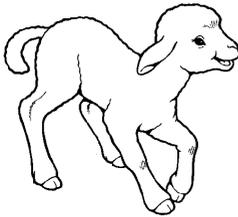
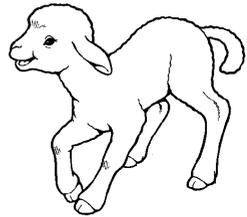


The Broadsheet

April



2014



for the parishes of Humshaugh
with Simonburn & Wark, and
Chollerton with Birtley,
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HUMSHAUGH BENEFICE

Humshaugh Vicarage

Dear Readers,

Christ is risen, we are risen

One of the most stirring Easter hymns proclaims, “*Christ is risen, we are risen*”. It’s worth noticing the language of that affirmation: firstly that it is present tense; both Jesus’ victory and our new life are placed in the ‘here and now’; secondly, the choice of the word ‘risen’ implies some sort of lifting up.

So far as the timing in the present is concerned, we are being reminded that events in a garden on the outskirts of Jerusalem, long years ago, cast both light and shade over our ‘here and now’, and relate to our destiny beyond this mortal life. We do well to remember that in the Gospel accounts of the first Easter, Jesus was not always instantly recognised; Mary initially mistook him for the Gardener, and the two disciples on the Emmaus road did not realise who they had met until He disappeared from their sight! It is hardly surprising, then, that so few people would claim to have an absolute and detailed certainty of exactly what our living Lord is like. For the majority of Christian people, the presence of Jesus is like a ray of sunshine here and a shadow there; real enough yet curiously elusive. That reminds us of why ‘faith’ plays such an important part in Christianity, and it also reminds us of the general importance of things that cannot be ‘shovelled up and measured’; things like happiness, contentment, peace and suchlike. At Easter we celebrate the permanent rekindling of the ‘Light’ which came into the World at the first Christmas, and we recognise that, because we are still in the World, shadows are often cast.

But we also remember the choice of this word ‘risen’ to describe Easter events. We are reminded that, at Easter, Jesus was ‘lifted up’ from mortality to immortality, and from being the associate of a small group, to being the constant companion of an infinite number of souls.

We are also lifted up to take a wider view of life, the world about, and in some degree to see beyond the horizon into the life of the world to come.

May yours be a joyous and happy Easter.

Michael Thompson

Retirement of Dr Neville Keep

It is intended to arrange some form of public recognition of Dr Keep’s many years of kindly care for his patients across our scattered communities, to mark his retirement in June. A number of local residents and organisations have expressed their willingness to receive and pass on contributions towards an appropriate gift.

Contributions may therefore be left as follows:

Humshaugh: at the Village Shop

Simonburn: Mrs V Allgood or Mrs J Rowcroft

Wark: Miss J Weir

Stonehaugh: Mrs A Hutchinson

Birtley: Mrs M White

Barrasford: at the Village Shop

Alternatively, contributions can be left with me.

Anne Grieve (270245)

A letter from the Rural Dean

Dear Everyone,

What is the Deanery up to at the moment? Probably that's not a question that springs to mind very often. But I believe that there are really fruitful developments in our life across all the parishes in the '*Eternal Horizons*' area, which stretches from the Wall to the Border. (The reference is to the Deanery leaflet which has just been reprinted after the distribution of the first twenty thousand copies.)

Our **Autumn Synod** welcomed the Revd Canon Alison White, Diocesan Spirituality Advisor. We thought that we should put worship and our relationship with God back at the top of our list of priorities.

Our next **Deanery Day** will be on Saturday 10th May at Shepherds Dene - a morning of meditation led by the Revd Canon Christopher Lewis, using carvings and music, and ending with lunch. This event will be paid for from a diocesan fund. There is a strict maximum of twenty participants, so could you book as soon as possible (by contacting me), and by Easter at the latest.

The **Spring Synod** was attended by Guy Opperman, MP, who joined our discussions on the major issues affecting the lives of the communities of this deanery.

