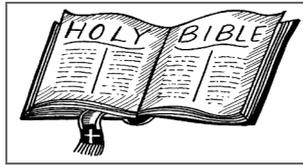


# *The June Broadsheet*



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

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## Humshaugh Vicarage

Well, it seems like lambing has gone well for most people and now that we've had a little rain the grass has started to grow again, the bird songs have changed again too. Maybe spring has finally sprung and, having enjoyed a week or so of fine weather, we have had a taste of what summer might be like.

It's the same in the church year, we've had Easter and celebrated Christ's victory over death, we've had a taste of what this triumph might be like, and we're looking forward to what comes next. For Christians soon we celebrate Christ's Ascension into heaven and then at Pentecost the receiving of God's Holy Spirit. It's all exciting stuff, full of passion and fire and mystery, for us the celebrations are still going on.

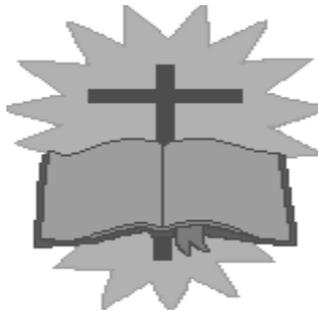
But I wonder what this time of year means to those outside the church?

Maybe it's the final push to save for this summer's holiday, making plans to spend time away from work and with family and friends. Or, as this has often been a time of year when people start looking for new jobs, perhaps a change in direction in life. In the prologue to his Canterbury Tales, Geoffrey Chaucer describes this time of year as 'this restless season' and I think that this captures it well, not spring anymore but not yet full summer.

So I wonder if you are restless at the moment, wondering 'what next' in your life, if as in Chaucer's words you 'sleep all night with open eyes'? If so, then perhaps now is the time to reconnect with church, and whichever one you come to you can be sure of a warm welcome.

But there is more than just a generous welcome, good though that is. The world is a complicated and challenging place and it can feel good to be rooted in something as timeless as God, it brings a sense of place, of being 'hefted'. If this sounds good to you come and join us one Sunday and reconnect, you'll be made most welcome.

Steve



## Round and about Humshaugh

Only a few more days.....

### Humshaugh Spring Garden Party

Will take place on Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 2.00 pm in the Vicarage garden with tea on the lawn, a selection of stalls and entertainment for the children.

Please come along with family and friends to enjoy a really great afternoon.

### Mothers' Union

A very special meeting was enjoyed by everybody when Rene Baillie gave her deeply interesting talk on "Women from the Bible".

The June meeting will be on the very first day of the month at 2pm, when A Wave of Prayer service will be held in St Peter's church. Teas will be served in church afterwards.



### Crown Players Drama Group

The Crown Players are hosting a Murder Mystery fundraising evening:

"The Great British Bump Off", starting at 7pm on Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup> in Humshaugh Village Hall. Tickets at £10 include supper, will be available from Humshaugh Village Shop. "Who 'dun it???"

### Pub Quiz



In a very close contest, the April Quiz was won by "Team Compleat." £150 was raised from entrance fees and raffle tickets for Humshaugh Cricket Club.

The next Quiz at The Crown will be on Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 8pm and will be in aid of the Friends of Humshaugh School.

Liesbeth Langford

### **Humshaugh Garden Party**

**Saturday 3rd June starting at 2pm.**

**In the vicarage garden**

**tea on the lawn,**

**a selection of stalls**

**entertainment for the children.**

**Please come along with family and friends**



## **WARK PARISH NEWS**

Just where to start this month is a problem! Perhaps a relief from politics would be good. My notes indicate a lot is going on in June and a lot went on in May. Best to start with the annual charity lunch which is not just Wark Parish based so a huge thank you to all who provided, attended and helped. Around £4,400.00 was raised for Northumbria Blood Bikes. The total amount was handed over to them at a W.I. meeting in late May where men were allowed in and did sing Jerusalem.

Ann and myself, with painful joints, the evening of the charity lunch went along to the Archidiaconal Visitation to be admitted to our office of Churchwarden. So you have us for a further year. The service was held in St. Michael's and I must report that so many of the other 40 or so Churchwardens from the Diocese made comment on how well the church and churchyard is maintained. A comment I must agree with and extend thanks to all concerned (inside and out) for such an excellent year round job. If you require any personal help please contact our vicar Steve, Ann or myself.

