, prayers, music and a sermon.

It was held under careful guidelines because of the Coronavirus pandemic with strict limits on the numbers attending.

The service was live-streamed making it possible for Mark's family and friends unable to be present and members of the worldwide Christian family to experience the occasion in real time.

Please remember Mark in your prayers.



Voices of men and women flower,  
Watered and warmed by love.  
Hope springs, and tombs  
Break open, cautiously as yet.  
Children play and learn;  
Men risk standing together;  
Women – feed strangers, talk,  
Make family choices  
Build new ways to be.

Sleepless for justice' sake,  
Searching for peace,  
We walk  
Towards the open hands of One  
We share,  
Across the dust and flowers  
Down the road,  
Towards the checkpoint barriers and the wall  
Then find he's there beside us in the dust  
Burning our hearts,  
Searing our minds and souls,  
Landless and powerless,  
Overflowing Love.

Pauline Pearson 30/31.10.03

*Written on a trip to the Holy Land, but, though we are not  
threatened by guns, much of it seems relevant now.*

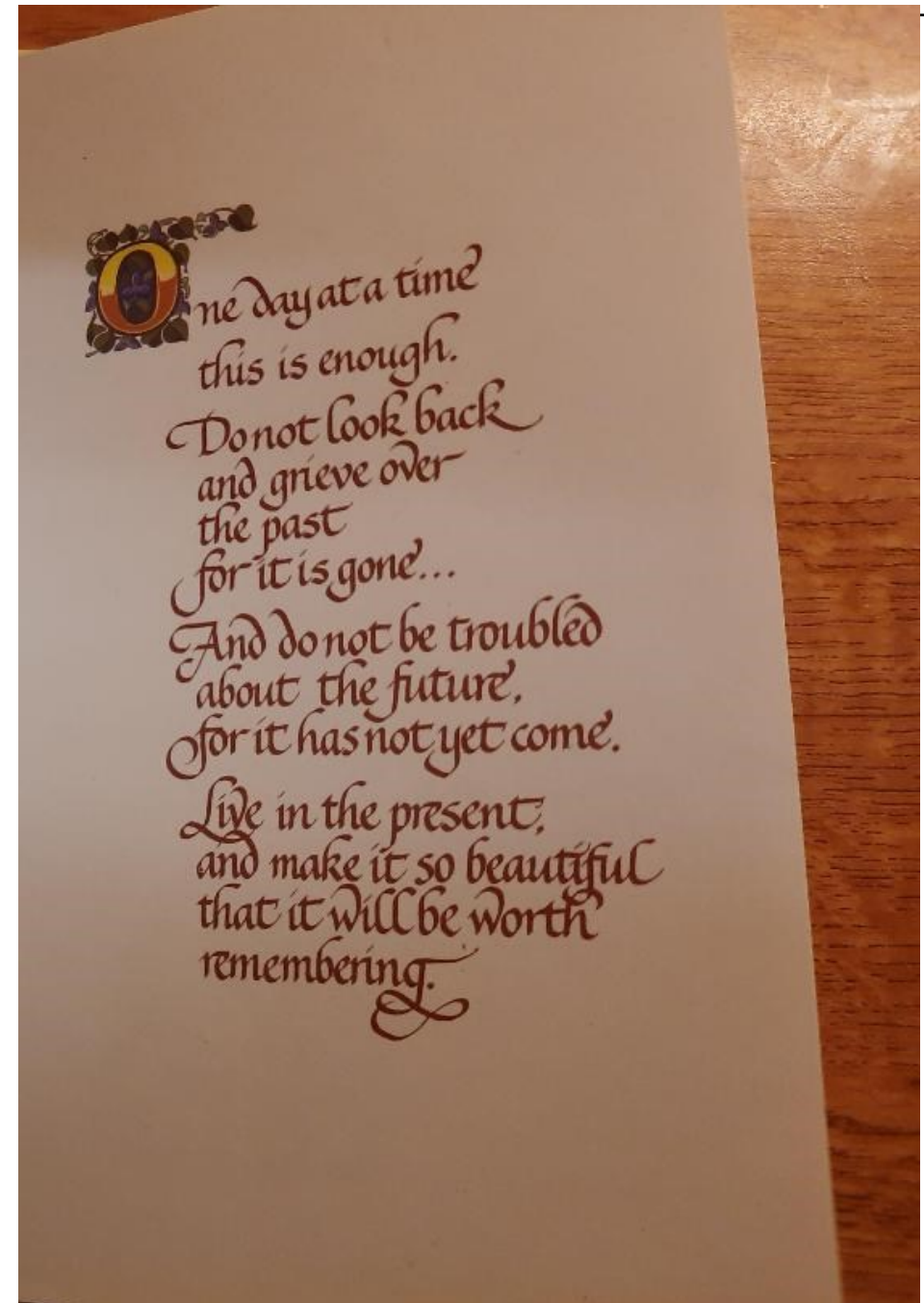
## Desert

Lying awake in the cause of justice,  
Rising with dawn,  
We walk the stony path  
Into the desert  
Of men's minds

This land is God's they say:  
Your God or mine?  
And Whose are you or I?  
Vulnerable, unsafe, victims of deep fear  
Build walls and carry guns,  
Protecting precious life:  
Entombing childhood.  
Set apart – from what?

The passionate despair of ordinariness denied,  
A value free existence  
Looking for hope, or damaged past repair?

Nestling in gullies through the burning rock  
Green bushes offer shade  
And water lives  
Sustaining travellers.





Spring is just around the corner !.

Thank you. The annual tributes for 2021 from all members have been received. Perhaps we should remind ourselves that only a small amount of this money goes to the Newcastle Diocese MU the rest is sent to H.Q Mary Sumner House, London, to fund projects, at home and overseas .A very small amount kept at branch level is got from, tea/flower money and the occasional donation. Our speakers are mainly sourced from the M.U Newcastle Diocese directory and are free. Following M.U. policy, a letter was sent those visitors, who showed an interest by occasionally attending our meetings, inviting them to consider enrolling as M.U. members. Information from our Diocese has been and is being circulated regularly.

Preparations to celebrate St. Columba's church Mothers' Union's 25th anniversary have had to be postponed because of further restrictions coming into force, owing to the rapid spread of the corona virus

Working together with all members of our church family we reach out to our friends, neighbours, those we know by sight and those we don't know, looking to support in a caring and compassionate manner.

The dark days of winter will soon pass and this pandemic will eventually be controlled. In the meantime, keep safe, follow the rules, keep to your routine, shed a tear, share a joke .  
STAY POSITIVE Moira

## From the Registers

### Funerals

|                    |         |                 |
|--------------------|---------|-----------------|
| Zoe Wallace        | 3.12.20 | Dudley Cemetery |
| Christine Ann Bell | 19.1.21 | St Columba's    |
| Val Harle          | 29.1.21 | St Columba's    |



Dear Lord

In the plagues and pandemics  
that afflict the human race,  
may we realise our vulnerability,  
and learn a new humility  
in our relation to the earth.

Amen