

The March Broadsheet 2023

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

Today is a beautiful crisp frosty morning, and as ever I marvel at the fragility of the snowdrops and aconites which seem to be so translucent when frozen, but in the sun return quickly to their spring beauty. The churchyards and verges are so beautiful with carpets of these flowers heralding spring, and in their masses they are stunning and make a huge impact, though so delicate on their own. It reminds me that in this rural area we are all quite small communities and many individuals, sometimes living quite isolated lives, but together we can and do have a huge impact on the wellbeing of all.

There was a wonderful celebration of this area working together as a community on Sunday 12th February at Simonburn church followed by a shared delicious afternoon tea. Bishop Mark Wroe led the service to celebrate our next steps as we begin to draw all the churches together in this area. We all renewed our Baptismal vows and committed to work together over the whole area. Bishop Mark preached about shared ministry and about cake! We all know what happens when a vital ingredient is missed out of a cake- the flavour and texture is not as good! In the same way we all need each other, and each person has a unique and vital part to play in our churches and communities. If one person is missed or does not use their gifts, the community is less rich and flavoursome as a result. Everyone has a role to play, as we are all commissioned by our baptism to take our part in all forms of ministry, from cleaning, welcoming, baking, praying, in membership of committees, visiting, helping in a church setting, in the community, in the wider world. This service marked another step along the way of learning to work much more closely together to enrich our lives and our communities. I hope we will continue to journey and learn together , bake and bloom together, motivated by our love for God and for each other. God bless you all !

Sarah Lunn



Lent Groups 2023

We hope to hold a number of Lent Study Groups this year around the Deanery. In order to work out the times and venues (North/ South / Daytime or evening /or online), it would be very helpful to know by February 10th who would like to be involved and at what time of day. We will then confirm the dates and times of the courses . Please let a member of the clergy know as soon as possible if you would like to be involved. Sarah Lunn , on behalf of the Clergy .

Lent Lunches.

We hope to run a weekly simple Lent lunch of Soup and Bread in the southern parishes of the Deanery, beginning in the first week of March. This would be free, but any donations after the cost of hire of the building would go to charity. If you would be interested in coming to this or helping, please would you let Canon Sarah Lunn know, as we are trying to work out if this is worth doing. Thank you. Sarah Lunn

FAILURE

Good or Bad? How do we deal with it? How do we feel about it? How do we feel about ourselves when it happens? Is it time to change our attitude to it? Six weeks of fun and change!

You probably guessed it is Lent again, but you don't have to go to church to join in, and we aren't recruiting either! This fun course will change how you react to failure and, more importantly, how you feel about yourself. Leaders: Michael Nixon, Rev Dr Claire Maxim, Rev Sarah Lunn, members of the Deanery Licensed Ministry Team.

Thursdays

By Zoom 7-8:30pm

23d February

2nd March

9th March

16th March

23d March

30th March

Mondays

In person at Tarsset Village Hall
2-3:30pm

27th February

6th March

13th March

20th March

27th March

3d April

HUMSHAUGH NOTES

Coffee Morning The next Village Coffee morning, organised by St Peter's Church, will be on Saturday, March the 4th from 10-12.

The Village Hall AGM will be on Tuesday, March the 14th at 7pm in the Supper Room.

Around the World in 80 Days – tickets for the Crown Players' production on March the 9th, 10th and 11th, are now for sale in the Village Shop or on www.eventbrite.com

Warmhubs Coffee Mornings continue in the Village Hall every Tuesday from 10-12 until the end of March. They will restart in November.

Humshaugh First School The pupils will celebrate World Book Day on Thursday, March 2nd, When pupils will bring their favourite book to school. On the same day, Friends from the Village will be welcomed by the children once again.

The Pub Quiz in January was won by "Wiki Leeks"(!) and £175 was raised. The March Quiz will be on Tuesday the 21st at 8pm in aid of Humshaugh Village Hall.

HAP are taking part in the Tyne Valley Festival this year with a rare screening of Lawrence of Arabia on Saturday, March the 18th. As the film is longer than average, doors will open at 12.30 for a 1pm start. After a short introduction talk, the film will be split by 3 intervals and will finish at about 6pm. Light refreshments will be served during the intervals. Tickets at £5 are at the Village Shop or on Eventbrite.

Another date for your diary is an evening of Folk Music with Jez Lowe, one of the Pitmen Poets. It will be on Thursday, March the 30th – doors will open at 7 for 7.30 start.

Our very own Dodgy B's will be supporting Jez! Tickets, at £12, are available at the Village Shop or Eventbrite. Sure to be popular – so, get your tickets early!

Love, Liesbeth

Simonburn Notes

To remind us that Spring is almost here, the snowdrops and crocus are making an appearance.

