

FOR ALL OF OUR READERS

The North Tyne and Redewater Choral Society (NTRCS)

The North Tyne and Redewater Choral Society was formed over 40 years ago with the aim of providing an opportunity for singers 'up the valleys', and from further afield, to join together in singing a wide range of choral music in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

The choir's 35 or so members have just completed another year and have performed three concerts – a Spring Concert with Rossini's 'Petite Messe Solennelle' (when we were joined by professional soloists and instrumentalists), a lighter Summer Concert as part of Chollerton Church's Flower Festival, and the Christmas Concert, when we celebrated the 100th birthday of Benjamin Britten with his 'Ceremony of Carols', again with a professional accompanist in Michael Haynes, formerly Director of Music at Hexham Abbey.

While our numbers have held up reasonably well over the last few years, we all inevitably have to accept that we're none of us getting any younger, and we believe that the continuation of groups like the NTRCS is essential in the lives of the communities it seeks to serve in the future. It's always fun to learn new music and to sing together, and we're hoping that - by writing to you through your church newsletter - we might encourage more people to give singing a try. There's no audition to join – just a desire to sing some of the rich repertoire of choral music that's out there ready to be performed!

We would love to hear from you – please contact Ann Wainwright on (01434) 230464 or Marilyn Grant on (01434) 681596 for more information, or come along to one of the rehearsals for our new season, on **Mondays at 7.30pm in Bellingham Middle School Hall.**

Our next project is to learn and perform Handel's 'Coronation' Anthems, and Mozart's 'Coronation' Mass in C, both with a professional orchestra and soloists.



The Broadsheet February 2014



for the parishes of Humshaugh
with Simonburn & Wark, and
Chollerton with Birtley,
Gunnerton & Thockrington

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HUMSHAUGH BENEFICE

Humshaugh Vicarage

Dear Readers,

Bishops and the Parochial System

In the coming months we look forward to two Bishops' visits to this Benefice: firstly, Bishop Martin is coming to lead us in a service of Holy Communion, to be celebrated at **St Peter's Humshaugh at 10.30am on Sunday 23rd February**. Later in the summer we look forward to Bishop Frank coming to hold a Deanery Confirmation at **St Mungo's Simonburn on the morning of Sunday 27th July**.

These two visits, for rather different purposes, will both be important occasions, each reminding us of the nature of the Church of England.

The tradition of our Church, since Anglo Saxon times, has been to encourage a fairly independently spirited clergy to minister, in co-operation with local people, in distinct geographical areas. Over the years that system has shown both strengths and weaknesses, and the degree to which it has been successful is known only to God! Every 'system' involving human beings needs its 'checks and balances'. At their worst, both clergy and parishioners can become remarkably insular in their outlook, and can come to overly treasure 'their' way of doing things. Our Bishops exercise their ministry to remind us that we are part of something bigger and more dynamic than a village club or a gathering of the like-minded.

Coming together for Bishop Martin's February visit will not only represent a welcome change in our monthly routines, it will remind us that we are part of a greater whole. Over the years, Bishop Martin has attended two Lambeth Conferences; he has several times visited our 'twin Diocese' overseas; and for a good number of years he has attended the House of Lords, bearing the needs of the North East in his heart. Whatever he may choose to say to us on February 23rd, he will come among us not merely as our local leader, but also as part of a fellowship of Bishops whose concerns are both national and international. His presence will also remind me that whatever we clergy may say or do, our authority, and privilege, to minister amongst you is delegated by our Diocesan Bishop. It will also serve to remind Churchwardens that though elected by you, they are the Bishop's Officers in the Parishes.

Bishop Frank's visit to administer Confirmation will add another dimension to Bishop Martin's earlier visit. Whilst the Confirmation Service will be intensely personal to those being confirmed, it will serve also as a further reminder of the limits to parochialism. That a representative of the College of Bishops, a world-wide body, should admit individuals into communicant membership of the Church, is yet another reminder that they are not getting into a 'village club' for the like-minded. Whilst we hope and pray that those

Other Church services within the Chollerton Benefice

Barrasford Methodist Chapel: Services at 6.30pm each Sunday in February.
Great Swinburne: St Mary's RC Church Holy Mass at 10.15am every Sunday.