I am still waiting for final confirmation of completion of the roof job however understand all is now watertight. The Porch floor is still work in progress. The skip in the car park along with the portaloos was well used during the work for dumping and removing. All church services are back to normal as indicated in this **BROADSHEET**.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June is Teddy Bears Picnic Day at 2.00pm within the grounds of St. Michael's with games, tea and a short blessing service.

By kind permission of Bruce and Sally Napier we are to hold a Summer Lunch in the grounds of The Old Rectory (using the new marquee obtained from an EDF grant) on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Please contact Ann on 230259 for tickets and information. Tickets are £16.00.

Next month is a double issue however as printing and distribution times maybe close I would remind you of the **GARDEN FETE** on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July on the village green here in Wark. This is a major source of income for us so any contribution you can make will keep the work of the church here in Wark going. Why not pray with us for a sunny day, look out all that junk for the bric a brac, bake cakes and come along to support. A meeting to finalise the arrangements for the fete is being held on 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm within the Westacres Community Room.

A little further ahead is the Wark and Stonehaugh Scarecrow trail over the 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September. Proceeds from this go towards the Festive Meal for Senior Citizens of Wark Parish. Thinking caps on and contact Laureen on 230858 to enter.

The printing of **THE BROADSHEET** takes a little time, the machine does all , however we have to feed it with paper along with coffee for ourselves , so if you do have an hour or so once a month (training given) then please contact one of the Rogers or me to sort that out.

This month I have just read an article in The Church Times headed **Politics and Pulpit: never the twain shall meet** The cartoon with it `There now follows a party political sermon on behalf of the .....party. When you read this all the dirty washing will have been hung out and aired.

As always, until we next chat.

Love to all

**John**

### **THE FAREWELL TEA PARTY FOR THE SLADES**

Mike Slade led his final Benefice service as our Vicar on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April in Chollerton church, which was packed out with parishioners and friends of all ages. It was a poignant occasion.

That afternoon friends from around the benefice and beyond came to Birtley Village Hall for a splendid open house tea party to say farewell to Mike and Fiona, and Matt and Ali. Mike's love of a good cake is legend, and we didn't let him down. The tables were groaning with the most wonderful array of home baking and the tea cups were brimming all afternoon.

An appreciation of Mike's ministry over the past six years was given by David Burn, churchwarden of Birtley, who described the impact that both Mike and Fiona had made on our parishes, and how grateful we will always be for their shared ministry. A collection had been taken around the benefice and a cheque for £900 was given to Mike, with a beautiful card which had been signed by as many people as possible. Lawrence Wainwright, churchwarden of Chollerton, presented them with a framed photograph of Mike with Archbishop Sentamu, who preached at Thockrington Church in 2014. Judith Weir, churchwarden of Birtley, presented Fiona with a lovely plant for their new garden. Graham Bell, churchwarden of Thockrington then gave the valedictory tribute, referring to the Fork Handles sketch by the Two Ronnies, which brought the house down. It was relevant, when looked at from the Four Candles aspect. Mike and Fiona were presented with a unique fork handle candle to guide them in their retirement.

The tea party was a wonderful opportunity to share memories, and show our gratitude to Mike for everything he has done to bring our parishes together and to reach out to people in so many ways. Thankfully we are saying only "Au revoir" to the Slades as they move into their new home in Wark. We wish Mike a good recovery, and a happy and fulfilling retirement.

**Eileen Burn**

## **Chollerton WI**

Julian Harrop will be speaking about 'Beamish from the Inside' on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June. Joanna O'Neill's talk on 5<sup>th</sup> July is 'Hush Now and Listen' and on 2 August we will be meeting in St Christopher's Gunnerton, when member, Sally Dannys, will be teaching us how to 'Paint on Silk'.

Visitors always welcome.

## **Colwell Village Hall Success!**

Colwell Village Hall has been successful in an application to the British Heart Foundation for a new defibrillator. The device is now available for public use and is situated in the porch at the main entrance to the Hall.

In addition, we received a Call Push Rescue training kit containing ten dummies with instructional DVD for CPR. If any group in the area wishes to borrow the kit please call Geoff Robinson on 01434 681007.

