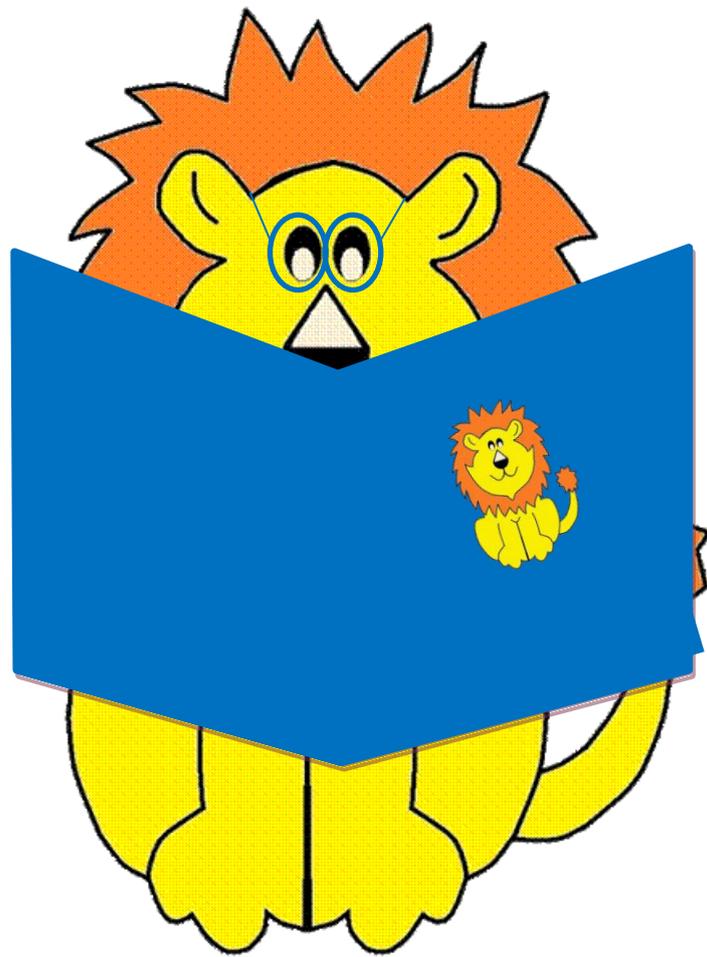


# St Mark's Church, Shiremoor



## The Lion's Share

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Northumberland  
County Council

## **Drop-in events for new rail line plans**

**Thursday, 12th September 10am-4pm**

**Monday, 16th September, 3pm-7pm**

**St Mark's Church Hall**

A series of drop-in events are organised for people to find out more about ambitious plans for the new Northumberland Line railway stations.

The passenger service, which would connect the South East of the County with North Tyneside and Newcastle City Centre, could be running by late 2022 and mean journeys between Ashington to Newcastle of just over half an hour.

The first phase would create four new stations at Bedlington, Ashington, Northumberland Park and Newsham each with an hourly service (at high peak, half hourly). The remaining stations at Seaton Delaval and Blyth Bebside would come on line over the next two years.

A public consultation has now been organised to raise awareness of the scheme and find out more about what people would like the service to look like.

# The Lion's Share

## BVM 2019

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To submit an article, to tell us about your community group or event,  
or to find out how to get some copies for your organisation,  
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## The Vicar's scribble...



After six years as Vicar in Shiremoor, it was announced in church on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September that I will be moving on in the New Year, to take up a new role as Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, Dunedin, in New Zealand.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at St Mark's for their support over these past six years, and also for all the congratulations I have received since the announcement.

I strongly believe that our community and our church is in a very good place at the moment, and I have no doubt that with everyone pulling together things will go from strength to strength in the future. There are so many talented and dedicated people who contribute to the life of St Mark's, and I hope I'll get a chance to thank everyone properly over the coming months.