The Archdeacon will be coming to our **Summer Synod** to address the concerns we have about our church buildings, and to discuss with us some innovative uses for them. They are all featured in the '*Eternal Horizons*' leaflet, which will soon be going out to the visitors currently preparing to come to us as pilgrims.

If you're interested in planning for that development in our '*Tourists to Pilgrims*' programme, please contact me.

Best wishes,

Susan Ramsaran (SMRamsaran@aol.com 01434 220019)

Round and about Humshaugh

The members of **Humshaugh Mothers' Union** met at Bell Wilson's house for their March meeting. '*What does Lent mean to me?*' was discussed. It became a fascinating afternoon, with widely different variations on the theme; the original meaning of Carnival was explained – the joyous time on the continent, just before Lent, when meat (from the Latin Carne) was not allowed to be consumed. Allegri's 'Miserere', that beautiful musical version of Psalm 51, was played; three members had sons who had sung this piece in various cathedrals when they were young....

Mozart, at the age of 14, was allowed to listen to the Miserere in the Sistine Chapel in Rome, and, on returning home with his father, he wrote down each and every note. The next day he listened to the music again, just to make sure he'd got it right. And he had.

Some of us mentioned the way we were adhering to Lent – some by giving things up; some by doing something positive each day; some by having a 'Spiritual Spring Cleaning'.

Bell is selling her bungalow and will be moving to Corbridge. We all want to wish her a very happy future there.

The next meeting will be on April 3 at the home of Rene and Marjorie Baillie, when Marjorie will be talking on '*The Land of the Sacred Cow*', and showing us her stunning photographs. The meeting will start at 2pm and, as always, anybody is very welcome to join us.

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On Tuesday 4th March, St Peter's Church celebrated **Shrovetide** in grand style, around the theme of Pineapple Poll. The Village Hall was tastefully decorated with pineapples, as was the supper table, which, as usual, was full of deliciously tempting goodies. After supper, everyone settled down to enjoy a very varied and entertaining programme. The W.I. started proceedings this year with an original song about the people and village of Humshaugh, set to the music of 'Tit Willow' from the Mikado. This was followed by the children of Humshaugh School, who sang a selection of War Songs with great energy and enthusiasm. The Christopher family amazed everyone with their precision and skill in Northumberland Clog Dancing, and Jasmine, Daisy, Jonah, Charlotte and Lucy all confidently entertained at the piano. Different musical styles followed: Shaun (alias our postman) gave a great performance on the electric guitar, followed by the talented Chris Lloyd Jones (a member of Canny Crack who perform at the Summer Fete), who accompanied his singing with the harmonium and then the guitar. Judith Taylor brought the evening to a close with a flawless rendition of Jake Thackeray's amusing song entitled 'Sister Josephine'. A splendid evening of family entertainment, which also raised the great sum of £280 for 'Help for Heroes'.

Humshaugh Wildlife Group would like to say thank you for the support for the Crown Inn Quiz, on Tuesday 18th February - especially to the people who kindly donated raffle prizes, bought raffle tickets, or attended the quiz. The entry fees raised £54, and the raffle raised £51.

We are aiming to contribute to some planting of wildlife-friendly plants round the village, and an idea has come forward to create a bee bank, which is both lovely to see and good for insects. We will need to discuss this with the Parish Council and others before we go ahead.

If anyone is interested in what a bee bank looks like, here are links to the type of thing we could do:

<http://www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk/thingstodo/allyearround/nectar-cafe.aspx>

<http://www.northpennines.org.uk/Pages/Nectarworks.aspx>

In terms of a future programme, we are developing ideas for:

- a walk along the River Allen at Staward Gorge
- an exploration of the Haltwhistle Burn Restoration Project
- investigating the creation of a wetland area in the village
- Kielder star night
- moth trapping and identification
- bat spotting and listening
- wildlife photography
- early morning bird-calls walk
- wildflower identification
- orchids and ospreys at Bull Crag
- a wildlife-themed quiz
- an autumn fungus foray
- a trip to the county apiary
- watching the salmon brood stock collecting for Kielder hatchery

New ideas most welcome.

