

# The September Broadsheet 2022

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



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Friday is my day off, I will respond when I return to work

## Pastoral Letter for September 2022

Dear Friends

I am writing this on a sunny morning in the middle of the school Summer Holidays. I hope that we will all have had some time for much-needed rest and recuperation this Summer. It is a chance to 'get away from it all' and rethink our priorities.

As the year turns and we begin September, the new school year will be starting and so September heralds a new term and a fresh start. New initiatives in the Deanery will include the gathering of groups to begin to improve our work together on Worship, Social Action, Pastoral care, Communications, Finance, Strategy for the Buildings and more.

One such group is the Schools' Group who will oversee the work with our local children across the deanery.

Following the success of the 'Mystery of Easter' trail that we staged in Simonburn last March, we are already planning a Christmas event for the primary schools across the deanery towards the end of term. We will stage it once more at Simonburn, the village being very central in the deanery, thanks to the beautiful church of St Mungo. Do go and visit it, if you do not know it. It a grand and sacred space of prayer, peace and refreshment.

The children will find a very special Christmas Trail there. with sensory sights, sounds and smells, music to enhance the experience, and even a chance of dressing up!. We will be looking to use Godly Play and many related activities in the excellent village hall during their school day. All this will be designed to deepen our understanding of the foundational Christmas Story not only for the children, but also for all of us who volunteer.

Do come and join us.

May you have a very blessed Autumn

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## GUNNERTON CHURCH

### **Railway Circle**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>. At 7.15  
for 7.30 p.m.

An in depth look at  
the Blyth and Tyne  
Railways,  
from Newsham  
northwards.



### **Tea at Three**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>.at 3  
p.m.

Come along for deli-  
cious home baking



### **Lunch Club**

All are welcome to join  
us on  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>.  
at 12 noon  
for soup, dessert and  
tea/coffee

## **Notices for Chollerton**

Some of you may have wondered why there has been tape around a large number of gravestones in the old graveyard at Chollerton and in the middle section of more recent stones. The reason is that these stones were unsafe and indeed some still are. Fortunately, the church council has been able to obtain a grant from the Ray Wind Farm in order to instruct a contractor to secure and /or re-erect the stones and thus make them safe. A further grant will be sought to complete the task. In addition, the church council members have been engaged in mapping the old churchyard so that all stones (where legible) could be identified. This exercise has involved strimming undergrowth and uncovering some stones which had become covered completely. In the near future information boards will be prepared in a format similar to those in the stable/hearse house and erected in each of the stalls in the stable. Thus anyone searching for a relative will more easily be able to identify the appropriate stone. Look out for further news about this project and visit the stable, especially if you have not already done so. You may learn a lot more about the history of the parish!

## **Wines of Portugal**

WINE TASTING at Ken & Alison's on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 p.m.

After a long gap we are pleased to announce another of these fun evenings! All proceeds to Chollerton & Gunnerton Churches.

To reserve your place to sample 6 interesting wines please contact us at 01434 689996.

Carolyn Dowie  
Of  
ALL STITCHED UP  
Invites you and your friends to  
AN EXHIBITION OF NEEDLEPOINT DESIGNS  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022  
10am -3pm

At Errington House, Humshaugh, NE46 4HP

Display of Cushions, Upholstery items & Rugs,  
Needlepoint Kits and Accessories for Sale

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Light Refreshments

Donations to Chollerton & Gunnerton Churches

## HUMSHAUGH NOTES

The Humshaugh Harvest Show will be held on Saturday September the 10<sup>th</sup> from 12-4 at the Village Hall. Lots of competition categories, a local market, as well as a dog show, games for children and entertainment. Show guides and raffle tickets are now in the village shop.

The September Quiz is on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> at 8.15 in aid of North Tyne Voices. The October one will be on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in aid of the Playing Field Trust + Bonfire Night Fireworks.

Community Action Northumberland (CAN), has been awarded a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to run a 2 year project, celebrating the history of Northumberland Village Halls. This project will preserve, record and share their heritage, benefiting both young and old. Many halls are historically significant buildings with previous lives as schools, reading rooms, chapels, WW1 Barracks etc.

The Humshaugh Village Hall Committee is looking for someone who would take this project forward on behalf of our hall. No experience is needed and training will be provided.

