

The September 2017 Broadsheet



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

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Humshaugh Vicarage

Friends,

What a difference a few weeks makes ! Now as I look around our valley I can see huge swathes of gold; for many, the field work is well under way and the sheep have all been clipped. It's almost a different world from when we were planning our summer fayres and thinking about holidays just a few weeks ago.

One of the biggest changes at Humshaugh is that the work to repair the church roof parapets is finally under way, and once this is finished and the building made safe again we can begin the exciting work of developing the vestry. Our intention is to make this a welcoming space for visitors with a toilet, local information and hot drinks facility; and a welcome to come in and spend time in church of course.

But some things stay the same, and rightly so.

We look forward to the new school year and children coming into our church schools for the first time. Our weekly collective worship services, and then coming up soon will be Harvest. There are the last of the summer shows of course, finishing with Alwinton, then for me it's cider making again. It's all a part of the rhythm of our lives and it helps root us, heft us to where we belong.

And for us as Christians our faith is much the same, although the way we worship changes over time there is still that rhythm of the year that keeps us planted. This means for example, that although our family 'Tea Time Church' worships with craft activities, games, songs and videos we will still be thinking about the turning points in the year, the thankfulness of Harvest, the anticipation in Advent and then the joy of Christmas.

If you're feeling aimless and wondering what it's all about why not come and join us for a few weeks over the autumn; across the valley we've service times and styles to suit most people, you'll be made most welcome and it might just help you orientate ready for the coming year.

With every best wish and blessing in Christ's name.

Steve
Rural Dean.

Anna Vogelberg and Melanie Wilkinson warmly invite you to an informal bible study group at Anna's house, Holly Cottage, Humshaugh, on Wednesdays at 2pm to 3pm, beginning Wednesday 13th September. We will be reading Mark's Gospel together and discussing this as a group with the help of Tom Wright's book: "Mark for Everyone". Please ask Anna or Melanie if you want more information.

All welcome

Round and About Humshaugh

Mothers' Union

On August the 3rd, members of the MU met at Simonburn church – had a very good guided tour by Margret Jacot in and outside the building and, after some prayers, walked *all the way* to the Tea Rooms....

£240.00 was raised, which will be used for holidays for families which can't afford them themselves.

Very many thanks for everybody who donated so generously!!

On Thursday, September the 7th, at 2pm, the MU meeting will be held at the Langfords' home, when the speakers will be Sister Jill Goodfellow and Nurse Practioner Jill Fozzard, talking about Womens' Common Health Issues. As always, anybody is very welcome to join us.



Pub Quiz

The July Quiz (a long time ago now!), was won by "Digger Dereks" and £131 was raised for the Village Hall. On Tuesday 19th of September the Quiz will be held in aid of the Crown Players Drama Group and will be run by Bernie McF.

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An evening of Northumbrian poetry and music by Katrina Porteous and Chris Ornston, will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday September the 2nd at 7.30. Entrance fee is £8.00 (£4.00 under 16).

Drinks and snacks will be available (donations very much appreciated).

The Children's Playing Field Trust Committee

The Committee would like to give a big thank you to all those who came to have their car washed.

£267.00 was raised!

Yoga

On Saturday 16th of September there will be a coffee morning and Yoga demo from 11-1 in the Village Hall. This will mark 10 years of Iyengar Yoga at Humshaugh. Please come along.

If you want more details, please email: Norah.phipps@gmail.com or ring 01434 674249

Liesbeth Langford

HUMSHAUGH FIRST SCHOOL.

Term will start on Tuesday 5th September. The Harvest Festival Service will take place on Friday 29th September in St Peter's Church at 9am. All family and friends are invited to this as is everyone resident in the village. Do come and see the boys and girls at the beginning of this academic year and support our local school. All are welcome

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 2017. 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.

Humshaugh Community Ventures is also able to offer similar grants but to qualify one must be resident in Humshaugh. Application forms are available in the Village Shop and after completion should be sent to Mr Maurice Gilmour, Keepers Cottage, Burn Lane, Humshaugh. NE46 4AG

We all wish the students good luck and much satisfaction in their course and subsequent chosen career.

WARK PARISH NEWS

Allegedly the poor summer weather has been down to St Swithen – it rained on his day 15th July so that is why we have endured 40 days of rain! It can only get better. At least we held our annual Garden Fete before and enjoyed wall-to-wall sunshine with the wonderful amount of around £2,000 being raised, which is so welcome to support the many and varied calls upon the finances to keep St. Michael's going.

Over the summer months we have enjoyed welcoming 3 new recently born babies into the church:- Angus David Richard Wood, Thomas Stuart William Ridley and Ester Jean Cameron. All were joyful and welcoming services.

On the sad side, the entire congregation at St. Michael's sent their payers and thoughts to Jani and all the family on the sad death of her mother early in July. Margaret had been ill for a number of years; many will recall her attending Christmas morning service waiting for Jani as she played the organ.

A new venture for us this summer was a 'Pimms and Hymns' service which although I was unable to attend I do understand went down well. We have to keep coming up with new ideas to pull you through the door!

Following the month's break a number of items for events coming up in September have arrived through my letterbox. The Wark and Stonehaugh Scarecrow Trail is to be held over the weekend of 22nd – 24th September. Thinking caps on and place your entry with Laureen on 230858. A good amount of publicity is around the area for this event. Please support as the proceeds go towards providing the festive meal for the senior citizens of the parish.

The Royal British Legion, Wark Branch, are holding a cheese and wine evening in Wark Town Hall on Saturday 9th September at 7.30pm; tickets are £5.00. On Sunday 17th September the Methodist United Reformed Church (MURC) are holding a Harvest Lunch in Wark Town Hall at 12.30pm with tickets from Vicky Herod at £7.50.

