

# Fellside News



November 2006

## Christmas Fayre

Start your Christmas shopping here!

Loads of stalls full of Christmas present ideas, with tea, coffee and lunches to help you browse.



Saturday  
November  
25th

10.00am - 1.00pm

## FRESH!

The new season of contemporary worship events organised by the young people are going great guns . . . and you don't have to be young to go!

The next two are on  
November 10th

December 8th

7.30pm

Be there!

## Spotlight On ... Liz Kent

Last time, Ian Bell told you of his impressions of Whickham and the north-east after a year in the region. Ian wasn't the only new minister to move here - Liz Kent, hubby Ian and little baby daughter, Ruth moved into Orchard Road about a week earlier! Liz tells us:

"It has been a busy, but great 14 months since we moved from Durham to Whickham. We arrived here with a 4 week old baby, a truck of boxes and an excitement about what God had in store for us. Ruth is now a 15 month old toddler, several of the boxes are still not unpacked and over the last 14 months we have seen God at work in the lives of people here, and so I'm still excited about what is yet to come.

Very few Methodist ministers have the opportunity of beginning a new appointment on maternity leave and I was determined to make the most of it! I got to experience what

it was like to explore Whickham as a new mum and it is amazing how many people will talk to you when you're pushing a buggy!



I met people who were new to the area, and people who had lived in Whickham all their lives and could remember when it was a small village. The friendliness of people who would say 'hello' in the street or smile as they walked past helped me feel welcome here really quickly.

The weeks flew by and on January 1st, I officially started as Associate Minister at Fellside

Methodist Church. It is a real privilege to be ministering at a church which is seeking to be what God wants it to be.

There is a warm welcome for anyone who comes to worship here on a Sunday, and though the morning and evening services are different they are both places where people experience the presence of God.

Within the church I have seen people who have a real commitment to care for one another and care for their neighbours. It has been exciting to spend time with groups of people of all ages who have a desire to grow spiritually, and in the last few weeks seeing people on the Alpha course explore the Christian faith, some for the very first time. Fellside also has a passion for engaging with the local community and sharing the love of Jesus in meaningful and practical ways."

## Keeping It 'Fresh'!

'Fresh' is a new venture for Fellside. Andrew Gordon explains:

'Fresh' is a peer led worship event designed to bridge the gap. Its aim is to equip and empower young people through relevant teaching, worship and prayer. 'Fresh' is based on the efforts of

young people, for young people, so they can make church what they want it to be. It addresses issues that are often overlooked in church that affect young peoples' daily lives.

Since it was set up, young people have been using their

gifts to make a youth service what they want it to be. It attracts around 30 people with more coming all the time and getting involved.

Please feel free to come along and get involved. If you would like more information contact: [freshconnection@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:freshconnection@hotmail.co.uk)

## Christmas Is Coming

... and Fellside's getting busy!

Here are some dates for your diary:

**Nov 25th** Christmas Fayre

**Dec 16th** Carols with Dunston Silver Band on Whickham Green 10.30am

**Dec 17th** Carols By Candlelight 6.15pm



**Christmas Eve Services**

10.15am; 6.15pm; 11.30pm

**Christmas Day Service**

10.00am

**New Year's Eve Service**

10.15am



## Great North Fellsiders

This year Fellside had two members competing in the Great North Run. This was David Hughes' 25th run and he was hoping to better his time of under 2 hours. Not bad for someone approaching 70! Unfortunately, a pulled hamstring just 2 miles in dashed those hopes, but he completed the run anyway at a slower pace.

Andy Smith ran again for St Oswald's Hospice. He completed in just 2 hours 12 minutes, and raised over £1000 for the hospice! Well done both of you - the nearest most of us get to it is watching it on the telly!

## 'If I Only Had A Brain .....



A weird thing happened in the streets around Fellside on our harvest Saturday at the beginning of October.

Scarecrows suddenly appeared in peoples' front gardens! There were a few residents mowing their lawns who thought we'd gone totally crazy, but the idea was to find all 14 of them, and solve a puzzle from clues pinned onto each scarecrow. We were pleased to have Councillors Alan and Marilyn Ord judging the scarecrows on their good looks, and over 100 people enjoyed the harvest supper and quiz night in the evening.



## Shoebox Appeal

From humble beginnings, the shoebox appeal has gone from strength to strength. Last Christmas, the charity *Samaritan's Purse* distributed over a million shoeboxes filled with gifts, to children in Eastern Europe and Africa. Fellside acts as a collection point for shoeboxes, and we will be sending them on their way at our special 'Shoebox Sunday' service this year. Details of how you can make up a shoebox can be found in the vestibule at Fellside or you can email: [info@fellside.co.uk](mailto:info@fellside.co.uk) or phone: 496 0072. Please note that Shoebox Sunday is the last date we can receive boxes.



**Shoebox Sunday**

**November 19th @ 10.15am**

## Prayer Requests

Fellside believes in the power of prayer. If you would like us to pray for anything important to you, please either email requests to [info@fellside.co.uk](mailto:info@fellside.co.uk) or phone 496 0072. There is soon to be a letter box at the church where you can post requests. We respect your privacy and confidentiality. Feel free to remain anonymous if you wish.

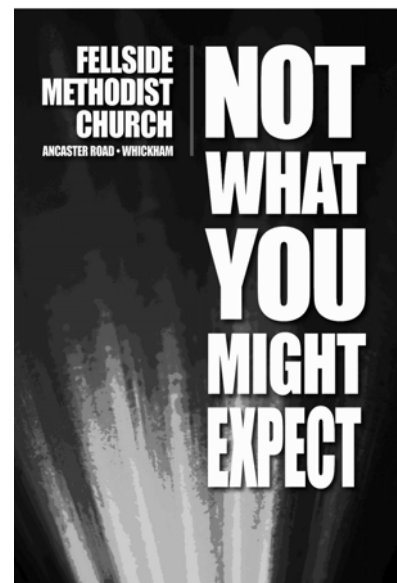
**Sunday Services**

Contemporary

Worship 10.15am

Traditional Worship

6.15pm



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