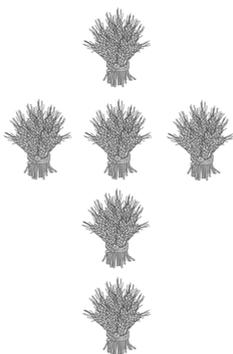


# *The October Broadsheet 2019*



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

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## Humshaugh Vicarage

I walked down the field the other day to see a very large crow sat on the head of one of my lambs and my immediate worry was that the bird would peck at it. New born lambs are vulnerable to crows I know, but I wasn't sure whether this older ewe was safe and so my immediate instinct was to chase the bird away. Sure enough; as soon as I got near, off it flapped but it did make me think about prey and their predators.

The debate about fox hunting is as bitter and entrenched as the one about Brexit, but when you see predators threatening your flock; be they fox, stray dog or even corbies it brings out a powerful urge to defend.

With livestock the predators are obvious, but for us it's a little woolly, if you'll pardon the pun, and its less clear just what it is that threatens.

In the church we think about living full lives; having a healthy relationship with God and with each other so that we can live in the very best way possible, so maybe we should see the predators in this modern secular world as the things in our lives which are unhealthy. Certainly we understand about eating well, taking appropriate exercise and caring for our mental wellbeing; but what about our spiritual health, and how are we protecting ourselves from spiritual predation ?

The fields next to the vicarage have just been ploughed and seeing the ground being prepared for the next season makes me think about how we get ready for the rest of our lives. Yes, eating well and taking more exercise but also about spiritual health and protection.

Perhaps over the next few weeks, as we see the fields around us being cared for and got ready for the coming year it might be worth reflecting on how we keep ourselves spiritually well; and protected from all the predators that would peck away at our health and happiness.

Peace Steve



Licensing of  
**Melanie Wilkinson and James Feeley**  
as  
Readers  
**2pm.Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of October**  
**Newcastle Cathedral**



You are cordially invited to join us in celebration as Bishop Christine licenses Melanie and James as Readers to our benefices. Please be in your seat in the cathedral for 1.45pm, service starts at 2.00pm and there are light refreshments after the service.

Their first services in this new ministry will be on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> in their respective churches and both Melanie and James would be delighted to greet you then.

Any enquiries to [st.peters.humshaugh@gmail.com](mailto:st.peters.humshaugh@gmail.com)

## Round and About Humshaugh

### Mothers' Union

The Revd Steve Wilkinson came to our meeting in September during which discussions took place about the future of our Branch.

On Wednesday, October the 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1.30, our meeting will take place at the home of Margret Jacot: Linden Cottage. Margret will give an illustrated talk on her travels along the Silk Road in Kirkyzstan and Kazakstan in Central Asia: "Where Steppe and Mountains meet." Anybody is very welcome!

### Pub Quiz



The Pub Quiz will take place on Tuesday October the 15<sup>th</sup> and will be in aid of the Bonfire Night Fireworks. Mick Jonas will be the Quiz Master and the Quiz will start at 8.30



### Humshaugh First School

We are all looking forward to the school's Harvest Festival which will be held on Thursday October the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lunch will be served at about 1.15 and after lunch, the children will perform their Harvest Festival. Parents, Grandparents and friends are very welcome and also our local pensioners will be invited.

On Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of October, the children will take decorated shoe boxes with goodies round the village after a short service with Revd. Steve in St Peter's church.



### HAP

The first Film Night of the new season will be held in the Village Hall on Friday, October the 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. The film is " **Starter for 10** ", based on TV's University Challenge, which provides a backdrop for a coming-of-age comedy drama, starring Alice Eve, Rebecca Hall, James McAvoy, Benedict Cumberbatch and others.

Tickets will be available in the shop at £10 for the film and two courses or at £5 for the film only.

Liesbeth Langford

### WARK PARISH NEWS

October and the summer, if it did happen, is behind us and we are into autumn. Due to printing dates etc I am writing these notes before many of the things mentioned will have taken place!

Harvest in St. Michael's was a combined service with MURC and also the Lunch later that day, which I am sure, all went well. St. Michael's annual soup and pudding evening will be on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September in Westacres Community Room at 7.00pm. The charge being £4.00. Very reasonable for the amount and quality of the food.

You may have read around the village about the Bible Course Steve and Anne Taylor are running in Wark Town Hall for eight weeks from 19<sup>th</sup> September. Each session starts at 7.00pm.

The Guild next meet on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in Westacres Community Room when final arrangements will be made for the Christmas Bazaar, which is on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December in Wark Town Hall from 2.00pm. I know Christmas mentioned already!