Chollerton WI

Chollerton WI's 2nd Birthday Party, 7.30p.m. Wednesday 5th February.
Pooled supper. Please bring along any ideas for future speakers and activities.

Pauline

Friends of Chollerton Churches

It was sad to learn of the passing in December of our Patron, Paul Torday, after a long illness.

The news came shortly before the Carols in Chipchase Castle Chapel, which Paul's widow, Penelope, and family, felt should continue as planned.

Whilst Paul was unable to take any active part in the Friends' activities, he nevertheless gave a great deal of help, being instrumental in introducing the Committee to the producers of the film "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen". We feel sure that the family connection with the Friends will continue through Jonathan and Zoe Elkington at Chipchase.

Turning to Friends' activities in 2014, be sure to book your places for the Gourmet Evening on 14th February at the Barrasford Arms.

If you have ever thought of having a day at the races, then make a note of 3rd May for The Heart of All England Race Meeting. Our President Charles Enderby has made a box available. Tickets will be £20 including wine and sandwiches. More details to be announced.

Ken Carlisle, Chairman

New Scout Group

The new Barrasford Scouts Group will be holding weekly Cubs and Beavers sessions in Barrasford Village Hall on Tuesday evenings, 5.30 – 6.30pm.

Children aged, 5 – 10 years old, can come along and see what Scouting is all about!! Lots of fun, games and activities.

For further information please call Group Leader:

Paul Mordue, 07966 902530, or email: pmordue@hotmail.com

Birtley Village Hall

Birtley & District Gardening Group

Tuesday February 11th at Birtley Village Hall

7.30pm for 7.45pm

'Plants with Attitude'

with Neil and Sue Huntley

Hartside Nursery Garden

(Plants will be available to purchase)



The group always welcomes new visitors or prospective members whether experienced or rookie gardeners.

The annual membership for 2013/14 season is £20.00

Guests/single talks £4.00

Coffee Morning

Thursday 6th February from 10.30am

Delicious coffee, home bakes and great conversation guaranteed!



Birtley Local History Group

Wednesday 19th February

Neville Geddes,

'History of Kielder Forest'

To be held at the Village Hall, Birtley

Further details from Mary White 01434 230307



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to be confirmed will feel secure in the life of the individual churches from which they are presented, we also have a duty to anticipate that their communicant life may, eventually, be lived out far away from here. That means that we must prepare our candidates not for Church life as it is in a particular village, but as it might be in other places. It also means that we have a duty to regulate our local choices so that our worship does not seem overly strange to communicant members of our Church moving here from other areas.

Despite the importance of the Bishops' role in bringing us a sense of connectedness in world-wide communion, they would be disappointed if we saw that fellowship as an end in itself. The connectedness that comes through our Bishops' ministry is primarily a **connectedness with God** Himself. The Anglican family struggles to maintain its unity across the Globe, not in a spirit of 'latter-day imperialism', but so that those of God's children who have been brought up in a particular way may never be too far from a 'hearth and home' where He is honoured

With every good wish,

Michael Thompson

I should be delighted to hear from anyone in Humshaugh, Simonburn or Wark who would like to think about being prepared for the July Confirmation. The detailed arrangements for confirmation preparation will depend on the circumstances of those who would like to be confirmed. MT

From our registers

On January 14th a considerable gathering of friends and neighbours met in Humshaugh Church to join the Family of **Mrs Joy Finney** as they celebrated her life, and commended her into the hands of God. After the service in Church, Joy was cremated at Newcastle, and her mortal remains now rest in Humshaugh Churchyard.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Joy's husband, Peter, and with James and Suki and their families in their sadness, and with a wide circle of friends who share their sense of loss. Joy had borne a wearisome illness with incredible courage and cheerfulness, and we must not forget that example, nor all that she has done in the life of this community over the years. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Information for the next Broadsheet

Please send any information about Humshaugh, that you would like including in the next Broadsheet, either to 681463 (Liz Hayward's answerphone) or by email to: nick.hayward310@btinternet.com.

