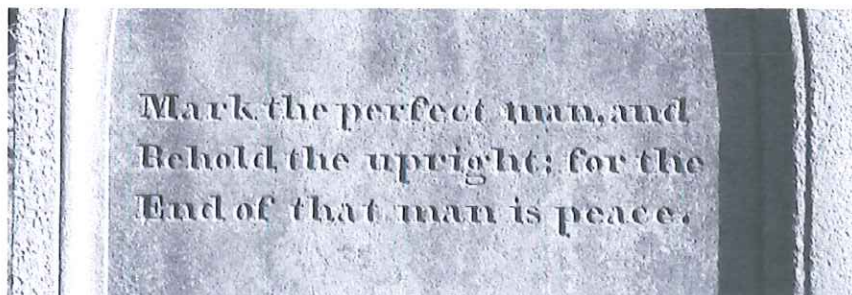


*"We're passing through, just you and I
Like passing clouds roll across the sky
Born to live and born to die
We're passing through, just passing by.
Like the summer sun and the winter's rain
Life brings its joys, life brings us pain.
Times we laugh and times we cry
Whilst passing through, just passing by.*

*Lawrence Hewer.
A Northumbrian National Trust Warden.*



From a tombstone in High Warden Churchyard, Northumbria

The Positive Priory Prayer:
*Living God, guide us as we share Your work
Stir us through inspiring worship
Help us in building the community
Lead us in sharing Faith
Committed to you, each other & Your world
Strengthened by Your Holy Spirit
& in the name of Jesus, Amen*

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Priory Prayer Diary

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The Methodist New Year

*Hard on the heels of the Annual Conference:
New appointments, new promises
New opportunities.
But the same Church*

SUNDAYS: The gift of a new chance

*"These are the gifts I ask of Thee; Spirit serene,
Strength for the daily task,
Courage to face the road,
Good cheer to help me bear the traveller's load,
And, for the hours that come between,
An inward joy in all things heard and seen ..."*

Henry Van Dyke

MONDAYS: Long summer days of friendship & families

We all appreciate a 'holiday', a time when we can indulge in new experiences, visit new places, make new friends, acquire new memories - let us not forget to relish the privilege and pray for those who aren't as lucky ...

TUESDAYS: Talents

It's the time of music festivals - of many different types - held across the country. Let us celebrate the talents of those who perform, who give of their individual creative spirit - and let us pray we can both appreciate nurtured talent and express our hope it will always be in Christ's name.

WEDNESDAYS: The less pleasant side

Despite our best prayers, parts of the world still suffer from atrocities, from inter-racial hatred, from fire & flood - especially in Texas. Let us pray for victims and their loved ones who are affected by these often desperate situations, and those who are able to offer assistance.

THURSDAYS: Stress?

Perhaps summer brings less cheerful times for some - the stress of illness, or the inability to manage 'time off'; maybe homelessness arising from many different reasons, or there's a potential loss of a job - let us pray for those for whom a holiday would therefore be an impossibility.

FRIDAYS: A new job?

There are plenty of opportunities for volunteers; we must pray for the 'spirit to move within us' - when the chance occurs or the need arises to 'lend a hand' and help, in the Junior Church, in the 'Food & Fun Club' or amongst our Uniformed organisations. - and in the spiritual life of the Church. Let us pray for guidance....

SATURDAYS: Passing by...

The one day in the week when so many people are able to choose what they do - the 'Monday to Friday' work-a-day world takes a breather - for some - and allows maybe just a few minutes, or even an hour or two; provides opportunities to 'do your own thing'. Let us pray that these moments are usefully deployed and thanks expressed in the name of the Lord for the gift of time.



Harvest - already happening in the local fields - will be conventionally celebrated on the 24th of this month.