

The July Broadsheet 2021



**for the parishes of
Humshaugh
with Simonburn & Wark,
Chollerton with Birtley,
Gunnerton, Thockrington,
St Oswald in Lee.**

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Pastoral Letter

See I am doing a new thing ... do you not perceive it? [Isaiah 43; verse 19]

I am writing this on St Barnabus' Day. He is remembered as the Son of Encouragement.

After such a long and strange time of lockdown and uncertainty, we cannot pretend to slip back to the old normal because so much has changed. We have had to be inventive in so many ways, coping with our fears and looking out towards our neighbours. All sorts of different acts of kindness, both great and small, have been happening. Good will and God's will have abounded.

We have all been changed. *New things are happening.*

Eagerly longed-for weddings are hopefully about to be allowed once more to welcome many guests. These are important gatherings for those who wish to be there to surround the bride and groom with their loving support on the day and in their future life together.

During lockdown our Lent course looked at 'Caring for God's Creation' and out of this has been born *North Tyne and Redesdale Climate Action Group*. They will keep us posted each month in this magazine on what they are doing to make a difference locally and in the wider world.

The *Pastoral Care Course* is underway. A group from the whole deanery and beyond are gathering to learn together how to best be alongside one another, especially at difficult times in our lives, and by their pastoral presence transforming our ordinary lives and encouraging our well-being.

Why don't you look around and discover what God is doing around you in new ways both great and small... and join in? Let us encourage one another!

Every act of loving **kindness does make** a difference as well as just by simply 'being there'.

Frances Dower (Associate Priest)

Birtley Notes

The dog show, held on the playing field early June, was a huge success, more so due to the fantastic weather... it was so nice to see many 'old friends' attending. An excellent raffle and scrumptious tea made it very worthwhile. With thanks to Lesley and her band of helpers. (See below).

If the weather is kind, we will have the first 'Village Coffee Morning' on Thursday 1st July outside the village hall, coffee, scones and cake/traybakes for only £2, do hope to see you there.

Mary

An exceptional day for weather and a wonderful turn out of dogs for our resumption of the popular dog show, raising funds for St Giles Church. On behalf of the team, I extend thanks to the bakers, sponsors, raffle givers, dog owners and supporters who made this such a special event. It made us very proud to be part of this community! The sum of £576.30p was raised.

Thank you all so much. Maybe again next year? Lesley Gosling, Organiser, Canine Capers.

Humshaugh News

On the 5th of June the wedding took place between Jack Minot and Megan Dodds. It was a beautiful service and some of us were able to watch the fireworks at "Dunkirk" from our windows in the evening. We wish the couple all happiness.

A question mark hangs over the so looked forward "Welcome Back!" day in the village hall on the 4th of July.... *if* it will take place, it will be from 2-4.30, showing the wonderful and many activities on offer. There will be tea, cake and catch up and.. entertainment provided by the pupils of Humshaugh school. For further information, contact Sue Birluson on 07739524260

The children of the school spent a wonderful morning in St. Peter's church, where the Churchwardens and Dr John McCollum showed everyone all kinds of interesting things. Fun to see how many children could be fitted in one pew and there were some promising future organists.

The Leaver Service has been planned for the 16th of July and again, we just hope that it can take place with a huge audience.

It was very sad to hear about the death of Fred Taylor, who lived in our village for many years and our thoughts are very much with Muriel.

It is hoped that by the time you read this, the Humshaugh Covid Book will be in the shop!!

Many, many thanks to Maurice Gilmour and his team.

Love, **Liesbeth**

WARK PARISH NEWS

We'd a lovely day for the Wedding of Stacey and Ian. The sun shone, the bride and her mother were radiant and for future brides do not be worried about restrictive numbers as this showed how so personal and intimate and special the day can be. We wish Stacey, Ian and of course Joshua every happiness.

Sadly, we record the death of Brian Ridley in the middle of June. Brian and his wife were great walkers and most days could be seen striding out. Our thoughts and prayers go to his family. At the time of writing there are a number of unwell people in the village and we all extend our thoughts to them. Covid19 still presents problems for arranging events however St Michael's PCC have decided to go ahead with a morning of Stalls on the village Green on Saturday 3rd July from 10.30am to 12.30. Obviously, we will need to adhere to crowd control regulations so please respect the information given. We'd also appreciate any contributions towards the usual type of Garden Fete Stalls but not bric-a-brac. I know this is short notice and very much a work in progress so please do support us. I understand when regulations are relaxed in the summer a number of village organizations are collectively proposing a village tea which will be a great idea. To finish; all I am certain will remember bubbly Rosemary who was with us as curate and I am very happy to say she is to be priested on Saturday 3rd July. One parish is to get a gem of a priest in her.

With all my love.... John

In Person Holy Communion Services for the Deanery in July
(subject to Covid restrictions etc.)



- Thursday 1st July 10.00am Chollerton
- Sunday 4th July (5th Sunday after Trinity) 8.30am Gunnerton
10.00am Bellingham (live streamed)
2.00pm Otterburn
Late at 8 via Zoom (opens 7.45pm)
- Thursday 8th July 10.00am Humshaugh
10.00am Bellingham
- Sunday 11th July (6th Sunday after Trinity)
8.30am Thockrington
8.30am Horsley
2.00pm Thorneyburn
4.00pm Wall
6.00pm Wark
- Thursday 15th July 10.00am Gunnerton
- Sunday 18th July (7th Sunday after Trinity)
8.30am Falstone
10.00am Bellingham (live streamed)
2.00pm Bingfield
3.00pm Birtley
6.00pm Simonburn
- Thursday 22nd July 10.00am Wall
- Sunday 25th July (8th Sunday after Trinity)
8.30am Chollerton
2.00pm Byrness
6.00pm Humshaugh
- Thursday 29th July 10.00am Birtley

Simonburn news

Hopefully most of the Covid restrictions will have eased by the end of July, so with this in mind we will be holding a Fete (of sorts) on Saturday 31st July 2pm on the village green. Stalls will include a Raffle, Plants/produce, cakes with possibly more! Any donations for the raffle and cakes would be gratefully received. Very limited seating, so please bring your own or picnic blanket and please enjoy.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Love Sharon x