



ST MARY'S LONG NEWTON



St. Mary's says farewell to Susie

July 3 was Susie's last service at St. Mary's Longnewton, and I know I speak for the church and the village when I say how much she will be missed, and how blessed we have been to have had Susie's fellowship and leadership during her curacy with us. She has been instrumental in helping us to move forward with our vision, particularly by developing us as leaders, and by working with children and families.

One of Susie's gifts is that of discernment: she can discern gifts in others and encourages people to take on responsibility and develop their gifts to the full. During her curacy the community lunch was first discussed and considered, then trialled, and is now a regular event in our calendar, and much appreciated. Susie encouraged a small team to work together to manage the lunches, and we are confident that after she goes, the lunches will continue to run successfully and more helpers will join the team. She has encouraged the pastoral team to further develop their work in the village, and at a recent open meeting four new people attended, expressing interest and willingness to become involved in the pastoral work, and undergo further training: a wonderful sign of the Holy Spirit moving among us.

Susie has been very committed to working with the village school, and there are clear signs of spiritual awakening and spiritual growth. She has a gift for working with children, who respond to her with openness and love. I know the school is appreciative of her support and will miss her greatly. She asked a small group from the church to come



Susie and Sonia enjoy Saltburn's bracing sea air during the vision weekend.

together to explore what sort of service we could provide for the school, and suggested visiting St Luke's, Hartlepool, to experience their family service. Inspired by the visit, our first service was planned in March 2010 and this year we are holding a service every half term. The team now plans and leads all services jointly with the school. It is another illustration of Susie's skill in translating vision to reality by encouraging and mentoring others to use their skills and gifts. We are also very grateful for the work she has done in preparing families for baptism, and in preparing and leading baptism services. The number of baptisms has increased, and every family has been appreciative of the personalised baptism services.

Susie's curacy has been a blessing for us at St. Mary's. It has been a time of growth and exploring new directions. We will miss her many qualities: warmth, compassion, empathy with all ages, clarity of vision and communication, and leading by example. She has made a difference to our community and to the individuals within it, and we ask God to bless her as she moves to the next stage of her journey. May He enfold her in his love, and surround her with his care, that she may sing his song every step of the way.

Dee Palmer-Jones.

Smartwater for St. Mary's

Due to high metal prices, many buildings with accessible metal items have been targeted by thieves.

St. Mary's does not have any large sheet lead roofs, but we have extensive lead flashings, and they are all relatively new, dating from when the church was re-roofed in the early 1990's.

Our insurer informs us that they receive several claims each day. Up to now they have paid for only half of the loss where no protection had been applied. From the beginning of next year they will not pay at all in such circumstances.

St. Mary's Standing Committee has decided to apply Smartwater protection to all possible items, and not just the lead on our roof.

Smartwater is a liquid like paint, and shows up under ultra-violet light. Unlike similar products that are available for home electronic equipment, etc, it is not necessary to write the postcode on the protected items.

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Lewis Ayers.

All Saints' Services

Sunday 24 July

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

Sunday 31 July

10am - Service of the Word

Sunday 7 August

10am - Holy Communion

Sunday 14 August

10am - Service of the Word

Sunday 21 August

10am - Holy Communion

Sunday 28 August

10am - Service of the Word

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

9am - Morning Prayer

Wednesday:

9.30am - Holy Communion

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10.30am - Baptism

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 - July & August

Monday 18 July	7.30pm	All Saints' PCC
Wednesday 20 July	7.30pm	Home Groups
Thursday 21 July	7.30pm	St. Mary's PCC
Monday 5 September	7.30pm	All Saints' Standing Committee, Vicarage
Monday 12 September	7.30pm	All Saints' MDT

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

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