



Ellastone Monday Club



Monday, 2 October 2017

Alaska – Land of the Midnight Sun



Kaye Burnett will be talking about her trip to **Alaska**.

2.30 in the Parish Hall and all are welcome.

Admission is £2 to include tea and biscuits

Why is Alaska called the *Land of the Midnight Sun*?

During the summer, the earth's axis tilt exposes the northern parts of our planet to more sunlight. The amount of time under sunlight increases as you go farther north.

Alaska is the northernmost state, and part of it is above the Arctic Circle. From that point north, every year includes at least one day of 24-hour sunlight (and a day of 24-hour darkness).

Even though most of the state is below the Arctic Circle, days are still incredibly long during the summer, with more than 20 hours of sunlight and twilight. Near the solstice in late June, it will not appear to get dark at all, even though there is sunset; the sun is still close enough to the horizon to provide light.