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Humshaugh Cricket Club's annual fund-raiser - the much-loved jumble sale - takes place in the Village Hall on Saturday 12th April at 2.00pm. As usual, in the week leading up to the sale, members will be leafleting the village, to publicise the event and to solicit donations, which will be collected on the Friday evening immediately before the sale. We would welcome all the usual items – books, games, CDs/DVDs, crockery, kitchenware, ornaments, bric-a-brac, etc. Home-baking is always popular, and we would be delighted to receive cakes, biscuits, tray-bakes, scones, bread and other produce. We will be running a raffle and tombola – items for these would be gratefully received too. Should you wish to donate items, and are unlikely to be at home on the Friday evening before the sale (11th April), please contact club secretary, Nick Hayward, tel: 681463, who can arrange to

collect donations at another time. Alternatively, items can be dropped off at the Village Hall between 5-7 pm on the Friday evening before the sale, or between 9-11 am on the Saturday morning of the sale.

Edinburgh Marathon for National Autistic Society

A relatively new resident of Lincoln Hill, Mick Jonas, is in training for running the Edinburgh Marathon on May 25th where he hopes to raise funds for the National Autistic Society.



If anyone is interested in sponsoring him, forms are available in the Humshaugh Village Shop, or support can be given direct via: www.justgiving.com/Mick-Jonas

We hope it is a fine day for the run, and look forward to hearing more after the event. Good luck!

Elizabeth Hayward

Simonburn News

Spring is here, the leaves are appearing on the trees, and the lambs in the field are a joy to watch. We are now in British Summer Time, so we can all come out of hibernation and enjoy the lighter nights.

This year, the Children of Chernobyl Lifeline are bringing eight girls, aged 8 to 11 years old, to the Simonburn, Stannersburn and Hallington area, from 21st June until 19th July.

If you have any second hand clothes, toys and also toiletries, for the children to take back to their families in Belarus, please get in touch with Christine Burrige (689993), and she will arrange to collect them. Or if you think you can help in any way, email Christine (christineburrige@hotmail.co.uk).

Don't forget the Easter Bingo on Thursday 3rd April, in the Village Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. Donations for prizes will be gratefully received.

Easter Sunday is quite late this year: Sunday 20th April. Any contributions towards the church flowers would be much appreciated, and helpers are also wanted to help arrange the displays on Easter Saturday, 19th April.

Have a very Happy Easter.

Sharon Hadley



Easter BINGO!
Simonburn Village Hall,
Thursday 3rd April



Eyes down 7.30pm - doors open at 7pm.. All welcome.
Any contributions gratefully received by any committee member.

Wark Parish News

Memories of the cold and snow of March 2013 come flooding back as we enjoy the warm sunshine this year, which is encouraging spring flowers to come to life around the parish. Let us hope this spell of good weather lasts over Easter and into the lambing period.

It was *'eyes down for a full house'* on 4th March, when St Michael's Ladies Guild held a very successful Bingo. Many thanks are extended to all who donated prizes, supported or helped in anyway. Also back in March was the Annual General Meeting of St Michael's, so - who knows - when you read this, you may have a new team of officers, as the Broadsheet copy deadline falls a few days ahead of the meeting. All shall be revealed in due course. We shall also give an update from the meeting in the May issue. Last month you also received an appeal letter, along with the Broadsheet. As mentioned in the letter, there is never a good time for an appeal, so we are most grateful to all who have responded with support. The first major task we face will be the restoration of the three windows previously mentioned in earlier issues of the Broadsheet. Applications are also being made to various grant-giving funds.

This year Easter falls well into April, with the school holidays in the two weeks before Easter, and children returning on Tuesday 22nd April. The school is holding an Easter Bingo on Thursday 3rd April, commencing at 6.30pm.

