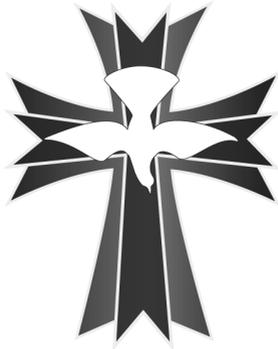


The September Broadsheet 2018



**for the parishes of
Humshaugh
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Chollerton with Birtley
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Humshaugh Vicarage

What an amazing summer we've had so far; all the church fetes have gone well and with good attendance, despite the sometimes iffy weather, and Thorneyburn and Wark churches have had their bicentennial celebrations. All of these great events with people mucking in to help set up and then run the days, and what has really struck me is the sense of community at all of them.

Although our three fetes aimed to raise much needed funds for their respective churches, and the bicentennials were plainly celebrations of two hundred years of each church, what they all did was to gather people from the community together. Some of the people helping at each event had only a loose connection with the church but they all wanted to see their church do well. And I think that there is something important in this for us all, those of us who go to church regularly and those who perhaps don't.

As a species we were designed to live in community and although there are of course exceptions to this, what we see is that in good times and bad most humans seek the company of others. Think about disasters and how people generally work together for the common good to relieve the situation, great state events or the significant turning points in life of birth, death and marriage, or anniversaries and much, much more. Whatever we are experiencing, we tend to want to gather together to mark the occasion.

There is a scriptural basis for this and we see it starting in the very early part of the first book of the bible. God creates humans and commands them to live peacefully together, and as we work our way through the bible, which is at its heart the record of God and his creation, it is a story of relationship and community, we who are a part of the church need to remember this; we cannot exist in isolation, nor by accident or design exclude anyone. We the community of the faithful must welcome people in and at the same time seek to be welcome guests elsewhere.

So it is with a real sense of excitement that I look forward to some things coming up in our community. Humshaugh Harvest Show on the 15th sounds fantastic, and the parson's cider 'David's Wobbly' will of course be entered in the show.

The coffee morning in Humshaugh village hall on the 2nd to welcome anyone new to the village will be a good opportunity to find out more about the community, and Messy Church on Saturday the 8th as a part of our mission weekend will be great fun for children and families. Not forgetting the concert by singer-songwriter John Froud in Wark Town Hall on Saturday the 8th, come and hear the Yorkshire 'Bob Dylan' in a gentle evening of humour, anecdote and music!

And of course we have the bicentennial celebrations for Humshaugh church on Sunday the 9th of September at 11am with guest speakers to tell us of its history and its future, all followed by a reception in the village hall.

So please can I encourage everyone to be a part of their community, and to remember that God intended us to live peacefully with each other as we enjoy the rest of the summer together.

Grace and peace.

Steve

St. Peter's Church Humshaugh is 200 years old!!!

**We will celebrate this birthday with a Service on
Sunday, the 9th of September, at 11am with
Bishop Tony Porter and,
from Greenwich Hospital, Gillie Bexson**



**Followed by a finger food lunch in the Village Hall
All are very welcome**

**Saturday 8th of September 2pm. till
4pm.**

'Messy Church – Gone Fishing !'

Come and join us at Humshaugh for Messy Church on the vicarage lawn and in church. Loads of activities for children of all ages themed around St. Peter and with refreshments for the adults who bring them. 2pm. till 4pm.



Round and about Humshaugh

Mothers' Union

In July, the members of Humshaugh Mothers' Union invited Branches of the Hexham Deanery for an afternoon in The Sill. Gorgeous weather, fantastic views from the roof, fascinating exhibition and plants to study and a great tea to finish it all.

On Thursday September the 6th, Adrian Langford will talk to us about "Faith in Blue Lights", his work in the Ambulance Service. The meeting will take place at the Langfords' home at 1.30 pm.



Pub Quiz

Way back in June, the quiz was won by "The Sourdoughs" and a £100 was raised for Muscular Dystrophy UK.

On Tuesday, the 18th of September the quiz will be held in aid of The Crown Players Drama Group. The starting time will be 8.30pm.



Humshaugh Food and Flower Show.

