

# **The May Broadsheet 2022**

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



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## **Pastoral Letter**

I write this in Holy Week as we travel once again on the journey to the cross with Jesus . We enter the desolation and betrayal with him, and we read in the lessons set for this week set in the book of Lamentations, the anguish of those being unjustly threatened, bombed and killed as we are so mindful of, and continuing to pray for the people of the Ukraine, and other war torn areas. We look forward to the joy filled days of Easter and the celebration of the resurrection. We were delighted to welcome many children from local schools to the Mystery of Easter at Simonburn. They were taught that the happiness and sadness of the six weeks of Lent and Holy Week leads to Joy and six weeks of Easter Celebration.

During the period of Easter we will celebrate the arrival of Reverend Dr Claire Maxim to the North Tyne and Redesdale, and also to be Associate Priest in the south of the Deanery with a service on May 19<sup>th</sup> at Elsdon. Do come and make sure Clare has a wonderful Northumbrian Welcome!

I am immensely grateful to all of you, the parishioners and clergy who have helped to keep us going in these challenging times. Thank you.

Kind regards Sarah Lunn

## **From Reverend Claire Robson :**

Now that we can look forward to the ministry of Claire Maxim in the North Tyne and Redesdale Team it felt the right time to offer my resignation as Assistant Area Dean to Bishop Mark. The extenuating circumstances in which Bishop Christine invited me to take on the role will come to an end with Claire's appointment in the north of the deanery. Bishop Christine had asked me to take on the role when it was clear that Sarah was about to be the only stipendiary priest in the deanery. I was pleased to be able to assist, and enjoyed being able to contribute to our online worship and to cover some of the services across the deanery when churches opened up again. Sarah and Claire will now be able to further develop a collaborative model of ministry across the deanery. I will of course be happy to assist on an occasional basis if I can, but the role of Diocesan Director of Ordinands takes me to churches across the diocese and must once again be my priority.

It has been a pleasure and privilege to share in the ministry of the deanery, getting to know so many of you first on Zoom, and now also in person. Thank you for your welcome and support. Friendships have been forged which will continue, I know, and as I continue to pray for you please do also pray for me and for those God is calling to ordained ministry, that together we will witness to God's immeasurable love and care for all those with whom we share our lives.

With every blessing, Claire

## HUMSHAUGH NOTES May 2022

The Afternoon Tea for Ukraine raised £1.300 and with the March Pub Quiz, the recent Film Night and the First School Dance Marathon, a total of £1.700 was given to the Disaster Emergency Committee by the village. Many thanks for everyone's generosity.

The March Quiz was won by "Freudian Slips". The next Pub Quiz, in aid of St. Peter's church, will be held on Tuesday, May the 17<sup>th</sup> starting at its Summer Time: **8.15pm**

Humshaugh First School had a super Easter service with all the children taking part in songs, readings and prayers. Thank you to Revd. Sarah for joining us. A special lunch was held to say goodbye to Mrs. Dodd, Arthur and Jessie. The children sang a special adapted version of Your Song by Elton John.

On June the 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a **Church Mini Fete with a cake and plant stall**. If you have any spare plants or seedlings, Liz Campbell is happy to collect them. (0788922329)

There will be a JUBILEE BEACON PARTY at the Crown Inn on Thursday, June the 2<sup>nd</sup>, where a beacon will be lit at 9.45 pm as part of the National Beacon Event. Look out for further information.

**A Big Village Picnic Lunch** will take place outside the Village Hall on Sunday, June the 5<sup>th</sup> from 12.30-16.30. Bring picnics, blankets, flags and party hats! Tables, chairs and gazebos will be there plus activities for children. Look out for posters and Humshaugh Facebook.

Between May 29<sup>th</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup>, villagers are encouraged to decorate their houses with

Flags, Bunting and Scarecrows. Add a photo of your Scarecrow to the Humshaugh Facebook page, so that it can be found!

Roger Hadley is retiring from being the editor of the Broadsheet. He has been wonderful during more than 15 years doing this and we all want to give him a HUGE THANK YOU!

