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Welcome to Worship at Fellside Church Sunday 2nd August 2026

Worship Services

Sunday August 2nd:	11am	Local Worship
	6:15pm	Rev Brigitta Steele
Sunday August 9th:	11am	Rev Neil Cockling
Sunday August 16th:	11am	Val Burn
	6:15pm	Amy Milburn
Sunday August 23rd:	11am	Amy Milburn
Sunday August 30th:	11am	David Campbell
Sunday September 6th:	11am	Rev Brigitta Steele
	4:00pm	US @ Whitehall Road

Circuit wide phone -in services

The regular Circuit wide phone -in services at **10.30am & 6pm** are continuing. Please contact Brigitta (see contact details above) if you would like further help in accessing these services

Warm Welcome Wednesday Coffee Morning - 10 - 12 every Wednesday Morning - free - everyone welcome.

Prayer Meetings at Fellside

From Wednesday 27th May, Fellside Church will hold a prayer meeting every last Wednesday in the month. It is so important that we bring our plans before God. This will be a time to reflect in prayer, not only for our church, but for our circuit and for ourselves. It will be held in the back room: please think about making prayer a priority. Thank you from your leadership team.

Prayer Space

The next Prayer Space will take place in the back room of church, 9.15 - 9.45 on 26th August. The structure is a psalm or prayer at the beginning and end, with prayer stations in between to help focus in silent prayer. No one has to stay the whole time: it is fine to dip in and out. Many thanks, Kay Zwolinska.

SHARE update

Many thanks to everyone who has supported and helped with SHARE in 2025 - 2026

We have helped 11 charities including Great North Air Ambulance, Royal Marines charity, Whickham Volunteer library and the MS society.

We have raised £2702.59 for these charities and £898.90 has gone into our Building Improvement Fund.

Just a reminder that there is no SHARE in August.

September 26th - Planting Up Whickham

October 31st - Friends of the Red Kite

November 28th - World Challenge

Thank you, Avril

Church Building/Finance Updates

Church Refurbishment

As you know we have secured a grant of £11,000 for a new church carpet and electrical works. We hope the preparation work will start after our harvest celebrations. We are also seeking opinions about removing the Dias, as Strathmore Road have done which would give us much needed space for our bouncy church service.

Connected to the refurbishment is replacing the chairs to something more manageable and you might be surprised to find that the church chairs have gone! We advertised them thinking it would take a while for them to go but the uptake was amazing and they have gone to a church in Middlesbrough.

Gardens

We have asked One Stage gardening to maintain our grounds. An initial tidy up and cut was £635 and each 3 weeks will be £135.

Grant

We will be receiving a grant £11,500 to facilitate new electrics and new flooring in our church. We are also purchasing new chairs for the church - costing approx. £8000

Rental Income

At the end of August, we will have received more than £17000 in rental income from September 25 - August 26. We are working hard with our rental groups and have built up great relationships with our building used every day for fitness groups, Slimming World, Baby classes, Pilates sessions and toddler groups.

Many thanks to Joy who coordinates all this.

Finance

As you know Lloyds bank currently charge us to pay cash into the bank - if you can I urge you to set up a standing order to Fellside Methodist Church or complete a bank transfer to support the work of our Church in Whickham.

If you would like more information then please speak to Avril (Treasurer)

Our bank details are

Fellside Methodist Church

Sort code 30 99 15

Bank Account 27834968

Many thanks, Avril



In the news we are seeing the impact of the heatwave in our country and further afield in Spain and France. Our climate is changing and we are needing to adapt to our changing climate. We need to be mindful of God's involvement in creation and our impact on it. It is His creation not ours.

You might like to use this hymn written by Pat Bennett who is a contributor to the Green Christian website (<https://greenchristian.org.uk>) as a prayer during August.

Creator God, abundant life your mark,
You once poured speech into the formless dark
And from those words sprang forth a living spark
Your inspiration – Awoke creation

Throughout this world, in which we live and move,
All that we sense below, around, above
Displays the imprint of your longing love
Its revelation – Throughout creation.

But yet the earth is fractured, frayed and torn,
Poisoned, polluted, ravaged, scarred and worn
Its treasures plundered and its beauties scorned
Our transformation – Of God's creation.

From blight and guilt, we cannot walk away
Our will and actions shape the world today
And ours the greed, insisting on its way,
Whose depredations – Despoil creation.

Come Holy Spirit, challenge mind and heart!
Inspire our living so that we will start
To make those choices which may yet impart
Love's liberation – To your creation.

We pledge to touch all things with holy care
Until your coming Kingdom ends despair
Then all the world will witness and will share
The jubilation – Of healed creation.

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We can also respond practically by ensuring that wildlife has suitable access to water. Here are some tips provided by A Rocha- the Christian environmental charity.

So, what can we do to ensure nature has a chance in these dry and hot times? Here are some of our top actions for wildlife.

1. Make sure you have a supply of water for birds and insects. Water stress is one of the biggest killers of wildlife during drought. Put a dish of water out and you will help to keep all kinds of wildlife hydrated. Insects, small mammals, birds and even badgers, foxes and deer will benefit. Putting a stone in a plant saucer will help bees to perch and drink without drowning.
2. Don't forget to continue to supply food for wildlife. Drought can mean that grains dry up faster and insect numbers reduce, so wildlife relies on us for extra support. Hedgehogs struggle to find invertebrates when the ground is dry, as worms move deeper down. Why not put out some hedgehog food too? Make sure it's from a reputable source like the RSPB shop.
3. Avoid cutting your grass. Keeping grass long will help retain moisture, provide a source of shelter for insects and mammals and keep the topsoil from blowing away.
4. Keep your bushes unpruned. Creating shaded areas will help reduce your garden's temperature, slowing the effects of drought.
5. Make sure you keep fruit trees well watered – with a can not a hose. Don't waste water trying to keep grass alive – instead, focus your attention on flowering and fruiting species. This will help to keep a food source for pollinating insects and for birds and other animals.
6. Adding mulch around trees, shrubs, and plants in your garden helps retain soil moisture, reduces watering needs during drought and improves soil health. Use organic mulch like grass cuttings, wood chips or straw, spread two to three inches deep and avoid direct contact with plant stems.

Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain at Fellside continues with four members. We exist to provide prayer support for anyone who needs us. All conversations are held confidentially which can be useful when some people prefer to share with a smaller group.

If our service is needed, please get in touch with Joy. We are always happy to have new people join our team of prayers. There are no meetings involved, we pray in our own way and in our own time.

Items for Refugees

Ian Ramsay has made several deliveries to Whitehall Road and has built up a good relationship with the people there. They are looking for: clothes, children's toys, house hold and small electrical items, plates, cutlery and any donations of food. If you are able to donate any of the above items they can be brought to the church or Ian can pick up. Items are dropped off at Whitehall Road every 2 to 3 weeks. You can contact Ian on 07714241959

Fellside Church - Social Media

We have a presence on Facebook - Fellside Church and X - @fellsideweb. Our website is also updated every week - it contains our newsletter, preaching plan, service details and more information about what is on at Fellside Church - fellside.co.uk.

We also have two WhatsApp groups - an information one and one asking for Prayers - if you would like to join WhatsApp and our groups speak to our leadership team and we can help you.

Newsletter - The Newsletter will be produced for the first Sunday of every month. If you would like anything included in the newsletter, please email fellsidenotices@btinternet.com by 9pm on Thursday 3rd September at the very latest. Thank you.