

The October 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 for MOTW October 2021

Dear Friends

The 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' and Harvest thanksgiving.

Looking back: at his Memorial Service in September we gave thanks for the life of the Revd Steve Wilkinson and his ministry amongst us, and remembered with gratitude and warmth all that he gave to so many during his time in the deanery.

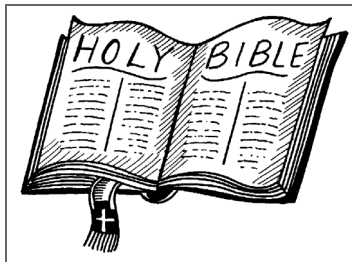
We give thanks also for the ministry of Revd Canon Christine Bull who retired in September after very many years of faithful service in the southern part of the deanery. We wish her well.

Looking forward: whilst we pray for a new priest to be called to serve in the north of the deanery, many of you are stepping up in the most encouraging ways. With Lay Ministry about to be honoured and authorised on 10th October, we will have a newly trained group of Worship leaders and Pastoral listeners. Already they are leading services and looking for ways of engaging thoughtfully with our communities. Since lockdown people are now gathering again and fresh starts are being made; coffee mornings can be transformed into Places of Welcome where people are valued and listened to and truly cared about. Practical help for Afghanistan refugees is being lead by Jill Swailes for us all to join in; the Hexham Food Bank and the Peoples Kitchen have never been so much in need of donations. This is to name but a few good things happening..

The climate group is active too: the 'Big Green Week' in September will have high-lighted the importance of the COP26 summit; another chance to raise the urgent need of understanding the seriousness of the threat posed by climate change. All this points outwards from ourselves towards the care of our neighbour, their wellbeing and flourishing *and* loving our neighbours as ourselves.

Maybe you have imaginative ideas too and could be in touch?

Frances



Humshaugh Notes

The ribbons which were displayed in Wark, Simonburn and Humshaugh when Revd. Steve Wilkinson had died, will be used again for the Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for his Life, being held on September the 18th in Humshaugh It will be a very special day.

It was a joy for both teachers and pupils to be back in school again and the new starters were welcomed with open arms. There were some splendid entries from some of the pupils in the wonderful Harvest Show and several prizes were won by them.

The October QUIZ is on Tuesday, October the 19th at 8pm with the Bonfire Night Fireworks as beneficiary.

The Crown Players have started rehearsals for "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" which will be staged in Humshaugh Village Hall on Weds. 8th – Sat. 11th December. This year the show will be on for four nights to enable better spacing for the audience. This version of the well - known Victorian story will be blending comedy, music and drama, whilst retaining Dicken's original message. Put the date in your diary now! Tickets will be on sale from November.

HAP are delighted to announce the first film night for the new season. On the 15th of October we will show the film "PRIDE", a comedy drama. Based on a true story, the film depicts a group of lesbian and gay activists, raising money for those affected by the miners' strike in 1984. A star studded cast includes Bill Nighy. The Village Hall will open at 7pm for 7.30 start, but tickets MUST be bought in advance from the shop. There will be a bar with puddings at £2, served during the interval.

The village was very sad to hear about the death of Lucy Davison. For years and years she was our wonderful organist, a piano teacher, ran both the W.I. and the Mothers Union for a long time, was a very popular visitor at the school and, above all, a very much loved friend for many people.

We will miss her and we are thinking of Vicky, Jeremy and their family.

When Fortune smiles and makes you meet
A special couple – then,
You know you want to see those two
Again, again, again!

The care for Mothers' Union,
For Women's Institute;
If Lucy were not at the helm
Humshaugh was destitute.

John was the Thespian, who filled
The theatre with glee;
And Treasurer for years and years
For Humshaugh PCC

Lucy is carrying her light
Of music all around;
John, with a twinkle in his smile,
A smile, wise and profound.

Now all that's left for us to do
Is thanking you for being you.

Love, Liesbeth

WARK PARISH NEWS

Autumn is here: darker mornings, longer nights. The good show of berries on the trees and bushes is a reminder.... if we need it! With that in mind, St. Michael's will celebrate Harvest on Sunday September 26th at 6.00pm. Do come and join us belting out all the good harvest hymns. The Soup and Pudding night will be on Thursday 30th September which, this year for Covid social distancing, will be in Wark Town Hall at 7.00pm. A great night for £4.

I am delighted to say St. Michael's are to 'building share' with MURC for a trial period of 3 months. MURC will hold an 11am service on the 1st & 3rd Sunday each month, while St Michael's will hold 6pm services on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. We look forward to joining and sharing these services where all are welcome.

St. Michael's have welcomed a number of babies into the church recently by Baptism, so we wish them and their parents every good wish and look forward to seeing them at any of the regular services.

Included in this month's Broadsheet you'll find a leaflet promoting a 'welcome back' event for the Town Hall. This is a building we all have taken for granted as always being there, but probably knew nothing of the history. This event will answer those questions. Please support it.

Advance notice.... Christmas Wreaths.... Orders to Anne Grieve please. We know it is early but best to be prepared. I will remind you again in November.

Until we chat again .

Love John

Birtley Notes

What a fantastic morning, no wind and lovely warm sun for our cake/produce stall and coffee morning at Birtley Hall on 28th August. It was so nice for folk to sit and have a coffee and chat in the sun, before wandering round David and Sarah Crone's lovely garden. Our sincere thanks to them both for their hospitality. A great £500+ was raised for St Giles. Very many thanks to all who attended.

