

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

Letter from Deacon Anne

October 2022

As I write this letter, my first for the Meeting of the Waters, we are very much in a season of change. Some of these changes have been creeping up on us for some time and other changes have hit us quite suddenly changing things that have been in place for a long time. Over this past week or so we have seen some momentous changes in the history of the country. First, a new Prime minister, the death of Queen Elizabeth 11 and the succession of Charles 111 to the throne events that in one way or other will affect all our lives. Even though all of these were expected sometime, the death of our Queen, two days after seeing her shake hands with the new Prime minister came as quite a shock. It is obviously clear now that preparations for such an event had been in place for sometime and many people had been preparing for this event even though the majority of us were not.

Autumn too is very much a time of change and however long we want to hang onto those lighter, brighter days it is inevitable that change will come. Nature has a very beautiful way of leading us into a new season, leaves turning from green to yellow, to red and then brown and then finally falling to the ground leaving behind a very different scene. We all see changes in our lives and in our circumstances, many of which we have little or no control over but in all the uncertainties of life we find one who is unchanging. I was recently reminded of this verse from the bible

‘Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever’ (Hebrews 13: 8) Jesus was there at the beginning of time, is here with us now and will be there with us for all eternity. Someone who knows us and loves us and will always be there, someone we can turn to and put our trust in whatever changes we face.

Not many of us like change but in many cases, it is inevitable and something we will have to prepare ourselves for. In one sense we could just wait until it happens or we can see that change is coming and do something about it.

For sometime now we have been looking at the changing situations with in our churches the declining numbers and lack of people to hold office. We have been thinking about how we might move forward in a positive way working closer together as churches where we can, becoming a more united witness with in our communities. This of course means doing some things differently. For some people this will take time to adjust for others they will see it as a great opportunity to come together and be a great blessing to our communities.

We hold in prayer all those facing change at this time and look to the one who will see us through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Northumberland Log Bank : Are you needing help to obtain wood fuel for your stove/fire? Please contact Kate Thick at 07900963224 or katethick@hotmail.com There is no charge for this service.

Birtley Notes

The Church bells were rung 96 times at St Giles in on Friday 9th September at 12o'clock in respect of Queen Elizabeth 11. She has been an inspiration to us all for the past 70 years, her dedication giving strength and stability to many people. She will be sorely missed.

Bill and Mary White were in the wars late August. Bill was strimming in the field and hit a wasps nest, was badly stung and reacted, however he avoided going to hospital, but it took him over a week to recover. The next day Mary tripped and 'head-butted' the front door step, resulting in a trip to A&E and having 5 stitches inserted, concussion lasted for over a month.

The GNAA will be at Wark Town hall on Wednesday 12th October form 9-10 am. They will collect bags of clothes, books etc. items may be left at the hall the night before from 6-8pm.

A reminder that the Harvest Lunch is on Sunday 9th October (for details see advert).

Regards Mary.

Simonburn Notes

Well, this is one year we will never forget! The wonderful celebrations in the Summer, to celebrate the The queens Platinum Jubilee and now, sadly the passing of Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8th September 2022. R.I.P Your Majesty, you have served your country well.

Many Happy Returns to Michael Liddle on his 80th Birthday, Happy Birthday, Michael!

Don't forget Bacon Butties in Simonburn Village Hall on Tuesday 4th October 9am – 11am.

Fancy winning a bottle of champagne? I have about 30 numbers left on a domino card. 50P a number and proceeds go to St. Mungo's Church.

Please contact me if you would like to enter. Tel 681077, Good Luck!

Take Care

Love Sharon x

Follow that Star!

Save the date

The next schools event at St. Mungo's Church, Simonburn will be from 28th Nov-8th Dec. 2022

We are looking for volunteers to help with crafts, everything provided, you just need to show the children what to do. You will be rewarded with a light lunch. Just the offer of one day would be very welcome.

If you are happy to volunteer your time to help please contact:-

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WARK PARISH NEWS

A huge sense of sadness fell over the Parish on hearing the news of the death of HM Queen Elizabeth 2nd. Monarch of our country for so many years along with being Supreme Governor of the Church of England. Much has been said and written over the weeks of her life. Now may she rest in peace and rise in glory. God save the King.

A book of condolence is available within St. Michael's church for signing and the church continues to be open daily for quiet pray and reflection on a life so freely given and well lived.

St. Michael's has a number of events so close to the distribution of THE BROAD-SHEET which I hope you are able to attend. The patronal service for St. Michael's is on Thursday 29th September at 7.00pm. Quickly followed by the School Harvest Festival on Friday 30th which is open for all to attend but unsure of the time (possibly 9.30am) then on Sunday 2nd October MURC and St. Michael's are joining together for a service at 10.30am to celebrate Harvest. I'm certain this year all farmers will have all safely gathered in by this date

The Guild at St. Michael's are holding their traditional soup and pudding night on Monday 3rd October at 7.00pm in West Acres Community Room. The cost being £5.00. The Guild have also set the date for The Christmas Bazaar – Sunday 4th December at 2.00pm in Wark Town Hall. Wreaths which should be ordered via Anne Grieve (01434 270245) will be at the same price as last year. Not much these days you can say that about. There will be the usual stalls along with a draw for a Christmas Hamper. Seems odd writing about Christmas in September but time does not stand still.

