

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

'Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with your God' (*Micah 6:8*)

SUNDAY COFFEE AT ST PETER'S

Sunday coffee will start again after St Peter's 11am Mass beginning on Easter Sunday. The new Coffee Rota is ready to pick up from the back of church. Thanks to all those who have volunteered to help – we have 9 groups in total! (Mandy Fenwick)

FOOD COOP

This week we saw 48 families and 36 single people collecting food (128 adults and 120 children). Seven food parcels were delivered. Twenty two people from the local community received or collected food. We were blessed to receive donations from a variety of sources including several local churches, a local Primary School, a Special School and several individual supporters.

A class at the Cedars School had raised money with an Enterprise Project. With the funds raised the staff and children visited the local Coop store to purchase food for the Food Coop. The staff and children then gave us a very welcome surprise visit on Monday morning with all the shopping. The youngsters were very interested in seeing the food on the trollies ready for the week and several were surprised to see it in a church. It was a memorable visit and very kind of the staff to facilitate the shopping and delivery.

The volunteers and members are very grateful for all donations that enable us to continue in these challenging times. With kind regards for your continued commitment, Kath.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCULPTURES

Lya Vollering, who is a member of the Justice and Peace Co-ordinating Council, is an artist who lives and works in the walled garden at Minsteracres as part of the Eco community. Recently Lya visited our Laudato Si' group and inspired the group to start our garden project.

Lya has created an amazing set of sculptures depicting the Stations of the Cross. The sculptures are on display at Hexham Abbey until Holy Saturday. Lya says, "*My hope is that these stations of the cross will help people to put their suffering (or the suffering of their loved ones and of the crucified earth) alongside Jesus' and know that He is with us. May we draw strength from His presence. May it help us to see the suffering of the earth and others and reach out.*"

ENCOUNTERING THE SON – REFLECTIONS BOOKLET

The Vicariate for Faith and Mission has produced the '*Encountering the Son*' booklet, which is the second of a series of three booklets to accompany the Year of the Eucharist and our Diocesan Synodal reflection. The booklet is available on the Diocesan website <https://diocesahn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Year-of-the-Eucharist-Encountering-the-Son-reflection-booklet.pdf>

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY ISLAND

Stella Maris is holding a Day of Prayer & Pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne on Saturday 4th June 2022, led by the Rt Rev Paul Mason, Stella Maris Bishop Promoter, England & Wales. The pilgrimage starts at 12 noon. All are invited. Please check tide times. For further information contact Regional Port Chaplains Paul Atkinson (07906 212 426) or Peter Barrigan (07713 924 504).

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA)

'Do you have a problem with Alcohol?' Call FREE on 0800 9177 650 help@aamail.org
Locally, you can contact the following in confidence: Paul 07554665116 or Ryan 07745 273686

HOLY ISLAND VINNIE CAMP 2022 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY

Holy Island Camp will be running holidays for children in 2022. Our helpers are all volunteers and, in order to go ahead successfully in 2022, we urgently need new volunteers to help in the kitchens, preparing food, washing up and clearing the dining hall. We also need caretaking staff who would be able to carry out a cleaning role. The work is tiring but also fun (you would be joining an established and very welcoming team) and the young people benefit enormously from a traditional seaside type holiday. The commitment can be for as little as three days a year in Term Time or more if you are able to help on multiple weeks or through the Summer Holidays.

Camp 2022 will run for the first two separate weeks of the Summer Holiday and the last two. All helpers will be required to obtain a free Diocesan DBS check and some training. If you are interested, please visit our website : <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island/about-camp>

HOLY ISLAND CAMP SOCIAL- CEILIDH - CALLING EXISTING AND NEW CAMP VOLUNTEERS AND FRIENDS

Holy island Vinnies Camp will be holding a free social/ Ceilidh. All welcome
Saturday 28th May 7:30pm - 11:30pm (Bar open) Blackfriars @The Ouseburn
Please email: BarbaraT@svp.org.uk for tickets as numbers are limited.

ENCOUNTER GOD THROUGH PRAISE AND WORSHIP - SATURDAY 30th APRIL 11.00AM – 3.00PM

Taking place on Saturday 30 April 2022 at St Mary's Church, Sunderland, this event provides you with:

- An opportunity for two Praise & Worship music groups to share the music they find most inspiring.
- An opportunity for everyone to experience how Praise and Worship songs open us to the Holy Spirit and brings us closer to Jesus.
- An opportunity for people to hear two accounts of the experience of Praise and Worship.
- An opportunity for people to share with each other over lunch the place of praise and worship in their lives.
- An opportunity for everyone to learn songs they can take back to their prayer groups, parishes and individual praise and worship.

[Click here](#) for further details.

PARISH WEBSITES:

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<https://www.stpetersparish.org.uk>