

The April Broadsheet 2022



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

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Arrival and Easter 2022

Dear New Friends,

I hope I'm allowed to call you that, even though as I write I haven't met many of you. I am very much looking forward to moving to live among you, and to hearing your stories and learning my way around the area.

In this Easter season, have a look at the story of the resurrection of Jesus in Mark's Gospel. It's nearly at the end. The women visit Jesus' tomb to finish embalming his body, and they meet a young man who tells them that Jesus is risen and will meet them in Galilee. Chapter 6, verse 8 says "so they went out and fled from the tomb... and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid."

Although you can then choose from two endings, scholarship suggests that the earliest version of the Gospel story stopped here. Can you imagine Mark telling it? And everyone chuckling, because they knew it wasn't the end at all, even though it's where Mark stopped?

I have had a career in electricity generation and transmission, I've raised a family, and I spent ten years in parish ministry before moving home to Warwickshire to run a charity. Then I saw a job advert for somewhere called "North Tyne and Redesdale"...the rest you will find out with me!

Mark's storytelling invites us to think about where stories end and where they continue, to think about the part we play and how we join in with God's story.

I am about to become part of your story, and you will be part of mine too. I wonder how we will weave a new story in Bellingham Deanery, incorporating God's love in action in our lives together?

With anticipation and rich blessings to you

Claire Maxim



A Reflective Walk for Good Friday

Please meet at 10.00am on Wark village green.

We follow the 'station walk'

which includes a fairly steep hill.

Any questions please contact Sally Napier 230223

Refreshments will be available in the Town Hall afterwards.

We look forward to you joining us.

Humshaugh Notes

It is impossible to miss the harrowing reports coming from Ukraine and equally impossible to understand what is happening and why. Each of us would love to help and bring a ray of light to this horrendous darkness. We are in awe of the incredibly courageous people of Ukraine and those of bordering countries, who are giving help and hope to the refugees.

On Sunday, March the 20th, a tea afternoon was held from 3 – 5 pm in Humshaugh Village Hall in aid of Ukraine Disasters Emergency Committee. At the time of writing, it is not known how much money will be collected

Also, the money collected at the March Quiz, will be in aid of Ukraine.

In February, the winning team was “Stumped” and £219 was raised for the Cricket Club.

The April Quiz will be on Tuesday the 19th at 8pm in aid of the Crown Inn Leek Club.

Humshaugh First School are taking part in the Passion Trail on Tuesday, March the 29th. Five schools, on 5 different days, will visit Simonburn Church and Village Hall to engage in music, “Godly Play” and times of quiet and wondering.

On Saturday April the 30th, the “North Tyne Voices” Choir will have their Village Hall Coffee Morning from 10 – 12.

This year the Crown Players will be holding a Club Night on the last Friday of each month in the Village Hall from 7.30 – 9.30 p.m. These will be largely social with some sort of activity thrown in! The first one will be on March the 25th and will be a quiz. All are welcome.

HAP will be showing their final film of the season on April the 8th. “A Space Odyssey” follows a voyage to Jupiter. It is noted for its accurate depiction of space flight and one of the most influential films ever made. Ian Grant will introduce the film. As it is a long film, doors will open at 6.30 for 7pm. Bar and puds will be served during one of the intervals. Tickets at £5 and for under 18’s at £2.50, will be available at the shop.

The Village Archive has been managed by David and Pat Prest for about 15 years. It contains a wealth of historical information and is regularly updated. Hopefully future events can be included in the archive.

David and Pat are stepping down from this responsibility and it will be taken on by the publications committee with Elizabeth Hayward as the contact:

nick.haward310@btinternet.com or phone 681463 or call at 2, Beechcroft Humshaugh. Many, many thanks to David and Pat for all the hours they gave, so that the archive can be enjoyed by future generations.

Love, Liesbeth

Services in the Deanery for April

- **3rd April Fifth Sunday of Lent : Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12; 1-8**
8.30am Holy Communion at Gunnerton
10.00am Holy Communion at Bellingham
10.30am MURC Service at Wark
11.00am Parish Worship at Falstone
2.00pm Holy Communion at Otterburn
3.00pm Holy Communion at Bingfield
6.00pm Holy Communion at Elsdon
8.00pm Late@8 at Humshaugh
- **7th April 10.00am Holy Communion at Chollerton**
- **10th April Palm Sunday Readings : Liturgy of Palms Luke 19:28-40; Liturgy of Passion : Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Philippians 2: 5-11; Luke 23: 1-49 (or Dramatic Reading)**
8.30am Holy Communion at Thockrington
8.30am Holy Communion at Horsley
10.00am Holy Communion at Humshaugh
3.00pm Holy Communion at Thorneyburn
4.00pm Holy Communion at Wall
6.00pm Holy Communion at Wark
- **Monday of Holy Week** 7.30pm Compline with Address at Bellingham (live streamed)
- **Tuesday of Holy Week** : 7.30pm Compline with Address at Bellingham (Live streamed)
- **Wednesday of Holy Week** : 7.30pm Compline with Address at Bellingham (Live streamed)
- **14th April Maundy Thursday ; Readings : Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26; John 13; 1-17, 31-35**



No service in the Morning as Clergy and everyone invited to the Cathedral for Blessing of the Oils

- 7.30pm Eucharist of Last Supper at Humshaugh (for south of Deanery)
- 7.30pm Eucharist of Last Supper at Bellingham (Live streamed) (for north of Deanery)