Round and about Humshaugh

A wonderful piece of local memorabilia has come into the hands of one of the members of Humshaugh Cricket Club: a poster advertising 'picnic & sports' in aid of the cricket club, on Saturday July 16th 1898!

The venue was advertised as 'a field kindly granted for the occasion by Mr Shanks, Brunton'. The sports included a 'bicycle handicap ... for competitors who have never won a prize' with a first prize of a silver-mounted inkstand. There is a separately listed 'ladies bicycle handicap' with a first prize to the value of 7 shillings and sixpence (37.5 pence to the younger reader!) And if you still hadn't been able to amaze the crowds with your cycling prowess, there was another 'consolation bicycle race' with one prize, 5 shillings in value! The band of 'A Hexham Company, 1st VBNF under the conductorship of Mr E C Nixon' was 'in attendance' but whether it provided the music for the also-announced 'Ball .. held in the marquee in the evening, commencing 8.30' is not entirely clear. And an intriguing final warning on the notice – 'No Costermongers Allowed' [a street seller or hawker - Ed] . I bet Dick Moules has seen off a few costermongers in his time!!

Whilst we don't expect anyone still living in the village to have attended the event (!), club secretary, Nick Hayward (nick.hayward310@btinternet.com / 681463), would be delighted if anyone could shed light on: 'Mr Shanks, Brunton'; the possible location of his field on which the event took place; the whereabouts of the silver-mounted inkstand; the initials VBNF, etc. It is hoped that a photograph of the poster will be displayed on the club website soon (<http://humshaugh.play-cricket.com/>), and perhaps a copy made for the village archives, the cricket club section of which is slowly growing.

The members of Humshaugh Mothers' Union had their first meeting of the year in the form of a Communion Service in St. Peter's, led by the Revd. Canon Michael Thompson. All the Christmas decorations were still in place – it made for a very special service. Tea in the vicarage followed, which was also very Christmassy. It is so good of the 3 members who come all the way from Kielder to every meeting; we do all appreciate that. Our February meeting will be held on the 6th at the Jacots' house, when Margret will be giving a Powerpoint talk about Syria - a very interesting but also poignant subject. The meeting will start at 2pm and, as always, anybody is very welcome.

2013 was the third year of the Humshaugh Swallow Project. Due to a much drier and warmer summer, our swallows have had a good year. This year a total of 91 new birds were ringed. 79 of these were nestlings and 12 were adult birds caught near the nest. We monitored 22 nests in 14 different gardens; eight of our pairs went on to raise second broods. The productivity was high with most pairs raising five chicks in a brood and two pairs raising six. In total 173 nestling swallows have been ringed since 2011.

No charge is made for the meal; each time participants will be invited to give a donation to the two charities being supported this year: the Cedarwood Trust in the morning session, and Kids for Kids (in Sudan) for the evening session. It is perfectly fine to split the donation between both charities.

I am grateful to Geraldine and Derek and Alison for agreeing to host this year.

Further details from Mike (681721; chollertonvicar@gmail.com or via Facebook)

Community Events in Gunnerton Church

Gunnerton Lunch Club

Wednesday 26th February at 12noon £2.50 12noon-1.00pm

Delicious homemade soup, pudding, tea or coffee and Raffle, and, as always, good conversation.



Bookings for Gunnerton Church can be made by contacting Susan Reay on 01434 681852

Barrasford Village Hall News

Deb Haycock reports that the Main Hall will be closed for 2 weeks beginning 3rd February. for lifting and replacement of the floor. The Supper Room and Kitchen are still available during the 2 weeks.