Love, Liesbeth

### Christian Aid Week :

<p>Bacon Butties in aid of Christian Aid Saturday 21st May 10am - 1pm Chollerton Hearse House</p>	<p>Coffee Morning In aid of Christian Aid 10.30 a.m. Wall village hall</p>
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**Services in the Deanery for May 2022**

**1<sup>st</sup> May 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter : Readings: Acts 9: 1-6; Revelation 5: 11-end; John 21: 1-19**

8.30am Holy Communion at Gunnerton  
10.00am Holy Communion at Bellingham  
10.30am MURC Service at Wark  
11.00am Parish Worship at Falstone  
2.00pm Holy Communion at Otterburn  
3.00pm Holy Communion at Bingfield  
6.00pm Holy Communion at Elsdon  
8.00pm Late@8 at Humshaugh

5<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am Holy Communion at Chollerton

**8<sup>th</sup> May 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter : Readings : Acts 9: 36-end; Revelation 7: 9- end; John 10; 22-30**

8.30am Holy Communion at Thockrington  
8.30am Holy Communion at Horsley  
10.00am Holy Communion at Humshaugh  
3.00pm Holy Communion at Thorneyburn  
4.00pm Holy Communion at Wall  
6.00pm Holy Communion at Wark

12<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am Holy Communion at Bellingham

**15<sup>th</sup> May 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter : Readings: Acts 11; 1-18; Revelation 21: 1-6; John 13: 31-35**

8.30am Holy Communion at Falstone  
10.00am Holy Communion at Chollerton  
10.30am MURC Service at Wark  
11.00am Parish Worship at Otterburn  
3.00pm Holy Communion at Birtley  
6.00pm Holy Communion at Simonburn

19<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am Holy Communion at Gunnerton

***7.30pm Licensing of Reverend Dr Claire Maxim at Elsdon – all welcome***

**22<sup>nd</sup> May 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter . Readings: Acts 16: 9-15; Revelation 21: 10, 22-22:5; John 5: 1-9**

8.30am Holy Communion at Chollerton  
10.00am Deanery Zoom  
3.00pm Holy Communion at Byrness  
6.00pm Parish Worship at Thorneyburn  
6.00pm Holy Communion at Humshaugh  
6.00pm Parish Worship at Wark

**26<sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day. Readings : Acts 1; 1-11; Ephesians 1; 15-end; Luke 24: 44-end**

10.00 Holy Communion at Wall

7.30pm Holy Communion at Bellingham

**29<sup>th</sup> May 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter : Readings: Acts 16: 16-34; Revelation 22: 12-14; 16-17, 20 -end; John 17: 20-end**

10.00am Holy Communion for south of Deanery at Humshaugh

4.00pm Holy Communion for north of Deanery at Bellingham



## **WESTCROFT QUIET GARDEN**

### *The Music of the Spheres*

**Dates for 2022:**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April; Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May; Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June;  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July; Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September.**

**10.30am-3pm, with coffee from 10.00am.**

**Price £8 - includes simple lunch.**

These days give opportunity for times of quiet and hopefully spiritual refreshment, in the context of the garden at Westcroft, Hexham. There will be some input on the theme, usually related to the mystical tradition (Christian and other) and plenty of time for your own quiet reflection.

For more info or to book, please contact Bridget Hewitt. Numbers are limited so please do book if you'd like to come: [bridgethewitt52@gmail.com](mailto:bridgethewitt52@gmail.com)

(01434 602897/ 077731 09054)

## **WARK PARISH NEWS**

These notes are being prepared during Holy Week, the most important week in the church calendar. So now we are back to having colour and joyful hymns in church. Come along and join in. There is a service in St. Michael's every Sunday; 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10.30am with MURC and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm an Anglican service. All are welcome at any service.

Staying on the joyful theme there was a lovely Marriage Celebration between Katie Wright and Gavin Gardner on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. It was great to see two locals being married in St. Michael's. Congratulations from all to Katie and Gavin.

On the sad time news I've just learnt of the passing of Bill Yeoman husband of Audrey who is a member of St. Michael's PCC having moved to Westacres from Tyneside. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

I cannot let the occasion pass but to say thank you to Roger Hadley who has edited The Broadsheet for around 15years. He was always understanding if the copy was a day late! Many a good morning of chatting was had whilst the printer was being overseen as it churned out the issues. Our chat would only be interrupted when a bleeper indicated a paper jam! Enjoy your caravanning. And welcome to our new editor Helen Watson.

I understand a few plans are being discussed for events in Wark to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend. Best you keep looking for posters around the village.

Advance notice of the dreaded! Garden Fete; Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 on The Village Green from 2pm, more details next month.

Until we chat again stay safe.

