

The Vicar is carrying out Deanery duties at Craster and Rennington this morning

6.00 pm	SUNG EVENSONG (<i>According to the Book of Common Prayer 1662</i>)	
Readings:	Isaiah 60:1-9	(p. 700 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)
	John 2:1-11	(p. 89 of the New Testament in the pew bible)
Reader:	Vivienne Graves	
Office	The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig	
Preacher	The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig	
Hymns	96	Brightest and best of the sons of the morning
Psalm	98	(Page 471 of the small Prayer Book)
	103	O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
	98	From the Eastern mountains <i>Omit verses 4 & 5</i>
	95	Bethlehem, what greater city

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Wed 6th 10.15 am Holy Communion with the Giraffes class of St Michael's CE First School
- Thurs 7th 9.15 am Mini Michaels starts again after the holidays.

Next Sunday: 10th January The Baptism of Christ

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 43:1-7	(CW 775)
		Acts 8:14-17	(CW 776)
		Luke 3:15-17 & 21-22	(CW 776)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
11.15 am	Matins at Denwick		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662)	Isaiah 55:1-11; Romans 6:1-11	

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That we may offer the gifts God has given us back in his service

New beginnings

All children & teachers returning to school for a new term

The housebound & lonely

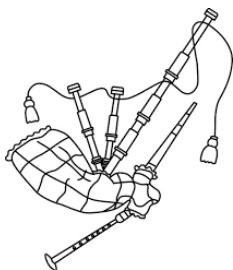
Our friends in Spitak

MINCE PIES AND MORE. Just a gentle reminder about the fund raising event for Spitak in January at Sue Wiltshire's house. All details are on a flyer for you to pick up from the back of church today. Please pop the afternoon of Wednesday 20th on your calendar. Thank you.

The **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** takes place 17-24th January. The weekday services at each of the churches are short and are a blend of hymns, prayers and readings. Please try to attend as many of these as possible. **Times and venues are:**

Sunday 17 th	St Paul's	Songs of Praise	6.00 pm
Monday 18 th	Baptist Church		6.15 pm
Tuesday 19 th	St James's U.R.C.		6.15 pm
Wednesday 20 th	St Michael's		6.15 pm
Thursday 21 st	Methodist Chapel		11.15 am
Friday 22 nd Jan	St Paul's		6.15 pm
Sunday 24 th Jan	St James's, Shilbottle		6.00 pm

Many thanks to all who have helped to make the **ALTAR FLOWERS** look so beautiful over the past year. The 2016 rota for this is now available in the Black Folder at the back of church. If you would like to help provide Altar Flowers for the coming year, perhaps in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion, please sign up against the date you wish. If you have any questions regarding this, please speak to Ann Brown or Enid Brown.



We look forward to our **BURNS NIGHT SUPPER** in the Parish Hall on Saturday 23rd January at 7.00pm. All the usual events, including traditional food, entertainment and the Address to the Chieftain O' the Pudding Race. The cost will be £10; please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church as soon as possible.

What a splendid occasion our **FAMILY CAROLS AND CHRISTINGLE** was on Christmas Eve. We had a capacity crowd with lots of children. Special thanks to Sainsbury's for kindly donating the oranges once again.



The next series of **FAITH AND LIFE** begins at the Vicarage a week on Monday (11th January). We look forward to another few weeks of fun and learning together. New faces always welcome.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Mon 11 th	7.00 pm	Faith and Life at the Vicarage
Tues 12 th Jan	7.30 pm	PCC meeting in Small Hall
Sun 17 th Jan	12.40 pm	Sunday Lunch in the Parish Hall

6.00 pm Songs of Praise at St Paul's, to mark the start of the
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Mon 18th Jan 10.00 am Standing Committee at the Vicarage
2.30 pm Pastoral Visitors Group at the Vicarage

Wed 20th afternoon Spitak fundraising event at Sue Wiltshire's home
6.15 pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity **at St Michael's**

Sat 23rd Jan 7.00 pm Burns Night supper in the Parish Hall
Save the date – should be a good evening!

Sun 24th Jan **The Conversion of Paul**

Thurs 28th Jan 7.30 pm PCC Finance Committee at the Vicarage

Tues 9th Feb 7.30 pm Pancake Party in Parish Hall.

Wed 10th Feb **ASH WEDNESDAY**
Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
at 10.15 am and 7.30 pm

May 2016 bring you much joy and happiness and may you know
God's blessing in your lives.

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I
may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied:
"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

Minnie Louise Haskins



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each pew. Thank you.**

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