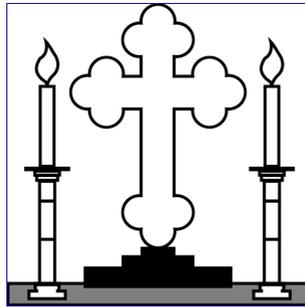


The February Broadsheet 2019



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

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Chollerton Vicarage

I write this as we have just celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany, the twelfth night, the date on which we as Christians in the West remember the coming of the Magi, and the time when Jesus was shown to those who were not of the Jewish faith. To those who had consulted their astrological maps and followed the star to see the Light of the World. By the time you read this we will be approaching the end of the Christmas season (yes, it goes on until February 2nd!) . So much time and energy is put into the run up to Christmas- and yet after all the build-up, not least in the retail world, but also in church in the many carol services and nativity plays, we move on so swiftly, maybe missing opportunities to reflect upon what we are shown in the season of *showing*, the Epiphany, making known. Have you resolved to do anything differently this year? Approach things in a new way? I was reading a meditation by Fr Richard Rohr who provides a short daily meditation on the internet from the Centre for action and Contemplation. In this meditation he writes on what we can learn from our attitude to, and specifically about how we 'read, mark and learn' the words of the Bible. He writes 'I think we learned the *Sic et Non* (Yes, and ..?) approach in the early Christian period from our Jewish ancestors. They called it *midrash*. *Midrash* was a different way of coming to truth. It was simply where you get together and look at Scripture in an open—but faith-filled—way: It could mean this; it could mean that. It might challenge you in this direction; it might invite you in that direction.

Jewish *midrash* extrapolated from *the mere story* to find its actual spiritual message'. We all do the same when we read the Bible, but Jesus and his Jewish people were much more honest and up front about this. If we are to learn and see what God is showing us, we have to take the Scriptures seriously. *Serious* reading of Scripture will allow you to find an ever-new spiritual meaning for the liberation of history, the liberation of the soul, and the liberation of God in every generation. Then the text is true on many levels. Sacred texts always maximize your possibilities for life and love, which is why we call them sacred.

As we move on the liturgical journey through the Christian seasons take a bit more time to see what is around you and how God shows himself to you in life. You never know, like the wise men, you may find yourself travelling in a different direction from that which you imagined or planned!

Sarah Lunn,
Priest in Charge, Chollerton Benefice

Round and About Humshaugh

Mothers' Union

A very special and fascinating talk will be given by Anna Vogelberg, talking about her country of birth, Kirkyzstan. Anybody is welcome to come!!!

On Wednesday, February 6th at 1.30 at the Langfords' home.

Pub Quiz



On Tuesday, February 19th at 8pm, the Quiz will be held in aid of the Humshaugh Cricket Club with Mick Jonas as the Question Master.

Humshaugh First School



Congratulations! A great result after the Ofsted Inspection – well done!! An important date: On Wednesday, the 20th of March, year 3 and 4 will give their performance of “Words of War” at 9.15 am and 2.15 pm. Anybody is very welcome.

A bit ahead, but it will be with us soon enough:

The Easter Service for the school will be held on Friday, April the 5th in St. Peter's church at 9.30 am, to which everybody is invited.

HAP



70 people came to the “Get Carter” film in January and the February one promises to be another great one to come and see: “Loving Vincent” is a story depicted in oil painted animation about Vincent van Gogh. Released in 2017, it has won 3 Best Animated film awards. A 12 age rating, it will be shown on Friday February the 8th. Doors open at 7 and start of film at 7.30. Puds, £2 in the interval. Tickets are £5 and for under 18s £2.50.

The last film of the season will be on Friday, March 8th: “Some Like It Hot”, starring Marilyn Munroe. That will be a “full meal” evening, so people will have to book tickets in advance, as there will be no food tickets on the door.

Liesbeth Langford

Humshaugh St. Peter's, revision of the electoral roll.

Each Church of England parish church is required by law to keep a list of people who are eligible to vote at their meetings, this list is called the Electoral Roll. Being on the Roll also means that the person has the right to a funeral in the parish, to be married in the parish church or to have a child baptised there. It's the 'membership' list of your local church.

By law we have to renew the Roll every six years, this means that we check that the people on the Roll still want to be on and it's an opportunity for parishioners to check that it is accurate and up to date.

We are now doing this revision of St. Peter's, Humshaugh, Electoral Roll.

