

Regular Groups continued:

Amblers Group Every third Saturday

Meet at the Church Hall at 9.30

Aidan's Kitchen: Thursday 10am to 11.30am*, Parish Hall

Fellowship & Refreshment: tea, coffee, scones and bacon butties

*Note not August 10th or 17th.

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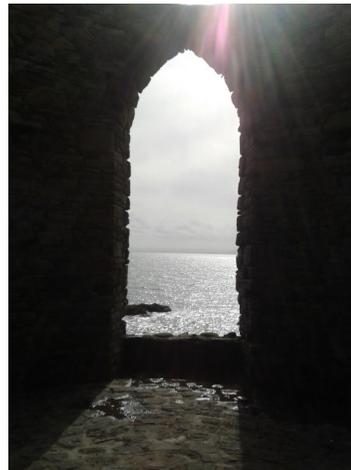
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The Interchange

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and

St. Aidan Framwellgate Moor

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In this issue:

- Fiona Collin talks about a Thin Place
- Judith Gaughy reports on The Children's Society talk to the Mother's Union
- Elaine Kilgannon continues her series on the parish registers by introducing us to the Tugby children



**A Thin Place
Genesis Chapter 28 verse 16**

“surely the Lord is in this place and I did not know it.”

"In the Summertime when the weather is fine.." was a line from the band 'Mungo Jerry' and yet those sunny, warm and dry conditions seem to be far less guaranteed than when I was a little girl. Personally, Cliff Richard's hit song of the 60's "Summer Holiday" is still the tune that best captures the mood of the season for me. Many of you will go somewhere or do something that will bring some special and happy memories to treasure. Holiday time also gives us the opportunity to experience a different rhythm, see a different view and perhaps encounter new people. Maybe for some of you, holidays are also a time just to stop and rest and to maybe seek God's presence in new ways - this will be unique or different for everyone. Seeing God in a new way might simply be appreciating a lovely view, a familiar or special place in a new light where your awareness of your senses are momentarily heightened, making the veil or distance between heaven and earth seem very narrow. This experience is sometimes referred to as "a thin place" (not to be confused with where Slimming World meets every week!) You may have heard that expression before. It's a powerful way to figuratively describe a place or a moment of heaven touching earth. I clearly remember having a real sense of that connection, when standing on the beach on Holy Island for the first time.

Sometimes, rather than a specific location, we experience that "thin place" when listening to a piece of music or seeing a new born baby or gazing upon a beautiful scene in God's creation, literally glimpses of heaven. Such seemingly ordinary moments are captured in an extraordinary way.

Week by week, we gather in our church communities to worship and to pray together. Although not exclusively, our churches become gateways too, as God blesses us, enables and equips us to be a blessing to others. It is vital that we are sent out, connecting to God's world in prayer and

wife Jane was present at the death and was the informant on the death certificate. His cause of death was Phthisis (tuberculosis). Hosea's whereabouts at the time of the 1861 and 1871 census is still a mystery to me.

Jane died on 25th May 1905 (aged 73) at 11 South Street. Her daughter Jane Annie Jones was present at the death and was the informant on the death certificate. The cause of death was Chronic Diarrhoea and Exhaustion.

I would like to finish by bringing us back to Isabel, James and Thomas – they had a short life like so many children at the time. I can only imagine the unbearable grief of Jane and Hosea losing three children in the space of 10 days. However it has made me feel good to bring their lives to you via the parish magazine.

Elaine Kilgannon

Regular Events

Worship at St Cuthbert's

Sunday Holy Communion at 8am (Book of Common Prayer)
Sung Communion at 11am (Common Worship).

First Sunday of the month Come and Praise at 11am
Evening Worship at 6pm (Not in August)

Wednesday Holy Communion at 9.30am (Common Worship)

Worship at St Aidan's

Sunday Holy Communion at 9.15am (Common Worship)
Third Sunday of the month Evening Worship at 6pm (Not in August)

Regular Groups

Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade Derick Jackson
Tuesdays 6pm-8.45pm, Parish Hall 0191 386 3820

Mother's Union June Kirby 0191 3869288
3rd Monday of the month 2pm, Parish Hall

Bumps & Babies Olwyn Daghish 0191 383 1556
Tuesdays 10am-12pm, Community Room

Art Group Shirley Whiteley 0191 6601408
Alternate Saturdays, 9.30am, Parish Hall

St. Aidan's Choir Ann Marshall 07732 998358
Rehearsal after morning service on Sunday, St. Aidan's Church.

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death certificate gave the cause of death as scarlatina anginosa in which the throat affection is unusually severe.

At the time of their deaths they were living in Sidegate – a 10 minute walk from St Cuthbert's church. Sidegate still exists today but in 1863 I believe the housing and living conditions were poor.

The children's parents were Hosea and Jane Tugby. They were married in 1857 in the parochial chapel at St Margaret's. Hosea's occupation was a labourer. For both of them it was a first marriage and their residence was given as Framwellgate Boat House. Hosea's father (William) was a pedlar and Jane's father (Isaac Cairns) was a Whitesmith – a person who makes and repairs things made of tinware, or other light metals.