Please enjoy the rest of the autumn and hopefully I'll see you at some of the events.
Love to all

JOHN

Wark Town Hall Future events

1st October 7.45pm Cash bar

EnCore a cappella group and Sam Shields hosted by Ian K Brown
£10 on the door. Booking: Vicky 01434 230180

10th October 7.30pm Cash bar

Highlights present 'Howay the Lasses'
Pay on the door. Booking: Vicky 01434 230180

19th November 7.30pm Cash bar

Fool's Gold folk duo
Pay on the door. Booking :Vicky 01434 230180

26th November 7.30pm Cash bar

Highlights present Reiver - Tales From The Borders
Pay on the door. Booking: Vicky 01434 230180

HUMSHAUGH NOTES

It has been such a moving time since the death of a very much loved Queen. So many wonderful things have been said about her, not only here, but all over the world.

The Dutch King and Queen, King Willem Alexander and Queen Maxima sent the following message: "It is with deep affection that we remember Queen Elizabeth II. Steadfast and wise. We feel deeply connected to the United Kingdom and the Royal Family and share in their grief."

The Humshaugh Harvest Show was again a great success despite the rather rainy weather.

There will be a coffee morning on Saturday, October the 8th from 10 – 12 in aid of St. Peter's church. There will be a small bric a brac stall, but it is mainly a chance for everyone to get together. The one on Saturday October the 22nd will be in aid of Humshaugh Cricket Club.

On Saturday, November 12th, again in aid of St. Peter's church, the coffee morning will have a Scottish Theme.

The October Quiz will be on Tuesday the 18th at 8pm and will be in aid of North Tyne Voices.

In November, the Quiz will be on Tuesday, November 15th in aid of Humshaugh first school.

At the time of writing, the long awaited evening with Bob Fox, on September the 29th, is very near. Wonderful to know that he will be joined by some marvellous male voices!!

HAP are further announcing the film "Lion" on Friday, October 14th. It is a biographical drama based on the book "A Long Way Home" by Saroo Brierley, telling the story of his long search for his parents in India. Doors will be open at 7pm for 7.30 start with the bar and the fabulous puds for £2. Tickets will be in the shop at £5 for adults and £2.50 for under 18's.

Love, Liesbeth

Wines of Portugal

WINE TASTING at Ken & Alison's on Friday 14th 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.



APPLE PRESSING!!!
at Chollerton First School
Saturday 15 October, 11am – 1pm (or until all apples are pressed)



ALL WELCOME – please bring your apples and your own sterilised bottles
Donations
Tea and coffee available

Services in the Deanery for October 2022 Version 3 12 09 22

2nd October 16th Sunday after Trinity Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; 2 Timothy 1: 1-14; Luke 17:5-10 CM away

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

6th October

10.00am Holy Communion at Chollerton

9th October 17th Sunday after Trinity 2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15; 2 Timothy 2: 8-15; Luke 17: 11-19 SL away

8.30am Holy Communion at Thockrington
9.30am Holy Communion at Thorneyburn
10.00am Holy Communion at Humshaugh
11.30am Holy Communion at Horsley
4.00pm Holy Communion at Wall
6.00pm Holy Communion at Wark

16th October 18th Sunday after Trinity Genesis 32; 22-31; 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5; Luke 18: 1-8

10.00am Holy Communion for Harvest at Chollerton
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

20th October

10.00am Holy Communion at Bellingham

23rd October Last Sunday after Trinity Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-17; 2 Timothy 4; 6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 9-14 FD away

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

**30th October All Saints Sunday Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18; Ephesians 1: 11-end;
Luke 6: 20-31**

10.00am Deanery Communion in North of Deanery

Family Service at Falstone

4.00pm Deanery Communion at Bingfield

6.00pm All Saints Service Bellingham

As the months progress 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. From November there will be some more changes as we try to regularise the timings of the services in the south of the Deanery- again as a trial The Late @ 8 Service is back after a summer break in October!

There is a **Deanery Confirmation Service** booked for October 30th 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.

Bingfield with Heavenfield and Wall

We are planning to have a flower festival next summer (2023) at St George's in Wall. Our theme will be St George, he is patron saint of many things giving us a broad range of ideas. We hope all flowers used will be locally grown so now is the time of year to be thinking of what seeds to plant. We are happy for any help from anyone in the Deanery with either producing flowers or making flower arrangements.

We held our first soup and desert event which, sadly had a very poor attendance. Maybe I did not advertise widely enough so shall rectify this for next month. Our monthly coffee mornings are going well with a good cheerful crowd and plenty of chat.

I am looking forward to us hosting the Deanery Confirmation Service at the end of October in our lovely little Church, here at Bingfield. We had a lovely harvest festival at Heavenfield in another of our lovely little churches. We are so blessed in this Deanery with so many beautiful little churches.

Be good to each other. Helen

Blessings
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

Wark RBL
Wine and Cheese Social
on Saturday 3rd December
at 19.00.

Wark Town Hall.

Entry is £5.00 and includes a
glass of wine and some nibbles.

St Peter's Coffee Morning
Saturday 8th October
in Humshaugh Village Hall
from 10 am to 12pm.

GUNNERTON CHURCH

Railway Circle

Tues Oct 4th. at 7.15 for 7.30 p.m.

A selection of railway films

Bacon Butties

Tuesday 4th October

1st Tuesday of every month
9am to 11am

Simonburn Village Hall

with tea or coffee
£2.50

Gunnerton Church
Tea at Three
To Support Macmillan
Nurses

Tues Oct 18th. at 3 p.m.
Come along for delicious
home baking



Gunnerton Church
Lunch Club

All are welcome to join us on
Wed Oct 26th. at 12 noon
for soup, dessert and tea/coffee

Carolyn Dowie
Of

ALL STITCHED UP
Invites you and your friends to
AN EXHIBITION OF
NEEDLEPOINT DESIGNS
Thursday 3rd 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

Coffee Morning

Wall Village Hall

7th September

10.30 am

Soup & Dessert

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

Wall Village Hall