If you are on the Roll and want to remain on it, you need do nothing.

If you are on the Roll and wish your name to be removed then you need to let me know in writing, email is fine, before the 26th of February.

If you are not on the Roll but would like to be included, please let me know and I will send you the very simple form to fill out and return, again, before the 26th of February.

Many thanks.

Rev'd. Steve Wilkinson

Parson of Humshaugh, Simonburn and Wark

World Day of Prayer Friday 1st March, St. Michael's Church, Wark

This year's World Day of Prayer events will happen in St. Michael's Church, Wark from 10.00am. There will be opportunities to pray for the villages here in our valley, for our wider communities across the UK and for the world at large.

Never in my life has the world seemed so upside down and desperately in need of our prayers !

The USA and Trump's wall, our local schools, Brexit, those we love, Syria, famine, drought; where do we start praying? It's often hard to know where to start but, on Friday the 1st of March, the place to start is in St. Michael's Church and know that you will be a part of a global movement of prayer.

Come, everything is ready.



Learning with Luke

I hope and pray that some of you are following the daily readings from Luke's gospel, and if you need a copy of the bible I have plenty of free ones to give away, please just drop me a line and I'll get one to you.

I also have a few copies of Revd. Richard Ferguson's book on Luke to give away, again, if you'd like one please just let me know.

In the last January reading we see Jesus with his friends walking through fields of wheat which seems a far cry from Humshaugh in the winter. Where the passage finishes is with Jesus challenging the temple authorities over what was right and proper, with a surprising result!

February picks up with Jesus starting to teach again, describing how we are blessed in our daily lives, please join me as we work through the month's readings.
Steve.

1.2.19	Luke 6.12-19	18.2.19	Luke 9.28-43
4.2.19	Luke 6.20-26	19.2.19	Luke 9.43-56
5.2.19	Luke 6.27-36	20.2.19	Luke 9.57 – 10.12
6.2.19	Luke 6.36-49	21.2.19	Luke 10.13-24
7.2.19	Luke 7.1-17	22.2.19	Luke 10.25-37
8.2.19	Luke 7.18-30	23.2.19	Luke 10.38-42
9.2.19	Luke 7.31-50	25.2.19	Luke 11.1-4
11.2.19	Luke 8.1-15	26.2.19	Luke 11.5-13
12.2.19	Luke 8.16-25	27.2.19	Luke 11.14-28
13.2.19	Luke 8.26-39	28.2.19	Luke 11.29-36
14.2.19	Luke 9.1-8		
15.2.19	Luke 9.9-17		
16.2.19	Luke 9.18-27		

Don't forget, if you need a copy of Luke's gospel please just let me

WARK PARISH NEWS

Well that is Christmas over for another year, the decs will be back in storage and the dark drab days of January have set in – without any frost or snow so far. Reflecting on our Christmas services here at St. Michael's in a few lines. We travelled to Stonehaugh for the annual Christingle service which was most enjoyable in the warmth of the Village Hall. The annual Carol Service in St. Michael's was attended by about 50 adults and children all who were in good voice. The whole school came up on the morning of Friday 21st. As I have said previously, the pupils are superb so when you next see they are holding a church service it is well making the effort to attend. I promise you will not be disappointed. The service on Sunday 23rd was combined with the marriage of Bill and Carole. Every good wish for their future happiness goes to them.

Christmas morning and the benefice service of Holy Communion was held in St. Michael's. Then we were ready to put our feet up!

I listened to a piece on the radio this morning where the speaker questioned how many gifts given will have been placed in a draw to give as gifts to another person; how many will have been returned to where purchased and how many will already have made their way to a charity shop! The time is hugely commercial and we do need to remember the reason for the celebration. I believe that reason came out in our services. A huge thank you to all who helped prepare the church, kept it going during the period and importantly thank you if you attended any service. Remember we are open to welcome you all the other weeks of the year.

A few advance diary dates for you. I have a few spare diaries should you not have one. However until yesterday I did not have a calendar. They appear to be a thing of the past. Tuesday 5th February is the date for the next PCC meeting at 7.30pm in West Acres Community Room. Quickly followed by a Guild meeting on Wednesday 6th which I believe will be with Ann Bell. As last year's World Day of Prayer was cancelled at Wark due to snow. St. Michael's have been asked to host this on Friday 1st March at 7.00pm. This service is open to anyone. Let us pray for more favourable conditions.

