

## **Safeguarding**

We are committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults, to the care and nurture of everyone who is involved in the life of our church families, and to promoting the wellbeing of everyone in the wider communities which we serve.

If you are concerned that a child or adult has been harmed or may be at risk of harm please speak to our safeguarding officer, Karen Morsman (karen@alstonmoorcofe.org.uk or 07930 433407), or Andy (curate.andy@alstonmoorcofe.org.uk or 07375 905246), or contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (see website or noticeboards).

If you have immediate concerns about the safety of someone, please contact the police and your local authority Children or Adults Services at once. For more information and our Safeguarding Policy, see our noticeboards or [alstonmoorcofe.org.uk/safeguarding](http://alstonmoorcofe.org.uk/safeguarding)

Please drop Andy a message if you know of any important events coming up soon – or if you have any prayer requests/ intercessions, thanks.

Meet the ordinands!

<https://www.newcastle.anglican.org/news/meet-our-ordinands-2026.php>

Meet our Ordinands 2026



## **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026 First Sunday after Trinity**

### ***This week's readings***

#### **Genesis 12.1-9**

The call of Abraham and the promise to him by God is central to Israel's self-awareness. And for Christians, it is a picture of God's endless fidelity to his own – by which we live.

#### **Romans 4.13-25**

Abraham was the 'father' of Israel – in him its life as a people was seen to have begun. Paul seeks to show that he lived, as Christians must live, by faith and not by observance of the law. Abraham can therefore be also a hero for Paul's gentile converts, and so a forerunner of us all. Paul was giving an important olive branch to unite gentile converts with ex-Jews.

#### **Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26**

Jesus' love and acceptance are wide and deep, welcoming the outcasts of society and overcoming death itself. This is close to the heart of his gift to us.

### ***Thoughts for prayer & reflection:***

- ✘ Is habit a strength or a blockage for true religion? Or is it both?
- ✘ Abraham matters less to us than to Paul, but the primacy of faith still cries out.
- ✘ We rejoice in Jesus' breaking of all society's mean and conventional boundaries.

### ***Next week's readings***

**Genesis 18.1-15; Romans 5.1-8; Matthew 9.35-10.8**

### **Collect for the Week**

O God,  
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal  
nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Post Communion**

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Daily Offices**

n.b. Morning/Evening Prayer may not always take  
place  
Morning Prayer (9am Wed-Sat)  
Evening Prayer (5pm Wed, Thu, Sat) in St  
Augustine's, Alston and Zoom  
Evening Prayer, 6pm Fridays in St John's, Nenthead  
Night Prayer, 9pm Fridays on Zoom The Meeting ID  
code is 357 123 751  
Holy Communion, 12pm Thursdays in the Chat  
Room

### **Sunday services online**

Join us at 11am weekly on Zoom using the app –  
or, with an ordinary phone, dial 0203 051 2874.  
The Meeting ID code is 357 123 751

Or find us on YouTube –  
[youtube.com/@AlstonMoorParishChurches](https://www.youtube.com/@AlstonMoorParishChurches)

### **This week's meetings and information**

## **Andy's Ordination!**

*Come and celebrate Andy's ordination as Priest*

**Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>  
Newcastle Cathedral 11 am**

*Travel: a small minibus has been hired for those who don't  
have transport – let Andy know asap if you want to use this*

### **Afternoon Tea**

*We will be having afternoon tea at Low Byer Hotel from  
2pm – all welcome!*

## **Songs of Praise**

*Royal School of Church Music's Sacred Music Day*

*Come and help Richard Pattison celebrate 50 years as an organist  
and Church musician.*

**St Augustine's, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm  
Followed by refreshments**