

The Broadsheet

September

2016



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

From 7th September

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Dear friends,

September usually brings with it signs of change. A bit warmer weather in contrast with our cool and damp August would be welcome, and this does sometimes happen when we have our Indian summers. The land shows signs of change from gold to brown and perhaps to light green as crops are harvested and planted and show signs of new growth, and we really begin to notice the shorter days (or is it the longer nights?) as the autumn equinox comes and goes.

Change is in the air in the Humshaugh Benefice too. God willing, on the evening of September 6th in the splendid church of Simonburn St Mungo the Bishop of Newcastle, the Rt Rev'd Christine Hardman will licence Steve Wilkinson to the Benefice and the Archdeacon of Lindisfarne will install him. At that point, if all is quiet in the church, you may just be able to detect a sigh. It may be one of relief that comes from the six men and women who as churchwardens made things tick during the vacancy of two years. It may come from the parishioners who have longed for Michael's replacement and have lived the ups and downs of the process. It may come from the good people of Cramlington who will travel by coach to support Steve and Melanie as they begin a new chapter in their ministry. From them it will be a sigh of loss.

Steve will face great change. His new benefice is quite different from his old as rural replaces urban. A trip out onto the fells on a winter's evening will require a torch, or else it really could be a trip. Having met Steve on two occasions before his special service, he strikes me as being a man of firm faith, one who is not shy of work and someone who will visit faithfully. He will have duties in addition to his work in the benefice as he discerns with his clergy colleagues the mission and ministry of the Bellingham deanery so we shall see him outside of the benefice.

Part of me finds change uncomfortable. I am of an age where I like things to stay the same. Elsewhere in me I rather like the challenge that it brings. Certainly our Lord Jesus Christ was a man who was about change, first among his disciples as he called them from ordinary yet vital jobs to follow him wherever he went, and he was about encouraging change in the hearts of minds who those who heard his teaching and saw his miraculous healings. Even then, some couldn't believe. They didn't want to know. They couldn't face change.

Some things don't change. God's changelessness is something which encourages me, is something I can rely upon to see me through the day whatever it brings, and something which I can keep in my heart all the days of my life and into all eternity.

We in the Chollerton Benefice have been praying for Steve and Melanie since we knew he was coming to the North Tyne valley and I hope you will too, especially in these coming weeks and months.

With love and prayers,

Mike

Licensing of Rev. Stephen Wilkinson

Tuesday 6th 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 light 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.

Contributions towards the buffet will be much appreciated, (finger food only please)

From the Churchwardens of Humshaugh, Simonburn and Wark

Round and about Humshaugh

Mother's Union

Mary Sumner, the founder of the MU, celebrated her birthday in August and every year, the MU remembers that in a special way. This year, the Humshaugh members went to Bellingham, said some prayers at Cuddy's Well, then visited the Museum and had a scrumptious tea in the Train. We are losing Pam Dove, a very special member, who is moving. We wish her all happiness in her new home.

On September 1st, Margret Jacot will give her wonderful illustrated talk about Iona and the meeting will take place at 2pm in her house.

We are looking forward to our meeting on the 6th of October, when John Cox will come to play some more of his favourite cd's.

Pub Quiz

In July the Quiz was won by 3 Minus 1, with Robson's Choice as very close runners-up.

£120 was raised for the Village Hall.

The September Quiz will be on Tuesday September 20th at 8pm with Mick as Quiz Master.

The Crown Players

After the successful productions of “Oh What A Lovely War”, “Humshaugh Remembers” and “Shakespeare in Hollywood”, it has been decided to form a new drama group for adults, based in Humshaugh, but open to anyone who is interested in the theatre.

The Crown Players (named after the many good decisions made in the pub!), are launching their programme for the autumn, followed by a production of “Goodnight MR Tom” in March 2017.

- Play Reading Sept 16th at 7.30 pm Humshaugh Village Hall
- Theatre Workshop Sept 30th at 7.30 pm Humshaugh Village Hall
- Visit Oct 14th....To be confirmed
- Play Reading Oct 28th at 7.30 pm Humshaugh Village Hall
- Theatre Workshop Nov 18th at 7.30 pm Humshaugh Village Hall
- Visit Nov 25th....To be confirmed
- Group Xmas Dinner Dec 10th The Crown Inn (limited to 20)

If you would like to be included on a mailing list of these activities, please email Diana Linnett (dianna.linnett@gmail.com) or Helen Underwood (hunderwood@btinternet.com)

Humshaugh Cricket Club – our season so far

David Neal, Hon Sec Humshaugh CC

The first XI had a good start to the season, winning their first 4 fixtures. June saw some losses, but in July there were a few wins. They now lie in 5th position in Division 1 of the West Tyne League.

