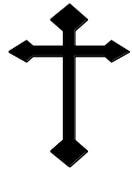


# *The November Broadsheet*



**Pause to Remember**

**11-11-11**

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

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Dear friends,

This year has seen our nation thinking back to the events of the Great War in the summer and autumn of 1916 when the war intensified in Belgium and France. It literally was the killing fields of Europe.

I was musing during the summer how our society today would cope with so many of our young men being killed in a war just across the channel when I received an email. It read as follows:

‘I am the community link in a WW1 research project [called Dominion Geordies Project] based at Northumbria University looking at connections between the north east of England and the Dominion forces of Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

We are engaged in researching a very large database for 7200 individuals we have identified as having been born in the counties of Northumberland and Durham in the years before the Great War who had then emigrated to the Dominions. These men and women subsequently enlisted into the armed forces of their new homelands and came to Europe and the Middle East to serve.

As part of the project we are producing a short video (produced by a professional company) to highlight some of the fascinating stories we have uncovered and to show the connections of many men to local communities here in northeast England.

We would be grateful if we could be permitted to take video images of the memorial wall plaques and stained glass window for two men which were installed at St Giles Birtley. John Thomas Hutchinson of Birtley Shields is remembered by a plaque on the wall of the nave and in the impressive stained glass window opposite. William Ernest Robson is remembered by the copper bronze plaque depicting the cap badge of the Australian Imperial Force.

Would it be possible to film on 12<sup>th</sup> August?’

It certainly would!

During the filming I was speaking to Alan Fidler, who wrote the email. He gave me some papers about the two young men mentioned in his email. One, William Robson was ‘killed in action between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> November 1916’ and his name appears on the memorial at Villiers-Bretonneux. No other information is known of his demise. There is more information about John Hutchinson. He volunteered in November 1916 in Hughenden, Queensland, Australia. ‘He saw a good deal of fighting ... in October 1917 and again in March 1918.’ He died on 24<sup>th</sup> April 1918 of ‘shrapnel wounds to his abdomen and wrist, both legs shattered.’

Such detail. Reading these papers brought home the personal story of these two men, how new hope of farming in Australia was not to be realised. They found themselves back in the UK for training then on to Europe to fight - or rather be slaughtered.

When I see footage of hospitals blown up in Syria we still seem completely hell-bent on fighting. When will this warring madness end? How appropriate it still is to remember those who have suffered and died in war especially from our communities. How important it still is for our young people to capture the truth that it doesn’t have to be like this.

I shall pass these papers on to Mary White of Birtley History Society. If you are interested in finding out more about this project then do visit [www.dominiongeordiesinww1.co.uk](http://www.dominiongeordiesinww1.co.uk).

With love and peace to you and yours,

Mike



Our new Vicar, Reverend Steve, ended the fabulous afternoon with some kind words. Since then, some lovely thank you cards have arrived at the school, for which many thanks.

Nearly all the children have started an Outdoor Adventure Club, led by Paul Mordue of Wildabout Adventure.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 9 December: Christmas production/nativity "Hosanna Rock!

Monday 12 December: Christmas Service led by Revd. Steve at 2.15 at St Peter's church.

### **Friends of Humshaugh School**

A Firework Event will be held on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at the playing field. Food and refreshments will be served from 6pm inside the school and the display will start at 6.30.

There will be donation buckets prior to the event in the village or on the night which will fund the next year's display. No sparklers or personal fireworks allowed.

### **Dec/Jan Broadsheet**

*Because of circumstances, I will need all information for the Dec/Jan Broadsheet by November 10.*

*Many thanks.*

Liesbeth Langford

### **All souls service at Humshaugh**

Wednesday 2nd November at 6.30pm

A short service of thanksgiving and memorial for those loved ones we see no longer. With prayers, music and the opportunity to light a candle in their memory.

**Steve**

## **WARK PARISH NEWS**

At the time of writing we are seven weeks into Steve being with us and I know he has been out and about meeting as many parishioners as possible. What a difference having a vicar makes! A number of items which have been pending for a time will be raised at the next PCC meeting which is after press date for this edition so it is watch this space for your bumper December and January edition

Looking back we held an enjoyable Harvest set of services with the School having a wonderful congregation of over 40 adults. The church service on the Sunday was well attended which set us all up for the soup and puddings night on the Monday. Thank you to all who contributed to any of these events. Your help is much appreciated.

As I mentioned last month Ann and I had our triennial inspection (Archdeacons words I would say every three years) he corrected us on two or three admin points otherwise St. Michael's was given a positive reception and report along with some sound advice. A sincere thank you from Ann and I to all who assist with maintaining St. Michael's to the standard we see; inside and out.