The Guild next meet on 4th September at 7.30pm with Ann Bell being host, by which time I know the finer details for the soup and pudding evening will have been sorted out.

Those of you with good hearing will no doubt have heard the bell being tolled over the summer months. It is good to report the framework has been replaced, the bell re-hung so we wait now for a length of new rope to be spliced onto the remaining part then we will be back in business – just have to remember how to toll it! Not a case of watch this space but keep your ears open.

The pattern for this year's Harvest services starts with the school on Friday 29th September in church at a time to be confirmed, followed by St Michael's on Sunday 1st October at 6.00pm. As always, contributions towards the decorating of the church will be most welcome. Following on, there is the soup and pudding evening on Monday 2nd October in the Community Room at Westacres.

For PCC members, this is a reminder that the next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th September in Westacres Community Room. Paddy has provided members with a very comprehensive agenda, with lots to discuss.

So it is back into the swing of things. Look forward to seeing you at some of these events.

Love to all

John

FRIENDS OF CHOLLERTON CHURCHES

Proudly Present:

For one night only Ken Loach's recent film

"I DANIEL BLAKE"

Friday 20th October



Hexham's Forum Cinema at 8.30.p.m.

Filmed on Tyneside, Ken Loach crafts a "Cathy Come Home" for the 21st century that resonates long after you leave the cinema.

A realistic depiction of life on benefits. Winner of the Palme D'Or at the 2016 Cannes Film Festival.

A limited number of combined dinner and film tickets are available at only £25, to include a welcome drink at 6.30 p.m. at the beautifully refurbished New Beaumont Hotel, Hexham, followed by a two course meal (vegetarian option) and raffle....then a stroll down to the Forum for a private viewing of this excellent film.

Tickets for film only can be booked through the Forum or from Bob Fletcher at bob@atretail.co.uk or tel. 01434 681949 and are priced £7.



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.



Gunnerton Lunch Club

Held on Wednesdays at 12 noon
27th September, 25th October,
29th November.



£2.50 includes soup, dessert, tea and coffee and a raffle.

You are all welcome



CHOLLERTON WHEELERS' STEEPLECHASE



Saturday 9th September

Once again Ken, Richard, Neil, James, Claire and Andy will be pedalling the highways and byways of the Eden Valley. If anyone else is interested please come along and join the fun. The parish has been most supportive in the past and we will be asking for your sponsorship once again.

Thanks in anticipation.

Contact Ken if further information needed.

Simonburn Notes

September is here already and we are still waiting for the summer to arrive. Whatever the weather, I hope you had a great time.

The new terms are about to start at schools with all the children togged up with their new uniforms. I am sure there will be excitement for the children at starting new schools and classes and relief for some parents when things get back to normal!

Simonburn Fete is over for another year. Did you hear my sigh of relief?

After very heavy rain in the morning, the afternoon stayed dry. Many Thanks to everyone that helped before, during and after all the visitors had gone. We have a lot of help from family and friends who come to help from outside the area, a big Thank you to them, I think we would struggle without them.

Thanks to all the hard work we raised approx. £3600

Thanks to Bill for keeping the village green looking good throughout the year.

Congratulations to Judith and Alan Brown, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in August.

If you have any news or notices for Simonburn, please contact me on 681077 or email shazzahadley@hotmail.co.uk

Best Wishes

Sharon

Monday Badminton Group

Humshaugh Village Hall
Mondays.8pm,
Recommences

Monday 11th September

This is a friendly sociable group for ladies.
Beginners and new members welcome.
The cost varies depending on numbers
attending.

All Welcome!

Great fun and lots of laughs.
For further information telephone

Joy McCollum 681682

Jan Maddison 681589



You are invited to an
Evening of Traditional

Country & Gospel Music

in the company of
Roly Johnson, Kathy Anderson,
Roddy Matthews & Bob Bolam
with guests
Elke Mirley and Ceila Ridley

Friday 22nd September 7.00pm

Wall Village Hall

NE46 4ED

£5 per person includes supper

To book please contact:

Richard on 01434 681847

richali.dodds@outlook.com

Jill 01434 681787

All welcome

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Benefice of Chollerton	Benefice of Humshaugh
Sunday 3rd September	
9am Gunnerton HC 10.30am Birtley HC	11.00am Simonburn – Confirmation service with Bishop Mark.
Readings: Exodus 3.1-15, Romans 12.9-21, Matthew 16.21-28	
Sunday 10th September	
9am Thockrington HC 10.30am Chollerton HC	9.30am Humshaugh MP 11.00am Simonburn MP 12.00pm Simonburn Baptism of Henry Terry Weatherley 6.00pm Wark HC
Readings: Exodus 12.1-14, Romans 13.8-14, Matthew 18.15-20	
Sunday 17th September	
9am Gunnerton HC 10.30am Birtley HC	9.30am Humshaugh HC 11.00am Simonburn HC 4.00pm Wark Tea Time Church 6.00pm Wark Service of the Word
Readings: Exodus 14.19-31, Romans 14.1-12, Matthew 18.21-35	
Sunday 24th September	
9am Thockrington BCP 10.30am Chollerton HC	9.30am Wark HC 11.00am Simonburn Matins 1.00pm Wark Baptism of Harvey and Quinn Robinson 6.30pm Humshaugh Evening Prayer
Readings: Exodus 16.2-15, Philippians 1.21-30, Matthew 20.1-16	
Sunday 1st October	
9am Gunnerton HC 10.30am Birtley HC and Harvest Festival	9.30am Humshaugh Harvest Service 11.00am Simonburn Harvest Service 6.00pm Wark Harvest Service
Readings: Exodus 17.1-7, Philippians 2.1-13, Matthew 21.23-32	