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# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST NEWS

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## Alnmouth Arts Festival 2024 at St John the Baptist church





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**This year the church was once again a venue both inside and out. All ages participated, making the most of all on offer. A wonderful weekend !**





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Thank you to everyone who took part and joined us for an outdoor service during the Arts festival on Church green.

## Arts & Creativity

Celebrating, Thanksgiving & Blessing

An outdoor **service of celebration** during the Alnmouth Arts Festival weekend. Refreshments served afterwards ready for exhibitors to open at 10am. Visitors are very welcome, families and pets too!

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June

St John the Baptist Church 9:15AM





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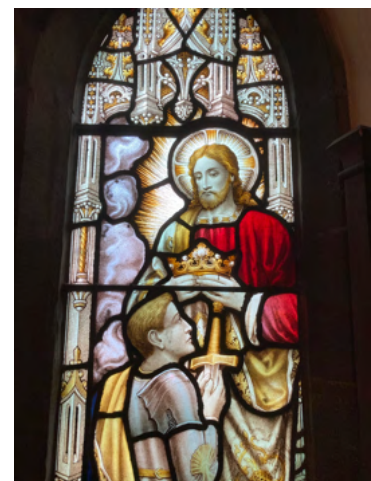


ST JOHN THE BAPTIST ALNMOUTH



**STAINED  
GLASS  
SUMMER**

***Come and  
see our  
wonderful  
windows!***



On sale at the back of church are printed cards displaying our lovely windows. Come in and have a look.





**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST ALNMOUTH**

**SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 6PM**

***LIVE MUSIC CONCERT***

*Talented local musicians playing works by  
Bach, Vivaldi, Mozart & Telemann*

**Tony Bird – violin**

**Ann-Britt Hedley – violin**

**Martin Dunn – flute**

**Isabel Morrison - piano**

**Alison Rudd – organ & flute**

*Interval with refreshments*

**Entry donations for organ repair fund**





# Services

Sunday 30th Benefice service 10.30am

Longhoughton

Sunday 7th July 9.15am Parish

communion

Sunday 14th Family worship 10.30am

Saturday 20th July Picnic church 4pm

church green

Sunday 21st Parish communion 9.15am



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Saint John the Baptist joined many churches around the country to mark the 80th anniversary of the Normandy landings by ringing the bell on the evening of 6th June.



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# St John the Baptist Alnmouth

Our Church by the Sea

Open to God, Open to All

## GIFT DAY APPEAL JUNE 2024

This annual appeal is always in June - the month we remember our patron saint, St John the Baptist. Many of you will already have had a letter delivered. If not a copy is included in this email telling you of things we've managed to achieve with the generous support of our community and friends; and what we hope to do next.

We need your help again! Lots of ways to make a gift including:

- 1. Use envelope (either one that came with your letter, or available in church) for cash, or cheque payable to "John the Baptist Alnmouth", then:**
  - Pop into church, open daily 8.00 am to 4.30 pm, and leave in the collection churn **or**
  - Drop it to our Treasurer: Liz Walford, 9 Alnwood, Alnmouth, NE66 3NN (*no cash in post please*).
- 2. Pay directly into our church account if you bank online:**

Account name: John the Baptist Alnmouth  
Sort code: 20-58-17  
Account number: 70106925  
Reference: Your name\*
- 3. Use our website [www.alnandcoastland.org](http://www.alnandcoastland.org):**
  - Click Alnmouth then scroll down to GiveALittle logo at the bottom.
- 4. Ask us to collect your gift or bring a card reader to you:**
  - Call 07831 334896 or email [stjohnthebaptistalnmouth@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnthebaptistalnmouth@gmail.com).
- 5. Contactless payment using your bank card or smartphone:**
  - In church, open daily 8.00 am to 4.30 pm. Instructions by the payment equipment or
  - Scan & donate via our GiveALittle QR code (also available in church).







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**Dear Friend of St John the Baptist , Alnmouth**

Thanks for all your support - we say it every year, but gifts of money, time, talents, commitment and encouragement from so many have kept the church in Alnmouth alive and active. As well as services, indoor and outside on Church Green, we held many events: summer fete; Christmas coffee morning; Lent lunch; Alnmouth Arts Festival activities and the village Christmas Lights Switch-On. A range of concerts for the organ repair and restoration fund were well received and are continuing throughout 2024. All these activities had positive impacts on village life, individual well-being and financially. Our grateful thanks to everyone.

**Our annual Gift Day is held in June, so we are again in touch to ask for your help.**

Local costs of church upkeep, holding services, churchyard maintenance and our work in the wider village community needs over £300 per week. With our added contribution to providing clergy, the total is more than the regular giving we receive. Longer-term maintenance, renewals and plans for the future add to the financial challenge.

Helped by your generosity, we made real progress last year. More noticeboards and posters to publicise what's on and be a church more easily seen to be welcoming and open; improving the sound system for inside and outside use; and coping with yet more storms – problems in the bell platform and the clock chamber from persistent driving rain. Your contributions enabled all this and also helped us to attract grants - many funders first need to see local financial support in place. Together these additionally resulted in: new handrails for the chancel step and removal of protruding pew platforms to create a level floor area at the front of church, improving accessibility, safety and versatile use of space; and installation of a shed so that at last we have sufficient storage.

**Gift Day 2024 is a vital part of our planning and every £ given is carefully put to use.**

Looking ahead and planning in faith, Gift Day is again to support priorities identified by community and congregation. Great news is we now have permissions for improving space at the back of church - more flexible and extending its uses for greetings, meetings, refreshments and displays; and for broadband, Wi-Fi; and digital display screens at the front for use in worship and for events. Donations have already given us a head start, but we have more money to find, so your 2024 Gift Day support can really help make things happen.

**If you would like to make a gift, the ways you can donate are shown on the next page.**

We'd also be delighted to hear about any time or talents you have to offer to help at any of the events we hold or at our services. We are short of hands to the pump and you would be made very welcome! Drop us a note, have a chat or email us at [stjohnthebaptistalnmouth@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnthebaptistalnmouth@gmail.com).

**With many thanks** Catherine Whyte (Churchwarden) and the PCC



Dear God,



As we embark on our summer holidays, we ask for  
Your guidance and protection.

Grant us joy, relaxation, and safety in our travels.

May we cherish time with loved ones and find peace in  
moments of rest. Help us return refreshed and grateful  
for Your many blessings.

Amen