For further information on Hall events etc, read the weekly "Chollerton Notes" in the Courant, and the monthly "What's On" bulletin in the village notice boards.

You can also join Barrasford Village Hall on Facebook.

Chollerton First School

would like to Invite you to share worship with us on

Thursday 6th February at 2.50pm

Our theme is: Love

Refreshments to follow.

Forthcoming events in Chollerton Benefice Churches

Messy Church...

...meets again on Saturday March 15th at 3pm, for messy but creative activities, simple prayer and worship, and a lovely family meal. All warmly welcome as usual. No meeting in February.

Confirmation

A service of Confirmation will be held in the deanery in July 2014 (see page 2). If you would be interested in being confirmed then please speak to me to see what would be involved. In previous years that has been a course for adults (seven this year) to explore the Christian faith, and a similar but shorter course for young people aged over ten.

Mike (01434 681721)

Time Out for Reflection

at Buteland Bothy, Friday 4th April, 10.00am - 2.30pm

After an introduction to the theme, 'The Lord is my Shepherd', there will be time to reflect quietly indoors or outdoors (be prepared for all weathers!), followed by lunch together and a short time of worship before returning home.

Apply soon to Alison Williams on 01434 220389

Lent Bible Study Course

The Lent Bible Study Course begins on Wednesday 12th March at 7.00pm, at 7 Chishillways, Barrasford, with a simple meal of soup and bread, and on Thursday 13th March at 11.00am, at Buteland House nr Birtley (NE48 2EX), ending with a simple lunch of soup and bread.

There are five sessions, and, including the meal, we should be finished in two hours.

You will be warmly welcomed at each session. Please sign up on the lists which have been placed in each of the Chollerton Benefice churches, or email or message me if you would like to come. Course booklets greatly enhance the engagement with the sessions and cost £3.40. This year's course is entitled; '*Build on the rock: Faith, doubt – and Jesus.*' Contributors on the CD this year are: Rev'd David Gamble (Methodist minister), Rev'd Joel Edwards (Director of the Micah Challenge), Dr Paul Gooder (CofE Lay Reader and New Testament Scholar), and the Rt Rev'd Richard Chartres (Bishop of London).

We also caught two returning birds. An adult female swallow, first ringed in 2011, was caught at a different nest site in 2013. This bird had not been seen in 2012. We also re-caught a male swallow at the same nest in 2013 as he had been ringed as an adult in 2012.

Thank you to everyone who has allowed us access to their gardens and outbuildings; without your help this project could not work. If anyone else would like to help with this project, or if you have swallows in your garden that we could monitor, please do let Tina Wiffen know on 01434 681051, mobile 07717574151, or email malinka1999@btinternet.com

The wildlife group are planning a quiz for February, which will be held in The Crown on 18th at 8pm, hosted as usual by Peter Linnett. All money raised will go towards funding wildlife activities in the village. Watch this space for details of the 2014 programme.

The Governors and staff of Humshaugh C of E First School would like to invite friends, previous pupils and parents to the occasion of Mrs Angela Steele's retirement party. This will take place at the school on Friday 28th March from 3.30 until 6 pm. Please come along and join with us to wish Angela well in her retirement, after a long and successful teaching career, and leading our school for the last nine years.

Finally, don't forget that the village shop has a shelf-full of novels for people to take and read - the hope being that if you take a book you will replace it with another, perhaps inserting a critique of the book in your own words. Yet another great addition to our community enterprise – the shop is so much more than just a place to shop!

Elizabeth Hayward

SHROVETIDE PARTY - Tuesday 4th March at 7pm

We would like to invite you and your family and friends to our Shrovetide Party to be held in Humshaugh Village Hall. Refreshments will be served at 7pm - free of charge - with entertainment to follow at 7.30pm.

The title this year will be 'Pineapple Poll', which allows for lots of music and dance, with colour and flair, when considering a stage production! That is what we have in mind, so anyone who would like to contribute to the entertainment please contact one of us directly.

