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Welcome to Worship at Fellside Church Sunday 3rd May 2026

Worship Services		
Sunday May 3rd:	11am	Local Worship
	6:15pm	Rev Brigitta Steele
Sunday May 10th:	11am	Rev Jona Sewell
Sunday May 17th:	11am	Rev Brigitta Steele
	4 pm	US @ Dunston
Sunday May 24th:	11am	Sandra Dixon
	6:15pm	Ruth Blundred
Sunday May 31st:	11am	Simon Zwolinski
Sunday June 7th:	11am	Local Worship
	6:15pm	Julia Winton

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 Meeting 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.

Circuit Zoom Prayer Meeting - Let's lift one another up in prayer and fellowship.

The weekly Circuit Zoom Prayer Meeting meets every **Thursday from 9:00–9:30am** for a time of prayer and connection.

Everyone is welcome—whether you'd like to join us weekly or just pop in when you're able. To receive the Zoom link, please email superintendent@swtynside.org.uk



Calling all knitters!

Our Tuesday evening Brownies would like to contribute to the knitted Remembrance Day Poppies, but many do not know how to knit. Their leaders have requested that anyone with skills and time to share might volunteer. This is a good way to support our uniformed organisations. Please speak to Seb or Kay for details. Thank you

April 2026 Finance Information

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to Standing orders to support the work of Fellside Church. We have paid £11.80 in fees to Lloyds Bank for cash and cheque payments. Ideally, I would like to reduce this so, if you able, it would be great if your collection could be paid by Standing order (this is free).

As all our bills increase, including Gas, Electricity, Methodist Insurance, Water and Photocopier costs I would ask to prayerfully consider increasing your giving to the work of Fellside Church. This will enable to continue improving our building, heating our Church and supporting missional work including Bouncy Church. If you would like help or more information then please speak to Avril.

This month we have paid £500 for our new hive heating control system; we received £233 from our local Liberal Democrat councillors for a new fridge freezer for the kitchen. We were unsuccessful in our grant application to Pride in Place for our kitchen renovation, we will continue looking for funding opportunities for this initiative.

We are currently investigating grant applications for new flooring in the Church.

Our next circuit assessment is due in May 2026 - £6611.

Our Bouncy Church is continuing and doing well - it costs £120 a month for our two Bouncy Castles.

If you would any more information about our finances then please contact Avril.



As we go into spring it is a good time to look out for God's creation as plants and animals visibly return in our lives. There are a number of events that you might like to take to participate to acknowledge the importance of the environment in our lives.

Walk To School Week – Monday 18th to Friday 22nd May 2026

Walk to School Week is a long-established annual campaign from sustainable transport charity Living Streets. It aims to encourage school pupils to travel sustainably to school every day of the week. If you want to know more about it click here [Walk to School Week](#) or go to the following website:

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school>

Water Saving Week – Tuesday 12th to Saturday 16th May 2026

Hosted by Waterwise, the leading independent voice in the UK for using water wisely, **Water Saving Week** is a week dedicated to conserving this precious natural resource. Click here to find out more [Water Saving Week](#) or go to this website:

<https://waterwise.org.uk/campaign/water-saving-week>

Connecting with God and Creation

Consider how the words of Psalm 65 celebrate God's love for creation then use the prayer as part of your worship.

Psalm 65

9 You care for the land and water it;
you enrich it abundantly.
The streams of God are filled with water
to provide the people with grain,
for so you have ordained it.^[d]
10 You drench its furrows and level its ridges;
you soften it with showers and bless its
crops.
11 You crown the year with your bounty,
and your carts overflow with abundance.
12 The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;
the hills are clothed with gladness.
13 The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain;
they shout for joy and sing.

A prayer for creation

*Lord, we pray 'Thy Kingdom come',
and this is a bigger prayer than we realise:
not just for your reign in our hearts;
not just for your rule in our world;
not just for the reunion of heaven and earth;
but also for the restoration of harmony
between created and Creator.
Lord, we want to work with you for this,
each and every day, because we recognise that
Christ in our hearts must also mean Christ at
the heart of the way we care for Planet Earth.
Amen*

**Fellside Methodist Church
SHARE community charity
coffee morning**



**Saturday 30th May
10-12 noon
for MS Society - Lucy GNR**

Around the Circuit

A circuit wide invitation to the Men's Breakfast group at SRMC which has now changed its name to **Men Behaving!**

The programme so far is:

23rd May Breakfast at the Bank Chopwell, followed by a stroll in Chopwell Wood.

20th June Speaker Fred Wright, my dad's part in WW2, meet at SRMC 9.00am

23rd July Gym visit Consett details to be confirmed.

All events at SRMC consist of a bacon sandwich, Tea/ Coffee donations welcome

External visits events Breakfast taken at participants own expense.

Property Mission Meeting on 13th May 2026 is to be held at SPOOR and not at Ravensworth Road as on the new plan for Mar - May 2026.

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

UKRAINE – Thank you to everyone who has donated to help those affected by the war in Ukraine. If you wish to continue to donate, the British Red Cross has a Ukraine Crisis Appeal web page.

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 Friday 5th June at the very latest. Thank you.