If you are interested, please contact Diana Linnett on [humvillhall@gmail.com](mailto:humvillhall@gmail.com)

Coffee Mornings, from 10 – 12, will be held on September the 3<sup>rd</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and far into the future: November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Folk singer BOB FOX will be at Humshaugh Village Hall on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7.30

Doors open at 7pm. Bob is regarded as one of the "iconic voices" of British Folk Song. He has been the "Song Man" in War Horse for 3 years and recently completed another tour as one of the "Pitman Poets". Tickets (£12) are available in the Village Shop or on Eventbrite.

A very warm welcome to new arrivals at Humshaugh First School on September the 7<sup>th</sup> and we wish all children and staff a very happy new school year.

We pray for Jack Wilkinson (Steve and Melanie's son) and Nadia Allan, who will get married later this month.

Love, Liesbeth

St Oswald in Lee with Bingfield & Wall

I must keep these notes brief as the Broadsheet is almost overflowing. I do hope that I have not missed anything out -apologies if I have.

The down-sized fete at Wall was fairly successful and much easier to manage. Many thanks must go to all helpers. The weather was kind as was it for the Pilgrimage which was well attended. Helen

**Quiet morning** 10am, finishing with a light lunch at 1pm 22nd September

**At The Rectory, Wark NE48 3PP**

Further information from Sally Napier at [wannies30@btinternet.com](mailto:wannies30@btinternet.com) or Cathy Smith at [contactcathysmith@gmail.com](mailto:contactcathysmith@gmail.com).

## WARK PARISH NEWS

Welcome back after the summer break and yes, we can say we had a summer. For some just what was needed and for others too hot and dry. We're never happy. Back into the swing again and first to report is the Harvest Festival with St. Michael's and MURC holding this at 10.30am on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October in St. Michaels. Do come along and offer thanks and praises for this year's harvest. This is followed on the Monday night (3<sup>rd</sup> October) at 7.00pm in West Acres Community Room with the Soup and Pudd night.

Let us not forget the 'downsized' Fete on the Green which went well and was enjoyed by many, perhaps not so many as previously attended but non the less a successful afternoon. It was good to meet up with friends to enjoy their friendship.

Sadly, we record the deaths during the summer months of Alan Pigg and Michael Simpson. Michael and his company gave so much to the work on the church tower roof a few years ago. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families at this very sad time.

Next time we chat it will be autumn but looking at the fields around I think most farmers will have their harvest safely gathered in. What a year this has been.

Love to all

John

### Wall Carpet Bowls

After thirty eight years existence (1984 to 2022) Wall Carpet Bowls members have finally called it a day. With falling numbers and ultimately the impact of Covid, the question we have been asking since 2006 regarding the future of the club, has finally been answered. Following the successes and failures over the years of matches with clubs in the area, such as from Slaggyford to Stamfordham and The Shire to Otterburn, together with varying results in triples and pairs competitions, it has become impossible to match our ambitions with our ability. Many cups of tea have been drunk and cakes eaten both at matches and club socials and we thank all who have contributed. As we box up the bowls for the last time, it is comforting to know that our treasured equipment has the opportunity of a future life with Hexham Community Centre where it Will inspire their members and possibly their younger participants to take up the game we have so enjoyed.

Playing will commence at the centre on Friday afternoons from September, and at other times by arrangement; all are welcome.

Chris Jones- Chairman WCB

## Services in the Deanery for September (version 2 17 08 22)

1<sup>st</sup> September ( St Giles Day )

10.00am Holy Communion at Chollerton

3<sup>rd</sup> September

4.30pm Sung Service of Compline by Appleby Choir at Chollerton

**4<sup>th</sup> September 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity Deuteronomy 30: 15-end; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14: 25-33**

8.30am Holy Communion at Gunnerton SL

10.00am Holy Communion at Bellingham

10.00am Holy Communion at Birtley

10.30am MURC Service at Wark

11.00am Parish Worship at Falstone

11.00am Parish worship at Otterburn

3.00pm Holy Communion at Bingfield

6.00pm Holy Communion at Elsdon

6.00pm Evensong for St Cuthbert tide at Bellingham

8<sup>th</sup> September

10.00am No Holy Communion this month

**11<sup>th</sup> September 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity Exodus 32:7-14; 1 Timothy1; 12-17; Luke 15: 1-10**

