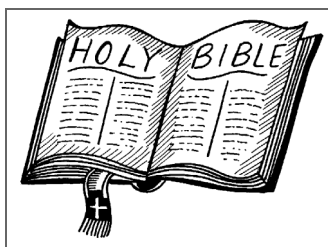


The June Broadsheet 2021



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

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Christine Bull, Associate Priest

I write this on a very cold May afternoon! Looking back on last year's photos in May warmth and sunshine pervaded. Maybe that's often the way with the past we tend to have 'rose tinted specs'. I am continually struck with what a beautiful part of England we live in and how blessed we are to have our variety of seasons even when it is abnormally chilly like it is today. Phil and I have explored so many local footpaths in the past year, some of which we previously didn't know existed. Each time they are new experiences ...changing weather, different birds and flowers to encounter.

As you read this in early June, the days will have lengthened more and perhaps we will have more warmth. In our seasons of the church's calendar we will have lived through Rogation, Ascension and Pentecost culminating with Trinity Sunday. Just as we appreciate the nuances of different seasons in the world around us, each season in the liturgical calendar brings fresh experiences to revisit. Our cycle of the church's year brings periods of drought and darkness as maybe we experience though Lent and Holy Week but also periods of light and warmth and growth. We have liturgical colours of sombre purple in Advent and Lent, gold and white for the Christmas and Easter seasonal celebrations and red for the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We now lead into green for what the church calls 'ordinary' time. Changing moods and seasons help us to relive and revitalise our faith.

While seasonal festivals focus us on specific events, ordinary time offers us readings about aspects of life that we sometimes choose to ignore, themes that help us to grow in faith and discipleship. Green is for growth. God transforms our ordinary lives when we offer them, the gifts we offer and bring, the muddle and mess of ordinary everyday living, the anxieties we hold, the fatigue that takes over us, the sadness, joy and gladness – our ordinary everyday existence becomes 'extra ordinary' with God.

Christine Bull

Humshaugh News

We have now had several Communion Services in church and especially the singing of hymns outside at the end of each Service was wonderful.

The children at Humshaugh School were delighted to receive more Messy Church bags. Many thanks to those who organised them. Sports Club, Cookery Club and Zumba Dance Club are enjoyed by all the pupils.

Our best wishes to David Harding now his Pub has opened after such a long, long time.

Humshaugh Village Hall welcome back day! **Sunday 4th of July 1-5pm**

Join us for a cuppa, cake and catch up. See what wonderful activities are on offer in your newly refurbished hall.

Entertainment will be provided by the pupils of Humshaugh School.

What a great opportunity to socialise again with friends, old and new.

If you are able to donate cakes/traybake, we would be grateful.

Contact Sue Birleson 07739524260 or Jo Common 07730799340 and let us know.

With best wishes for June the 21st

Love, Liesbeth

Wark Parish News

Once more not a lot to say other than keep Saturday 3rd July free in your diary. St. Michael's will have something that day; unsure what but something, it may be a Fete or stalls on the green but until we have clear regulations from Boris we are unable to arrange or say more.... We had the annual meetings of St Michael's back in May with Jani and myself being appointed wardens along with Keith being 'keeper of the funds.' I'd like to express thanks to all of the retiring officers who served last time. Most think it runs like clockwork however let me tell you a lot goes on behind the scene, so, to all involved a HUGE thank you! I could go on more about the press and their observations on the church, however, all I wish to say is, happiness and health to all.

Until we chat again,

stay safe,

Love to all John xxx

Birtley Notes

Swallows arrived in Birtley on 2nd May, a fortnight later than last year. It was so nice to see them return.

Lesley Gosling is holding her dog show in the playing field in aid of St Giles on Sat 5th June, also a raffle and cup of tea and cake. It would be nice to see you there. (See below).

Mary.

In Aid of St Giles, Birtley

'Canine Capers'

**Sat 5th June at 2.30 prompt (entries on playing field)
8 classes of any varieties, Pups, Gundog, Terrier, Hound,
Crossbreed, Rescue, Veteran, Any Other.**

Plus Gundog Scurry

Raffle and Teas available

Information – Lesley Gosling 07976 189553

Do come along and enjoy the day

Simonburn Notes

All being well, our lives are returning to some kind of normality, starting with services in church, on the third Sunday each month at 6pm, unless circumstances change! Zoom services at 10am will continue every Sunday.

We welcome Bob Lamb, who has been appointed along with myself as a Churchwarden.

We are planning to have a Fete on Saturday 31st July, with most of the usual stalls. Still things are a little 'up in the air' at the moment as to what we will be allowed to do but fingers crossed.

Please keep a look out for more details in the July Broadsheet, Facebook or posters.

Take care

Love Sharon



**Communion Services in Churches for June 2021,
subject to covid regulations**

- **Thursday 3rd June 10.00am Chollerton**
- **Sunday 6th June 1st Sunday after Trinity**
8.30am Gunnerton
10.00am Deanery Zoom from Bellingham
2.00pm Otterburn
- **Thursday 10th June 10.00am Humshaugh**
- **Sunday 13th June 2nd Sunday after Trinity**
8.30am Thockrington
10.00am Deanery Zoom
2.00pm Thorneyburn
4.00pm Wall
6.00pm Wark
- **Thursday 17th June 10.00am Chollerton**
- **Sunday 20th June 3rd Sunday after Trinity**
8.30am Falstone
10.00am Deanery Zoom from Bellingham
2.00pm Bingfield
3.00pm Birtley
6.00pm Simonburn
- **Thursday 24th June 10.00am Wall**
- **Sunday 27th June 4th Sunday after Trinity**
8.30am Gunnerton
10.00am Deanery Zoom
3.00pm Byrness
6.00pm Humshaugh