Of course, I haven't gone anywhere yet, and there are all sorts of things going on this Autumn. We've had a busy Spring and Summer too, from our Confirmation Service, Holy Hangouts and Summer Fayre, to our recent trip out with the Winged Lions as they prepared to go back to school for a new year of learning and fun. Now we turn our attention towards Michaelmas at the end of this month, the Harvest Festival in October and then on towards Advent and Christmas.

We are living in very uncertain times, and it's difficult to turn on the News at the moment without worrying about the future of our country and the World. It's more important than ever in the midst of such uncertainty that we continue to bear witness to the Light of the World, whom the darkness has never, and *can* never overcome. We shall continue to do just that, and I'm looking forward not only to our five baptisms this month and our worship together, but also our parish barbeque and social events where we can show the love of God to one another and to our whole community.

*Fr Tony*



## **Inclusive Church**

St Mark's is part of *Inclusive Church*, a group of churches and individuals who try to offer a 'radical welcome' to everyone:

***We believe in Inclusive Church: Church which does not discriminate, on any level, on grounds of economic power, gender, mental health, physical ability, race or sexuality. We believe in Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ.***

You can find out more about Inclusive Church at [inclusive-church.org](http://inclusive-church.org), and by following the *Inclusive Church Newcastle* Facebook group.

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## Confirmations 2019...



This year we were joined once again by Bishop Mark, the Bishop of Berwick, for our Confirmation Service, where Tony from Cramlington Parish and our very own Winged Lion Olivia were confirmed in a beautiful service on a lovely sunny day.

It was a particularly special day for Olivia, who was also baptised by Bishop Mark earlier in the same service. Many congratulations to her and to Tony, and thank you to all of their supporters who came to cheer them on!



## Inclusive Church Launch



May also saw the official launch of Inclusive Church in the Diocese of Newcastle, at a service held at St Nicholas Cathedral, where friends from our Inclusive churches were joined by our guest speaker, Ruth Wilde, the IC National Co-ordinator.

As well as the chance to worship together, we looked at the barriers to inclusivity in our churches, and the areas where we might need more support, and shared our stories of exclusion and inclusion, before going out into the Diocese to encourage others to think about how we can welcome all God's people into our church communities.

## Holy Hangout feels the force...

Our **STAR**

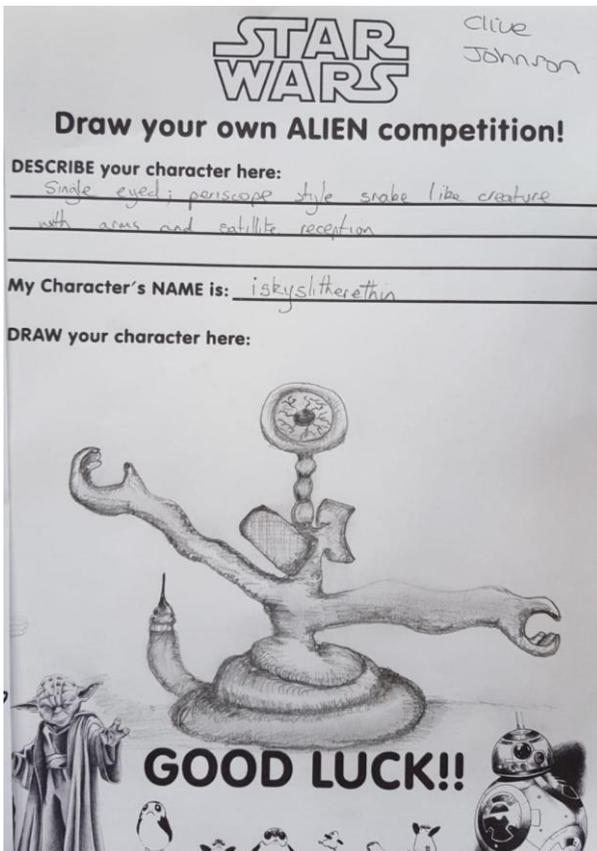
**WARS**

themed Holy Hangout in May was a great success, as families gathered for force-themed activities and crafts, and



even a viewing of the new film trailer, before hearing the story of redemption, and the passing on of faith to a new generation, which lies at the heart of the Star Wars story arc running through the movies.