There will be an opportunity during the evening to contribute to charitable organisations, including 'Help for Heroes', which gives practical direct support to wounded servicemen and women.

DO COME AND ENJOY THE EVENING

John McCollum & Liesbeth Langford

Simonburn Notes

The winter months are always quiet in Simonburn and there is little to report other than to pass on a big thank you to all those people who supported the Christmas festivities in the village. All church services were well attended and it was lovely to see the younger members of the community taking a more active role in the Services. I hear that there was a special visitor in the village on Christmas Eve, and thanks must go to those who helped Santa find time in his busy schedule to call on us.

“*Mud, mud, glorious mud...*” - that’s what we are driving through at the moment in Simonburn, as the roads are being dug up for a new water supply to be laid. Apparently it is likely to last about two to three months. The good news is we will have a good supply of water when the work is finished.

Finally I would like to extend a warm welcome to Grant and Stacey who have recently moved from Cumbria into Red Lion Terrace.

Best wishes.

Pat Fairless

Wark Parish News

It is difficult to believe February is here. The dark days of January are now behind us. Although we do celebrate the arrival of The Kings, January is a dark, dreary month. I listened to a sermon the other week where it was said we should say *Kings* rather than *three Kings*, as there is no place in the Bible where it says how many Kings or Magi were present. Their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh resonate with hymn writers to make us believe there were only three.

Anyway, back to the point: how wonderful Wark looked this Christmas, with many households joining in the spirit of being enlightened by the light of the world. The carols on the village green were superb, and yes, Santa did arrive. He certainly was a busy gentleman that night. Just as well he has many helpers.

The Carol Service at St Michael’s on Sunday 22nd December was happy and delightful. It was a joy to hear the younger generation of the Parish reading poems, alongside the traditional bible readings. The slightly younger of your two writers was delighted to welcome Bishop Steven Pedley to conduct the service. His entrance, with crozier and suitcase in hand, was a little like the arrival of Mary Poppins (which the younger writer has just watched on television). It was a spoonful of sugar. A great evening in a beautifully decorated church. Many comments were also made on Christmas morning regarding the decoration. Well done to all concerned.

remembering them we could recount tales to make us smile, achievements in their lives for us to celebrate, and people left behind who miss them deeply.

I hoped that, in the midst of loss, there would be an additional reason to celebrate each future Christmas, when the families and friends of these three men would bring them to mind and celebrate once again the memory of their lives. I know that all three would want us to raise a glass to them. All had grandchildren, and Ted great-grandchildren. Those children are the future, a lasting legacy of hope, energy, joy and inquisitiveness – and with the potential to change the world for the good of us all.

When I go into Chollerton School I see all those qualities in the children there. It is just wonderful to see the honest, trusting nature of the children, so ably encouraged by their parents and staff who work together for their education.

We have said goodbye to Sue Wildsmith as she enters a well-deserved retirement. With Hazel Davey taking on the reins as head teacher, we shall no doubt see some changes – I hope we do because that is a sign that she is starting to make her positive mark on the school.

One such change is a completely new initiative: elsewhere in the Broadsheet (page 13) you will see a little advert about the first termly service which will be held in the school, led by the children and ably assisted by the staff. I have been invited to take part, which I am very much looking forward to. The first service is on Thursday 6th February at 2.50pm. It will be finished by 3.15pm – guaranteed, because some of the children will be catching their bus or taxi! Everybody is welcome to come: parents, grandparents, friends and neighbours – anybody who is young at heart or could do with being given a little joy, hope and energy in their lives. Perhaps those who find it difficult to get to church may like to come. Refreshments will be served afterwards, thanks to one of the governors. The theme this time is ‘Love’ – well it will nearly be St Valentine’s Day!

We all hope to see you there.