Mentioned last month was the Lent Lunch, which this year is on Thursday 10th April in Westacres Community Room. Drop in anytime between 12 noon and 2pm, for a soup, bread, fruit and a chat, for a charge of £3.50. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Rest and Recover, an organization established in Menorca which provides a week's stay, May and September, for injured UK armed personnel. The stories and bravery of these people certainly bring tears to the eyes. Please come along and support. The slightly younger of your two writers has friends who will match, £ for £, the amount we raise in donations to Rest and Recover. Let us make them dig deep into their pockets! Copies of the stories from some of the people who have been supported during their stay in Menorca, will be available at the lunch.

Laureen is very kindly arranging a Wark Scarecrow Trail, 13th – 15th June. Full details are given below. These events have been very popular in other villages, so why not give it a go and join in – we are. All monies raised will go to support the Senior Citizens' Festive Meal. Contact Laureen, on 230858, for more information.

Many will already be aware that the final set of seat cushions is now in place. So when you come along to a service you can be assured of a comfortable and warm bum! It has only taken a year or so, however we did get there in the end.

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SERVICES FOR APRIL 2014

Benefice of Chollerton	Benefice of Humshaugh
Sunday 6th April - Passion Sunday	
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: Ezekiel 37, 1-14 Gospel: John 11, 1-45	Epistle: Romans 8, 6-11 Psalm: 130
Sunday 13th April - Palm Sunday	
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 50, 4-9a Gospel: Matthew 21, 1-11	Epistle: Philippians 2, 5-11 Psalm: 31, 9-18
Thursday 17th April - Maundy Thursday	
7:30pm Birtley Holy Communion	8:00 Humshaugh Holy Communion 6:30 Simonburn Holy Communion 7:30 Wark Holy Communion
Old Testament: Ex 12, 1-4, 11-14 Gospel: John 13, 1-17, 31b-35	Epistle: 1 Corinthians 11, 23-26 Psalm: 116, 9-end
Friday 18th April - Good Friday	
2:00 Gunnerton Service of the Third Hour	11:00 Wark short Family Service 2:00 Humshaugh Devotional Service 6:30 Simonburn Evening Prayer
Old Testament / Gospel: TBA	Epistle / Psalm: TBA
Sunday 20th April - Easter Day	
6:00 Thockrington Holy Communion Sunrise 10:30 Chollerton Holy Communion 6:00 Birtley Holy Communion	8:00 Wark Holy Communion (said) 9:30 Humshaugh Holy Communion 11:00 Simonburn Holy Communion 6:00 Wark Holy Communion
Old Testament: No reading Gospel: John 20, 1-18	Epistle: Acts 10, 34-43 Psalm: No reading

SERVICES FOR APRIL 2014

Benefice of Chollerton	Benefice of Humshaugh
Sunday 27th April - The Second Sunday of Easter	
9:00 Thockrington Holy Communion 1662 10.30 Chollerton Holy Communion	8:00 Humshaugh Holy Communion 9.30 Wark Holy Communion 11:00 Simonburn Morning Prayer 6:30 Humshaugh Evening Prayer
Old Testament: No reading Gospel: John 20, 19-end	Epistle: Acts 2, 14a & 22-32 Psalm: 16
Sunday 4th May - The Third Sunday of Easter	
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: No reading Gospel: Luke 24, 13-35	Epistle: Acts 2, 14a & 36-42 Psalm: 116, 1-7

