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# *The October Broadsheet*



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

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## Humshaugh Vicarage

Firstly I'd like to thank everyone who's made us so welcome in the parishes, we know that you have been praying for us and our family have felt supported by your prayers. Thank you also for the steady stream of home made cakes, pies, shortbread, home grown fruit and vegetables and local eggs; they have all been really appreciated by our family !

We've just about settled into the vicarage and life in the village, our boxes are unpacked and we're starting to explore. Sitting on the bench by the bus stop talking to people for me, badminton in the village hall for our daughter, good beginnings and some new friendships.

Walking through the villages and driving up and down the valley I realise that we're coming to my favourite time of the year. The harvest will soon be in and the land got ready for winter with the colours around us fully changed to reds, oranges and browns. In my youth it was a quieter time of year with gates, fences and machinery being mended, still a lot of work but a somehow slower pace. For us as a family the autumn means cider making, usually with our two sons home to work the press. However this year, as we've inherited twelve apple trees with the vicarage, we're hoping to take part in the Humshaugh apple weekends and press ours with others from the village.

I'm beginning to think about the set points coming up, Harvest of course as I write but then Remembrance Sunday and All Souls, even looking ahead to Advent and Christmas services. Yet what I reflect on is that in all the changes, in the turning seasons and in our own lives, we have a God who meets us where we are and who is able to connect with us whatever is happening in our lives. Whether we are moving home and job, or doing what we have always done, God will always meet those who seek him out, wherever they are.

This is my encouragement to you, as the nights draw in and people talk about putting central heating on, to look up and be expectant that whatever your situation you too can meet with the creator and sustainer of the universe. The joy is that in that meeting you can be refreshed, fulfilled and renewed, whatever is happening in the world around you.



Peace.

**Steve**

## **Round and about Humshaugh**

### **A warm welcome to our new Vicar!**

What a wonderful evening it was when Steve had his Installation Service in Simonburn church.

Many, many thanks to all who helped to make the service and the buffet afterwards into such a very special occasion.

### **Mothers' Union**

Margret Jacot, with technical help from Marjorie Baillie, gave a most wonderful illustrated talk about Iona in our September meeting. Members also celebrated the 95<sup>th</sup> birthday of Rene!

The October meeting will be held on Thursday October the 6<sup>th</sup> at the Langfords' home at 2 pm.

John Cox will be choosing and playing some of his favourite music.

May we once more thank the members of the Textile Group for the Fiddle Pinnies which have all found a home – here as well as abroad.

### **Pub Quiz**

The October Quiz will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm and will be in aid of the Bonfire Night Works.

Mick Jonas will be our Question Master.

### **Humshaugh Publications**

On Monday October the 10<sup>th</sup>, Humshaugh Publications will present the first of their "Meet the Writers" evenings.

Brian Tilley, writer of the Courant's "Hextol" feature, will talk about his career in journalism.

This should be an informative and interesting evening. It will be held in the Kielder Room at the George Hotel at 7.30 pm.

Tickets ( £5 including refreshments ) will be limited and will soon be on sale in the village shop.

### **Friends of Humshaugh School**

A Christmas Market will be held on Saturday October the 15<sup>th</sup> from 11am until 2pm in Humshaugh Village Hall. There will be local trade stalls with food, crafts and gifts. A pop up café will sell yummy home bakes and refreshments. And there will be a raffle with great prizes.

This is the fourth "Market" year and we hope it will be another success.

### **Film Nights in Humshaugh Village Hall**

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of October the film, ( plus supper ) will be "Jimmy's Hall". This film, set in Ireland will captivate you: a story about a village hall, which will make you laugh and give some heart warming "aah" moments. Doors open at 6.45pm, supper at 7 and the film starts at 7.30.

Pay at the door: film is free and supper is £5. Usual drinks and refreshments will be available.

#### Future films:

- 11<sup>th</sup> November Mary and Max (an animation)
- No film in December
- 13<sup>th</sup> January The Chorus (a French film)
- 10<sup>th</sup> February Casablanca (a golden oldie)
- 10<sup>th</sup> March Priscilla, Queen of the Desert

#### New Daytime Yoga Class

Starting in October, a new yoga class will run every Friday daytime in Humshaugh Village Hall.

The class is suitable for all ages and abilities and mats and props will be provided. So come along and start the journey to better health by breathing deeply and moving in a supportive group setting.