With love,

Mike



Funerals and Memorial Services



We celebrated the lives of:

William Edward (Ted) Richardson, 80, at Barrasford Methodist Chapel on Thursday 19th December

Paul Laszlo Torday, 67, at Chollerton St Giles on Monday 23rd December

Robert Johnson, 65, at Chollerton St Giles on Monday 23rd December

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Details	Pg
Wed 12 Mar	7:00 pm	Lent Bible Study Course, 7 Chishillways, Barrasford; meal of soup and bread	12
Thu 13 Mar	11:00 am	Lent Bible Study Course, Buteland House nr Birtley (NE48 2EX); lunch of soup and bread	12
Sat 15 Mar	3:00 pm	Messy Church, Barrasford Village Hall, messy but creative activities, worship, family meal. All warmly welcome.	12
Wed 19 Mar	1:15 - 3:15 pm	Wark School Science Afternoon, part of National Science & Engineering Week.	7
Fri 28 Mar	3:30 - 6:00 pm	Mrs Angela Steele's retirement party, Humshaugh school	5
Fri 4 Apr	10:00 am - 2:30 pm	Time Out for Reflection at Buteland Bothy; contact: Alison Williams, 220389	12
Sat 3 May		Friends of Chollerton Churches: Heart of All England Race Meeting, Hexham Race Course	15
Wed 14 May		Wark Charity Lunch Silver Jubilee, to support Tynedale Hospice at Home: Ann Bell, 230259	6
Sun 27 Jul	11:00 am	Deanery Confirmation at St Mungo's Simonburn	2

CHOLLERTON BENEFICE

Mike Slade's letter

Chollerton Vicarage

Dear friends,

Is there a good time to have a funeral? Something or other about the timing will not be quite right. Those of us who have lost a loved one near Christmas will find that the loss can be at odds with the overbearing insistence that we be 'jolly'. To have three families - Ted's, Paul's and Robert's - challenged in this way, and all especially close together and to Christmas, was difficult for us all. That they all lived in Barrasford, within about 500 yards of each other, made it more poignant.

These were three fine men; all quite different; all with special and unique gifts; all who made a positive contribution and mark on this world. In

There can hardly be a household in the Parish that will not have been touched by the sad death of Mary Maddick on 31st December. Mary was an energetic lady who would help and join in whenever and wherever requested, and who also had the amazing ability to recall all the names of your family. Many from the Parish attended the service in St Mary's Hexham to celebrate her life. Our thoughts and prayers are with Graham and the extended family at this sad time.

The latest school newsletter brings to our notice the fact that Mrs Robbins has a creative project in hand requiring large plastic drinks bottles and cardboard tubes. The mind boggles - we look forward to seeing the outcome! There will be a science afternoon on Wednesday 19th March between 1.15pm and 3.15pm, when all are welcome to come along to the school. This is part of National Science and Engineering Week.

Copy deadline day for this edition of The Broadsheet coincides with the Wark Festive Meal for senior citizens, so the slightly younger of your two writers has spent the morning with lots of helpers setting up for this. If he has time and is capable after returning home, he will add a footnote to let you know how it all went - before pushing the send button on the PC. The slightly older of your two writers is sorry not to be making it this year, however he has requested a take away! (Footnote early next morning, to say all went well and many thanks to all who helped to make the evening such a great success - I need the day off work to recover!)

The Ladies Guild meet at Ann Bell's on Monday 3rd February when they could even be discussing the Garden Fete!

Monday 20th January was a very special date for one lady in the parish when Ethel Cairns celebrated her 90th birthday! No matter what the weather, you will always find Ethel in St Michael's when there is a service. Ethel is a tonic and a great inspiration to all.

So 2014 - what will it bring? Challenges are a certainty. Those challenges at St Michael's will become apparent as the year progresses. It is awful knowing a little more than you should with the challenge of keeping your mouth shut. Time will tell, and readers please be assured that we shall be the first to keep you informed.

So it comes back to one of these recently received church bulletins to provide the final thought this month. *Honk if you love Jesus; text while driving if you want to meet him.*

Until we chat again what more can or should we say?

