



The April Broadsheet 2020



Although public worship has had to stop for the time being please know that your local clergy are continuing to pray for you each day. If it would help to talk to someone then please do get in touch by phone or email.

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All of our churches will be open during daylight hours if you would like to pop in.

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Chollerton Vicarage

Alleluia Christ is risen; he is risen indeed alleluia!

This is one of the phrases which sticks in my mind with vivid images attached of having said it or replied over the years. This is the phrase that heralds the new light of Christ as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus very early on Easter morning. Locally we do this either at the Easter Vigil service, on Easter Eve at Birtley as the light is waning, and the church is in darkness, and the first light, lit from the fire is carried into the church. Alternatively or in addition many folk gather at Thockrington on Easter Day very early in the morning to greet the new dawn and the risen Jesus. This is a very ancient ceremony, when those who had made the decision to follow Christ would be baptised, or christened. As I write this we are in the middle of Lent, but we must not forget that we are in Lent as the time of preparation for Easter, when we think again of the signs that Jesus did as he prepared to go to Jerusalem that last time, ending with his death on the cross and then his marvellous resurrection on Easter Day. Jesus gave his all for everyone for all time.

We are being bombarded by information of every kind about the Coronavirus. Some folk will be very worried by this, and we may all end up in isolation, but we must not forget to love and care for those around us. Our lives change and evolve through the years- we get frightened, we lose people that we love, and we gain new members to our circle of family and friends. Our churches change, in how they look, in who is there and with whom we are grouped. In all the changes and chances of our world, we can be sure of one thing, of God's unfailing love for each of us, created in his image and for whom Christ died on the first Good Friday. On Easter day we can truly say: Alleluia Christ is risen: he is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Sarah Lunn



HAP



Round and about Humshaugh

What a wonderful evening we had! “The Italian Job” was such a great film which we all enjoyed after that very good introduction by Ian. The tables, as always looked so nice with all the Italian touches and then there were the puds.....! Many thanks to the HAP Team.

Pub Quiz



The Crown was packed out for the February Quiz with 17 teams participating. A magnificent £337 was raised for Humshaugh Cricket Club. “One Man Up” won by just half a point.



Humshaugh First School

The school was delighted when Lucy Davison came to talk to Class 3 about the time when she was evacuated to Richmond in Yorkshire during World War II. The children loved to hear her stories and many have been asking their Grandparents about their memories.

Centenary Organ Concert

The organ in St Peter’s Church will be **a 100 years old** in May. We plan to hold a lunchtime organ concert, including the school,.....Post virus !!

We continue to think about Steve, Melanie and the family, holding them in our prayers.

Liesbeth Langford

WARK PARISH NEWS

With the difficult and challenging times, please be patient and understanding as Government regulations along with advice from the Diocese change day by day.

I wish to thank Peter Samsom who is stepping down as writer of Wark notes in the Hexham Courant who has kindly publicised the events we hold within or for St. Michael’s over the years. Thank you Peter for a wonderful job.

Short and sweet this time however please stay calm and do not buy too many toilet rolls! (if you can find them)

Until we chat again, keep listening to Boris.....

Love John

Birtley Notes

We would like to welcome Roger and Marilyn Bell into the village, they have come 'in bye' from High Pit and extended/modernised their new home at Church View, do hope they'll enjoy living in the village.

There was a Churchyard clean-up on 14th March when all the branches/debris were cleared away, so that Robert Bell can cut the grass without hindrance, what a wonderful job he makes of it, the number of comments in the visitors book is testament to this.

A number of things have been cancelled due to the Coronavirus, Craft Group, Drawing Class, Village Coffee morning etc. I will let you know in due course when things get better, till then Please Take Care.

Mary.

Simonburn Notes

Spring has sprung and the colours of the crocus and daffodils on the village green look lovely.

The bells at St. Mungo's have now been re-installed, Many Thanks to Ady, Mrs. Allgood, Kevin and Andy (Nunwick) for their help, despite the rain and wind, everything went to plan.. Having had the privilege of seeing the bells close up, before they were winched up to the bellcote, they are beautiful and impressive. Photographs will be put into an album and kept in church soon.

I hope everyone keeps well in these trying times and we must all look after ourselves and others, especially the vulnerable people in our community.

If you become or have to be isolated and need help with anything ie food, medication, please do not hesitate to ask someone. Ring me Sharon 681077 and between us there will always be someone to help and do what we can.

I hope you all have a Happy and healthy Easter and lets look forward to the Summer.

Please remember Steve, Melanie and all the family in your prayers.

Love Sharon x

A prayer for all who are at home.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

From St Patrick's Breastplate