

The November 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

As I write this, the richness of the colour of the autumn leaves is at its best, and leaves are now falling, as the nights draw in. The church season also changes as we come towards the close of the church year with the Kingdom Season which leads up to Advent and the new church year.

The Season begins with the days between November 1st and 11th which are a season of national remembering, when people move from thinking not only about personal losses, to remembering those who have died serving their country. During this strange year of the Covid-19 pandemic, and for us locally with the death of Steve our beloved Priest and Area Dean it will be an especially poignant time.

We know that we will not be able to have our usual Services of Remembrance because of Covid-19 restrictions, but this does not mean that we will not be remembering.

On November 1st we will celebrate All Saints Day. In addition, there will be a special online service for All Souls Day on November 2nd at 7.00pm, when we will pause and remember those whom we love but now see no longer. If you would like to join this and have not tried a Zoom service, do contact one of the clergy or church wardens.

On Remembrance Sunday, November 8th, the Zoom Remembrance Service will be shortened to allow people to hold their own two-minute silence at home when 11.00am comes, and also to allow those laying wreaths at Memorials to be there for 11.00am in the restricted numbers we are permitted.

Our lives are changing in so many ways, and we are in the process of having consultations as we discern the best way to be the people of God in this area. But what is not changing is the faithfulness and love of God for each of us. We watch and wait together in so many ways. God bless each of you as we journey on.

Sarah Lunn

HUMSHAUGH

On Wednesday the 14th of October the Humshaugh Mothers' Union Branch was closed during a beautiful service led by Revd. Sarah Lunn with Barbara Packer, the Diocese President and her husband Bishop John, taking part. It was a sad occasion, but there are many wonderful memories and the members, remembering Steve's wonderful advice, we will keep meeting as friends in the years to come.

Humshaugh First School had lovely Harvest Services with Revd. Sarah Lunn. Class 3 made some "Harvest" cards for those in the village who would have received a Harvest gift box. And everybody must be very proud of the new school library!

The 2021 Humshaugh Calendar is as beautiful as ever. I have friends in Holland who, after totally falling in love with Northumberland during their stays with us, want a calendar every year. So, you clever photographers, you are internationally famous.

Stay safe everyone,

Liesbeth

WARK PARISH NEWS

Here we go again! I've just read a report from a vicar friend who says a still, small voice inside warns that it will be a long time before we return to a way of worship that is even vaguely similar to what we were doing six months ago. If at all. We soldier along. However, at this time I cannot give any information for Remembrance Sunday or a hint of Christmas services. It's all as they say 'in the lap of the Gods'. Please do keep your ears to the ground for information which, as and when we have it, will be relayed either by posters or trustworthy village grape vine. St. Michael's will be there for you.

Although no Christmas Bazaar this year we are determined to continue the tradition of Christmas Wreaths so place your order with Anne Grieve on 01434 270245 or me on 07989387716 and we will arrange delivery.

Sadly, the village lost a long-time resident in early October when Brenda Armstrong died. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jocker and the family at this very sad time.

Until we chat again,

Love John

Birtley Notes

Well, we're back to square one with Covid, not much to look forward to in the dark months ahead but we'll have to bash on...

Although some good news in these chaotic times, Louise and Steve from High Pit took off to Gretna Green and got married on 2nd October, not telling anyone..! Our good wishes to you both.

Fred Watson, Town Head is now back home after an awful time in hospital, he was in about 6 weeks when no visitors were allowed, however after improvement he was allowed home, although Margaret has had to take him to Hexham hospital each day.

Hopefully there will be a Remembrance service at the War Memorial on 8th Nov 10am. as it will take place outside. Please ask to make sure.

Hopefully brighter times to come.

See you soon

Mary

Simonburn Notes

As the pandemic is not going away I do not have a lot to say this month but for the first time since the National lockdown, St. Mungo's held a socially distanced Communion service in October. It was lovely to be back in church again and to see people in the flesh.

Regulations could change at anytime, so we have to wait and see when or if future services will be.

Sadly, there are no actual Remembrance services this year but there will be one on Zoom, but of course WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

Take care and stay safe.

Love Sharon x

Chollerton News:

Many thanks to everyone who so generously contributed to the memorial stone for Trevor Johnson. The stone is now erected in the churchyard.

Services in November

(subject to restrictions and personnel being available. Any updates will be advised on the websites.)

Sunday November 1st	10.00am Zoom Service 2.00pm Holy Communion- Bingfield 6.00pm Holy Communion- Birtley 7.45pm for 8.00pm Zoom Late@8
Thursday November 5th Sunday November 8th	10.00am Holy Communion -Humshaugh 8.30am Holy Communion -Thockrington 10.00am Zoom Remembrance Service 4.00pm Holy Communion - Wall 6.00pm Holy Communion – Wark
Thursday November 12th Sunday November 15th	10.00am Holy Communion – Chollerton 10.00am Zoom Morning Service 6.00pm Holy Communion- Simonburn
Thursday November 19th Sunday November 22nd	10.00am Holy Communion- Gunnerton 8.30am Holy Communion- Chollerton 10.00am Zoom Morning Service 6.00pm Holy Communion- Humshaugh
Thursday November 26th Sunday November 29th	10.00am Holy Communion Wall 10.00am Advent Zoom Service

Readings for November:

- **1st Nov: All Saints: Revelation 7:9-end; 1 John 3: 1-3; Matthew5; 1-12**
- **8th Nov: Remembrance: Wisdom of Solomon 6: 12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-end; Matthew 25:1-13**
- **15th Nov: 2nd Sun before Advent: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-end; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30**
- **22nd Nov: Christ the King: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1: 15-end; Matthew 25:31-end**
- **29th Nov: Advent Sunday (Year B begins) : Isaiah 64: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13; 24-37**