Another Golden wedding in the village. Bill and Mary White, Croft Cottage celebrated their Anniversary on 11th September.

In the winter months the services at St Giles will be the 3rd Sunday in the Month at 3pm, starting in November.

PS.

Just to let you know, the total money raised from the Air Ambulance collection, which was up the North Tyne and Rede, was an amazing £5333.

Mary.



Needlepoint Exhibition

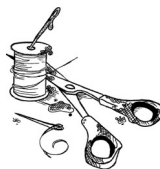
By kind invitation of Carolyn Dowie

Thursday 21st October

10am. — 1pm.

At Errington House

Humshaugh NE46 4HP



Display of cushions, upholstery items and rugs

Needlepoint kits and accessories for sale

Details of Stitching Classes available on request

Light Refreshments are available



Soup and Pudding night

Thursday 30th September
Wark Town Hall at 7.00pm.

A great night for all
At £4.each



Apple Pressing Day!!!

At the Hearse House,
St Giles Church, Chollerton
On Saturday 16th October,

10am – 2pm

Please come and bring your apples (and receptacles) to be turned into
delicious juice!

Light refreshments available

Donations to St Giles, Chollerton and St Christopher's, Gunnerton

All welcome

Simonburn Notes

On Saturday 18th September, many of us, whether in person or watching at home, attended the service to remember and celebrate the life of our friend Steve. What a full life he had!

How blessed we are to have known him and what a hole he has left.

We welcome Eric and Gill to the village, we hope they will be very happy in their new home.

Simonburn Village Hall held a Macmillan Coffee morning on Saturday 18th. Thank you so much to everyone that donated and came to support this great cause £366.50 was raised. Thank you x

Harvest Festival Service at St Mungo's will be on 17th October at 6pm.

We will be decorating the church on Saturday 16th from 9am. All welcome...You don't have to be an expert at flower arranging (donations of flowers ,would be most welcome.) **More importantly donations of any fruit, vegetables or any other food would be gratefully received.**

All the Harvest produce is taken to The Peoples' Kitchen in Newcastle.

Living in a small village, we are cocooned inside our own homes with plenty of food and warmth and less than 30 miles away, in Newcastle, there are people with no homes living on the streets.

The Peoples Kitchen is run by volunteers to provide hot meals for anyone that is in need, including clothing and toiletries.

All donations will be much appreciated.

Love Sharon



Simonburn Village Hall



**What future events do YOU want in the village hall??
All ideas welcome, please let any committee member know
(Roger, Sharon Hadley, Sue Hickman, Jonny Reed, Gwen Jeffrey, Christine
Burridge, Sandra Edgar, Denis Bulman) or message shazza-
hadley@hotmail.co.uk or on Simonburn Village Hall
Facebook page.**

Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1hr. on 31st October

Changing time a funny thing
A lot to think about
Easily an oddity
We need to figure out
In Spring an hour forward
In the middle of the night
When two A.M. turns into three
The timing could be right
Whatever we have started
As the clock's at one five nine
Will easily end after three
For bragging rights is fine
In Autumn when time is turning back
And two returns to one
Depending, what was started,
Could end before begun
I see the wheels are turning
As you finished up this rhyme
In Spring or Autumn your scheduling
Makes the best of daylight time

Services for October in Bellingham Deanery

- **Sunday 3rd October (18th Sunday after Trinity)**
Readings: Genesis 2: 18-24; Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10: 2-16
8.30am Holy Communion at Gunnerton
10.00am Holy Communion at Bellingham
11.00am Parish Worship at Falstone
2.00pm Holy Communion at Otterburn
3.00pm Holy Communion at Bingfield
3.00pm Dedication of the Steps at St Cuthbert's Bellingham By Bishop Mark
6.00pm Deanery Confirmation at Wall
6.00pm Harvest Communion at Elsdon
8.00pm Late @ 8 at Humshaugh
- **Thursday 7th October 10.00am Holy Communion at Chollerton**
- **Sunday 10th October (19th Sunday after Trinity)**
Readings: Amos 5:6-7; 10-15; Hebrews 4: 12-end; Mark 10: 17-31
8.30am Holy Communion at Horsley
8.30am Thockrington
10.00am Holy Communion at Humshaugh
3.00pm Holy Communion at Thorneyburn
6.00pm Holy Communion at Wark
- **Thursday 14th October 10.00am Holy Communion at Bellingham**
- **Sunday 17th October (20th Sunday after Trinity)**
Readings: Isaiah 53: 4-end; Hebrews 5: 1-10; Mark 10: 35-45
8.30am Holy Communion Falstone
10.00am Holy Communion at Chollerton
10.00am Parish Worship at Bellingham
11.00am Parish Worship at Otterburn
3pm Birtley, Harvest Festival
6.00pm Holy Communion at Simonburn, Harvest Festival
- **Thursday 21st October 10.00am Holy Communion at Gunnerton**
- **Sunday 24th October (Last Sunday after Trinity)**
Readings: Jeremiah 31: 7-9; Hebrews 7: 23-end; Mark 10: 46-end
10.00am Deanery Zoom Service
3.00pm Holy Communion at Byrness
6.00pm Holy Communion at Humshaugh
6.00pm Parish Worship at Wark
- **Thursday 28th October 10.00am Holy Communion at Wall**
- **Sunday 31st October All Saints Sunday**
Readings: Isaiah 56: 3-8; Hebrews 12: 18-24; Matthew 5: 1-12
10.00am Deanery Holy Communion at Humshaugh
4.00pm Deanery Holy Communion at Bellingham