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Details	Pg
Fri 28 Mar	2:15 pm	Mother's Day Service, Wark School	
Fri 28 Mar	3:30 - 6:00 pm	Mrs Angela Steele's retirement party, Humshaugh school	
Wed 2 Apr	7:30 pm	Chollerton WI: ' <i>Badgers - Friend or Foe?</i> ', Barrasford Village Hall	15
Thu 3 Apr	10:30 am	Coffee morning, Birtley Village Hall	14
Thu 3 Apr	2:00 pm	Humshaugh Mothers' Union: " <i>The Land of the Sacred Cow</i> ", Marjorie Baillie's home	4
Thu 3 Apr	6:30 pm	Wark School, Easter Bingo	7
Thu 3 Apr	7:00 pm	Chollerton and Gunnerton APCM, Chollerton Church, refreshments	13
Thu 3 Apr	7:30 pm	Easter Bingo, Simonburn Village Hall	6
Fri 4 Apr	10:00 am - 2:30 pm	Time Out for Reflection at Buteland Bothy; contact: Alison Williams, 220389	13
Sat 5 Apr	10:00 am	Chollerton Church Spring Clean	13
Tue 8 Apr	7:30 pm	Birtley & District Gardening Group, Birtley Village Hall, ' <i>Gardeners' Question Time</i> '	14

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Details	Pg
Thu 10 Apr	12:00 - 2:00 pm	Lent Lunch, Westacres Community Room, Wark, £3.50, soup, fruit & chat	7
Sat 12 Apr	10:00 am	Gunnerton Church Spring Clean, AND <i>'Bacon/Sausage Butties Morning'</i>	13
Sat 12 Apr	2:00 pm	Humshaugh Cricket Club jumble sale, in the Village Hall	5
Mon 14 Apr	9:00 pm	Compline, Birtley Church: simple, quiet liturgy, prayers and reflection	13
Tue 15 Apr	7:30 pm	<i>'People of the Passion'</i> Antiphon: St Michael & All Angels Church, Warden. £7	16
Tue 15 Apr	9:00 pm	Compline, Chollerton Church: simple, quiet liturgy, prayers and reflection	13
Wed 16 Apr	9:00 pm	Compline, Thockrington Church: simple, quiet liturgy, prayers and reflection	13
Wed 30 Apr	12:00 -1:00 pm	Gunnerton Lunch Club: delicious home made soup, etc.	13
Sat 3 May	5:00 pm	Friends of Chollerton Churches: Heart of All England Race Meeting, Hexham Race Course; £20 ticket incl. sandwiches / wine	15
Wed 7 May	2:00 pm	Let's Bake Cake!, Wark CofE First School	15
Wed 7 May	7:30 pm	Chollerton WI, Barrasford Hall, Sheila Matheson: <i>'Beekeeping & Plants to Grow'</i>	15
Sat 10 May		Deanery Day: morning of meditation led by the Revd Canon Christopher Lewis	3
Sun 11 - Sat 17 May		Christian Aid Week: collection in Wark and Stonehaugh	15
Sat 17 May	3:00 pm	Messy Church, Barrasford Village Hall, messy activities, worship, family meal.	14
Fri 13 Jun - Sun 15 Jun		Wark Scarecrow Trail: contact Laureen Kirtley, 01434 230858	11
Sat 21 Jun	From 2:00 pm	Messy Church, Chollerton Church, Teddy Bear jump at 3.00pm, family barbecue	14

Lent Lunch, Thursday 10th April, Westacres Community Room, Wark



Drop in between 12 noon and 2pm, £3.50 for soup, bread, fruit and a chat. Part of the proceeds will be donated to *'Rest and Recover'*, Menorca (www.restandrecovermenorca.com)

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Once more the postman has brought to us yet another of those Parish Magazines, which has the following notice: “*Don’t think that God can’t use you, with talents small and few... Remember that the mighty oak was once a nut like you!*”

What more can or should we say! Until we chat again,

Love,

Cyril and John



Wark Scarecrow Trail



Scarecrow trail around Wark Parish, 13th - 15th June.
The cost to each competitor will be £3. First and second prizes of £30 and £10. Scarecrows to be in position from Thursday evening (12th), to be on show over the weekend.

Presentations on the Sunday afternoon at the Town Hall, where afternoon tea can be purchased. All those in Wark and surrounding area who wish to submit a scarecrow, contact Laureen Kirtley, 230858, for more information.

