

**Friday started with a fascinating talk by Olive Taylor - Tales of murder, marriage and other matters in Benwell :-**



**Then the Heritage and Environment Group had lunch at St Anne's Church :-**





**They visited the Castle Gate church on Melbourne Street with air raid shelters in the basement:-**



**Then visited Dunstan Staithes**





**Saturday saw the launch of the Felting Exhibition with other craft activities taking place :-**



# Heritage Open Days at St James' Church 2014

This year St James' Church is open for two days during the Heritage Open Days period.

## **Friday 12th September**

Open from 10am – 4pm for visitors.

Special event:

### ***Benwell Stories***

Tales of murder, marriage and other matters by Olive Taylor

*Come at 10 o'clock for coffee and scones*

*Talk starts at 10.30*

## **Saturday 13th September**

Open from 10am – 5pm for visitors

Special events:

### ***Launch of the Benwell & Scotswood Felting Exhibition***

*11 o'clock: Official opening of the exhibition of felting pictures of the area's past, present and future - with arts and crafts activities for you to try out*

### ***Historic churches: their use and re-use***

*2 o'clock: Talk by Cyril Winskell*

### ***Guided tour of St James' Church***

*3 o'clock: guided tour by Olive Taylor*