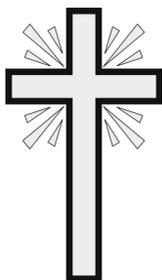


# *The Broadsheet* *July and August* *2016*



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

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## Chollerton Vicarage

Dear friends,

I wonder how you feel about the EU Referendum.

By the time you read this the decision of the British public will have been made. We shall either continue within the EU or we shall begin the process of unpicking a complex relationship which will take some time to achieve, some say two or more years.

I have been very disappointed by the way the public has been informed of the relative merits of leaving or staying. For most of the time it has been a slanging match much like Prime Minister's Question Time in the House of Commons. What has been lacking has been a quiet, reasoned debate which would have taken us beyond the scare stories of doom and gloom to think about the deeper issues of our responsibility as a nation in the wider world including the Commonwealth and beyond, the important area of the Common Good for our nation and its constituent parts as well as the rest of Europe, and to consider what terms such as sovereignty really mean to us today.

Of course the vote could be as close as 51/49. If it is this close I wonder whether the decision could be deferred simply because it is too close to call. I know this government is very keen to change the rules on voting. For a vote to be valid they propose that at least 50% of the people entitled to vote do so for it to be valid, and that 40% of them actually vote in favour of, say, strike action: in the EU Referendum a simple majority will apply. Well, we'll see what happens in the event of a very close result.

I should imagine the fall-out will be substantial no matter which way we vote. For some people it will be the end of their political careers; others will rise on eagle's wings to a new-found power and how good it will feel for them to be in the ascendancy. For the rest of us I suspect we shall look ever more wearily at the news and wonder when it is all going to end.

What I had hoped for was statesmanlike behaviour, good and balanced arguments and a maturity of approach to such a critical decision for our nation and that of our neighbours. I had started out six months ago feeling very firmly that we should remain in Europe for the same reasons I voted to join in the 1970s, but the behaviour of those in favour of staying has been so bad that it has really put me off voting to remain in the EU to a position where I don't know which way to vote.

As I have said in sermons (only occasionally, mark you) I shall be even more aware of God and His way for me and our country at this time and seek His direction when I mark my ballot paper and for the coming months and years thereafter. I really can do no more than that.

With love and prayers,

Mike

Licensing of Rev. Stephen Wilkinson  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm  
St Mungo's Church, Simonburn.

The service for the Licensing by the Bishop of Newcastle and Installation by the Archdeacon of Lindisfarne of the Rev. Steve Wilkinson will take place in Simonburn on the above date.

This service will be followed by refreshments in Simonburn Village Hall. He becomes Priest in Charge of the parishes of Humshaugh, Simonburn and Wark and also Bellingham Deanery Development Officer.

Our Churches are here to serve each and every resident of these parishes and everyone is invited to this service and to express a warm welcome to Steve Wilkinson, Melanie his wife and their family.

**From the Churchwardens of Humshaugh, Simonburn and Wark**

**Round and About Humshaugh**  
**"The Queen is 90" Village Day"**

What a wonderful day it was! The growth of scarecrows has been fantastic – many flags were in gardens – lots was going on in and around the school and the church teas in the village hall were a great success. Huge thanks to all those who were involved.

**Mothers' Union**

Revd Sheila Cameron gave an illustrated talk about Pilgrimage at the June meeting. She took us through the history of pilgrimage and especially on the theme of healing, very often in holy places connected with water. The members are planning their August outing, celebrating the birthday of their founder, Mary Sumner, to be in Bellingham, visiting the museum and having tea on the train afterwards!

**Pub Quiz**



In May the winners were a visiting team of walkers from Somerset: "Nempneth Numbskulls".

The Humshaugh Playing Field Trust benefited to the tune of £92. The July Quiz will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> in aid of the Village Hall with Mick as Question Master. There will be no Quiz in August.

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### **Dr John McCollum**

After 30 years Dr John McCollum is retiring from being church warden of St Peter's church.

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> of June, John was thanked in church for all the devotion, hard work, commitment and kindness he has given all those years. It is a known fact that he loves ties and a new one, with London City churches printed on it, was given to him. John wanted everybody to see it, so it went right round the congregation...

He will remain as a member of the PCC and Deanery Synod and will be involved with the restoration of the parapets and the development of the vestry.