Please contact Sarah Fae mobile: 07880706084 for more information.

[www.sarahfae.co.uk](http://www.sarahfae.co.uk)

#### Humshaugh Community Ventures Limited

HCVL, which runs the shop, is planning to boost its numbers by inviting you to join in. Perhaps you are new to the village and would like to become involved and make new friends. You only need to talk to the current team to find out about the warm glow you get from making a small contribution to our friendly village.

We are also looking for a Treasurer, so, if you have the relevant skills, we would love to hear from you. You would be helped by other volunteers who deal with cash handling, newspaper vouchers, accounts etc.

HCLV will hold its annual general meeting soon, when you would be able to find out more, but in the meantime: our Secretary, Jack Chown, would be delighted to give you any information.

His telephone number: 689218 email: [jackchown2000@gmail.com](mailto:jackchown2000@gmail.com)

Liesbeth Langford

#### School-Leavers.

The Evans Trust may be in a position to award small grants to students who have left school this Summer and commencing a further course of education in the Autumn of 2016. The terms of the Trust specify that such students must be resident within either Humshaugh, Simonburn or Wark. The purpose is to assist with book purchase in order to help at the beginning of a course of study.

Applications should be sent to Mr Antony Braithwaite, Haughton Castle, Humshaugh, Hexham, NE46 4AY, or to any of the Trustees. We all wish the students good luck and much satisfaction in their course and subsequent chosen career.



Back to Wark things. The Sunday tea and crafts went off well. The tent became extracted from its moorings i.e. blew away, so we all decamped into the church which worked well. Good atmosphere, good tea, good conversation with around £550.00 being raised for the roof fund. Thanks to all who gave, supported craft stalls and contributed to the overall outcome. We will be back with another Sunday tea along with a stronger tent! (having carried this in and out of the bier house I can confirm its strength)

Most will know Anne Grieve, along with Jane and other family have arrived back into Wark looking, well it would be polite to say, exhausted on a few days (other words are available) as she continues her mission to walk the boundary of Wark and Birtley Parishes This is not a simple challenge as the terrain is difficult. Anne will share the proceeds between the Rose window appeal at St. Giles, Birtley and Wark St. Michael's for the replacement main gate to the church path. It is amazing their effort; should you wish to support them with a donation please do so by signing up on the form in church or drop off an envelope with me (with money in !)

We are progressing with roofing grant applications however as you all will be aware – Rome was not built in a day.

Serious matters now. Harvest Festival is Sunday 2nd October at 6.00pm with Soup and Pudding in the Community Room on Monday 3rd October at 7.00pm costing £3.00. The school will hold their service in St. Michael's on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm when all are welcome to join with the children as they celebrate. (Mr Boucetla tell me they have two weeks to practice) It is well worth attending to appreciate the children's talent and their understanding of the festival.

I have a friend who has a saying 'you never know what's around the corner' well, we know Christmas is around the corner for us and The Guild are arranging the usual Bazaar on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December within Wark Town Hall at 2.00pm. Contributions towards the usual stalls, excluding bric a brac ,are most welcome by Ann or John.

Something to leave you with: the other day on the radio I heard this - The children will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in church on Friday at 7.00pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Perhaps I should not say more....  
Until we next chat, love to all



**John**

## SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Benefice of Chollerton	Benefice of Humshaugh
<b>Sunday 2nd October - The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9.00 Gunnerton Harvest Communion 10.30 Birtley Harvest Matins	9.30 Humshaugh joint Harvest Service with Simonburn inc Holy Communion 6.00 Wark Harvest Festival Evening Prayer
<b>Old Testament:</b> Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 17:5-10	
<b>Epistle:</b> 2 Timothy 1:1-14 <b>Psalm:</b> 37:1-9	
<b>Sunday 9th October - The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9.00 Thockrington Holy Communion 10.30 Chollerton Harvest Communion	9.30 Humshaugh Holy Communion 11.00 Simonburn Morning Prayer 6.00 Wark Holy Communion
<b>Old Testament:</b> 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 15:1-10	
<b>Epistle:</b> 2 Timothy 2:8-15 <b>Psalm:</b> 111	
<b>Sunday 16th October - The Twenty-first 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 32:22-31 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 18:1-8	
<b>Epistle:</b> 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 <b>Psalm:</b> 121	
<b>Sunday 23rd October - The Last Sunday after Trinity (Bible Sunday)</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> Isaiah 45:22-end <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 4:16-24	
<b>Epistle:</b> Romans 15:1-6 <b>Psalm:</b> 119:129-136	
<b>Sunday 30th October - All Saints' Sunday</b>	
10.30 Chollerton Benefice Communion 6.00 Chollerton All Souls' Service	9.30 Humshaugh Holy Communion 11.00 Simonburn Holy Communion 6.30 Wark Evening Prayer
<b>Old Testament:</b> Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 6:20-31	
<b>Epistle:</b> Ephesians 1:1-11 <b>Psalm:</b> 149	
<b>Sunday 6th November - The Third Sunday before Advent</b>	
9.00 Gunnerton Holy Communion 10.30 Birtley Holy Communion	9.30 Humshaugh Holy Communion 11.00 Simonburn Holy Communion 6.30 Wark Evening Prayer
<b>Old Testament:</b> Job 19:23-27a <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 20:27-38	
<b>Epistle:</b> 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-end <b>Psalm:</b> 17:1-9	