Love

Cyril and John

SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2014

Benefice of Chollerton	Benefice of Humshaugh
Sunday 2nd February - Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	
9:00 Gunnerton Holy Communion 10.30 Birtley Holy Communion	9:30 Humshaugh Holy Communion 1662 11:00 Simonburn Holy Communion 6:00 Wark Holy Communion 1662
Old Testament: Malachi 3, 1-5 Gospel: Luke 2, 22-40	Epistle: Hebrews 2, 14-end Psalm: 24, 7-end
Sunday 9th February - 4th Sunday before Lent	
9:00 Thockrington Holy Communion 10:30 Chollerton Holy Communion	9:30 Humshaugh Holy Communion 11:00 Simonburn Morning Prayer 6:00 Wark Holy Communion
Old Testament: Isaiah 58, 1-9a Gospel: Matthew 5, 13-20	Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2, 1-12 Psalm: 112, 1-9
Sunday 16th February - 3rd Sunday before Lent	
9:00 Gunnerton Holy Communion 10.30 Birtley Holy Communion	9:30 Humshaugh Holy Communion 1662 11:00 Simonburn Holy Communion 6:00 Wark Holy Communion 1662
Old Testament: Deut. 30, 15-end Gospel: Matthew 5, 21-37	Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3, 1-9 Psalm: 119, 1-8
Sunday 23rd February - 2nd Sunday before Lent	
9:00 Thockrington 1662 Communion 10:30 Chollerton Holy Communion	10.30 Humshaugh, Benefice Holy Communion with Bishop Martin
Old Testament: Genesis 1, 1 to 2,3 Gospel: Matthew 6, 25-34	Epistle: Romans 8,18-25 Psalm: 136
Sunday 2nd March - The Sunday next before Lent	
9:00 Gunnerton Holy Communion 10.30 Birtley Holy Communion	9:30 Humshaugh Holy Communion 1662 11:00 Simonburn Holy Communion 6:00 Wark Holy Communion 1662
Old Testament: Exodus 24, 12-end Gospel: Matthew 17, 1-9	Epistle: 2 Peter 1, 16-end Psalm: 99

SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2014

Benefice of Chollerton	Benefice of Humshaugh
Wednesday 5th March - Ash Wednesday	
7.30 Gunnerton Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes	11.00 Holy Communion at Westacres, Wark 6.30 Simonburn Holy Communion 7.30 Humshaugh Holy Communion
Old Testament: Isaiah 58:1-12 Gospel: John 8:1-11	Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Psalm: 51:1-18

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Mon 3 Feb		Wark Ladies Guild meet at Ann Bell's to discuss the Garden Fete	7
Wed 5 Feb	7:30 pm	Chollerton WI, 2nd Birthday Party. Pooled supper.	15
Thu 6 Feb	10:30 am	Coffee Morning, Birtley Village Hall; coffee, home bakes, great conversation	14
Thu 6 Feb	2:00 pm	Humshaugh MU: talk on Syria by Margret Jacot - at the Jacots' house	4
Thu 6 Feb	2:50 - 3:15 pm	Chollerton School Termly Service, on 'Love', led by the children. All welcome.	11
Tue 11 Feb	7:30 pm	Birtley & District Gardening Group, Birtley Village Hall: 'Plants with Attitude' with Neil & Sue Huntley	14
Fri 14 Feb		Friends of Chollerton Churches: Valentine's Evening Gourmet Meal, The Barrasford Arms	15
Tue 18 Feb	8:00 pm	Humshaugh Wildlife Group Quiz, The Crown Inn, hosted by Peter Linnett	5
Wed 19 Feb		Birtley Local History Group, Village Hall: 'History of Kielder Forest' with Neville Geddes. Contact: Mary White 230307	14
Wed 26 Feb	12:00 - 1:00 pm	Gunnerton Lunch Club, homemade soup, pudding, drinks and Raffle; £2.50	13
Tue 4 Mar	7:00 pm	'Pineapple Poll' Shrovetide Party, Humshaugh Village Hall. Refreshments from 7pm, entertainment at 7.30pm	5