Ann and Anne are getting a little hot under the collar as the Archdeacon, Peter Robinson, is coming to do his inspection of St. Michael's. He or a delegated person does this every 3 years. Everything from registers to linen is sniffed, checked and inspected. Pleased I will be landing into Newcastle Airport that afternoon from sometime away. Wish them luck. Personally I cannot see any issues the Archdeacon can pick up on, as with the help of you all the church is maintained to a very high standard.

This is also the day Wark School commence their new set of Messy Church in St. Michael's at 2.40pm with a Harvest Festival theme. Fun fun fun!

From Wark C of E Primary school news I have picked up they are holding every Friday at 2.55pm. a Celebration Worship and invite parents and family to join them. The programme of events in school appears to be extensive. Well ahead but they are holding their well planned Carol Service on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm. Now that is planning.

That is about all for now so please enjoy Autumn and see you at Christmas.

Until we chat again,

**Love to all, John**

## **Chollerton Benefice**

### **Chollerton Wheelers**



**(Last of the Summer Wine Club)** The Stranraer to Barrasford Cycle Ride raised a grand total of £1664, ( including Gift Aid) . This means that there is £832 for both Chollerton School and Chollerton Church. Many thanks to all who sponsored the cycle ride and the cyclists.

Thank you to Barrasford Village Shop, to Clive, Louise, Alison and Maggie for selling vegetables from the school gardens. This raised £75 for Chollerton school. Thank you to all who purchased the vegetables.

### **Trevor Johnson Headstone Fund.**

Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to Trevor's Headstone fund. We now have enough to order the headstone to be erected in memory of Trevor and his parents. What amazing generosity from the community! Thank you.

### Thockrington Fete and Open Gardens

The weather apps were not auspicious for the weekend of the Thockrington Fete. Undaunted, parishioners, friends and families all worked hard to provide delicious teas, endless home produce and cakes for the stalls, plants in abundance, a splendid raffle and cheery tables inside Carrycoats for enjoying cream teas. On the day, plenty of people turned up, they had a lovely afternoon, and spent generously at the stalls. Over £1,600 was raised on the day, and we would like to thank everyone who came, and all our helpers for making the event such a success.

### TIMES TO CELEBRATE

On **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm** there will be a service in **Newcastle Cathedral** to licence Lay Readers in the Diocese. **James Feeley** of Gunnerton has been studying hard for the past 3 years to become a Lay Reader, and his licensing at this service will be the culmination of his studying and the beginning of the next stage of his journey in ministry. It would be great if we could show our support for James by attending the service in the Cathedral, and holding him and his family in our prayers.

The following day, on **Sunday 13th in Wall Church at 3.00pm**, **Bishop Christine will license the Revd Sarah Lunn as Priest in Charge of Wall, Bingfield and Heavenfield, and the Revd Christine Bull as Assistant Priest-in-Charge**. This service is for all of us in both sets of parishes to celebrate a new beginning as both Christine and Sarah are licensed but, more importantly, we are all sent out to work together. There will be tea and cakes (contributions welcome) in Wall Village Hall afterwards .

#### Tynedale Stroke Club.

**Coffee Morning in aid of club funds.**

**Colwell Village Hall**

**Saturday 6th October, 10am to 12.30pm.**

Entrance £3.00. Raffle (1st prize £100) to be drawn by Kathryn Tickell.

Also Tombola and Bottle draw (everyone a winner).

For information contact Eileen on 01434 689776

#### BIRTLEY COFFEE MORNING

Come along to Birtley Village Hall between 10.30 and noon and enjoy coffee, tea and home baking and have a good catch-up.

The coffee morning is a regular event held on the first Thursday of each month.

**Everyone is welcome!**





## Birtley & District Gardening Group (BDGG)

Birtley Village Hall, NE48 3HL



Begins its 2019/20 season at 7.45pm on Tuesday 8 October 2019

with

**'Plants, Pots and Bampots'** from Patricia Hodgson, The Beacon, Stocksfield

Membership £20 per person; £4 per evening for guests

We welcome new members – for more information,

contact Secretary Margaret Watson 01434 230 204

## GUNNERTON CHURCH LUNCHEON CLUB

**LUNCHEAS ARE HELD ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH**

PLEASE COME ALONG and join us at 12 noon

**30th October, 27th November**

SOUP, SWEET, coffee or tea : £3.00



All welcome

## **Churches in North Tyne and Redesdale invite you to:**

*Taizé style reflective services in  
the Parish Room at*

**St John's Church, Otterburn**

*(go in through the Church)*

Saturday 12 th October, Saturday 9 th November

Saturday 7th December

(ie Saturday before 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month)

at: 6 pm (for about 45 minutes)