## **Simonburn Notes**

Some months there is little to report from Simonburn and this month is one of them!

Some sad news first, with the death of Michael Atkinson from Lonbrough, his funeral took place on Thursday May 18th. It was a packed church with standing room only. May he Rest in Peace.

The daffodils on the village green have been stunning this Spring, sadly they have finished flowering now. It is very tempting to cut back the leaves. But gardening tip of the month....leave daffodil leaves until they have turned yellow!!

I recently travelled by ferry from North Shields to Amsterdam and visited Anne Frank's House. It is very moving. I don't know if you know but Anne Frank was a 13 year old Jewish girl who, in 1942, with her family, had to go into hiding to avoid being sent to a labour camp. For more than 2 years, she stayed in a small secret annexe with 7 other people. It was cramped with blacked out windows, where during the day they were not allowed to walk around, talk loudly or flush the toilet, in case the people below heard them. Sadly they were discovered and arrested in 1944 and sent to a concentration camp. It makes us realise how lucky we are to enjoy the freedom that we have. 13 year olds of today can not go anywhere without a mobile phone with them, without social media and panic if there is no Wi-Fi (and not just teenagers, I am guilty too!)

The next issue of the Broadsheet will be a double edition, so if there is anything you want mentioned, please contact me [shazzahadley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:shazzahadley@hotmail.co.uk)

When I write the next Simonburn Notes, I will have had my summer holiday, how scary is that?

Best Wishes  
Sharon



## Birtley Village Coffee Morning



The monthly Coffee Morning will be held on  
The first Thursday of each month, in the Village Hall.  
As usual, see you there for a coffee and chat.

Future event –Afternoon Tea at St Giles, Birtley 30<sup>th</sup> July

## Gunnerton Lunch Club

Held on Wednesday's  
at 12 noon

8th June, 26th July, **none in August**, 27th September, 25th October,  
29th November.

£2.50 includes soup, dessert, tea and coffee.

And a raffle.

You are all welcome

## **BIRTLEY FETE**

in aid of St Giles Church



Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30



Birtley Village Hall

Baking and home produce, plants,  
raffle, tombola, fun for children

Delicious teas (£3).

## **CANINE CAPERS**

Six family fun dog classes;

Have-a-go canine agility;

Fastest Novice Gundog; retrieve and  
other fun dog events

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## **Garden Party**

Little Park End

Simonburn  
NE48 3AE

Sunday 25th June  
2pm. Till 4pm.

Traditional afternoon Tea

In aid of

Affleck Academy of Ballet  
(Snow White & the Huntsman)

&

St. Mungo's Church

For further info.:

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## SERVICES FOR JUNE 2017

Benefice of Chollerton	Benefice of Humshaugh
<b>Sunday 4th June Pentecost</b>	
9am Gunnerton HC 10.30am Birtley HC	9.30am Humshaugh HC 11am Simonburn HC 6pm Wark Family service for Pentecost
Readings: Acts 2. 1 –21,	Psalm 104.26-36 John 20.19-23
<b>Sunday 11th June Trinity Sunday</b>	
9am Thockrington HC 10.30am Chollerton HC	9.30am Humshaugh MP 11am Simonburn HC (Common Worship) 6pm Wark HC
Readings: Isaiah 40. 12-17, 27-31	Corinthians 13, 11-13 Matthew 28. 16—20
<b>Sunday 18th June</b>	
9am Gunnerton HC 10.30am Birtley HC	9.30am Humshaugh HC 11am Simonburn HC 6pm Wark Evening Prayer ( this will be a short quiet service without hymns)
Readings: Genesis 18. 1 –15	Romans 5. 1-8 Matthew 9. 35– 10.8
<b>Sunday 25th June St. Peter's Tide</b>	
7.30pm Throckington	10.30am Humshaugh, Benefice Service of HC Led by Bishop Stephen Pedley
Readings: Genesis 21. 8—21	Romans 6. 1b-11 Matthew 10. 24-39
<b>Sunday 2nd July</b>	
9am Thockrington BCP 10.30am Chollerton HC	9.30am Humshaugh HC 11am Simonburn HC 6pm Wark Service of the Word
Readings: Genesis 22. 1-14	Romans 6. 12-23 Matthew 10.3 40-12