The second XI had a poor season with losses and rainfall, but victories over Mitford and Wylam mean they have moved off the bottom of division 2. The mid-week 3rd XI play in the Northumberland and Tyneside C division, games are on Thursday evenings under the T20 rules.

The facilities at the “Hill” are amongst the best in the area and a good sized crowd saw an excellent game being played. Amongst the spectators were Gordon and Mrs. Burlinson, who had journeyed from Humshaugh to watch the match and catch up on acquaintances from Gordon’s days, playing for Benwell Hill

Liesbeth Langford

MONDAY BADMINTON GROUP
HUMSHAUGH VILLAGE HALL 8pm, Mondays.

Recommences MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 9
This is a friendly sociable group for ladies. Beginners and new members welcome. The cost varies depending on numbers attending. Do come along and join us. All Welcome! Great fun and lots of laughs.
For further information telephone Joy McCollum 681682
Joyce Burgon 681571

WARK PARISH NEWS

As we approach autumn, I wonder where summer went? Perhaps you could tell me. Next we know we will be talking about Christmas!

By now all will know, we were unsuccessful with our application to the Listed Places of Worship Roof Fund. We are waiting for the reason why. A number of people passed comment they thought we had received a grant, after seeing a photograph in The Hexham Courant. It is in fact Thorneyburn, good for them, however sad for us. Thorneyburn was built by the same architect in the same year as St. Michael's. Approaching 200 years down the line and we both have the same problem – think the guarantee probably has expired by now. So we now need to follow a new avenue of funding. Further grants are being sourced along with arranging events ourselves. One such event was a Super Sunday Tea and Crafts in the church on 21st August. Full details of the outcome of this in the next issue of **THE BROADSHEET.**

Back at the beginning of July, on a wet Saturday, was our annual Garden Fete which despite the rain raised around £1800. A couple of weeks later, again not very good weather, the ecumenical open air service to celebrate Sea Sunday was held on the village green.

Over the summer, we have collected food items to send on to Changing Lives in Newcastle.

Changing Lives supply around 1000 food packs to vulnerable families in the Newcastle area each week. Your support either by placing items in the box in church or through the collection point in the Post Office is much appreciated. We will be back collecting in the autumn. Thank you.

Before moving on to the licensing service of Steve Wilkinson, the congregation at St. Michael's wish to thank all visiting clergy and lay readers who have taken services for us during the two year interregnum. We have enjoyed a varied and interesting range of services.

On to the licensing service, which is on Tuesday 6th September, at 7.30pm, in St. Mungo's, Simonburn. This service is open to all. Light refreshments will be in Simonburn Village Hall after. Please note car parking will be subject to weather conditions and may be limited. Anyone wishing to make a contribution towards the refreshments should drop off on your way to church, at Simonburn Hall, a plate of small finger items. Toilet facilities are in the Hall. The service will be full so you may wish to consider your arrival time.

Steve will commence services in the benefice on Sunday 11th September and you will find these listed in the centre of this issue of **THE BROADSHEET** (I've given up on attempting to list them here as they either change or I get them wrong confusing you and me!) One service I will mention is the Michaelmas Benefice service here in St. Michael's on Sunday 25th September at 10.30am. This is our Patronal Festival and the service will be Holy Communion.

A reminder the Harvest Festival at St. Michael's will be on Sunday 2nd October at 6.00pm, then on Monday 3rd October within Westacres Community Room, the Ladies Guild will hold their annual Soup and Pudding evening from 7.00pm. Great soup, fabulous puddings and good chat. Talking of the Ladies Guild, they next meet at Ann Bell's on Monday 12th September at 7.00pm where, no doubt, the Christmas Bazaar will be up for discussion. I did warn you at the top of these notes Christmas would be talked about.

A little like waiting for a bus – none, then two come along together! It is sometime since we had a baptism at St. Michael's then on 24th July we welcomed Lewis James Coulson into the church followed by Freddy Charles Thomas Newton on 7th August 2016. Both Lewis and Freddy enjoyed the support of many family members and friends on their very special day.

Later this month, Friday 16th September, we will have another special and joyful occasion when Jenny Walton and Ross Dickson marry. Both are well known in the area with Ross being the grandson of (such a character) the late Flora Thompson.