I looked at the 1861 census and found Jane living in Sidegate with three children – Mary (aged 6), Thomas (aged 3) and James (aged 11months). Jane's occupation was vegetable hawker and she was described as a wife and "married" but Hosea was not listed.

Ten years later on the 1871 census Jane was now described as head of the household and still married – but again Hosea was not listed. Living with Jane were two daughters, Eva (aged 6) and Jane Annie (aged 2). By 1871 Jane's occupation was greengrocer and they were living at 12 Framwellgate.

Moving on another 10 years Jane is still at 12 Framwellgate on the 1881 census – I'm not certain of where the exact location is today. She was still the head of the household but was now described as widowed and was still a greengrocer. She was 49 and still living with two daughters Eva and Jane Annie – now aged 16 and 12 respectively. Eva was a domestic servant and Jane Annie was at school.

By 1891 Jane continued to live at 12 Framwellgate but now with two granddaughters – Mary E Tugby (aged 9) and Jane E Thwaites (aged 7). Jane was still a greengrocer and widowed. To give an indication of the living conditions there were 6 households / families listed at this address.

Jane Tugby's last census entry was in 1901. She was now at 13 Framwellgate and still had two granddaughters living with her – Jane E Thwaites (aged 17) and Ethel M Thwaites (aged 3). I believe they were daughters of Eva.

Hosea died on 29th September 1872 (aged 42) at Framwellgate, Durham. His

in mission. It's important we continually have our eyes open to notice God's hand at work all around us. That may be manifested in the natural world, in the ceremonies or events we witness and the people we encounter. By keeping your own heart and mind open to His promptings, we can live more expectantly, that He will connect to us.

For Moses it was a burning bush, an amazing story of God calling Moses to fulfill a plan and a purpose.

For Jacob it was a dream of a ladder with angels going up and down and a clear promise of blessing from God.

So how might God be trying to get our attention? What might God be saying to us at this time? In everything that happens in life, do we ask "God what's your purpose behind this, and importantly how are we to respond?"

Perhaps asking ourselves this question will help us find that "thin place", a place where we will be more open to moments that can surprise and transform us. I believe God is not looking so much for *ability* in his people, as for *availability* in His people. I think there is much to be learnt from Moses and Jacob.

In mid October, I will celebrate my anniversary of being in this Parish for a whole year. In the next Interchange, I plan to update you on the fascinating journey we have already shared and outlining some of the hopes we have for the following 12 month, so do watch this space!

As I am writing this I am reminded of a quote, "Church is not something you go to, its family you belong to." My prayer is that increasingly we can be that family of God others would love to belong to. So let each of us be alert to the prompt of God and those "thin" moments of encountering God's presence. May we trust in God in these changing times, knowing with confidence He wants the best for **ALL** His family.

So for what is left of Summer, remember keep your sun cream and your umbrella handy.....

Reverend Fiona Collin



THE MOTHERS' UNION AND THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

In April, Michael Vallance, a volunteer from The Children's Society, was the guest speaker at the MU meeting. He spoke movingly of the work done by the Society and, as a result, St. Cuthbert's and St. Aidan's have 3 new box holders, bringing our total to 28.

The Children's Society was founded in 1881 by Edward Rudolf, a Sunday School teacher, who came across two of his pupils begging for food. Following his petitioning of the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Waifs and Strays Society was established and what is now known as The Children's Society began. Allied to the Church of England it is founded on the belief that all children deserve a good childhood.

In the late 1960's it moved away from centralised care, fostering and adoption to focus on preventative work to support children and young people within their own families and communities. Family centres offering advice, playgroups, youth clubs and short term care for young single mothers were introduced. The 1990's in turn saw a focus on social justice with lobbying to change legislation and to encourage young people to speak and act for themselves.

Today the Society's two objectives are to :

- directly improve the lives of children and young people for whom it provides services
- create a positive shift in social attitudes in order to improve the situations facing all children and young people.

A network of programmes in England, supported by the Society helped 34,000 children last year. They included:

- children and young people in trouble with the law
- refugee children
- disabled children and young people
- children often forgotten e.g. young carers, traveller children, children where parents misuse alcohol or drugs.
- Lobbying government and supporting campaigning, seeking to tackle child poverty and the decriminalisation of child prostitution for under 18's is an increasing area of work.

There are successes. Government guidelines in 2000 recommended that police treat children as victims of abuse rather than as criminals in relation to prostitution. A present area of concern centres on children going hungry in school holidays.

Michael ended by asking us to do two things. Pray for the Children's Society and help to raise the profile.

To become a boxholder ask at church or e-mail jgaughy@gmail.com.

Thank you...

Members of the Mothers' Union would like to thank everyone who came along and supported our Strawberry Tea, held in July. We were able to donate £93.15 to The Women's Refuge, a local charity which helps women and children in abusive or violent relationships.

Many thanks.

June Kirby (Branch Leader)

FROM OUR REGISTERS - THE FIRST FOUR PAGES THE TUGBY CHILDREN

Isabel Tugby appears amongst the baptisms in October 1863 and sadly she appears in the burials in November, together with her brothers James and Thomas. Isabel was 9 months old when she died and her brothers were 3 and 5 years old respectively.

All three children died of Scarlatina (scarlet fever) - a bacterial illness that mainly affects children and results in a distinctive pink-red rash. Thomas'