Thanks to Rev Sarah and Rev Claire for the lovely Candlemas Service in January in St.Mungo's.

I believe the service on Sunday 12th February, led by the Right Reverend Mark Wroe, Bishop of Berwick was a lovely occasion. As all the Churches from The Deanery, came together for the Licensing of Rev'd Sarah Lunn and Rev'd Claire Maxim. Thank you to everyone involved in the service and for sharing the refreshments in the village hall afterwards.

Simonburn Village Hall is holding an Easter Bingo on Friday 31st March at 7.30pm. We are making a plea for Easter prizes ie: chocolates/ Easter eggs. Any donations of Easter prizes would be gratefully received. Please leave with Christine Burridge, The Hadley's or any committee member by Monday 27th March. Many Thanks.

Don't forget the clocks spring forward at 1am on Sunday
26th March !

Take care, Love Sharon x

St. Oswald-in-Lea with Bingfield and Wall

As Sarah mentioned in her note, the service at St Mungos, led by Bishop Mark, was a joyful occasion with a very good representation from around the Deanery . It felt good to have something to celebrate in the current time when there is so much sadness and grief in the world. We can now, also look forward to an occasional service being taken by Claire in our Churches in the lower half of the Deanery.

Now that spring is with us, many gardeners among us will be very busy, sowing seeds, preparing ground, taking cuttings and planting. I am making preparations for our flower festival to be held later in the year at St. Georges, Wall, hoping to grow many of the flowers which will be needed. We just need to pray for warmth during the days and rain during the nights.

We are again Planning to hold children's competitions for Easter at Wall. I will give further details in the next Broadsheet but please note that ALL children are welcome to enter.

Best wishes.

Helen



March 2023

3rd March World Day of Prayer

2.00pm Service at Gunnerton

5th March 2nd Sunday of Lent : Genesis 12: 1-4a; Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17; John 3; 1-17

8.30am Holy Communion at Wark

10.00am Holy Communion at Bellingham

10.00am Holy Communion at Chollerton

10.00am Morning Worship at Birtley

10.30am MURC Service at Wark

11.00am Parish Worship at Falstone

11.00am Parish Worship at Otterburn

11.30 am Holy Communion at Simonburn

(1.00pm Baptism at Wark)

4.00pm Holy Communion at Bingfield

6.00pm Holy Communion at Elsdon

8.00pm Late @8 at Humshaugh- all welcome !

12th March 3rd Sunday of Lent: Exodus 17: 1-7; Romans 5: 1-11; John 4: 5-42

8.30am Holy Communion at Thockrington

10.00am Holy Communion at Humshaugh

11.00am Holy Communion at Thorneyburn

11.30am Holy Communion at Wall

5.00pm Holy Communion at Horsley

6.00pm Holy Communion at Wark

16th March 10.00am Holy Communion at Bellingham

19th March 4th Sunday of Lent ; Mothering Sunday : Exodus 2: 1-10; 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7; Luke 2: 33-35

8.30am Holy Communion at Gunnerton

9.30am Holy Communion at Falstone

10.00am Holy Communion at Birtley

10.00am Parish Worship at Bellingham

10.30am MURC Service at Wark

11.30 Holy Communion at Bingfield

3.00pm Holy Communion at Otterburn

6.00pm Holy Communion at Simonburn

26th March 5th Sunday of Lent ; Passion Sunday : Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Romans 8: 6-11; John 11: 1-45

8.00am Holy Communion (said BCP) at Bellingham

8.30am Holy Communion at Chollerton

10.00am Deanery Zoom

11.30 Holy Communion at Wall

3.00pm Holy Communion at Byrness

6.00pm Parish Worship at Thorneyburn

6.00pm Holy Communion at Humshaugh

6.00pm Parish Worship at Wark



World Day of Prayer 2023

St Christophers Gunnerton

2pm on Friday March 3rd

Followed by refreshments.

Please come and join us



I hope you can come along as it is usually a lovely service.

Do you enjoy stepping aside, relaxing with friends and finding space with God?

If so, then do join us for:

Quiet morning 10am, finishing with a light lunch at 1pm

16th March 2023

At The Rectory, Wark NE48 3PP

Further information from Sally Napier at wannies30@btinternet.com or Cathy Smith at contactcathysmith@gmail.com.

Easter

Simonburn Village Hall

Friday 31st March 7.30pm

Donation of prizes would be much appreciated, thank you.

please contact:

Christine Burridge on 07523166543

Wark Town Hall

Soup Day

Thursday March 2nd

10.00am - 4.00pm

Come and enjoy

a bowl of soup

Made by the children

at Wark School

at Let's Get Cooking.

Come in good time to

avoid disappointment!