### **Commemorate the Battle of the Somme 1916**

Jen Ogle has written a beautiful small book about the above with stories about our local heroes in "News from the Trenches 1916". It is published by Humshaugh Publications and is available from the Village Shop.

### **Mind Over Matter Theatre [www.mindovermattertheatre.com](http://www.mindovermattertheatre.com)**

Amy Warren, who grew up in Humshaugh, is involved with the above company, which is trying to raise money to be able to perform a new work in Edinburgh in August.

Anybody who would like more information or would like to give support, can email Amy: [awarrenuk@gmail.com](mailto:awarrenuk@gmail.com)

Liesbeth Langford

## **WARK PARISH NEWS**

Welcome to the July and August **BROADSHEET**, a little similar to supermarket offers, buy one get one free. Hopefully this will have arrived with you in time for you to be reminded about The Garden Fete on the Green on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July from 2.00pm with the usual stalls. Any contribution to these would be gratefully received. All we need now is for a fine day.

Plans are taking shape for the licensing service of Steve Wilkinson on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in St. Mungo's, Simonburn. There will be refreshments afterwards in Simonburn village hall.

Full details will be found elsewhere in **THE BROADSHEET**.

Sally has asked this piece about Christian Aid be included. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the total of £804.06 collected from Wark and Stonehaugh and the 'Big Brekkie' held at Wark School. Your support is truly appreciated.

The Wark Charity Lunch held back in May raised £4650 which will be donated to The Great North Air Ambulance.

Please take a walk to the green and sit upon the new seat placed there by the family of Grant Hutton. A wonderful memory for the life of this villager tragically taken in December 2015

We re-opened our food bank at the back of St. Michael's. Please place any non-perishable items in the plastic box. The contents will be donated to Changing Lives. A charity based in Newcastle where one of our readers, Michael Nixon, helps

There will be an Open Air Ecumenical Service on the Village Green, Wark on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm with the theme Fishers of Men. The talk will be given by the Chaplain of the Humber Ports, Mission for Seafarers, Geraldine Pearce, and Abbot Cuthbert Johnson OSB from St. Oswald's, Bellingham.

Could I take the opportunity to remind you about the Friday morning coffee in the Town Hall. Drop in anytime for coffee and a chat between 10.00am and noon.

Now for the list of dates:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2.00pm on the Village Green, St. Michael's Fete
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July 6.00pm Evening Prayer led by Reader Ken Newitt
- 10<sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm Open Air Ecumenical Service on the Village Green – Fishers of Men
- 17<sup>th</sup> July 6.00pm Lay Led Evening Prayer
- 24<sup>th</sup> July 6.00pm Holy Communion led by Canon Michael Jackson
- 31<sup>st</sup> July 10.30am Benefice Holy Communion led by Canon Michael Jackson
- 7<sup>th</sup> August 6.00pm Evening Prayer led by Reader Ken Newitt
- 14<sup>th</sup> August 6.00pm Holy Communion led by Canon Chris Simmons
- 21<sup>st</sup> August 6.00pm Evening Prayer led by Reader Michael Nixon
- 28<sup>th</sup> August 9.30am Holy Communion led by Canon Michael Jackson
- 4<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at Humshaugh with Archdeacon Peter Robinson
- 6<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm Licensing of the Revd. Steve Wilkinson by Bishop Christine at Simonburn.
- 12 September 7.30pm Guild Meeting at Ann bell's

Then we wait to see the pattern of service Steve will introduce. I have a feeling we are going to often hear the word change once he is settled in.

With every good wish for the remaining part of the summer.

