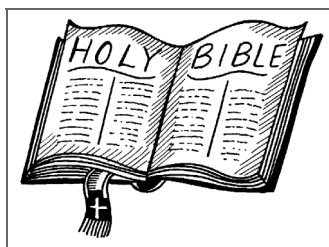


The August Broadsheet 2021



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

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Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
Isaiah 43.19

This summer we've begun the search for a new priest to join our Deanery. We're looking for someone who is as committed as we are to loving God and serving our neighbour and in deepening our community engagement in this spectacular part of rural Northumberland.

We've been facing some huge challenges but within them have found unexpected sources of God's grace and mercy. During Covid new relationships have been formed and deepened and have enriched our faith: we're training new teams of lay worship leaders and pastoral visitors; we're sharing technical expertise to find new ways of connecting those who feel isolated; we're finding new ways to deepen our discipleship and prayer life; we're working ever more closely with our local schools; we're looking for new ways to connect with our many tourists through pilgrimage routes and creating new ways of opening up our churches. We now know that we are stronger together and we are determined to stay that way.

We still face many challenges and yet our Diocese is keen to support us as we seek to transform our churches and communities and is working closely with us to help us fulfil our vision, and we certainly haven't lost heart! We know ourselves to be truly blessed to live and work in this outstanding area of natural beauty, and we are ready for this new thing springing forth in our midst.

Please join us in praying that God will send the right person to serve amongst us as we look to the future with hope and excitement!

The Rev'd Claire Robson Assistant Area Dean

Birtley Notes

What a beautiful morning on July 1st for our first Village Coffee Morning, since March 2020...! This was scheduled to take place outside and it couldn't have been a better day. 11 people attended, and a grand 'catch up' was had. Hopefully the regular Coffee Mornings will continue from 5th August. I notice the gardens are open at Carrycoats on Sunday 15th August in aid of Thockrington church., a nice afternoon out.

The Gardening Group are having their plant sale on 5th Sept, in the village hall, Starting 2.30pm do come along and chose something new for your garden and have a cup of tea.

Mary.

St Oswald's Heavenfield Pilgrimage

This year's Pilgrimage will take place (Covid restrictions permitting) on Saturday August 7th. The opening worship will begin at Hexham Abbey on the cloister lawn at 11.15am. We shall then walk via St John Lee, where there will be a short act of worship and time to have a picnic to St Oswald's Heavenfield arriving for the closing act of worship at 4pm followed by tea.

As Covid infections are high please book a place with Christine Bull.
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Humshaugh Notes

On the 10th of July Jenny Bradley and Fraser Sym were married in St Peter's church. It was a beautiful wedding with lots of flowers, both inside and outside.

A mini mini fete (with one plant stall and one cake and produce stall) in the pouring rain, produced £700.... In future, pray for rain instead of sunshine – it really works!

By the time you read this, we hope that we all had a wonderful **“getting together again” day on Sunday the 25th of July in our Village Hall.**

Humshaugh First School had a very moving Leaver Service. The children sang some favourite hymns and songs and shared their memories. Each Leaver pupil received a Bible and a special award. We wish each of them the very best on their move to Middle School.

And of course, we wish all the other pupils and their teachers a very much deserved wonderful holiday.

The Covid Book is out!! It is a beautiful book with contributions from many people in our community. Copies are available in the shop.

Love, Liesbeth

WARK PARISH NEWS

Slowly and with care a bit of what we called 'normal' is returning to our life but please do continue to take care. We had a successful Mini Fete on 3rd July with a good selection on the stalls. A number of people commented how good it was to be out of the house and taking part in a local event. Many thanks to all who came and supported, donated to the stalls and helped. We even managed the weather with the last gazebo being packed away as the rain started. A very healthy £1,200.00 being raised for St. Michael's

News arrived to me last month, just after the Broadsheet printing deadline, of the death of Eileen Wright. Eileen supported St. Michael's over the years with numerous jars of jam made from fruit she had picked while walking. Having sampled the raspberry, I can say it was good. We send our thoughts and prayers to Ivan and his family. I know our garden has enjoyed the recent warmth (at least the weeds have) and it has become very much a haven to escape the continuous news of doom and gloom worldwide and here in the UK. Enjoy the remains of the summer and we'll be talking harvest next time!

Love to all: John

<p>The AGM of the Friends of St Oswald's will take place this year by Zoom on Thursday 5th August at 6pm.</p>
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Chollerton WI.

Would you like to try Mug Painting, hear the History of Wheelbirks farm or of Witchcraft in the North East? Do you enjoy a chat over a cup of tea, a Murder Mystery night? How about a trip to Wylam Nursery? We are having a games night at Barrasford Park in October and a Bingo night in the Hall in November. If you are interested in any or all of these things and many more why not come along to Chollerton WI. Come as a visitor to give it a try for £4. We meet on the first Wednesday in the month in Barrasford Village Hall at 7.30. Starting again in September.

You will be guaranteed a warm welcome.

Simonburn Notes

At the time of writing these notes, the schools have broken up for the summer holidays and the weather is hot and sunny!

If you are reading this, in July, don't forget The 'mini' Fete in Simonburn on Saturday 31st July at 2pm. Most Fetes, in aid of our churches have been held and we Thank you for your much needed support.

The minor problem we had with the new bells, have now been sorted and we will now be able to ring them again.

As things start to re-open (cautiously), it will be great for us all, as a community, to come together again, The village hall has been refurbished and is available to hire. The village hall committee would like to hear your ideas as to what 'you' would like to see happening in the hall. Please contact Roger 681077 for bookings or more information.,

On August Saturday 14th between 4pm and 6pm the village hall will be open for you to come along and have a look around, light refreshments will be available..

St.Mungo's is open daily for private prayer.

Take care. Love Sharon x

Services of Holy Communion in Bellingham Deanery during August

Other Non-Eucharistic services will be advertised locally

- **Sunday 1st August 9th Sunday after Trinity**
8.30am Gunnerton
10.00am Deanery Communion streamed from Bellingham
2.00pm Otterburn
- Thursday 5th August 10.00am Chollerton
- **Sunday 8th August 10th Sunday after Trinity**
8.30am Thockrington
8.30am Horsley
10 am Zoom Morning Worship
3.00pm Thorneyburn
4.00pm St Oswalds Heavenfield
6.00pm Wark
- Thursday 12th August 10.00am Humshaugh
10.00am Bellingham
- **Sunday 15th August The Blessed Virgin Mary/ 11th Sunday after Trinity**
8.30am Falstone
10.00am Deanery Communion streamed from Bellingham
2.00pm Bingfield
6.00pm Simonburn
- Thursday 19th August 10.00am Gunnerton
- **Sunday 22nd August 12th Sunday after Trinity**
8.30am Chollerton
10.00am Zoom Morning Worship
2.00pm Byrness
6.00pm Humshaugh
- Thursday 26th August 10.00am Wall
- **Sunday 29th August 13th Sunday after Trinity**
10.00am Zoom Morning Worship
2.00pm Deanery Communion at Elsdon (To be confirmed)