## Chollerton Vicarage

### All Souls' Service

Chollerton St Giles

Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm

A service of prayers and hymns as we treasure the memory of loved ones we see no longer.

We shall have the opportunity of lighting a candle in their memory should we wish to do so.

Please let me know if you wish me to name them in the prayers.

Tel. 01434 681721, put their name(s) on the list in church, or email: chollertonvicar@gmail.com

**Mike**

### From the Registers



#### Holy Baptism

We welcomed into the Family of the Church  
Lucy Elizabeth Andrews at Chollerton St Giles on Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup>

#### Funerals and Memorial Services



We celebrated the life of  
Joan Grieve, 89, at Chollerton St Giles on Wednesday August 17<sup>th</sup>  
John Henry Smith, 91, at West Road Crematorium Newcastle-upon-Tyne  
on Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup>  
Judith Johnson, 66, at Chollerton St Giles on Monday August 22<sup>nd</sup>



#### Weddings

We witnessed and celebrated the marriage of  
Tony Jewitt and Kate Elizabeth Lishman at Chollerton St Giles on  
Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Community Events in Gunnerton Church

#### Gunnerton Lunch Club

Wednesday October 26<sup>th</sup>

£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



Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup> from 10.30am to 12.00  
noon



Delicious coffee, home bakes and great  
conversation guaranteed!

### Film Nights

We are intending to show a number of films at Birtley Village Hall during the Autumn, Winter and Spring. Our first film will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30p.m. and is free admission. There will be a bar serving alcoholic drinks, tea and coffee. There will also be cinema snacks for sale. To find out more please ring, text, email, carrier pigeon me on 01434230519, or 07800854009, or anthonydpennis@gmail.com or the bird table at Vindolanda, Birtley

Paul

### 'Antiques Roadshow' Evening

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 7:30pm

Bring along your 'antiques'! Our Anderson and Garland auctioneer will enlighten you on their history for only £1 per item. You never know - you may be a millionaire! Is it a Hurst or your kid's tomato sauce sandwich! Admission is £4 to include a drink and nibbles. Bar open throughout evening. If you are bringing along an item for inspection please arrive for 7.00p.m.

Paul

### 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)

### Colwell Village Hall Quiz Night



Saturday, 8th October, 7.30pm  
£6 per person includes supper  
Includes draw for the annual raffle in aid  
of the Tynedale Hospice Rainbow Project



## **Chollerton WI**

**Chollerton WI** On Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, Alison Cuthbertson will be giving a talk about her work with the Tourist Information Board and on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, we look forward to hearing from Liesbeth Langford about her 'Childhood under Occupation'. Our Christmas Craft Night is on 7<sup>th</sup> December, when Elspeth Horsefield will be talking about Painting on Silk and showing some of her work. We meet at 7.30p.m. in Barrasford Village Hall. Visitors always welcome..  
Pauline

## ***Friends of Chollerton Churches invite you to their next event:***

Friday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm at Chipchase Castle Chapel the return of the very popular candlelit **Yuletide Service** with refreshments afterwards in the Castle. Tickets and further details from

**Bob Fletcher**

**Tel Home 01434 681 949**

**Work 0191 280 4238**

**email [bob@atretail.co.uk](mailto:bob@atretail.co.uk)**

## **Tea parties**

...take place once a month from 2.30pm to 4.30pm; please note the slightly later times due to another booking in the Hall. Everyone is welcome and they are particularly aimed at those who would appreciate some friendly company once in a while.

