



The August 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

Dear friends,

We don't usually have a Broadsheet in August, but this year is so different that we felt it was good to keep going. As I write this in mid-July, we are as churches, busy doing risk assessments and making plans for the safe re-opening of the churches for services in this part of the Deanery. We do not as yet know what the new 'normal' will look like for our parishes, because small country churches are not easy to make 'covid secure'; but, together, we will work on it so that there is opportunity for anyone who wishes to, to be able to worship in church. We continue to be on the threshold of a new way of being, working, for the foreseeable future as a larger group of parishes as we discern the best way forward for us all.

In the cycle of readings in services we have recently heard the parable of the sower, and the parable of the weeds and the wheat. They are well known stories and those of us privileged to live in this beautiful area have seen the crops planted and growing, and in some cases the lovely poppies flowering within the crop. They cannot be removed as they would pull out the growing corn so they are allowed to grow together. We are the people in this area, all from different backgrounds and traditions, all of which we hold dear, but we are called to grow and flourish together, even if we might not have chosen to be planted here together. Once we have worked out how we can safely begin regular services in church again, we will make sure there are notices online and, in the Villages, and community.

There will be a number of meetings and gatherings over the coming weeks and months, if we are allowed them in the present circumstances, for us to consider together how we can best go forward as the people of God here.

May God be with you all

Sarah Lunn

Birtley Notes

How nice it is to be able to go to church once again, even though no singing...

The PCC gave Derek and Alison Williams a picture of St Giles, by local artist Neil Patterson, which they were delighted with, before they left the area, this was in appreciation for their 37 years of dedication to our church during those years.

We now have a new village small ride on mower, so Robert B is able to continue cutting the church grass, again our thanks to Joyce and Bill for doing so in its absence.

I have had an e.mail from Susan Wood, formerly Dinley Hill, who with husband Martin, went to live just north of Whitby last year, they are both keeping well and are quite settled. Being nearer to her sister in York, also to Martin's parents, who they have been getting groceries etc. for during lockdown, they are slowly attacking their large walled garden, but a great deal to keep them busy!

See you soon and keep safe
Mary

Humshaugh

Many of us are enjoying the zoomed Church Services and we make sure that those who don't use computers, receive a hard copy of each Service.

Many, many congratulations to Isaac Wilkinson, who has passed various interviews for training as a priest and will go to Durham in September. How proud Steve would have been of his son and how delighted to see him follow in his father's footsteps...

Because of the covid-19 restrictions, the planned quiz scheduled for July 21st, in aid of the Harvest Festival, had to be postponed. There are further scheduled quizzes for Sept., Oct. and Nov. and again, it would be hoped to run them, but only if conditions allow.

Throughout the lockdown, the staff of the school have received a variety of gifts and cards from parents and children, something that was appreciated very much indeed.

The children watched a life assembly with the Duchess of Cambridge about "kindness"

They enjoyed a singing session and are very proud of their gorgeous planters full of flowers and vegetables. Already some radishes and lettuce have been harvested.

We wish every child a wonderful holiday and HOPEFULLY, everyone will be back in school in September.

Sally Blanckley had an awful car accident and we send her and Ray all our love and very best wishes.

Liesbeth Langford

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WARK PARISH NEWS

Ann Bell. I am writing this, which I have to say is one of the most difficult pieces I have had to write during my years as compiler of these notes, in the solitude of our garden. A garden gave great pleasure to Ann. My page is blank. Many lives are now blank. What can be said that has not already been said? A wife. A mother. A Friend. Always around when needed, complete with meringues and pavlovas. I could go on and on, however we will all have our special memories of a very dear friend. To Richard and all the family, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very sad time.

At last arrangements can be made to hold services within St. Michael's. The first, being on Sunday 26th July at 6.00pm. There will be restrictions and conditions, so we ask those attending to follow the signs and information carefully. At this time, it is not possible to give a list of following services and ask that you look out for the notices in the village for these.

We are also being adventurous with (on Saturday 5th September) a series of stalls in gardens around the village where there will be cakes, preserves and plants for sale, so look out for details nearer the time around the village and remember social distancing and Covid regulation rules will apply.

So, life is slowly returning to St. Michael's although there are many requirements to be followed, so thank you in advance for understanding.

Until we chat again,

Love John

Simonburn Notes

It is lovely to be able to welcome two families to the village, Katie, Harrison and Lewis and also Cheryl, Jess and Daisy, we hope you will all be very happy here in Simonburn. Welcome back to Soraya and Dave as they re-open the Tearoom at weekends.

Can it be August already??

Unfortunately, we have not had a Fete this year but on Saturday 1st August 10am - 2pm, we will be having a stall, on the village green, selling cakes, jams and some produce.

Please keep to the social distancing guidelines. Contactless card payments will also be available. Please come along , it will be lovely to see you.

Take care, Love Sharon

From Chollerton Treasurer:

Chollerton PCC is now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise free donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself.

These donations really mount up and will make a big difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely free and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/chollertonpcc/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-e1

You can download the easyfundraising app on your smart phone or tablet and select Chollerton PCC as your chosen cause.

Readings for August:

- 2nd August : 8th Sunday after Trinity
- Isaiah 55: 1-5; romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14; 13-21

- 9th August : 9th Sunday after Trinity
- 1 Kings 19; 9-18; Romans 10: 5-15; Matthew 14: 22-33

- 16th August : 10th Sunday after Trinity
- Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8; Romans 11; 1-2, 29-32; Matthew 15; 10-28

- 23rd August : 11th Sunday after Trinity
- Isaiah 51: 1-6; Romans 12: 1-8: Matthew 16; 13-20

- 30th August : 12th Sunday after Trinity
- Jeremiah 15; 15-21; Romans 12; 9-end; Matthew 16; 21-end