8.30am Holy Communion at Thockrington

9.30am Holy Communion at Thorneyburn

10.00am Holy Communion at Humshaugh

11.30am Holy Communion at Horsley

12 BApt Gunnerton

1 BApt at Chollerton

4.00pm Holy Communion at Wall

6.00pm Holy Communion at Wark

15<sup>th</sup> September

10.00am Holy Communion at Bellingham

**18<sup>th</sup> September 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity Amos \*: 4-7; 1 Timothy 2: 1-7; Luke 16: 1-13**

10.00am Holy Communion at Chollerton

10.30am Holy Communion at Heavenfield

10.00am Parish Worship at Bellingham

10.30am Holy Communion at Falstone

10.30am MURC Service at Wark

3.00pm Holy Communion at Otterburn

6.00pm Holy Communion at Simonburn

22<sup>nd</sup> September

10.00am Holy Communion at Wall

**25<sup>th</sup> September 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity Amos 6: 1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 16: 19-end Luke 16: 19-end**

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

From this month ( September) you may notice some changes as we will begin to experiment with the timings of services as we try to work out a sustainable pattern for the Deanery. This month some of the service times in the northern part of the Deanery have been moved around. Nothing is as yet permanent and we will consult and listen as we try to move things on and work out a pattern that is possible to staff.

The Late @ 8 Service will be back after a summer break in October !

There is a **Deanery Confirmation Service** booked for October 30<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm and the clergy would be delighted to hear from anyone from the age of 10 upwards who would like to consider being confirmed. Do contact either Sarah or Claire or Frances for a chat.

### Simonburn Notes

I hope you have all coped with the heatwave and enjoyed the summer.

Thanks to everyone that came to St. Mungo's Fete in July. It was well attended and we raised just over £3000, thanks to all of those who helped and donated to the various stalls and teas. That's it for another year!!

Denis Bulman handed over a cheque for £1325 to Ward 4, the Stroke ward in Hexham hospital, which was the result of donations for his 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday party, due to the kindness of relatives and many friends. What a great amount of money!

Simonburn Village Hall are holding a Social Evening with licensed bar on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September from 7 til midnight ( every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month) Come and enjoy a chat and a drink.

There will be a Macmillan Coffee mornin , in the village hall, on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 10am – 12, come along to support this great cause.

Take Care

Love Sharon x

## Birtley Notes

Our neighbour Roger Bell had a trip to the RVI mid July, when he had a fall from a ladder, this resulted in him having a hip replacement operation. He also smashed his heel on his other leg, which is encased in a 'Moon Boot', he is making good progress but will take a while.

Thanks must go to Ian Roy and Bill White for cutting the village grass while Roger is unavailable.

A pleasant afternoon was had on Sunday 31st July, when an 'Afternoon Tea' was held in the church. A good company attended, many from the village, where a good natter with friends was enjoyed, making £200 for church funds.

Abbey Tilly celebrated her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Best wishes from everyone.

Eileen Burn had a knee replacement op. end of July. She is going on fine but is finding it difficult at having to take things easy...

The Church service at St Giles is changing again – it will now be on the first Sunday in the month at 10am, starting from September.

Date for you -: The 'Harvest Lunch' will be held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October in the Village Hall, 12.30 for 1pm start. Book your ticket @ £15.00 pp from Eileen Burn 01434 270228 or Judith Weir 01434 230850.

Regards Mary.

"The Thockrington Fete was held at Carrycoats Hall on Sunday 7th August. There was a record turnout of folk, who were all very generous with their donations. We raised £1,760 on the day which is another record! We would like to thank everyone for their generosity on the day, and also a huge thanks to all the helpers, the bakers, the stall holders, the washer-uppers, the raffle donors, and everyone else who put great efforts into making the day such a success. It was lovely to see so many old friends and new getting together and enjoying themselves."

Love Eileen & David

### Coffee Morning

Wall Village Hall

7th September

10.30 am

### Bacon Butties

Tuesday 6th September  
1st Tuesday of every month  
9am to 11am

Simonburn Village Hall  
with tea or coffee  
£2.50

### Soup & Dessert

Thursday 15th Sept.  
& 3rd Thursday each  
month. 12p.m.

Wall Village Hall