



The July Broadsheet 2020



**for the parishes of
Humshaugh
with Simonburn & Wark, and
Chollerton with Birtley
Gunnerton & Thockrington**

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Pastoral Letter from Chollerton Vicarage

In the middle of June lots of folk from around the Diocese and beyond joined a Zoom service to say thank you and farewell to Archdeacon Peter Robinson as he leaves this diocese and moves to look after Derby Cathedral.

Peter preached at the service and what he said has resonated with me in our situation. All of us who are familiar with virtual meetings or services as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic will be very familiar with the phrase ‘Sarah, Roger, Andrew, etc You are muted!’. In order to be able to contribute and be heard in a meeting each of us is responsible for doing something ourselves, even if that is only unmuting our microphone.

Being heard and maybe seen virtually and contributing to life as it is now are important in these strange liminal times as we wait to see what the next relaxing or tightening of the restrictions will be, depending on the R number. Being heard as we speak of God’s work in the world and speak to each other as we cannot be present in reality together. Being heard as we care for each other and the wider community, being Christ to each other in the basic necessities of our lives. Being heard as we take time to telephone someone whom we know may be feeling cut off from others. Each of us can play our part in letting others know they are loved and cared for, remembered, and heard, unmuted, themselves. It is our responsibility to model God’s love for others in how we behave to others ourselves. In this ‘in-between’ time as we wait to see what the future holds for us locally as well as the world, we could take time to cherish those around us so that we are stronger together to meet the challenges we face, and maybe remind ourselves and each other to unmute our voices in hope, love, praise and the peace which passes all understanding.

Kind regards to you all.

Sarah Lunn

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Humshaugh

More and more people are joining the Sunday services on Zoom, which is great, and how wonderful that church doors are open again and we can go in for private prayer.

The church will be open every day from around 9am until 6pm. Please respect social distancing and notices in the church.

And just as wonderful is it to read Jude’s school letter with photos of the children being there, looking so confident and happy. The teachers are missing all the children who are still learning at home and teaching staff are giving them all the support they can.

Everyone in the school is delighted to welcome back Mrs. Wilkinson!

The shop is still doing all its great work. Alison Scott has made wonderful masks which are now in the shop and available for a donation.

Stay safe and take care everyone.

Liesbeth Langford

Wark Parish News

St. Michael's is now open for individual private prayer from 9am until 6pm. however no confirmed date has been received for services to resume.

The lockdown has resulted in at least 14 weeks of offerings at services, along with the proceeds from the Garden Fete, being lost but the costs for running the church have remained. These amount to approx. £1,000 a month. So, you can see we are running on the help and generosity of a few. Should you feel able to make a contribution towards the costs please contact our Treasurer, Jani, on 07500 222151 for details of how to do so. Thank you.

Our thoughts and prayers go to the family and friends of long-time local resident Alan Miller who has recently died.

At this time please contact Anne Grieve on 01434 270245 for any church related matters.

Until we next chat keep safe.

Love John

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Birtley Notes

What a spell of fabulous weather we had in April/May such a shame we couldn't go other places, although we did enjoy it at home...! I understand it was the hottest May on record.

We have 5 super new seats in the village, also 2 picnic tables in the Park, through the Parish Council, courtesy of windmill grants, they look very smart. I know in normal times a lot of walkers and cyclists often sit and have their sandwiches and a cuppa on the seats. The rain came just at the right time for the village flower boxes and plot, they really flourished afterwards. New surrounds needed for them next year though, to keep up with the new seats..!

It would have been St Giles church fete on the 7th June, so Judith W ran a cake stall from the porch of her home on the green in Wark. People just came along and chose what they wanted and left their money, quite a number of generous donations were also given, which was very kind of people. A successful morning, which made much needed revenue as the bills still have to be paid.

Our good friends Derek and Alison Williams, Buteland House will be leaving the district soon, in fact by the end of June. They are going to Tewkesbury to be nearer two of their sons. They have been a part of St Giles for over 30 years, and will be a huge miss. We wish them well in their new home. (But hope they will come back and visit us when things get back to normal).

Still take care and keep smiling.

Mary.

Simonburn Notes

I hope everyone is keeping well and enjoying the good weather.

It is nice to be able to open the churches for individual prayer, please use the hand sanitizer if visiting.

We welcome Colin and Sue Hickman back into the village. We hope they'll be happy in their new home.

We have some lovely orange marmalade for sale, made by Mrs Allgood, in aid of St. Mungo's (usually sold at the fete) £3.50 a jar please get in touch 681077, if you would like a jar or two!

Take Care, Love Sharon x

Chollerton News

Many thanks to John, Nick and Gordon for all your hard work around Barrasford and the village. A great job.

Thank you to all of the folk who have done such a sterling job in Barrasford Village Shop in keeping the neighbourhood supplied during these past months. Your community spirit and care is much appreciated.

Benefice and Deanery News

Derek and Alison Williams will shortly be leaving **the area** to move to be closer to their family. They have lived here for over 37 years and their support in leading worship over the years as Priest and Lay Reader has been so valued, as has their love and care for and work to support and enrich the local communities.

We thank you both for all you have given us of yourselves over the years and we wish you Godspeed in your new home!

Readings for Sundays in July

- **5th July :4th Sunday after Trinity**
- **Zechariah 9: 9-12; Romans 7: 15-25a; Matthew 11: 16-19, 25 to end.**
- **12th July; 5th Sunday after Trinity**
- **Isaiah 55;10-13; Romans 8: 1-11; Matthew13: 1-9, 18-23**
- **19th July: 6th Sunday after Trinity**
- **Isaiah 44:6-8; Romans 8: 12-25; Matthew 13: 24-30; 36-43**
- **26th July: 7th Sunday after Trinity**
- **1 Kings 3: 5-12; Romans 8: 26-end; Matthew13; 31-33, 44-52**