



ST MARY'S LONG NEWTON



Deirdre Shaw

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Deirdre, my neighbour and friend for 23 years, died peacefully at home on August 12, surrounded by those she loved.

She began attending St Mary's when she and Mike moved into the village in 1988, and was a committed and active member of the church ever since. She was wonderful at encouraging others to become more active in their faith, a small step at a time. Some time

after I joined St Mary's congregation, during a conversation, she asked, "Why don't you join a home group?" and offered to take me to see if I would enjoy it. I did, and remain a member of the group today. Not long after that, she encouraged me to join the reading rota, and later still the prayer rota, the PCC, and so on. Her example and encouragement has supported my own faith journey, and that of many others.

Deirdre was passionate about music, choral music in particular, and worship. Singing was an essential element of her life and faith, and when she and Mike married and settled in the north east, she joined the Cleveland Philharmonic Choir, which she loved. She remained a member until a couple of

years ago. She took great pleasure in the St Mary's and All Saints' Choral group, and once persuaded to take on its leadership was totally committed to the task, taking great pride in the group's development and fellowship, and its contribution to worship at both churches, and more widely.

A very good cook and wonderful hostess, she had the ability to put people at their ease, and draw them out in conversation, because she was interested in others. Deirdre lived out her deep and unswerving Christian faith through action- she truly did love her neighbours. She was compassionate, kind, caring, principled, honest, courageous, and outspoken about things she passionately believed in. She cared very much about community- in the church, in the village and in the workplace, and believed in participation and service. She became a much - loved leader at St Mary's in many fields, serving on the PCC (as its secretary for many years), and Deanery Synod several times. She was a founder member of the ministry development team, and a service leader.

Throughout her illness, she was courageous and uncomplaining, and talked often of her gratitude for the support and help she received from others. She in turn took every opportunity to do the same for others who were ill, or anxious or afraid. So many people's lives have been enhanced by Deirdre: We thank God for the memories we have of her, the goodness that emanated from her, and the Christian love that she radiated.

Dee Palmer-Jones.

A change and a repeat at St. Mary's

Harvest celebration at Godzone

Over the last few years our celebration of harvest has taken place at St. Mary's school.

This year the school will focus on harvest in the Godzone service in Church at 2.30pm on either 3 or 10 October – look out for the exact date in the next edition of In Touch.

Everyone is invited to this. If you have not been before you will be surprised and moved by Harvest Godzone.

On 9 October there will be a harvest festival service in the Church at the usual Sunday time of 10.30am when we are encouraged to bring harvest offerings.

Bereavement service repeat

At St. Mary's we have had two previous services especially for bereaved people, whether the bereavement was recent or some years previously.

They were found to be meaningful and helpful even when the service in 2009 took place in very limited candlelight because of a power cut. There will be another such service (hopefully not during a power cut) in the afternoon of 30 October. The exact time is yet to be decided but do make a note of the date if you would like to come.

All Saints' Services

Sunday 4 September

9am - Holy Communion
10.30am - Worship, Word & Ministry
6.30pm - Evening Service

Sunday 11 September

9am - Holy Communion
10.30am - Service of the Word
6.30pm - Evening Service

Sunday 18 September

9am - Service of the Word
10.30am - Engage
6.30pm - Evening Service

Sunday 25 September

9am - Holy Communion
10.30am - Holy Communion
6.30pm - Evening Service

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

9am - Morning Prayer

Wednesday:

9.30am - Holy Communion

St. Mary's Services

Sunday 4 September

10.30pm - Holy Communion

Sunday 11 September

10.30am - Service of the Word

Sunday 18 September

9.30am - Said Holy Communion
10.30am - Baptism

Sunday 25 September

10.30am - Service of the Word

Tuesdays

10am - Tuesday at Ten

Did you know?

All of our rotas and service information are available on our websites:

www.allsaints-church.net

www.stmaryslongnewton.co.uk

Dates for your diary - September

Monday 5 September	7.30pm	All Saints' Standing Committee, Vicarage
Thursday 8 September	6pm	St. Mary's Pastoral Team Meeting
Friday 9 September	10.15am	Play and Praise Returns
Friday 9 September	6pm & 8.15pm	360 Returns
Saturday 10 September	10am	Children's Communion Training, All Saints'
Monday 12 September	7.30pm	All Saints' MDT
Thursday 15 September	7.30pm	St. Mary's PCC
Saturday 17 September	9.30am	Growing Leaders, All Saints'
Monday 19 September	7.30pm	Listening Training
Saturday 24 September	8.30am	Prayer Breakfast, All Saints'
Monday 26 September	7.30pm	All Saints' PCC

All Saints' Preston-on-Tees & St. Mary's Long Newton

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