It is November and not a lot goes on; apart from the thoughts of Christmas and the dreaded shopping this brings (not wishing to brag however I do have the cards arranged) One thing I do know about Christmas is our wonderful Guild are to hold the annual Christmas Bazaar on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December in the Town Hall when Santa will come along!. It all kicks off at 2.00pm with the usual stalls to which contributions are most welcome. Please come along to support. The Guild do contribute so much over the year to keep St. Michael's operational which I must say is down to you supporting the events they arrange. Thank you. So far as services over the Christmas period are concerned could I ask you check these out in the next **BROADSHEET**.

In the middle of October we were all saddened to receive news of the death of Mary Nixon. Mary was a regular figure in the village, despite failing eye sight, could be seen walking and chatting with villagers. Another of our characters has left us. A family service was held in St. Michael's. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family

I mentioned earlier the Guild who, as most know, have been going over 40 years and I failed to mention their next meeting will be at a lunch on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Please contact Ann to confirm the venue. (it is the Ann without an 'e' on 230259)

Keep supporting the Anne (with an e) as she concludes her walking of the boundary of the parish. The proceeds are for the large church gate. Please support her. And the gate

The other week when attending a service at Santa Margarita on Menorca the address was laced with humorous stories; such as the Vicar was leading a school assembly where he was asked what God was doing before he created earth. Quick as a flash the Vicar replied he created hell for people who ask difficult questions.

Perhaps I should say no more..... Love John

## SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2016

Benefice of Chollerton	Benefice of Humshaugh
<b>Sunday 6th November - The Third Sunday before Advent</b>	
9.00 Gunnerton Holy Communion 10.30 Birtley Holy Communion	Humshaugh 9.30 - Holy Communion Simonburn 11.00 - Holy Communion Wark: 6.00pm - Holy Communion
<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
<b>Sunday 13th November - Remembrance Sunday</b>	
9.00 Thockrington Holy Communion 10.00 Birtley Act of Remembrance 10.40 Chollerton Morning Worship and Act of Remembrance 6.00pm Birtley Evensong	Benefice Remembrance Service at Simonburn at 10.45 followed by acts of remembrance at Humshaugh War Memorial at 12.30 and then Wark at 1pm
<b>Old Testament:</b> Malachi 4:1-2a <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 21:5-19	<b>Epistle:</b> 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 <b>Psalm:</b> 98
<b>Sunday 20th November - Christ the King (The Sunday next before Advent)</b>	
9.00 Gunnerton Holy Communion 10.30 Birtley Holy Communion	Wark 9.30 - Holy Communion Simonburn 11.00 - Matins Humshaugh 6.30pm - Evening Service of the Word
<b>Old Testament:</b> Jeremiah 23:1-6 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 23:33-43	<b>Epistle:</b> Colossians 1:11-20 <b>Psalm:</b> 46
<b>Sunday 27th November - The First Sunday of Advent</b>	
9.00 Thockrington BCP Communion 10.30 Chollerton Holy Communion 6.00 Chollerton Advent Carol Service	Advent Benefice Holy Communion at Humshaugh 10.30.
<b>Old Testament:</b> Isaiah 2:1-5 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 24:36-44	<b>Epistle:</b> Romans 13:11-end <b>Psalm:</b> 122
<b>Sunday 4th December - The Second Sunday of Advent</b>	
9.00 Gunnerton Holy Communion 10.30 Birtley Holy Communion	Humshaugh 9.30 - Holy Communion Simonburn 11.00 - Holy Communion Wark 6.00 Evening Service of the Word
<b>Old Testament:</b> Isaiah 11:1-10 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 3:1-12	<b>Epistle:</b> Romans 15:4-13 <b>Psalm:</b> 72:1-7

## From the Registers

### Funerals and Memorial Services

We celebrated the life of  
Margaret Feeley, 87, at Chollerton St Giles on Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>  
Lucy Anne Kathleen Fairley, 70, at Chollerton St Giles on Friday  
September 30<sup>th</sup>  
Leonora Millicent Dickinson, 86, at Chollerton St Giles on Friday  
October 7<sup>th</sup>



### Messy Church



Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup> from 3.00pm until about 5.00pm.  
Barrasford Village Hall  
Food, fun, songs to sing for all the family  
Time together and time to learn something about God and  
Jesus

All welcome  
More details from Mike Slade  
01434 681721

### 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.

Mike

### Advent Carol Service

On November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm at Chollerton St Giles I shall be leading an  
Advent Carol Service. This is a service to allow us to sing a wider range  
of hymns which reflect the season of preparation, anticipation and  
waiting for the celebrations of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas.  
This does not replace our Christmas Carol Services but is intended to  
add to them in our spiritual preparations for Christmas.