On Saturday, September the 15th the Humshaugh Food and Flower Show will take place in and around the Village Hall. Competitions for adults and children will take place and there will be refreshments and entertainment. For any further information, please contact Sara Dodd on 681504.



Humshaugh First school

After School Club will start again on Tuesday, the 18th of September.



North Tyne Voices

After having given their performance during the Bellingham County Show, the choir will meet again in the Village Hall from Thursday September 6th.

HAP



In October it will be the start of a series of marvellous films again! The first one will be on Friday October the 12th.

Liesbeth Langford

Canon Stanley Prins

This is not an obituary, more of a 'thank you' note. Before I was invited to become Rector of Humshaugh with Simonburn and Wark I had never met Stanley but had heard a distant rumour of a somewhat 'larger than life' personality.

Over the years I came to know Stanley fairly well and came to deeply appreciate another side of him: the quiet wisdom and very discreet advice of a kindly predecessor who was 'there for me' when it seemed right to ask for his help and who maintained his friendships in the area without any intrusion on my role. Though we were not in constant touch, I cannot but say that Stanley's place in my life has been a very happy one.

What my family and I owe to the Prins family for their decision to resist the sale of Humshaugh Vicarage best part of forty years ago is a 'saga in itself', suffice it to say we were and remain grateful to Stanley and Marion for that part of our 'happy inheritance'.

Thanking God for Stanley and wishing Broadsheet readers well,

Michael Thompson

St. Peter's Church, Humshaugh

WELCOMING COFFEE MORNING

Humshaugh Village Hall, Saturday 1st September
10am – Midday.

A coffee morning will be held in Humshaugh Village Hall to welcome new residents to the village. It would be lovely if as many villagers as possible could come along to this event to meet and welcome our new neighbours.

ALL WELCOME

MONDAY BADMINTON GROUP

HUMSHAUGH VILLAGE HALL 8pm, Mondays.

Recommences MONDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

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.
Great fun and lots of laughs.

All Welcome!



For further information tel. Joy McCollum 681682

Jan Maddison 681589

WARK PARISH NEWS

Sunday the glorious 12th August; Celebratory Service for the Bicentennial of St. Michael's. It was glorious apart from the morning rain which decided to clear by 12 noon in time for the celebrations to continue in the tent in the church grounds. It was delightful to see so many locals joining in the service to experience the wonderful and moving entrance of the banner made, with assistance from a number of adults, by the children from our school under the direction of Laureen commemorating St. Michael's 200 years. Thank goodness sense prevailed, keeping the school open. Please drop into church to see this so you may appreciate the work involved. We then all enjoyed well-earned refreshments following all the great singing.

A full house enjoyed an informative, inspiring and rousing sermon from the President and Preacher Rt. Rev'd Stephen Platten of London who gave the background as to how Greenwich Hospital Commissioners came to build the four churches in the North Tyne Valley. Also we had the pleasure of hearing from the Property Director of Greenwich Hospital, Gillie Bexson, of the ongoing considerable work that Greenwich Hospital undertakes.

The event brings many thanks from the PCC to numerous people, so here goes (with fear of missing something out—apologies in advance if I have); The school children and team behind making the banner, the Monday Men for maintaining the grounds so well, the cleaning team (notice the cobwebs had gone!) flower arranger, catering team, the team who worked to erect and dismantle the marquee, car parking attendant, the photographer (both who got very wet), the ukulele band, in fact the list could go on so a huge thank you to all. From the positive feedback in the village I know all your work was greatly appreciated.

So what is next? Well we look forward to Harvest which I understand to be on Sunday 7th October with the Soup and Pudding night being Monday 8th October, all of which I will confirm in the next edition of **THE BROADSHEET**. You are certain to find details of the 200th celebrations at St. Peter's, Humshaugh within this **BROADSHEET** which is on Sunday 9th September. This date coincides with a diocese weekend event named 'Bishops in Mission' which will be in Humshaugh on Saturday 8th September 2.00pm-4.00pm for a Messy Church summer party. Also within this edition you will find an obituary for Stanley Prins who was vicar to us between 1982 and 1996. Gary Noble who had only recently moved from Simonburn to Wark sadly died – thoughts and prayers to the family.

