

The June 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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Pastoral Letter June 2023

As we enter June, the rapid pace of the Christian story slows; the birth of Christ, his Baptism and temptations in the wilderness, the events of Easter, the Ascension and Pentecost have all happened! After the celebration of Trinity Sunday on June 4th we enter a long period of what is called 'Ordinary time'. Ordinary time is the time for the Christian churches when we can pause and reflect over many Sundays on the life and ministry of Jesus. There is nothing ordinary about Jesus' life apart from the fact that he is fully human like all of us, as well as being fully God. I wonder what might each of us do because of hearing the Christian story once again?

The local First and Primary Schools have had another Schools Trail experience together with many volunteers from all over the area, this time looking at Pentecost, the warm and fiery coming of God in a rushing wind, to empower us all.

There are further opportunities in the coming months to reflect together on our lives and to enjoy being and doing things together. For example: On June 4th there is an Ecumenical Prayer walk from Thockrington Church to Great Bavington Chapel, and at the same time from Kirkwhelpington Church to Great Bavington. Do come and join in! There will be many fetes and shows over the summer months where folk can show their love in action in so many ways. The Coronation of King Charles III last month reminded us of the importance of the role of service to the Monarch in his work, and that is equally true for each of us whatever our age and stage of life. In this rural area there are outstanding examples of love and service in every place. Folk show great imagination in walking in another's shoes, resulting in the log bank, various community coffee and lunch gatherings, to name just a few. As we enter the summer season, I wonder how each of us might show our love in action in a new way, connecting with each other in our communities and beyond?

Kind regards

Sarah Lunn (Rural Dean)



In a mother's womb were two babies. One asked the other: "Do you believe in life after delivery?" "The other replied, "Why, of course. There must be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later." "Nonsense," said the first. "There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?" The second said, "I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouths. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now." The first replied, "That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded." The second insisted, "Well I think there is something and maybe it's different than it is here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore." The first replied, "Nonsense. And moreover, if there is life, then why has no one ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery, there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes us nowhere." "Well, I don't know," said the second, "but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us." The first replied "Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists then where is She now?" The second said, "She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of Her. It is in Her that we live. Without Her, this world would not and could not exist." Said the first: "Well I don't see her, so it is only logical that She doesn't exist." To which the second replied, "Sometimes, when you're in silence and you focus and listen, you can perceive Her presence, and you can hear Her loving voice, calling down from above."

Maybe this was one of the best explanations of the concept of GOD

Northumberland Log Bank :

Are you needing help to obtain wood fuel for your stove/fire? Please contact Kate Thick at 07900963223 or katethick@hotmail.com

There is no charge for this service.

HUMSHAUGH NOTES

Watching the Coronation in the Village Hall was very much enjoyed. Well done, Diana and the Village Hall Committee. So nice to see Barry and Anne Roxburgh, who had travelled from their home in Canada.

St. Peter's Summer Fair is on Saturday June the 10th in Humshaugh Village Hall from 2-4pm.

There will be Plant and Produce Stalls, a Champagne Raffle, a Treasure Hunt, a Tombola, a Lucky Dip for children, some great music and much, much more. And, of course there will be Teas and delicious Home Baking. It will be a lot of fun and we hope we'll see you there!

There won't be a coffee morning in June, but there will be one on July 1st.

The Crown Players AGM and Club Night will be on June the 30th at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall and anyone is very welcome.

Humshaugh Village Shop is running a series of Pop Up Shops over the summer months.

Local arts and crafts people will be selling their work in the shop. The exhibitor for the month of June is Deborah Fox, who makes unique hand made keepsakes. Do come and see!

At Humshaugh First School another delightful session was held for Friends.

Children in year 1 have been writing beautiful stories and we can all look forward to another Production:

It is called "Hoodwinked" and will be performed on Tuesday, July the 11th at 9.15 and 2.15.

The April Quiz was won by "Orkney Storks" with a score of 56 out of 60!

The June Quiz is held on Tuesday the 27th and will be in aid of North Tyne Voices.

Many of us will remember the Rev'd Canon Frank Dexter, whose funeral service took place in Hexham Abbey in April. Frank came often to St. Peter's when we had our Vacancy some years ago. We remember him for his kindness, his great sense of humour and his help on so many occasions.

Love, Liesbeth

St Peter's Church Humshaugh
Summer Fair
Saturday 10th June 2pm - 4pm
Humshaugh Village Hall
SEE YOU THERE!