All monies raised will go to support the Senior Citizens’ Festive Meal.

CHOLLERTON BENEFICE

Chollerton Vicarage

Dear friends,

I usually spend time looking at the visitors’ books in each of our churches. You never quite know who will have taken the trouble to leave their comment.

Recently we have had a pilgrim on their way to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne, and a retired priest who had brought the congregation of his Newcastle church for a pilgrimage in the late 1970s. Often people remark on the peace they experience when entering church. Without the noise of people gathering for worship, hymns being sung and sermons preached, the place takes on a different feel, when all one can hear is the wind blowing against the roof, or birds singing outside. I try to give some space for silence in each service. We are not as sustained at it, like the Quakers.

Sitting quietly, trying to do nothing, is challenging. I have engaged with this during Lent, but it is difficult because, well, I feel there’s so much to do. A web site (www.notbusy.co.uk) has been set up to encourage us to try harder at giving space for ourselves to rest and turn away from busyness. It encourages us to accept that it really is alright to do nothing sometimes, for

say, ten minutes per day. But, try as I may, I soon get that itching feeling that I really must 'get on' with what I think I should be doing, lest I start to feel guilty.

During Holy Week, which begins on April 13th with Palm Sunday, I shall be offering times of reflection in services that week. Compline services are especially useful for that - please see elsewhere for times and places when they will be held. Good Friday's Service of the Third Hour, at 2.00pm at Gunnerton, will have a period of silent reflection after each hymn. It is an important day for all of Mankind, whether or not the death of Christ is in our thoughts. It was once a day similar to the Sundays of old, when the pace of life was altogether quieter and more reflective; a day different from the rest. Good Friday and Sundays are now just full of activity. If we are not careful, we shall miss something important. Christ died on the cross at Calvary for all of us. In the darkness of three hours, Christ's light shone, so that even the centurion in charge of the crucifixion said: "*Surely he was the Son of God.*"

Two days later on Easter Day, I shall again walk up to Thockrington Church well before 6.00am, and be joined by a few people who want to experience the new light coming into the world, at that special place, early in the morning. As we stand outside in the cold, watching, hopefully, the sun rise in the east, we recognise the new light coming into the world as being a sign for us of light overcoming darkness, and Jesus' resurrection from death. Despite being Easter morning, it is still quite a quiet service; but it will have a celebratory tone, with hymns of resurrection and joy being sung to God.

This is such a special time of year. I hope you will get a sense of that, especially if you journey with me to the cross and beyond. For me, the hope and new life which the resurrection offers, overcomes the sting and pain of death, and all the awful things I see go on in the world.

With love and prayers for a Happy and Blessed Easter,

Mike



From the Registers in the Chollerton Benefice



Holy Baptism

We welcomed into the Family of the Church, **Susan Robertson**
at Gunnerton St Christopher, on Sunday 16th March 2014

Funerals and Memorial Services

We celebrated the life of **Margaret Elizabeth Beattie**, 74,
at Barrasford Methodist Chapel, on Friday 14th March 2014

Forthcoming events in Chollerton Benefice Churches

Chollerton and Gunnerton Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The APCM will be on Friday 11th April at 7.00pm in Chollerton Church. Refreshments served. This is THE meeting to hear what's been happening this past year, to be updated on our improved financial situation, and to hear about progress with works on the church fabric. All warmly welcome.

Chollerton & Gunnerton Churches Spring Cleaning

Chollerton Church, inside & churchyard, Saturday 5th April from 10.00am.

Gunnerton Church, inside & churchyard, Saturday 12th April from 10.00am, with bacon butties in support of Barrasford WI.

Holy Week Services

In addition to those listed in the table elsewhere, I shall be leading services of Compline at 9.00pm on Monday 14th April at Birtley, Tuesday 15th April at Chollerton, and Wednesday 16th April at Thockrington. Compline is a simple, quiet and fairly brief service of liturgy, prayers and silent reflection, to complete or end the day. It should be the last thing we do before retiring for the night. Many people have said how helpful they find these services. They are intended to allow us time to reflect, as we move towards Good Friday.