- **15th April Good Friday**
 Walk of Witness- Wark 10.00am
 12pm Stations of the Cross Bellingham
 2.00pm Last Hour at the cross – Otterburn
 2.00pm Last Hour at the cross -Gunnerton
- **Easter Eve**
 7.45pm Easter Vigil and renewal of Baptismal vows at Birtley
- **17th April Easter Day Readings: Acts 10:34-43; 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26; Luke 24: 1-12**
 6.15am Sunrise Service at Thockrington
 8.00am Holy Communion at Wark
 8.30am Holy Communion at Chollerton
 10.00am Holy Communion at Bellingham
 10.00am Holy Communion at Humshaugh
 10.30am Holy Communion at Heavenfield
 10.30am Holy Communion at St Cuthbert's Corsenside
 10.30am MURC Service at Wark
 11.00am Easter Worship with URC in Falstone
 11.00am Parish Worship at Otterburn
 3.00pm Holy Communion at Birtley
 6.30pm Holy Communion at Thorneyburn
 6.00pm Holy Communion at Simonburn
 6.00pm Holy Communion at Elsdon
- **21st April**
 10.00am Holy Communion at Gunnerton
- **24th April 2nd Sunday of Easter . Readings: Acts 5: 27-32; Revelation 1: 4-8; John 20: 19-end.**
 8.30am Holy Communion at Chollerton
 10.00am Deanery Zoom
 3.00pm Holy Communion at Byrness
 6.00pm Parish Worship at Thorneyburn
 6.00pm Holy Communion at Humshaugh
 6.00pm Parish Worship at Wark

WARK PARISH NEWS

Spring at last, we've lambs in the fields; we have blossom and just hope there is not a sting in the tail. Shops have been selling chocolate eggs forever. On Easter Sunday morning, St. Michael's are having, not quite Sunrise, although do know some that do, an 8.00am Eucharist in church followed by a breakfast. Should that be too early, MURC are having at 10.30am service. We had to miss this last year due to all the various restrictions but as I sit down to write these notes, I heard all final restrictions on whatever are to be lifted. We can go on holiday.... Hooray. But please be safe. Jesus travelled wide and far and still does without restrictions. I've been touched by the various ways of support to the people of Ukraine Wark have given. I hope we can continue supporting them. Once more the generosity of the people of Wark has shone. Personally, I find it almost impossible to view or listen to the broadcast news constantly putting myself in those people's shoes. Please continue to support where you can; cannot imagine what it must be like for them.

Hopefully, the winds of the winter are now over; four storms? with lots of power cuts and all can look forward to a calmer spring. Bruce and Sally had a large, and I mean large, limb crash down from one of their trees just by the wicket going onto their land. No damage to the church wall but damage to one headstone which will be sorted.

Sadly, a Wark born and bred, Thomas Stobbs, recently died and was interred in St. Michael's church yard. Thoughts and prayers go to Sylvia and family at this sad time. On a happier note, Weddings! A few this year with the first being on the 2nd April. The bell will ring out for them.

Love to all John XXX

The Woman's World Day of Prayer

Was held at St. Giles, Birtley on Friday 4th March.
Thanks go to all the organisers and those who gave their support.
The sum of £180 was raised for this worthy cause.



Birtley Notes

The next Air Ambulance collection for clean clothes, blankets, books, used ink cartridges etc, will be from Wark Town Hall on Wednesday 30th March 9-9.30am. The hall will also be open the night before, Tuesday 29th from 6 till 8pm if you would rather leave things then.

We welcome to the village Paul and Patti, who have recently moved into the Magpies, from Leicester.

So nice to see snowdrop's and daffodil's in the gardens and roadsides, they are really cheerful putting a smile on people's faces. A huge 'Thank You' to all who helped tidy the churchyard, this is much appreciated.

Mary

Simonburn Notes

The plans for Simonburn's Jubilee Celebrations are coming along. On Saturday 4th June, at 2pm, the church bells will ring to begin our Celebrations. Starting with children's games on the village green. There will also be a competition, to make a hat/head piece, for adults and children, with a Queen or Jubilee theme. Weather permitting, there will be a pooled afternoon tea, for us all to enjoy at 3pm. Then later in the village hall at 6ish there will be BBQ's for you to bring your own food to cook. There is a tree to be planted to commemorate the Queens platinum Jubilee. Hopefully there will be music or entertainment and a bar. Another meeting, to finalise everything will be on Tuesday May 10th at 7pm in the village hall, Please come along, the village needs your support. See you there.

Love Sharon x

CHOLLERTON WI

**Are holding an
EASTER BINGO
TUESDAY APRIL 12TH
BARRASFORD VILLAGE HALL
7PM START.
RAFFLE & EXCELLENT PRIZES
All welcome**



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North Tyne Voices Choir

Coffee morning
Humshaugh Village Hall
Saturday 30th April
from 10 till 12



Bacon Butties

Tuesday 5th April
1st Tuesday of every month
9am to 11am

Simonburn Village Hall

with tea or coffee
£2.50

Eat in or take away



Do come along
for a butty & a chat.

Gunnerton Lunch Club

Do please come along to join us for
Soup, sweet, coffee or tea
12 noon on Wednesday 27th April
and friendly banter
All welcome



TEA AT THREE



At Gunnerton Church
In aid of Ukraine relief
Tuesday 19th April
Come along for tasty home
baking and good company



GUNNERTON CHURCH

Railway Circle

Tuesday 5th April
7.15 for 7.30 p.m.
Cumbrian Railways



Simonburn Village Hall

The hall is available
to hire at an hourly
rate of £7.50
To book please
contact.

Sue Hickman on
01434 689682

Or

Roger Hadley on
01434 681077

Easter Bingo

Simonburn Village Hall
Thursday 7th April

Donation of prizes would be
much appreciated, thank you.

Donations of prizes please
contact:

Christine Burridge on 07523166543