Love to all

John

## SERVICES FOR JULY 2016

Benefice of Chollerton	Benefice of Humshaugh
<b>Sunday 3rd July - Thomas</b>	
9.00 Gunnerton Holy Communion 10.30 Birtley Holy Communion	9.30 Humshaugh 1662 Communion 11.00 Simonburn Holy Communion 6.00 Wark Evening Prayer
<b>Old Testament:</b> Habakkuk 2:1-4 <b>Gospel:</b> John 20:24-29	<b>Epistle:</b> Ephesians 2:19-end <b>Psalm:</b> 31:1-6
<b>Sunday 10th July - The Seventh Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9.00 Thockrington Holy Communion 10.30 Chollerton Holy Communion	9.30 Humshaugh Morning Prayer 11.00 Simonburn Morning Prayer 2.30pm Wark Ecumenical service on the Village Green
<b>Old Testament:</b> Deuteronomy 30:9-14 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 10:25-37	<b>Epistle:</b> Colossians 1:1-14 <b>Psalm:</b> 25:1-10
<b>Sunday 17th July - The Eighth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9.00 Gunnerton Holy Communion 10.30 Birtley Holy Communion	9.30 Humshaugh Holy Communion 11.00 Simonburn Holy Communion 6.00 Wark Evening Prayer
<b>Old Testament:</b> Genesis 18:1-10a <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 10:38-end	<b>Epistle:</b> Colossians 1:15-28 <b>Psalm:</b> 15
<b>Sunday 24th July - The Ninth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9.00 Thockrington BCP Communion 10.30 Chollerton Holy Communion	9.30 Wark Holy Communion 11.00 Simonburn Morning Prayer 6.30 Humshaugh Evening Prayer
<b>Old Testament:</b> Genesis 18:20-32 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 11:1-13	<b>Epistle:</b> Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19) <b>Psalm:</b> 138
<b>Sunday 31st July - The Tenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
10.30 Birtley Benefice Communion	10.30 Wark Benefice Communion
<b>Old Testmt:</b> Eccles. 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 12:13-21	<b>Epistle:</b> Colossians 3:1-13 <b>Psalm:</b> 49:1-12

## SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2016

Benefice of Chollerton	Benefice of Humshaugh
<b>Sunday 7th August - The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9.00 Gunnerton Holy Communion 10.30 Birtley Matins	9.30 Humshaugh 1662 Communion 11.00 Simonburn Holy Communion 6.00 Wark Evening Prayer
<b>Old Testament:</b> Genesis 15:1-6 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 12:32-40	<b>Epistle:</b> Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 <b>Psalm:</b> 33:12-end
<b>Sunday 14th August - The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9.00 Thockrington Holy Communion 10.30 Chollerton Holy Communion	9.30 Humshaugh Morning Prayer 11.00 Simonburn Morning Prayer 6.00 Wark Holy Communion
<b>Old Testament:</b> Jeremiah 23:23-29 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 12:49-56	<b>Epistle:</b> Hebrews 11:29-12:2 <b>Psalm:</b> 82
<b>Sunday 21st August - The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9.00 Gunnerton Holy Communion 10.30 Birtley Holy Communion	9.30 Humshaugh Holy Communion 11.00 Simonburn Holy Communion 6.00 Wark Evening Prayer
<b>Old Testament:</b> Isaiah 58:9b-end <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 13:10-17	<b>Epistle:</b> Hebrews 12:18-end <b>Psalm:</b> 103:1-8
<b>Sunday 28th August - The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9.00 Thockrington Patronal Festival 10.30 Chollerton Patronal Festival & Baptism	9.30 Wark Holy Communion 11.00 Simonburn Morning Prayer 6.30pm Humshaugh Evening Prayer
<b>Old Testament:</b> Proverbs 25:6-7 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 14:1, 7-14	<b>Epistle:</b> Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 <b>Psalm:</b> 112
<b>Sunday 4th September - The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9.00 Gunnerton Holy Communion 10.30 Birtley Holy Communion	10.30 Benefice Communion service at Humshaugh with Archdeacon Peter
<b>Old Testament:</b> Deut. 30:15-end <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 14:25-33	<b>Epistle:</b> Philemon 1-21 <b>Psalm:</b> 1
<b>Tuesday 6th September</b>	
7.30pm Simonburn St Mungo Licensing of the Rev'd Steve Wilkinson by Bishop Christine Hardman	

## MeSsY cHuRcH



Our next Messy Church meets on Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm in Barrasford Village Hall. Children of all ages welcome for fun activities, a short worship time of singing and praying and a lovely family meal to end with. We are normally finished by 5.00pm. All welcome, both old and new. Children only accompanied by an adult, preferably parents or grandparents. It's free but if you wish to leave a donation all money is ploughed back into Messy Church.

Thank you.

More information from Mike or Fiona (681721).