WARK PARISH NEWS

Apologies for missing last month but we had rather a busy time but all OK now. In the February Broadsheet you will find a listing for the first of the Lent services with more being found listed in this issue. Please remember Mothering Sunday is on 19th March which is being held jointly with MURC. Moving on to Easter Day 9th April there will be a Holy Communion service in St. Michael's at 8am followed by Breakfast in church. We have done this for the last couple of years and are very enjoyable. Make a note of the date now.

Sally mentioned last month the coffee, chat and prayer mornings she is holding at The Rectory. If your interested in joining then do contact her at wannies30@btinternet.com.

The Annual Meetings of St. Michael's will be held in church at 7pm on Wednesday 22nd March. All those on the church electoral role are welcome to attend.

It is coming around to the time of year when grass cutting starts again so may we ask, to make that easier, all Christmas wreathes are removed, thank you.

Many dates in this issue so please make a note and support where possible.

Until next month, take care.

Love John x

GUNNERTON CHURCH Railway Circle

The Tyneside Electrics

Take a tour of the
Tyneside 3rd. rail electrified.

Railway on
Tuesday 7th. March from 7.15
p.m.



Birtley Notes

How lovely to see all the snowdrops in garden's and roadsides, we had a talk at the Gardening Group about them, when the speaker brought along samples of about 20 varieties, they were fascinating, whoever thought there were so many...

Abbey Tilly organised a Talent show in the village hall mid February. This copy had to be in before it was held, do hope a good night was had.

The Village Hall are holding their annual Quiz evening on Friday 10th March 7 for 7.30 start, £5 entry. Raffle, Bar and nibbles.

The next Air Ambulance collection is at Wark Town Hall on Wednesday 29th March - items may be left at the hall 6-8pm on Tuesday evening, and 7-10 on the Wednesday morning.

Dates for your diary...

14th May - Gardening Group plant sale.

3rd June - Church Fete

Regards Mary.

**Celebrate Spring
with
The North Tyne & Redewater Choral Society**

*Haydn's Little Organ Mass
and
Mozart's Sparrow Mass*

Conductor John Roper

**Saturday 1st April 2023 at 7.30pm
Bellingham Methodist Church**

Admission £10, includes refreshments at the end of the concert



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.

Flowers

S U L O I D A L G K C T O N E M T E G R O F W A
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Aster	Bachelor Button	Begonia	Buck Eye Susan
Carnation	Cocks Comb	Crocus	Daffodils
Dahlia	Daisy	Delphiniums	Forget Me Not
Foxglove	Fuchsia	Gardenia	Geranium
Gladiolus	Hollyhock	Hydrenea	Impatient
Iris	Jasmine	Jonquil	Lady's Slipper
Lantana	Lavendar	Lily	Marigold
Mimosa	Morning Glory	Narcissus	Pansy
Peone	Petunia	Phlox	Pointsetta
Primrose	Rose	Snapdragon	Sunflower
Verbena	Violet	Zinnia	

SING!

**Where do you sing? In the bath, in the shower, around the house, on a walk?
Most of us like to have a good sing.**

**Have you ever thought about joining a friendly choir and bringing music to our
local towns and villages?**

**The North Tyne and Redewater Choral Society (Bellingham Choir for short)
does just that and we are looking for more singers to help swell the sound.
Could that be you?**

**The Choir meets in Bellingham Methodist Church at 7.30pm on Monday
evenings during term time from September to April. The selection of music is
mainly classical, and we perform two concerts each year at Christmas and in
the Spring.**

**The Choir has a reputation for friendliness and fun, and you would be assured
of a warm welcome. Why not call in on a rehearsal night and see for yourself.**

Check out our website <https://ntrcs.org>

Interested? Please get in touch with John Roper on pennyandjohn@gmail.com

Picture for young people to colour



**JESUS
so loved
The
Children
He said
Come
Unto ME**

GUNNERTON CHURCH SOCIALS

Tea at Three

Tuesday 21st. March
Why not come along to enjoy a
cuppa, a chat
and home baking.

Lunch Club

Wednesday 29th. March
at 12 noon
Savour soup, sweet and tea or
coffee
all for a modest price.

Warm hub

Humshaugh Village Hall
Each Tuesday morning
10 am—midday
Free coffee & chat



Coffee Morning

Wall Village Hall
Wed 1st March
& 1st Wed in each month

Bacon Butties

Tuesday 7th March
1st Tuesday of every month
9am to 11am

Simonburn Village Hall

with tea or coffee

£3

Eat in or take away

Do come along
for a butty & a chat.

Simonburn Village Hall

The hall is available to hire at
an hourly rate of £10
To book please contact.
Sue Hickman on 01434
689682
Or
Roger Hadley on 01434
681077

Humshaugh Village Hall

Coffee morning

Saturday 4th March

10 am—midday



Soup & Dessert

Thursday 16th March
& 3rd Thursday each
month. 12p.m.

Wall Village Hall