We thought about the powerful resonances between the fictional life of Anakin Skywalker and the redemption he found in turning away from evil, as well as how we can equip the 'next generation' with the ethical and faith tools for their ongoing journey.

There were also prizes for the best alien competition and lots of yummy treats to eat, drink, make and take away.

Oh, and we had a whale of a time with lightsabres too! Look out for the next Holy Hangout, coming soon...



## Late Create

Late Create offers a relaxed evening with some chat, a few drinks and a chance to learn some new skills or work on a craft project of your own.

The group meets every other Thursday evening, with the next few sessions on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September**, and on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**, from 7-9pm in the church hall.

## Slimming World



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Slimming World is a regular part of the diary now at St Mark's, and the Shiremoor group can be found in the Church Hall every Tuesday evening!

The group meets every **Tuesday at 5.30pm and 7.30pm.**

To find out more, why not come along on Tuesday at one of the times above? We're very happy to be hosting our friends from Slimming World at St Mark's, and look forward to working together for a long time to come.

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## Fayre old time helps to raise Summer Spirits!



Our Summer Fayre this year took place on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> July and raised a cracking total of over £1,700 to help with all the work we do at St Mark's. People from around the parish and beyond enjoyed a day of games, stalls, cakes, cuppas and a whole lot of other fun as our fantastic team of volunteers put on another great occasion! Our friends at the Adventure Playground joined in as part of our annual "Street Party" with inflatables and activities.



There was something for all the family, and Mr Nicholson and his team from Shiremoor Primary School put on a great five-a-side football tournament for the kids on the School Playing Field. Our Winged Lion Ziva was even on the winning team!



Thank you to everyone who organised, volunteered and visited us on the day for making the Fayre such a success! Remember to come along to our **Christmas Fayre on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November!**



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# What a Treat!



This year's Shiremoor and District Treat was another roaring success, bringing together children from local schools throughout the area to celebrate their talents in sport, music, dance and art, with a gift and an ice-cream for all the kids thrown in.

The 2019 Treat day was opened by our

elected Mayor, Norma Redfearn CBE , and Sir Alan Campbell MP, and saw sunny weather and healthy competition on the sports field, resulting in thousands of happy faces and a quite exhausted team of volunteers. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it happen!



## **COMING UP AT ST MARK'S**

- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Sept**      **7.15pm Coffee Bingo in the Church Hall**
- Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Sept**    **7pm 'Late Create' in the Church Hall**
- Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Sept**      **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
**9.30am: Sung Eucharist and Winged Lions**  
**11.15am: Baptism of Eve Charlotte Barber**  
**1.00pm: Baptism of Zack James Bennett**
- Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Sept**    **7.00pm: Mass in the Lady Chapel**  
**7.30pm: PCC in the Church Hall**
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Sept**      **6.00pm PARISH BARBEQUE!**
- Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept**      **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
**9.30am: Sung Eucharist and Winged Lions**  
**11.15am: Baptism of Caleb James Wilson**
- Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Sept**    **7pm 'Late Create' in the Church Hall**
- Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Sept**      **FEAST OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS**  
**9.30am: Sung Eucharist and Winged Lions**  
**11.15am: Baptism of Renesmae Anne Leach**
- Sun 6<sup>th</sup> October**    **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
**9.30am: Sung Eucharist and Winged Lions**

***Everyone is Welcome at St Mark's!***

**Please note that at big festival services we may take photos or videos for our websites and magazine – please let us know if you don't wish your children to be included in any published photos.**

## **Keeping everyone safe at St Mark's**

There is always a lot happening at St Mark's, and many of our activities, services and events include children, young people and vulnerable adults.

We have a programme of training for all staff and volunteers who work with vulnerable groups, which along with DBS checks, confidential declaration forms and safeguarding procedures, help us to make church as welcoming and safe as possible. If you have any concerns, or need anyone to talk to, our Parish Safeguarding team are here to help:



**Margaret Robertson**  
***Parish Safeguarding Officer***

**Rachel Slade**  
***Children & Young  
People's Advocate***



**Fr Tony Curtis**  
***Vicar of Shiremoor***

## Winged Lions storm Newcastle...

It's back to school for our Winged Lions as the new term begins, so to round off the summer we had a trip into the City to explore our magnificent Castle and Cathedral. Thanks to our volunteers, as you can see, the Lions had a blast...