## An apology and a thank you

First of all, I am sorry I included several past events in the copy I sent for insertion in the Broadsheet last month. I should have double checked it. Second, a very big thank you goes to Susan Reay for her hard work over the past eleven years in spearheading the Bonus Ball competition in aid of Gunnerton church. A staggering £12,995 has been given after prizes were deducted. We should also thank the Rev'd John Wylam whose original idea it was and who ran it for the first two years, and Brenda Swinton who has also helped over the years. With fewer people being willing to support the competition it was decided to close it last month. Thank you to everyone who supported it.

Mike Slade

## Like Shakespeare?

**Here are two opportunities to enjoy the Bard's plays with young professional actors this summer at Chipchase Castle:**

The Three Inch Fools are coming back to perform **Macbeth** this year on **Friday July 29th at 7.00pm.**

Bring your own picnic from 6.00pm, something to drink and a chair or blanket to sit on.

Tickets available from 07714 028770 or on their web site [www.threeinchfools.com](http://www.threeinchfools.com) or from the Vicar (until July 23<sup>rd</sup>) (cheques payable to James Hyde) £12.50 adults £10 concessions/under-16

The **Handlebards** (female actors who tour on bicycles) are performing the **Taming of the Shrew** on **Friday August 12th at 6.30pm**

Bring your own picnic from 5.30pm, something to drink and a chair or blanket to sit on.

Tickets from: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/chipcase-castle-the-handlebards-the-taming-of-the-shrew-tickets-24366374482](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/chipcase-castle-the-handlebards-the-taming-of-the-shrew-tickets-24366374482) Adults £12.00, OAPs/students/under-18s £10,

Under-10s Free (Fees apply.)

These plays will go ahead whatever the weather is like.

We are very grateful to Jonathan Elkington who has taken the initiative to arrange these two events and part of each ticket sale will go to Birtley church.

## From the Registers



### Holy Baptism

We welcomed into the Family of the Church  
Elizabeth Anne Iona Lawson at Chollerton St Giles  
on Trinity Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Harry Thomas Robinson at Chollerton St Giles on Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup>  
Lottie Anne Pease at Chollerton St Giles of Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>

### Funerals and Memorial Services

We celebrated the life of  
Terence George James Meppem, 79, at Birtley St Giles  
on Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup>



## Community Events in Gunnerton Church

### Gunnerton Lunch Club



Wednesday July 27<sup>th</sup>  
£2.50

12noon-1.00pm

Delicious homemade soup and pudding, tea and coffee, raffle  
All welcome

Please note there will not be a lunch in August when our wonderful  
catering teams take a  
well-deserved break.



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

## Birtley Village Hall

### Coffee Morning

July 6<sup>th</sup>, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup> from 10.30am to  
12.00 noon

Delicious coffee, home bakes and  
great conversation guaranteed!



## Other Church services within the Chollerton Benefice

Barrasford Methodist Chapel: Normally services are at 6.30pm each Sunday.

Great Swinburne: St Mary's RC Church. Mass at 10.15am and 12.00 Noon every Sunday, the 12 o'clock Mass in the Extraordinary Form, said in Latin. Enquiries to Fr Bede (Tel: 681968)

### Chollerton WI

**Chollerton WI** Summer Salads with Edible Flowers is our demo on 6th July and our Social Evening will be at Gunnerton church on 3rd August. On 7th Sept Eileen Burn will talk about her experiences as a Britain in Bloom judge. Visitors always welcome.

Pauline

### Tea parties

...take place once a month from 2pm to 4pm. Everyone is welcome and they are particularly aimed at those who would appreciate some friendly company once in a while.

They are always the second Wednesday in each month. We have been invited to three different homes for the tea parties over the summer months which is very exciting, as follows:

**July Tea Party** - Wednesday 13th July 2pm-4pm

Shotley Hall, Shotley, Consett, County Durham, DH8 9TE

By kind invitation of Andrew and Shelagh Martell (01207 5822285)

**August Tea Party** - Wednesday 10th August 2pm-4pm

Hesleyside Hall, Bellingham, Northumberland, NE48 2LA

By kind invitation of William and Anna Charlton (01434 220850)

Lifts can be arranged for those who do not have their own transport.