***There will be simple, repeated songs, readings, prayers and a period of  
silence.***

All welcome



## Colwell Village Hall



### Quiz Night

7.30pm Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> October

Including the draw for the

Village Annual Raffle

In aid of **Tynedale Hospice**

Entry £6 including food

Licensed bar

## Colwell Village Hall Presents

*Panhaggerty*

Ceilidh Band



7.30pm Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> October

Tickets £10 incl food;

For tickets contact: Tracy 07955 520008

or

Geoff 07948 214107

Licensed bar

## **ROLL UP FOR THE RACE NIGHT!**

**Birtley Village Hall  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

**7pm for 7.30**

**Entry £5 – pay at the door  
Light supper included.**

***Please come and bring your friends for a fun night!***

### **Simonburn Notes**

On returning from a short break away, the weather has an Autumnal feel about it, the leaves are starting to turn and fall as we start looking forward to Harvest Festivals and to give Thanks for the successful harvests this year.

It was lovely that Naomi and Terry Weatherly, formerly from Stonehaugh, came back to St. Mungo's to have Timothy Arnold Baptised on Sunday 8th September. He looked like he thoroughly enjoyed the occasion and didn't make a sound.

Thanks to Bill for looking after the village green again this year and to Norman for maintaining the churchyard to his very high standard. It is very much appreciated by locals and visitors alike.

St. Mungo's Harvest Festival is in on Sunday 6th October and we will be decorating the church with flowers and produce on Saturday 5th October 9am. Any donations of produce and flowers would be gratefully received, as the produce will be passed on to The People's Kitchen in Newcastle.

The People's Kitchen provide 40,000 hot meals a year, from their own premises at the Alison Centre in central Newcastle, and from the mobile kitchen which takes to the streets three times a week. Hot food, clean clothes and warm bedding are a lifeline to the most vulnerable visitors, many of whom suffer from mental illness, physical disability, drug and alcohol misuse, or are rough sleepers. The kitchen is fuelled through the help and support of others. They rely heavily on food donations, and without the help of both local and regional schools and churches through their Harvest Festival donations, as well as large donators such as Greggs, they would not be able to continue to produce the number of meals that they do. Without The People's Kitchen many would struggle to afford every day essentials, like a hot meal. Please help if you can

On Sunday 13th October a Benefice Service for Melanie's first service after being Licensed as a Reader, will be held in St. Mungo's at 11am with refreshments after the service.

If you have any used stamps, there is a collection box on the table in church, that will be sent away to raise money for The Royal National Institute for the Blind, Many Thanks.

**Don't forget the clocks go back 1 hour on October 27th**

**Love Sharon**

<b>Benefice of Chollerton</b>			<b>Benefice of Humshaugh</b>		
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>					
9am	Gunnerton	HC	9.30am	Humshaugh HC and Harvest Festival	
10.30am	Birtley HC and Harvest Festival		11.00am	Simonburn HC and Harvest Festival	
Please come and celebrate and give thanks together in our village church.			6.00pm	Wark	EP
			8.00pm	Humshaugh Late@8 Contemporary worship and teaching	
Readings: Psalm 37.1-9, 2 Timothy 1.1-14, Luke 17.5-10					
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>					
9am	Thockrington	HC	11.00am Simonburn		
10.30am	Chollerton	HC	Benefice Holy Communion and welcome of Melanie Wilkinson as Licensed Reader		
3pm	Wall				
<b>Licensing, by Bishop Christine, of The Revd Sarah Lunn as Priest in Charge of Wall, Bingfield and Heavenfield and Revd Christine Bull as Assistant Priest in Charge.</b>					
Readings: 2 Timothy 2.8-15, Luke 17.11-19					
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>					
9am	Gunnerton	HC	9.30am	Humshaugh	HC
10.30am	Birtley	HC	11.00am	Simonburn	HC
			6.00pm	Wark	EP
Readings: Psalm 121, 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5, Luke 18.1-8					
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>					
9am	Thockrington	BCP	9.30am	Wark	HC
10.30am	Chollerton	HC	11.00am	Simonburn	Matins
			6.30pm	Humshaugh	EP
Readings: Isaiah 45.22-25, Luke 4.16-24					
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>					
9am	Gunnerton	HC	9.30am	Humshaugh	HC
10.30am	Birtley	HC	11.00am	Simonburn	HC
			11.00am	Wark joint at Wark MURC	
			8.00pm	Humshaugh Late@8 Contemporary worship and teaching	
Readings: Ephesians 1.11-23, Luke 6.20-31					