On happier notes a thank you to all who assisted with the Garden Fete on Sunday 8th July where a sum around £2200 was raised. The previous day the Wedding of John Walton and Claire Murray was held within St. Michael's which was a very happy occasion.

Our friends at Wark MURC are holding their Harvest Festival on Sunday 16th September at 11.00am followed by a Harvest Lunch at 12.30pm in the Town Hall. Tickets for the lunch are £7.50 with Vicky Herod being the contact for these.

This next bit is important so please read and follow through. The PCC and Wardens of St. Michael's Church, Wark are seeking to consolidate their churchyard records. If you believe that you have a reserved grave plot (apart from those known to be double depth), please would you contact John Cooper with all the correspondence relating to the matter. If you have any queries please contact the Wardens or Clergy.

Guild members, please note a change of date for your next meeting which is now 10th September with the previous plans still being in place and to PCC members the next meeting is Tuesday 18th September.

Look for the listing of services in this **BROADSHEET** and enter into St. Michael's through the new doors, you will be sure of a warm welcome once you are in. Look forward to seeing you.

Until we chat again,

Love to all

John

REFLECTIVE HORIZONS

The next Quiet Day will be held at Buteland House on Friday 5th October from 10am to 3pm on the theme, 'Reflecting God's Generosity'.

Do consider joining us for a time of silent reflection, indoors or out depending on the weather.

There will be a morning and an afternoon session ending with a short time of worship, with a break for lunch.

If you would like to attend –
either for the whole day or any part of it!

Please contact Alison Williams (01434 220389)
or Sheila Cameron (01830 520071)

Chollerton News

As most people at St.Giles, Chollerton will have learned, both Betty Lishman and Betty Bell have retired from serving post-communion coffee and biscuits after nearly 10 years of so doing. We shall all particularly miss the delicious homemade biscuits, not least Laurence and myself! As a note of gratitude they were each presented by the Churchwardens with a card and a bouquet of flowers at the Benefice service on 29th July.

Ken Carlisle

STEEPLECHASE 2018



Please support Chollerton Wheelers on 22nd September. Fund raising ride in North Northumberland. Why not join Ken Carlisle, Claire Ridley, Andy Brittlebank, Richard Hay and Neil Patterson as they pedal their way around a route to visit six or more churches. Failing that, a person in shorts/lycra will press you for sponsorship. Funds in aid of churchyard maintenance.

Chollerton WI



Members and friends are going on a Murder Mystery Evening around Corbridge on Wednesday evening, 5th September and on Wednesday 3rd October, Marjorie Read will be giving a Flower Demonstration. This is an open meeting and visitors are most welcome. As usual we will be meeting at 7.30p.m. in Barrasford Village Hall.



CHOLLERTON BENEFICE invite you to a **LATE SUMMER TEA PARTY**

at Chollerton House, Chollerton
on Sunday 16th September,
3 till-5pm

To thank the visiting clergy during our recent interregnum

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

Gunnerton Church Luncheon Club

Lunches are held on the last Wednesday of the month
Please do join us on 26th September, 31st October
and 28th November



at 12 noon
Soup, sweet, coffee or tea for just £3.00
All welcome



Colwell Village Hall Presents:

Ceilidh

Panhaggert

30pm Saturday, 1st September In aid of the

Northern Oesophago Gastric Cancer Fund

Tickets £8 incl. food; for tickets contact

Tracy 07955 520008 or Geoff 07948 214107

Licensed bar



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BIRTLEY COFFEE MORNING



Thursday 6th September



there is a friendly coffee morning in the Village Hall from 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to come and chat and enjoy excellent home baking and delicious

ST GILES CHURCH BIRTLEY

HARVEST LUNCH

Birtley Village Hall

SUNDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

12.30 for 1 o'clock

3course Lunch

Great Food and Good Company

Tickets from Judith Weir 01434 230250

or Eileen Burn 01434 270228



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 2018. 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 Nicholas Ridley, Parkend, Simonburn, Hexham, NE48 4AA, 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.