Please contact: Alice Murphy on 01434 689387

or her mobile: 07968 396938

### Birtley Village Defibrillator

Thank you to the Stephen Carey Fund in helping to provide a defibrillator at Birtley Village Hall. Should someone be in the unfortunate position of needing a defibrillator dial 999 and you will be directed to the nearest defibrillator and given a code to open the box. If nobody is available to get the defibrillator, as a last resort phone Sally or Paul on 230519 - if possible they will try to get the equipment to you.

### When Two Rivers Meet

#### Angus Buchan

Angus Buchan, a South African farmer who became a Christian in 1979 will be speaking about his faith in Jesus Christ and leading an evening of worship in Hexham Mart, Tyne Green on Thursday August 25th from 7.30pm. All are warmly welcomed to attend. More details will be available through local churches in the coming weeks.

## Thockrington Church Fete and Open Garden

Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm

You are invited to come to Carrycoats Hall, the delightful home of Mr and Mrs Burn, for our annual fete in aid of Thockrington St Giles parish church. There will be cake, produce and bric-a-brac stalls, delicious teas, children's games, private gardens and grounds open to view, lovely walks, and well-behaved dogs welcome on leads, ample parking. £3.00 entry, children free. Sat Nav: NE48 3JG.

### Birtley Open Gardens

We welcome you again to enjoy an afternoon visit to several of the lovely gardens at Birtley

**Sunday 17th July from 2pm until 5pm**

Tickets and programme for all gardens £3 at Village Hall.

Children free entry.

Refreshments available from 3pm

Stalls selling a range of crafts and artwork

Plants for sale

Art Group exhibition

Children's playground

We do hope you can join us for this popular event.

## **St Michael's Church Fete** **Saturday 2nd July at 2pm**



on the village green  
Teas in the Town Hall, Cake stall,  
Tombola stall, Book stall, and more.

**DO COME ALONG**



## **Simonburn Village Fete**

**Saturday 30th July at 2pm**

**A traditional fete on the Village Green**

Children's Games and Activities

Face Painting

Cake stall, Produce stall, Books, Bric-a-brac,

Ice-creams,

Refreshments in the Village Hall

The Sunshine Panners



## Simonburn Notes

Summer is here, I hope! I have just returned from my summer holiday in Scotland, the first week I stayed near the Isle of Skye, the weather was glorious, hot and sunny, as I believe it was here too. Let's hope the better weather returns for when the school holidays begin and the fete season starts.

Talking of fetes.....Simonburn Fete will be held on Saturday 30th July. Please pray for good weather.

Below is a list of stalls that we would appreciate donations towards, to make the fete a success.

- TOMBOLA prizes can be left with the Hadleys, 1 Red Lion Terrace
- PLANTS AND PRODUCE to Mrs Allgood
- BRIC-A-BRAC to Kay Hadley
- NORTHUMBRIAN HAMPER for the Grand Raffle, Northumbrian Themed items, to Sharon Hadley
- CAKE STALL, ( the fastest stall to sell out) cakes can be left, wrapped, with Kay Hadley
- TEAS/REFRESHMENTS, village hall, see Janice Rowcroft
- CHILDREN'S STALL preloved toys, books, children's clothes also prizes and items for bran tub can be left with Jane Langford.

There will be face painting, games, activities and music from The Sunshine Panners.

Hope to see you all there ( I will be the one with my head in the ice-cream!)  
DON'T FORGET TO BRING PLENTY OF BAGS, TO TAKE ALL YOUR GOODIES HOME.

The wedding of Terry Weatherley and Naomi Robley took place on Saturday 4th June at St Mungo's, we wish them every happiness as they start their new life together.

I hope everyone has a great summer.

Best Wishes, Sharon

PS Another reminder... **DO NOT LET YOUR DOG FOUL IN THE CHURCHYARD. PLEASE PICK IT UP**

Simonburn villagers and friends came together for Alzheimer's Society's Cupcake Day on Thursday 16th June. They baked or bought cupcakes, came along and joined in an informal tea party on the village green. Despite the grey day, it stayed dry. An amazing £132.10 was raised on the day, with additional donations bringing the grand total to £172.60 towards the work of the Alzheimer's Society! A Big 'Thank You' goes to those who supported the day (..too many to mention but you know who you are!). It was great to be there and see lots of happy faces on our village green.....Who's organising the next informal gathering??

Jane Langford