Do come along for a good sing!

Mike

## Compline

As in past years short services of Compline (about 15 minutes' long) will take place during Advent on the following Wednesdays at 9.00pm:

- November 30<sup>th</sup> at Birtley St Giles;
- December 7<sup>th</sup> at Gunnerton St Christopher;
- December 14<sup>th</sup> at Chollerton St Giles; and,
- December 21<sup>st</sup> at Thockrington St Aidan.

Compline consists of prayers, silence, an unaccompanied hymn and a short Bible reading. It is a good ending to the day and many find it a welcome oasis during the busyness of the run up to Christmas.

## Community Events in Gunnerton Church

	<p><b><u>Gunnerton Lunch Club</u></b> Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup> £2.50 12noon-1.00pm Delicious homemade soup and pudding, tea and coffee, raffle <u>All welcome</u></p>	
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<p><b><u>Gunnerton Railway Circle</u></b> November 1st An evening with Dave Collier</p>	
<p>GRC member Dave Collier makes a very welcome return as presenter with a selection of his latest work showcasing his extensive travels in the UK and abroad in search of steam. Who knows where he will take us tonight! Next meeting is on March 7th 2017</p>	
	

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

**Reminder** The December and January Broadsheet will be combined. Could you please get any information you would like to enter in the Broadsheet by 10th November to the following correspondents:

**Liesbeth Langford - Humshaugh, John Cooper - Wark,  
Sharon Hadley - Simonburn.**

Many Thanks.

## Birtley Village Hall

### Coffee Morning



Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10.30am to 12.00 noon  
Delicious coffee,  
home bakes and great conversation guaranteed!



### **CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENING**



You are warmly invited to Birtley Village Hall  
on  
**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 7.30pm**  
Join us for an evening of festive enjoyment.  
Bring family and friends.  
Bar, soft drinks and nibbles.



## 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** We look forward to hearing Liesbeth Langford's very interesting and moving talk about 'Childhood under Occupation' at our meeting on Wednesday 2nd November and Elspeth Horsefield will talk about 'Painting on Silk' and show samples of her work at our Christmas Craft Night on 7 December. Meetings start at 7.30p.m. in Barrasford Village Hall and visitors are 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 November 9th and
  - Wednesday December 14th
- at Newton Village Hall, NE43 7UL.

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

You are all are welcome.

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

## Barrasford Village Hall



Quiz Nights:

8pm starts, on Friday November 4th and Friday December 2nd.  
All welcome.

## Barrasford Village Hall

Gift Fair

Lots of Stalls + wine and cheese  
Friday 4th November, 6pm - 9pm.

Come along for a browse and start your Christmas shopping.



## 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**

Quiz and Supper Night

Gunnerton Church

Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm

Details from Ann Wainwright

**Tel: 01434 230464**



**CHOLLERTON FIRST SCHOOL PTFA  
CHRISTMAS FAYRE**



**FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
1.30 - 3.00pm**  
**Stalls include:**  
**Cake & Produce, Tombola,  
Lucky Bags  
Raffle, Refreshments, Games  
EVERYONE WELCOME**

**Chollerton First School  
Christingle Service**



Monday 5th December  
St Giles Church Chollerton  
at 6pm  
**All welcome**



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on

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 7.30pm**

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The Ladies Guild  
**Christmas Bazaar**

Sunday 4th December  
2pm

Wark Town Hall  
Usual Stalls



**Santa will be visiting too!**

## Simonburn Notes

Autumn has arrived and I love all the Autumn colours of the leaves, it's a shame they don't stay on the trees a little longer.

In preparation for the Remembrance Sunday service, Could we ask for volunteers to help clear the leaves from the green around the Memorial. Please come along on Saturday 12th November at 9am. It would be greatly appreciated.

The Remembrance Service will be held in St. Mungo's at 10.45am followed by the wreath laying at the memorial, followed at Humshaugh at 12.30 and Wark at 1pm.

A day for us all to remember, honour and respect all those people who sacrificed themselves, so we can enjoy our freedom. Where your poppy with pride.

Some sad news reached us recently, Ken McColm, sadly passed away on 4th October. Ken was the retired Farm Manager at Townhead Farm, Nunwick.

Our heartfelt thoughts go to Jean and all the family.  
May he rest in peace. X

Thank you.

Sharon

## Autumn

Descending leaves fall to the ground,  
Twirling, twisting, round and round,  
Autumn season is almost here,  
The smell of freshness is oh so near.

The crisp, cool breeze,  
Shakes the leaves from the trees,  
Autumn takes away the green,  
Golden-bronze and brown is all that can be seen.