Simonburn Village Hall dates for your dairy

- Cooking Demo date to be confirmed.
- 17th Nov. Table top Craft & Produce sale
- Nov. 29th Bingo 7. 30pm
- Dec. 7th Wreath Making 7pm till 9pm
- The over 60s get together is yet to be arranged

Table Top, Produce & Craft Sale

**Saturday 17th November
Simonburn Village Hall**

**10am till 2pm . £10 per table to be paid in advance please
To book a table please contact Roger on 01434681077 or**

Email: rogerhadley29@gmail.com

PLEASE LEAVE A CONTACT PHONE NUMBER

Simonburn Notes

The school summer holidays are over, some parents will be glad of the rest and children, I am sure, will be excited to see their friends at school and also looking forward to new beginnings as they meet new friends, start new schools, colleges and universities. Our Congratulations go to Robbie Langford on his A-Level results and Good Luck for Uni.

So, what's been happening round and about?

At the end of June, a few of us attended the Service of Ordination at Newcastle Cathedral, to see Ian Chadwick ordained as a Deacon. It was an enjoyable service and we send Ian our Best Wishes.

We sadly said goodbye to Gary Noble, who died after a short illness; Gary and Joan recently moved from Simonburn village to Wark. We send our thoughts to Joan and family.

The funeral of Canon Stanley Prins was held in Humshaugh, a celebration of his very interesting life. Our prayers go to Marion and family.

After torrential rain on the morning of our fete (which unfortunately broke a gazebo), the afternoon was windy but dry. This year we held a Family Fun dog show, which was organized and run by Judith Brown and Sue Harvey, and helped by many others. All dogs and owners enjoyed themselves running round the agility course.

We raised just over £3000 in total. A big Thank you to everyone that helped in any way. It wouldn't be a success without your help.

Last Sunday (12TH August) the service was held at St. Michael's. A 200th Birthday celebration of Wark Church. A full church and a great service. You couldn't miss the beautiful new oak doors, also there was a beautiful buffet lunch in a marquee and music from ukulele players and singers. Thanks to everyone involved.

We would like to welcome to Simonburn,

Mr & Mrs Gundry and family.

Also Andrea Trekenna,

Finally, If there is anything you would like putting in Simonburn notes in the coming months, please get in touch :

Email , shazzahadley@hotmail.co.uk

Love Sharon

<p>Hiring of Simonburn Village Hall, any enquiries please contact : Janice Rowcroft on Tel: 01434 681563.</p>

Benefice of Chollerton		Benefice of Humshaugh	
Sunday 2nd September		September	
Gunnerton Birtley	9am HC 10.30 HC	Humshaugh Simonburn Wark Baptisms: Jenny Ward Freya Forsyth Wark	9.30am HC 11.00am HC 1.00pm 2.00pm 6.00pm EP
Readings: Song of Solomon 2.8-13, James 1.17-27, Mark 7.1-8,14,15,21-23			
Sunday 9th September		September	
Thockrington Chollerton	9am HC 10.30 HC	Humshaugh, Bicentennial Service Hexham Mart, Mission Weekend Celebration Service	11.00am 4.00pm
Readings: Proverbs 22.1-2,8,9,22,23, James 2.1-10, 14-17, Mark 7.24-37			
Sunday 16th September		September	
Gunnerton Birtley	9am HC 10.30 HC	Humshaugh Simonburn Wark Baptism: Max Parker Grieve Wark	9.30am HC 11.00am HC 2.00pm 6.00pm EP
Readings: Proverbs 1.20-33, James 3.1-12, Mark 8.27-38			
Sunday 23rd September		September	
Thockrington Chollerton	9am HC 10.30 HC	Wark Simonburn Humshaugh	9.30am HC 11.00am Matins 6.30pm EP
Readings: Proverbs 31.10-31,		James 3. 13-4,3,7-8a, Mark 9, 30-37	
Sunday 30th September		September	
Gunnerton	10.30am HC	Wark-Michaelmas Service 10.30am	
Readings: Genesis 28.10-17, Revelation 12.7-12, John 1.47-51			
Sunday 7th October		October	
Gunnerton Birtley	9am HC 10.30 HC	Humshaugh Simonburn Wark Humshaugh- Contemporary worship 'Late at Eight' – 8.00pm	Harvest Festivals 9.30am HC 11.00am HC 6.00pm EP
Readings: Job 1.1; 2.1-10, Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12, Mark 10.2-16			