Simonburn Notes

Have you all recovered from the Bank holidays?

We would like to wish May Menzies a very Happy Birthday ,as she celebrated her 100th Birthday last month.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Coronation weekend. It was a lovely warm and dry day as we celebrated in the village hall and outside too, meeting up with lots of people from the Parish and the food was amazing. The Coronation tree was planted by Dennis Grugan and we enjoyed a glass of wine, which was kindly donated by Alan Brown, as he gave the toast and cut the Coronation cake. The cake was delicious, kindly made by Jane Lamb. Thank you all for coming and contributing the beautiful lunch. **GOD SAVE THE KING.**

It is coming up Fete time, on Saturday 29th July at 2pm.

We have space, on the green for anyone to bring a table and sell your crafts/ wares for £15 tel 681077(no food please as food/refreshments are available in the village hall)

We as always need helpers and donations towards:

Tombola (Alice Murray)

Cake stall (The Hadleys)

Bric a brac and books (The Hadleys)

Sweet and savoury food for the refreshments (Gwen Jeffrey)

Childrens stall

We are SPRING CLEANING the Church on Saturday 3rd June 9am, please come along with a duster/cloth/ facemask (could be dusty) as many hands make light work and quicker too. Thank you.

As I write this preparations are well under way for the Schools Pentecost trail, I am sure it will be a great success.

Take care

Love Sharon x

FRIENDS of CHOLLERTON CHURCHES

Friday 30th. June from 6.30 to 9.00 p.m.

Enjoy an evening in the garden of The Riding, St. John Lee,
courtesy of Charles and Tina Enderby.

A complimentary welcome drink of Pimms or a soft drink and snacks.

A live brass band will play.

Tickets at £15 available from:

e-mail: secretary.focc@gmail.com

or ring Ken Carlisle : 01434689996

Rota for June 2023 (as at 16th May)

**4th June Trinity Sunday Readings : Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-end;
2 Corinthians 13; 11-end ; Matthew 28: 16-end**

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
11.30am Holy Communion at Simonburn
3.30pm Ecumenical Walk from Thockrington to Great Bavington
4.00pm Holy Communion at Bingfield
6.00pm Holy Communion at Elsdon
8.00pm Late at 8 Contemporary Worship at Humshaugh

**11th June Barnabas the Apostle. Readings: Job 29: 11-18;
Acts 11: 19-end; John 15: 12-17**

8.30am Holy Communion at Thockrington
10.00am Holy Communion at Humshaugh
11.00am Holy Communion at Thorneyburn
11.30am Holy Communion at Wall
1.00pm Baptism at Chollerton
2.00pm Informal Communion at Corsenside
5.00pm Holy Communion at Horsley
6.00pm Holy Communion at Wark

15th June

10.00am Holy Communion at Bellingham

**18th June 2nd Sunday after Trinity Readings : Exodus 19: 2-8a;
Romans 5: 1-8; Matthew 9: 35- 10:8**

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
11.30am Service of the Word at Bingfield
3.00pm Holy Communion at Otterburn
6.00pm Evensong at Simonburn

**25th June 3rd Sunday after Trinity Readings : Jeremiah 20: 7-13;
Romans 6: 1b-11; Matthew 10: 24-39**

8.00am Holy Communion (said BCP) at Bellingham

8.30am Holy Communion at Chollerton

10.00am Deanery Zoom

11.30am 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

Birtley Notes

Swallows arrived at Birtley on 26th April, slightly later than usual.

After the service at St Giles on 7th May, a toast was given to King Charles, with fizz, cream scones and cake, instead of the usual coffee...!

In the afternoon a 'get-together' was held in the Village Hall for everyone to celebrate the coronation of his Majesty, and a jolly time was had by all.....

As a child I can remember the coronation of Queen Elizabeth, when there were races/sports for young and old, held in the Croft field at the top of the village.

Some of the more recent residents may not know, but what is now the playing field, used to be all vegetable allotments, one for every house in the village, that was when all was owned by the Duke.

So nice to see patches of Primroses and Cowslips on the roadside, also the Bluebells are just about in full bloom on the island at Blindburn and along the riverside below Lee Hall, also Countess Park (mid May).

Please come along to our Fete and Dog show, which is held in aid of St Giles on 3rd June at 2.30 pm, this will be held in the Village Hall/Playing field.

Regards Mary.