That is about all for this month, cannot see I will have ruffled any feathers this time (trying to be good until Steve settles in then I will know my limits) Enjoy the autumn and farmers hope the harvest goes well- if it does – see you all at The Harvest Festival on 2nd October- if it does not then still come along and it may just be better for you next year. What more can or should I say? Until we chat again.

Love

John

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Benefice of Chollerton	Benefice of Humshaugh
Sunday 4th September - The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	
9.00 Gunnerton Holy Communion 10.30 Birtley Holy Communion	10.30 Benefice Holy Communion at Humshaugh with the Archdeacon of Lindisfarne
Old Testament: Deut. 30:15-end Gospel: Luke 14:25-33	Epistle: Philemon 1-21 Psalm: 1
Sunday 11th September - The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	
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: Exodus 32:7-14 Gospel: Luke 15:1-10	Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Psalm: 51:1-11
Sunday 18th September - The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	
9.00 Gunnerton Holy Communion 10.30 Birtley Holy Communion 6.00pm Thockrington Harvest Service	9.30 Humshaugh Holy Communion 11.00 Simonburn Holy Communion 6.00 Wark Evening Prayer
Old Testament: Amos 8:4-7 Gospel: Luke 16:1-13	Epistle: 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Psalm: 113
Sunday 25th September - The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	
9.00 Thockrington BCP Communion 10.30 Chollerton Holy Communion 6.00pm Sing for your supper	10.30 Benefice Holy Communion at Wark for Michaelmas
Old Testament: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Gospel: Luke 16:19-end	Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Psalm: 146
Sunday 2nd October - The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity	
9.00 Gunnerton Harvest Communion 10.30 Birtley Harvest Matins	9.30 Humshaugh joint Harvest Service with Simonburn including Holy Communion 6.00 Wark Harvest Festival Evening Prayer
Old Testament: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Gospel: Luke 17:5-10	Epistle: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Psalm: 37:1-9

From the Registers



Holy Baptism

We welcomed into the Family of the Church
Rosanna Charlotte Beaumont at Chipchase Castle Chapel
on Saturday July 16th
Harriet Thirlwell on July 24th at St Mungo's Church

Funerals and Memorial Services

We celebrated the lives of
William (Billy) Thornton, 66, at Birtley St Giles on Monday July 18th
Buny Robson 83, at St Peters Humshaugh on Thursday July 28th
Helen Modlin 93 at St Mungo's Simonburn on Wednesday August 3rd



Weddings



We witnessed and celebrated the marriage of
Edwin Robson and Sarah Elizabeth Robinson at Chollerton St Giles on
Saturday June 18th
Joseph Gordon Dodd and Anna Margaret Heslop at Chollerton St Giles on
Saturday June 25th
Matthew David Hawkins and Karyn Elliott at Humshaugh St Peter on
Saturday July 2nd
Duncan Robert Nicholls and Robyn Siobhan Pope at Humshaugh St Peter
on Saturday July 9th
Marc Steven Nixon and Gemma Louise Bird at Chollerton St Giles on
Friday July 22nd

Community Events in Gunnerton Church



Gunnerton Lunch Club



Wednesday September 28th
£2.50

12noon-1.00pm

Delicious homemade soup and pudding, tea and coffee, raffle

All welcome

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

Birtley Village Hall



Coffee Morning



September 7th from 10.30am to 12.00 noon
Delicious coffee, home bakes and great conversation guaranteed!

It's not too late to book tickets for the **SPORTSMAN DINNER**,
to be held in Birtley Village Hall on Friday, September 9th,
For all details please telephone Paul and Sally on (01434) 230519

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 On 7th September Eileen Burn will talk about being a Britain in Bloom judge and on 5th October we will hear about Local Tourism from Alison Cuthbertson. Meetings start at 7.30p.m. in Barrasford Village Hall; visitors always welcome.
Pauline

Friends of Chollerton Churches invite you to their next event:

HEXHAM RACE MEETING

Friday 30th September 2016

First Race 1:30pm, Last Race 5:30pm

£20 per head

Price includes entry, picnic lunch and drinks

Tickets and further details from:

Bob Fletcher

Tel Home 01434 681 949

Work 0191 280 4238

email bob@atretail.co.uk

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

Please contact: Alice Murphy on 01434 689387 or 07968 396938

THE ROSE WINDOW AT BIRTLEY ST GILES'

This is a rose window in seven leaves, in the west wall of the church above the entrance. It includes no inscription itself but the brass plaque below it refers to it as "This Children's Window" and tells us that it was dedicated in 1894 by "those whom he has baptised and other friends" to commemorate the service of The Reverend George Rome Hall in "the 33rd year of his ministry at Birtley and of his 25th year...as vicar".