Love John

## **St. Oswald in Lea with Bingfield and Wall Notes**

Firstly I would like to join all the others who have thanked Roger, supported by his family, for his stalwart efforts over the years regarding the Broadsheet. My hope is that I can at least, come close to equalling his efforts but do not expect to serve for as many years.

I hope you all were able to celebrate Easter as you wished to. We have been lucky with the weather over the holiday period.

We had a small Easter competition for all children in the area on Easter Saturday and it was lovely to see so many smiling faces in St George's.

Thanks must go to Tish and Susie for Teas, Coffees & hot cross buns.

I am still trying to collect and collate dates for events throughout the Deanery for the coming year, thereby trying to ensure that we do not encroach on each others' dates

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Home 01434 239 311

Wishing you Peace and Joy. Helen

### Birtley Notes

Patty from The Magpies has set up a village 'Whats App' group, if anyone would like to join, please contact Marilyn Bell on 07742987183.

A reminder to all, that our Church Fete and Dog Show takes place in the Village Hall/Playing Field on Sunday 22nd May starting 2.30pm, the Craft Group are putting on a display and the Gardening Group selling plants, as well as the usual stalls. Bring your dog along for the K9 Capers and have some fun, it would be lovely to see you there.

The Queens Platinum Celebration will be at the Village Hall on Friday 3rd June from 3pm onwards. please bring your own picnic, drinks/refreshments etc. tables will be available to book, please confirm your booking with Marilyn Bell on 07742987183 by 20th May. A community photograph will be taken around 5pm.

the Gardening Group's annual outing will be on 5th July to RHS Harlow Carr, Harrogate this year, if anyone would like to join in, please ring Anne James on 01434 230246 for information.

Mary.

### Simonburn Notes

I hope you all had a Happy Easter.

It is so lovely to see all the daffodils on the village green. In Simonburn the daffs are always later to flower than in other places, it prolongs the colour.

I am so looking forward to seeing the Summer visitors, Swallows, Swift etc. Keep your eyes to the skies!

Good Luck and Thank you to Helen Watson, the new editor of The Broad-sheet, who has taken over from Roger Hadley. Thanks to Roger for the last 15+years ( I can't leave my notes until last minute now !!)

The Mystery of Easter Trail, which was held in St. Mungo's was a great success. I hope you had a chance to see it. Thanks to Rev. Frances Dower, Rev. Sarah Lunn, all organisers and volunteers.

A cross, in the churchyard, was decorated with coloured ribbons, tied on by the children from Wark, Humshaugh, Chollerton and Cambo schools, it was lovely to see.

The Bacon Butty morning in the Village Hall, raised £154 for the Ukraine. Thanks to all.

Don't forget Bacon Butties the First Tuesday of every month.

There is to be another Jubilee meeting in the Village hall on 10<sup>th</sup> May 7pm. St.Mungo's APCM/PCC meeting is on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 6.30pm and it's getting to that time of year to discuss Simonburn Fete! If you have any ideas or can help (Please!) please get in touch. shazzahadley@hotmail.co.uk

Best Wishes  
Love Sharon

**GUNNERTON CHURCH**

**Railway Circle**

Tuesday 5th April  
7.15 for 7.30 p.m.  
Cumbrian Railways

**Bacon Butties**

Tuesday 5th April  
1st Tuesday of every month  
9am to 11am

**Simonburn Village Hall**

with tea or coffee  
£2.50



Eat in or take away  
**Do come along**  
**for a butty & a chat.**

**St Giles, Birtley**

Church Fete and K9 Capers  
Sunday 22nd May at 2.30pm  
All the usual stalls, raffle and  
tea.

**TEA AT THREE**



At Gunnerton Church  
In aid of Ukraine relief  
Tuesday 17th May  
Come along for tasty home  
baking and good company

**Gunnerton Lunch Club**

Do please come along to join us for  
Soup, sweet, coffee or tea  
12 noon on Wednesday 25th May  
and friendly banter  
All welcome



**Simonburn Village  
Hall**

The hall is available  
to hire at an hourly  
rate of £7.50  
To book please  
contact.  
Sue Hickman on  
01434 689682  
Or  
Roger Hadley on  
01434 681077

Plant sale and other outdoor items  
Wall village green  
Sat 7th May  
9.00 am  
With coffee and tea in Village Hall  
until 11.00 am  
In aid of St. George's, Wall