WARK PARISH NEWS

A Joyful and colourful celebration was had over the Coronation weekend here in Wark. Sadly the weather on the Saturday evening did not come up to expectation however on Sunday many were able to sit out to enjoy a picnic in the grounds of St. Michael's. All will have their memories of the day.

Our thoughts now turn to the Garden Fete. This year it will be on Saturday 1st July on the village green from 2pm. The usual stalls will be there including: cakes, garden plants, games and toys, books and a raffle. Please, no Bric A Brac. Donations for any of these stall are gratefully accepted on the morning.

Looking around the parish we've said a good bye to a number of long times residents with the passing of Brenda Robinson along with Laurie Graham, long time villager who recently moved from the village to be near family. We also remember Robina Heywood who with her husband, Michael, came within the last few years to live at Kirkfield. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Thoughts at this time are with all bereaved.

On a happier note I believe a number of school children have been on a trip to London. I hope they enjoyed the experience. If my memory is correct for one of our educational trips we managed a day to Seahouses and Beadnell. Sandwiches with the sand on the dunes.

I'm sure now summer is upon us many more activities will be happening around the village so keep looking for posters promoting these.

To finish; the other day I spotted a poster outside a Carlisle church which said 'the person you hate the most deserves your payers the most'

Until we chat again,

Love to all
JOHN

Coffee Morning

Wall Village Hall

Wed 7th June

10.30 am



Notes from Bingfield, Wall & Heavenfield

As I am writing this the sun is shining and it is a beautiful day with a gentle breeze. Glorious! Plants and weeds coming on in leaps and bounds in the garden and the roadside verges looking wonderful with all the cow parsley, may blossom and an abundance of dandelions. I Hope the weather stays as kind for the coming season of Church/village fetes.

So far the Pentecost event at Simonburn is going very well with lot of positive feedback from both school pupils and teachers who have attended. Lots of hard work has gone into the preparation but has been very worthwhile. Thanks must go to all the volunteers who give up their time to man the event.

The end of June marks 20 years since Sarah performed her first Eucharist service. We, at St Mary's , Bingfield are pleased to be hosting a service of recognition on Monday 3rd July at 7pm. The service also gives us the opportunity to further give thanks for Sarah and her ministry. We will have nibbles in church following the service. Anyone in the Deanery who wishes to attend is very welcome.

We have a small group of people who are making wool felted holding crosses which will eventually be placed in all our churches for people to have if they want one. The workshops take place at Wall village hall on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1.30pm following the soup lunch, again anyone wanting to join in is very welcome. We are planning to eventually be using mainly local wool from both sheep and alpacas.

Be kind to each other.

Helen. x

Do you enjoy stepping aside, relaxing with friends and finding space with God? If so, then do join us for:

Prayer gatherings: coffee, chat & prayer

10.30am to 12 noon

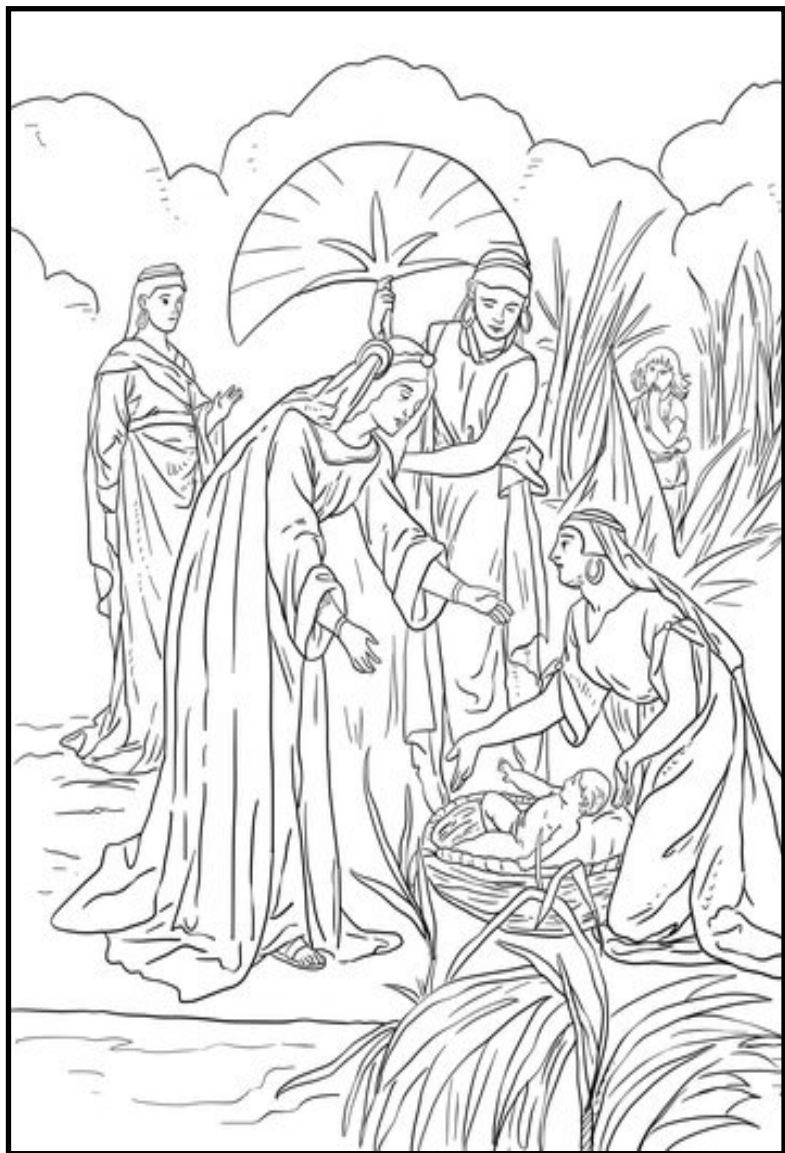
8th June & 10th August 2023 at The Rectory, Wark NE48 3PP