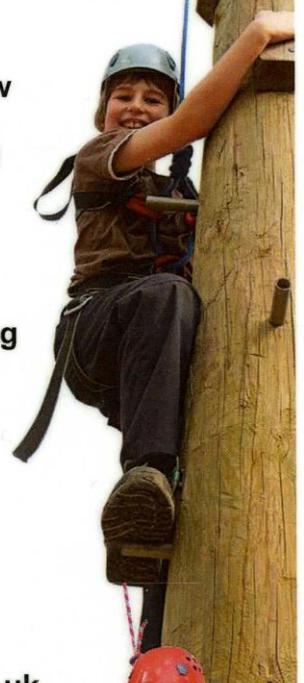
# I VOLUNTEER COULD YOU?



1st Shiremoor Scout Group meet on Monday evenings at Holystone Primary School, during school term times.

We would be delighted to hear from any adults (with or without scouting experience) who would like to join our groups having fun and going on adventures. Do you want to learn new skills climbing, abseiling, kayaking, sailing, survival, archery or shooting? All qualifications gained are nationally recognised and at no personal expense. The group would greatly benefit from additional adult support to help out on a variety of part time roles from leaders to fund raisers.

Volunteering with Scouting at 1st Shiremoor is easy, fun and flexible – how much time you give is completely up to you. Whether you help out once a fortnight, month or term or just at special events or camps, there is bound to be a role you can play, and no matter how you get involved, you'll be properly trained and supported.



As well as gaining externally recognised skills and having a brilliant time, Scouting also offers the chance to build on personal skills, like teamwork, confidence and leadership.

Contact Karen Blake (Group Secretary)  
via email on [secretary@1stshiremoor.org.uk](mailto:secretary@1stshiremoor.org.uk)  
Or

Steve Jobson (District Commissioner,  
Benton District, Northumberland County)  
Via email on [steve.jobson@northumberlandscouts.org.uk](mailto:steve.jobson@northumberlandscouts.org.uk)



## Come and join the fun at 2<sup>nd</sup> Shiremoor Girlguiding...

Our local Girlguiding units meet on Friday evenings at the **Shiremoor Salvation Army** hall on **Lesbury Avenue**:

**4.45pm - 5.45pm Rainbows**

**6.00pm - 7.30pm Brownies**

**7.30pm – 9.00pm Guides**



**Rainbows (age 5-7)** is all about developing self-confidence, building friendships, learning new things and having fun. Girls get their hands dirty with arts and crafts, getting in touch with nature and playing games - it's all about learning by doing.

In **Brownies (age 7-10)**, girls go along to camps, holidays, day trips and sleepovers. They get together with their friends at regular meetings where they learn new hobbies, play music, explore other cultures and have outdoor adventures.

**Guides (age 10-14)** choose from badges and awards which help in learning new skills and trying new challenges. They take part in activities at regular meetings, special events and trips away.

If you are interested in Rainbows, Brownies or Guides, or think you might like to volunteer as an adult helper, please telephone **2<sup>nd</sup> Shiremoor (Salvation Army) Girlguiding** on **0191 253 8509**.



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***Thomas John Liam Curtis***

***Tyler James Richards***

***Jack David Barton Wood***

“Shine as a light in the world, to the glory of God the Father!”

**Weddings**

Congratulations to ***Nick and Casey Ord***, married in August!

**Funerals**

Please pray for those who have died and their families,  
remembering all those who mourn.

***Joan Brinkworth***

***Peter Andrew McNaughton***

***Joan Errington Grainger***

“May they rest in peace and rise in glory.”

## Handy Contact Details

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| West Allotment Community Centre  | Tel: (0191) 218 9876                           |
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