I have a provisional date of Tuesday 12th March for the series of required Annual Parish meetings. These are usually in church commencing at 7.30pm. I will confirm these in the March issue of **THE BROADSHEET**.

We all were saddened to learn of the death of Alan Robson. Alan was a quiet gentleman who would often be seen in the village. His funeral will be on Friday 1st February in St. Michael's. We send thoughts and prayers to all the family here and abroad. I also record the sad death of Veda Grugan. Although in Simonburn parish, Dennis and Veda would be seen many times in Wark shopping and supporting events (especially the Friday morning coffee in the Town Hall). Thoughts and prayers to all the family.

Think that is about all for this month, so until we chat again,
Love to all.

JOHN

Chollerton WI

Happy New Year. One of our members will be sharing her experiences from a recent Vietnamese Wedding she attended, at our meeting on 6th February and we will be having our Annual Meeting in March, followed by a quiz and, hopefully, some music. We meet at 7.30p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month and visitors are always welcome.



Birtley & District Gardening Group



Birtley Village Hall
Tuesday 12 February at 7.45pm.

Our speaker will be **Laura Burlison**
from **The Paddock Farm Shop** in High Spen.

Her talk is entitled: **'From Gardening to Running a Successful Business'**

As always, we welcome guests from 7pm at £4 each

Tea & coffee on arrival and there is a Raffle.

Enquiries to our Secretary: Margaret Watson: 01434 230 204.

GUNNERTON CHURCH LUNCHEON CLUB



LUNCHESES are held on the last Wednesday of the month

PLEASE COME ALONG and join us at 12 noon

27th FEBRUARY, 27th MARCH, 24th APRIL

SOUP, SWEET, coffee or tea : £3.00 All welcome



Simonburn Notes

Happy New Year!

We have had a lot of comments on how beautiful the church looked for Christmas, Thank you to all that helped decorate the church, tree and arrange the flowers. Our church might be a tad chilly but on the plus side the flowers last longer! Speaking of flowers, did you know St. Mungo's has a flower fund? There are many times throughout the year when home-grown flowers are unavailable and the flowers have to be bought in. If you feel you would like to make a donation to the fund, it would be really appreciated; please see Mrs Allgood.

We were so sad to hear about the death of Veda Grugan, on the 29th December, such a lovely lady and she will be sorely missed by everyone that knew her. Our prayers and thoughts go to Dennis, Trevor, Neil, Keith and all her family. May she rest in peace x

The Benefice Service for St. Mungo's Day on the 13th January was well attended; it's lovely to see many people staying back to chat together and enjoy the refreshments after the service.. Thank you to the Rev. Sarah Robson for leading the service.

On The 13th February at 7pm, Simonburn Village Hall Committee are holding their AGM. All welcome to attend.

Until next time,

Love Sharon

Benefice of Chollerton			Benefice of Humshaugh		
Sunday 3rd February					
9.00am	Gunnerton	HC	9.30am	Humshaugh	HC
10.30am	Birtley	HC	11.00am	Simonburn	HC
			6.00pm	Wark	EP
			8.00pm Humshaugh Late@8 Contemporary worship and teaching		
Readings: Malachi 3.1-5, Hebrews 2.14-18, Luke 2.22-40					
Sunday 10th February					
9.00am	Thockrington	HC	9.30am	Humshaugh	MP
10.30am	Chollerton	HC	11.00am	Simonburn	MP
			6.00pm	Wark	HC
Readings: Isaiah 6.1-13, 1 Corinthians 15.1-11, Luke 5.1-11					
Sunday 17th February					
9.00am	Gunnerton	HC	9.30am	Humshaugh	HC
10.30am	Birtley	HC	11.00am	Simonburn	HC
			6.00pm	Wark	EP
Readings: Jeremiah 17.5-10, 1 Corinthians 15.12-20, Luke 6.17-26					
Sunday 24th February					
9am	Thockrington	BCP	9.30am	Wark	HC
10.30am	Chollerton	HC	11.00am	Simonburn	Matins
			6.30pm	Humshaugh	EP
Readings: Genesis 2.4b-9,15-25, Revelation 4, Luke 8.22-25					
Friday 1st March					
World Day of Prayer Wark St. Michael's Church 10.00am – 4.00pm					
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10.30am	Birtley	HC	11.00am	Simonburn	HC
			6.00pm	Wark	EP
			8.00pm Humshaugh Late@8 Contemporary worship and teaching		
Readings: Exodus 34.29-35, 2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2, Luke 9.28-36					