Quiet Day at Alnmouth Friary 13th July 2023

Further information from Sally Napier

at wannies30@btinternet.com or Cathy Smith

at contactcathysmith@gmail.com.



Jesus

The Pharaoh of Egypt (perhaps Ramses II) had decreed that all the Hebrew boy babies were to be drowned at birth. But when Yocheved, Moses' mother, gives birth she decides to hide her son. After a few months, the baby is too big for her to hide safely, so she decides to place him in a caulked wicker basket in a strategic spot in the reeds that grew along the sides of the [Nile River](#) (often referred to as bulrushes), with the hope that he will be found and adopted. To ensure the baby's safety, Moses's sister Miriam watches from a hiding place nearby.

The baby's crying alerts one of the pharaoh's daughters who takes the baby. Moses' sister Miriam watches in hiding but comes out when it is clear the princess is planning to keep the child. She asks the princess if she would like a Hebrew midwife. The princess agrees and so Miriam arranges to have the real mother get paid to nurse her own child who now lives among the Egyptian royalty.



SCRUFTS DOG SHOW WARK VILLAGE GREEN

SATURDAY 22nd JULY 12 NOON

£5 PER ENTRY FOR ANY OR ALL OF 12 CATEGORIES

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| 1 Most Loveable Dog | 7 Cuddliest Dog |
| 2 Most Loveable Bitch | 8 Best Groomed Dog |
| 3 Most Loveable Puppy (-1YR) | 9 Friendliest Dog |
| 4 Dog/Owner Look-a-like | 10 Best Treat Catcher |
| 5 Best Fancy Dressed Dog | 11 Best Bark |
| 6 Waggiest Tail | 12 Best in Show |

Refreshments available. Show supported by local businesses.
All money raised will support the Wark Town Hall Charity.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE REGISTERED AND £5 PAID BY 1ST JULY 2023.
PLEASE CONTACT JASON RICHES ON 077236 13826
THE SQUARE ,VILLAGE GREEN, WARK

Please note:-
There will be **no** Tea at three
In June or July at
Gunnerton
Due to holidays and work in
the Church.
Watch this space for further
details

Simonburn Village Fete

Saturday 29th July
2pm.

Stalls: Produce, Tombola,
Books, Bric-a-brac,
Cakes, Ice-Cream,
Children's corner,
Tombola,
Grand Raffle
Music by:
The Sunshine Panners
Food & Refreshments in
Village Hall

Save the date
Saturday 1st July
Wark Village Fete
2pm
On the green

St Giles Fete
Saturday 3rd June
2.30pm
Birtley Village Hall
And Playing field.
All welcome

Bacon Butties

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

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at an hourly rate of £10
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Sue Hickman on 01434
689682
Or
Roger Hadley on 01434
681077

Lunch at Noon

(formerly Gunnerton Lunch
Club)
Wednesday 28th June at 12pm
(and the last Wednesday of each
month except August)

Do come and enjoy homemade
soup, pudding and tea/coffee

Soup & Dessert

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

Wall Village Hall