

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST NEWS



Harvest and Thanksgiving



Thank you to
everyone who
donated at Harvest.
A car load of food
went into Alnwick &
District food bank



and to Hadston House. £250 with gift
aid was raised for Self help Africa.



Please feel free to take a prayer card the next time you come into church.

Exploring Faith



You are very warmly invited to an informal series of talks about exploring faith, with plenty of time for sharing and discussion.

Come for one session or the series
- dip in and out as you would like.

Our Speakers are from the Friary of St Francis in Alnmouth, the Methodist Churches in South East Northumberland, and the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle

- 5th October The story of St Francis' faith journey
- 12th October The story of John Wesley's faith journey
- 19th October The story of St Hilda of Whitby
- 26th October Exploring prayer
- 2nd November Caring for Creation
- 9th November Feedback, and plans for the New Year

Thursday evenings 6 - 7.30pm beginning on 5th October
at the Methodist Chapel, Chapel Street, Alnmouth

For further information please contact David & Anne on 01665 497 454
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Church Services

Sunday November 5th 9.15 am Parish

Communion

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Sunday 12th November

9.30 am Service of Remembrance in
Church followed at 10.45 at the War
Memorial

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Sunday 19th November 9.15 am Parish

Communion

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Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Service
at St John the Baptist Church
9.30 am

Act of Remembrance
at The War Memorial
10.45 am



Please contact us if you would like to send a shoe box as part of the Samaritans Purse, they can be ordered on line or collect a box from church. The date for any local collections is at the beginning of November.

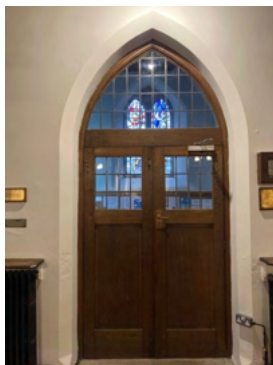
<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>



ALNMOUTH REMEMBRANCES AND RECOLLECTIONS

All of you who worship at St John the Baptist or have visited will have walked through what we know as “the Brims Doors” as you come from the porch into the Nave, but have you ever noticed the inscription above them?

“In loving memory of Charles William Brims 1877-1944”



And at the altar rail, have you noticed the inscription there?

*“ADMG and to the beloved memory of Wedgwood Vaughan late Lieutenant R.N.V.R
who fell asleep on April 25th 1918”*

Looking into what we see around us can bring connections together in the story of our village, lives lived here, worship and witness. Spurred on by chats with Pam Muggleton and Joan Davidson in 2021/22, stories and links began to emerge.

Joan typed out for me the whole property history of her home on Riverside: the purchase of the land in the 1890s from the Duke of Northumberland by the Vaughans from Gosforth to build a holiday home, known as The Cottage; then passed to their son-in-law Charles Brims in the 1920s; sold in the 1950s, renamed Blue Dolphins and by the 1980s in the ownership of Jack and Joan Davidson.

Robin Vaughan Brims, alive and well, has been a friend of ours over the years and indeed of many churches in Northumberland in the role he held as Chair for the Northumbria Historic Churches Trust. He often popped in to see the doors and last month other relatives met up in Alnmouth to catch up on family history too.

So more Alnmouth connections to industrial and maritime history of Newcastle and the North East and to World Wars that we remember this month.

It was Mary Amery Vaughan who bought that land, with her husband William Steains Vaughan acting as surety. He worked for Cammel Laird, was a keen sailor, fisherman and artist and involved in the running of our church and in the boat club in Alnmouth.

Their youngest daughter Vera married Charles William Brims. Charles lived initially in Newcastle and was the MD of Brims and Co started by his grandfather in about 1860, constructing dry docks and harbours based in Hebburn. In Alnmouth he was one of the Vicar's wardens for many years. Charles died on 28 Aug 1944 at The Cottage and is commemorated by the oak Brims Doors. At the time, his eldest son David was a Prisoner of War in Germany having been captured early in the war and held in captivity for many years – another Remembrance Day reflection. David was Robin Brims father.

Wedgwood, also a keen sportsman and yachtsman, was another child of William and Mary Vaughan. He showed early promise, working in shipping firms including the Blyth Shipbuilding Company, but he sustained serious head injuries in a motor-cycle accident just before the outbreak of the WW1. However, in 1914 he took a commission in the Royal Naval Reserve carrying mail in Scotland; then for 6 months was a Red Cross motor driver in France; and latterly worked at an aeroplane factory. Health-wise, there were repeated episodes of ill health and treatment, but he eventually died from pneumonia in 1918, just before the war ended. He must have been as sorely missed as those lost directly in conflict.

Incidentally, if you are ever in the USA, W S Vaughan's younger brother Henry was an architect and went to live there, where he designed the reredos at Washington cathedral.

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ALNMOUTH

Christmas
Lights

SWITCH
ON
AT THE
CHURCH GREEN

25 NOVEMBER 2023

16:30 MULLED
WINE, MINCE
PIES AND CHOIR

17:00 SWITCH
ON AND VISIT
FROM SANTA





Save the date

Advent Service of Light

4 pm Sunday December 3rd

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Concert in Church at 3pm

Saturday December 9th

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Saturday December 16th 10-12 noon

Christmas coffee morning, Hindmarsh Hall

Coffee, mince pies, biscuits, tombola,

raffle, cakes



Coastland Churches Newsletter

The Coastland Churches Newsletter provides information regarding the Church of England churches in Alnmouth, Lesbury, Longhoughton, Howick, Craster, Embleton, Newton by the Sea, Rennington and Rock, and includes service times, news of events, and interesting articles about the work of the churches and those in the local church communities. The Newsletter is sent by email on the first of each month. If you would like to receive a copy, please read the information below and click on the link to sign up. We would be delighted to keep you informed of what is happening in your area. The next newsletter will be sent on November 1st.

To ensure that we have a written record of your agreement to receive the newsletter we do need you to complete a very short form. This makes sure we have the correct details, an up to date database, and you are fully aware of how your personal information is being used and protected going forward. Similarly, this form can be updated at any time from links that will appear at the foot of each newsletter.

During the sign-up process, you will see three pages:

- 1] A short form to fill in
- 2] A second page to click and confirm that you are a real person
- 3] A final page to confirm you are signed up [this page has a box at the bottom that allows you to return to the website - **don't** click this button as you will get an error message due to the website not yet being live]. Instead, just close the page.

I hope this helps to explain the process....

PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#) TO COMPLETE THE SIGNUP PROCESS.

Thank you



Lord God,
It is with shock and horror we witness the devastating violence and
loss of life in Israel and Gaza over recent days.

We come to you as the source of all comfort
asking that you send your Spirit to surround and uphold
all those who are grieving,
all those who are suffering,
all those in fear,
and all those in captivity.
May the arms of comfort and compassion, overwhelm the arms of
war.