It depicts the Biblical text "suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for such is the kingdom of heaven" and consists of stained and painted leaded glazing, made with coloured glass and split into two panels. The image is of Christ seated to the right, on a plinth, facing a group of four women and four children. Christ is wearing robes of red and white, while the other figures are dressed in red, amber, blue and white.

We do not know the maker but Mayer & Co of Munich and London and Ballantines of Edinburgh were suggested by Dr Neil Moat as the most likely studios with Ward and Hughes an outside possibility.

To conserve the window it will need to be removed for expert cleaning with cotton buds and a specialist solution. The fading of the original paint may be due to too vigorous cleaning at some point in the past. To re-establish the clarity of the depiction, specialist glass paint and gold size will be used. The lead is also in need of attention and some sections will need to be re-made with English lead of matching profile and all appropriately fixed together. The window will then be returned and fitted inside primary glazing for its protection in the future.

We hope the work will be carried out by Iona Art Glass of Warkworth. Anyone interested in seeing examples of work done by them should visit St. Mary's in Stanington and prepare to be impressed. Chris Chesney, ACR, a director of Iona Art Glass, who has provided much of the information here, will be in charge of the work.

George Rome Hall was responsible for the major refurbishment of the church in 1883-4, raising the funds from public subscription and donations. He had a hand in the acquisition of Birtley Hall as the parsonage and improvements to the village school. He was also a noted antiquarian.

Restoration of the window will cost upwards of £6,000, together with the incidental but undoubtedly substantial cost of scaffolding for, first, the removal and, later, the replacement of the window. We will be holding fund raising events and applying for grants but in the meantime any donations will be gratefully received by Mr David Burn, the church's Honorary Treasurer at Carrycoats Hall, NE48 3JG (cheques made payable to Birtley PCC.)

Simonburn Notes

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer, even if we've not had the best "summer" weather. The children will be looking forward to a new term or possibly a new school (or the parents will be!)

On the 24th July, Harriet Thirlwell, sister of Isabelle and the second daughter of Ritchie and Heather, was Baptised by Revd. Michael Jackson.

Sadly, on July 26th, we lost our friend and neighbour, Helen Modlin. Formerly of Red Lion Terrace. It is like the end of an era. Helen, for many years used to make afternoon tea for all the stall holders at Simonburn Fete, make the delicious sage and onion stuffing for the over 60's Christmas Dinner and she always had freshly made cakes and shortbread at the ready. The funeral took place on Wednesday 3rd August, the service was taken by Revd. Dr. Martin Kitchen. Our thoughts go out to all her family. May she rest in peace.

A huge Thank you to everyone involved in Simonburn Fete. The weather stayed fine and everyone seemed to have a great afternoon. The final total was just under £4000. Well done and Thank you.

The preparations for the service of the Licensing of Revd Steve Wilkinson are just about finalised for Tuesday 6th September at 7.30pm, at St. Mungo's. All Parishioners are welcome to attend this special service. There will be light refreshments served after the service in Simonburn Village Hall.

Contributions towards the buffet, will be much appreciated (finger food only please) sweet or savoury.

We look forward to welcoming Steve and his family to our Parish and Thank all the clergy and Readers who have looked after us in the absence of a vicar.

Best Wishes Sharon

SEPTEMBER

*September tip-toed in last night,
Summer soon will end,
The children are back in school,
Joking with their friends.*

*Vacation time is over,
Work is the name of the game,
But what wonderful memories,
We will later proclaim.*

*September is a lovely time of year,
And in her pastel shaded dress,
She dances on cooler breezes,
Each hill and valley to caress.*

*It's the beginning of the harvest,
Where the corn and taters grow,
Fields of grain and apple trees
And the cawing of the crow.*

*Sumac and golden rod a''blooming
In meadowlands every where,
With purple asters, and buttercups
A meld of rich colours rare.*

*An occasional foggy morning,
Or a misty afternoon,
With it's mild breezes,
Dancing to September's tune.*

*O Lord, Of the Universe,
I thank you for this time of year,
As we work our way toward winter,
With friends and family dear.*

*September is delightfully different,
She leaves us with a smile,
To await her return next year,
To visit us again for awhile.*

Eva May Young