Forthcoming tea parties will be held on

- Wednesday October 12th
- Wednesday November 9th and
- Wednesday December 14th  
at Newton Village Hall, NE43 7UL.

Please note the new times of 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Lifts can be arranged for those who do not have their own transport. You won't be alone, some 25-30 people attend, sometimes as many as 40, so all are welcome.

Please contact: Alice Murphy on 01434 689387 or her mobile: 07968 396938

### **Barrasford Village Hall**

Quiz Nights:  
8pm starts, on Friday 30th  
September, Friday November  
4th and Friday December 2nd.

All welcome.



### **Wine Tasting Evening**

with Ken and Alison  
'A Road Less Travelled'  
Friday November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.  
More details to follow but as usual  
the advice is to move quickly to  
book your place.  
Tel: 01434 689996

## **Birtley Village Open Gardens**

It's Wednesday morning and looking out of the window I'm thinking thank goodness it's not last Sunday! Mind, yesterday I was thinking I wish this was Sunday! You cannot have everything. Just to remind you Tuesday was very hot and Wednesday was very wet and stormy!

Well, what a day we had on Sunday at the Birtley Open Gardens Event. The weather, not quite as hot as Tuesday, was good if a little blowy. People started arriving around two and the last visitors were leaving at five. We had well over one hundred visitors! Something of a record resulting in a useful input of £900 into the Village Hall coffers.

There is no way this could have happened without the help of the whole village. There were, of course, the open gardens themselves which were superb, although one (ours) is still very much a work in progress! (I suppose all gardens are, you never really finish do you?). However, we must not forget the "closed" gardens which were equally attractive and could be seen from the footpath. The verges, roadsides, flowerbeds, church yard and playground, always very well kept, were particularly neat and tidy on Sunday thanks to several residents out the day before with their wheelbarrows, shovels and brooms.

In addition to the gardens there were Craft stalls in the hall which sold high-quality items made from turned wood, some delightful hand-knitted children's garments, some gorgeously coloured pottery, and beautiful photographs of the region.

The WI had a stall selling delicious preserves and cakes, together with plants and also information on joining the WI.

The Kirkwhelpington Art Group yet again provided us with an inspired display of paintings.

Outside there was a plant stall which did a brisk business despite the wind!

The gardens were superb and all quite different from the formal to the rather laid back. From the large to the small and the polished (as much as a garden can ever be!) to the, frankly, unfinished (although by the next Open Gardens our pond might have fish in!) The Alpacas at the Manor House were very popular with their comical expressions and striking colouring.

The Committee is full of appreciation and gratitude for the sterling efforts made by everybody, including the visitors, in making it such a marvellous day.

**THANK YOU**

**Paul Dennis**

**Christian Aid Week May 15th-21st May 2016 in the parishes of Cholerton and Gunnerton.**

Thank you to all who contributed and to the collectors, Diana Armstrong, Brenda Swinton and Su Garvan. The total raised was £300.

**Claire Ridley**

**Christian Aid Organiser**

**Barrasford Methodist Church**  
**Harvest Festival**  
Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm  
Tanfield Lea Gospel Singers  
Followed by supper at close  
Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm  
Service taken by the Rev'd Mike Wilkinson



All are welcome

**Birtley Church Harvest Lunch**

You are invited to the Harvest Lunch in Birtley Village Hall on Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> at 1.00pm in Birtley Village Hall.

The final menu is to be agreed but will probably be homemade soup, Coronation chicken, cold meats, salads, warm new potatoes and delicious tempting puddings. Tickets are £12.00 and will be available from Judith Weir in Wark (230250) and Anne and Margaret Mitcheson in Birtley (230421)

Forthcoming social events in the Chollerton Benefice are as follows:

- Friday 11th Nov: 7.30pm Quiz and supper Gunnerton church
- Friday 18th Nov: 7.30pm Wine tasting at Ken and Alison's 'A road less travelled'
- Saturday 10th Dec: 10.00-12.00, 2.00-4.00 Mince pies and mulled wine at the Mitcheson's in Birtley



**Quiz and Supper Night**

**Gunnerton Church**  
**Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**  
Details from Ann Wainwright Tel: 01434 230464