Time Out for Reflection

at Buteland Bothy on 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.

Community Events in Gunnerton Church



Gunnerton Lunch Club



Wednesday 30th April from 12noon-1.00pm, £2.50
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



Birtley & District Gardening Group

Tuesday 8th April at Birtley Village Hall
7.30 for 7.45pm

'Gardeners' Question Time'

Chairman Marian Foster

with panellists Robert Jamieson (Howick Hall Estate),

Kate Slade (The Battlesteads Hotel) and Marjorie Davy (Natural England).

This is the final meeting of the season.



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

The annual membership for 2013/14 season is £20.00



Birtley Local History Group

Further details from Mary White 01434 230307



Coffee Morning

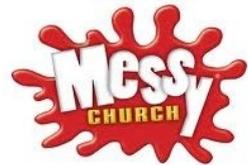


Thursday 3rd April, from 10.30am, at Birtley Village Hall

Delicious coffee, home bakes and great conversation guaranteed!



Messy Church...



... meets again...

on **Saturday 17th May**, at 3pm,

for messy but creative activities,

simple prayer and worship and a lovely family meal.

All warmly welcome as usual.

AND...

on **Saturday 21st June**, from 2pm,

... we shall have Messy Church at Chollerton Church, with our popular Teddy Bear jump at 3.00pm, followed by family barbecue. Entries can be booked in from 2.00pm. Adult entries welcome, as in previous years. Please ensure teddies are appropriately equipped with a parachute. There will be various different categories, including best dressed.

Other Church services within the Chollerton Benefice

Barrasford Methodist Chapel: Services at 6.30pm each Sunday in April.

Great Swinburne: St Mary's RC Church Holy Mass at 10.15am every Sunday.

Chollerton WI

Wednesday 2nd April at 7.30pm, Barrasford Village Hall

Dr Jane Young - '*Badgers - Friend or Foe*'

This is an Open Meeting.

Saturday 12th April from 10am, at St Christopher's Church, Gunnerton

'Bacon/Sausage Butties Morning'.

This is a fund-raising event for Chollerton WI

(as well as a church spring clean! – Mike)

Wednesday 7th May at 7.30pm, Barrasford Village Hall

Sheila Matheson - '*Beekeeping and Plants to Grow*', visitors welcome.

Pauline

Friends of Chollerton Churches

The next event will be the Heart of All England Race Meeting at Hexham on 3rd May. Thanks to the generosity of Charles Enderby, the Friends have a box available to them, and tickets can be purchase for £20, to include sandwiches and wine. Tickets from Bob Fletcher at bob.fletcher@sw.co.uk.

Ken Carlisle, Chairman

**** STOP PRESS - WARK EVENTS **** [*Details next month- Ed*]

Christian Aid Week, May 11th - 17th

There will be a collection in Wark and Stonehaugh. This year your donation will help people caught up in conflict to rebuild their lives and live free of fear. War tears lives apart. Love can piece them back together. '*Blessed are the peace makers, for they shall be called the children of God*' - Matthew 5:9.

Let's Bake Cake! - Wednesday 7th May, 2.00pm, Wark CofE First School

Join us for our Christian Aid Week coffee afternoon. Come along and buy a cake (or 2!) to raise money for the world's poorest communities. All cake contributions are very welcome.

Contact for BOTH events: Sally Napier 230223 / wannies30@btinternet.com

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directed by John Roper
presents

PEOPLE OF THE PASSION

a reflective concert with choral music
and words for Passiontide

including music by Bach, Bruckner,
Charpentier & Palestrina



Tuesday 15 April, 7.30pm
St Michael & All Angels, Warden
NE46 4SW

Tickets £7 inc refreshments

Tel: 07505 148 982 for further information