

# The July 'n' August 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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As I write this letter, I am coming to the end of a ten year appointment in the Tynedale Circuit, somewhere I felt very much called to, working alongside small chapels and their communities.

I started off with 7 chapels it would have been 8 but Wall chapel had sadly closed the Easter before I arrived in the September.

It has been a great joy to work alongside my brothers and sisters in Christ in the different denominations and communities. The fact I have been asked to write for this magazine makes me feel we are all part of the same ministry sharing the love of God and encouraging others in their own ministry whether lay or ordained.

I am also 'retiring' or 'sitting down' this time as they say in the Methodist church. The thing is, for those who know me, I am not that good at sitting for long. But as I read through a recent copy of 'The Meeting of the Waters' not only was I delighted at all that was going on in the deanery but that many of those who are leading activities, groups and projects are also retired. The fact that many people take early retirement these days means that there is the opportunity to do something different with that time.

One of the readings for my service this weekend was the calling of Abram at the age of 75 (Genesis 12:1-9)

'Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.'

Even though this was a great unknown Abram obeyed the call, left everything he had known and started off on a new adventure.' One of the hymns I choose was Singing the Faith 464 written by John Bell and Graham Maule, has the wonderful line

'Travelling folk and aged mother's wandering when they thought they'd done- this is how we find God's people, leaving all because of One.'

Age is not a barrier to serving the Lord it just might be a bit different to what we have been used to. But if we decide to follow that call God will not only show us the way to go but will give us the means to do it.

I thank you all for the love and support you have shown me while I have been amongst you and I feel confident that God will continue to do great things in our churches and communities and I wait to see what God has in store for me and Eddie in Whitehaven.

Deacon Anne Taylor



## MUSIC IN OUR DEANERY

As many of you are aware, the churches in the area are now working more closely together as a deanery, and there are now more specific services being developed for the deanery as a whole.

You'll have noticed that every 5th Sunday of the month, there is a deanery service held in one of the churches, alternating between the north and the south. We feel it would be good to make these more special, but we need your help to achieve this. As I go around the churches here in the North Tyne and Rede valleys, I know there are many who can sing well and we are looking to develop a group of singers which can help lead these services. It won't be anything spectacular – there's no aspiration to sing in the Cathedral! – but something that could help lead the congregation in both the sung and spoken parts of the service, maybe including the occasional anthem or motet.

As Evensong has become a very welcome inclusion in Simonburn church's regular services, it would also be good if the same group might help lead that too. I know psalm leadership would be gratefully received!

If you feel able to join a group of singers dedicated to leading deanery services in our area, please get in touch with John ([pennyandjohn@gmail.com](mailto:pennyandjohn@gmail.com)) or Sarah. There are many exciting developments in our deanery, and I hope you'll feel able to help in this way.

Additionally, during the summer, it's planned to hold Compline services in churches in our area, probably in those whose settings are particularly inspiring. These will take place on 12th and 26th July and 9th and 23rd August (Wednesday evenings). More details will be given separately.

I very much hope you will consider helping lead our congregations for deanery services and Evensong, and I look forward to hearing from any volunteers.

John R

## **Rota for July 2023**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> July 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity Readings : Jeremiah 28: 5-9; Romans 6: 12-end; Matthew 10: 40-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  
4.00pm Holy Communion at Bingfield  
6.00pm Holy Communion at Elsdon

*3<sup>rd</sup> July Holy Communion for St Thomas at Bingfield 7.30 pm*

### **9<sup>th</sup> July 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity Readings: Zechariah 9: 9-12; Romans 7: 15-25a; Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end**

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

12<sup>th</sup> July 8.00pm Summer Compline ( Venue to be confirmed)

### **16<sup>th</sup> July 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity Readings : Isaiah 55: 10-13; Romans 8; 1-11; Matthew 13: 1-9; 18-23**

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

## **20<sup>th</sup> July**

10.00am Holy Communion at Bellingham

## **23<sup>rd</sup> July 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity Readings : Isaiah 44: 6-8; Romans 8: 12-25; Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43**

8.00am Holy Communion (said BCP) at Bellingham

8.30am Holy Communion at Chollerton

10.00am Deanery Zoom

11.30am Holy Communion at Wall

12.15 Baptism at Bellingham

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> July 8.00pm Summer Compline ( Venue to be confirmed)

## **30<sup>th</sup> July 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity Readings: 1 Kings 3: 5-12; Romans 8: 26-end; Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52**

10.00am Deanery Eucharist – Humshaugh

3.00pm Deacon Anne's last service - Haydon Bridge

### **Christian Aid**

Thank to everyone who donated and helped at **Gunnerton** Tea at three and **Chollerton** Bacon Butties.

A grand total of £393 was raised (Tea at three £127, Bacon Butties £266)

Claire Ridley

### **Birtley Notes**

It was a cracking day for the church fete on 3rd June. Although a poor turnout for the fete, a good crowd attended the dog show, with thanks to Lesley Gosling and her helpers. The tea ladies were kept busy as folk were in need of a cuppa...! Our thanks to everyone who helped in any way on the day.

Our congratulations go to Hughie and Gloria Milburn on their Golden Wedding anniversary, which was on the 9th June.

Have a good summer and hope the good weather continues, regards Mary.

## **Rota for August 2023 as at 14 06 23**

### **6<sup>th</sup> August : Transfiguration Readings : Daniel 7: 9-10; 13-14; 2 Peter 1: 16-19; Luke 9: 28-36**

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  
10.30am Holy Communion for St Oswald at Heavenfield  
11.00am Parish Worship at Falstone  
11.00am Parish Worship at Otterburn  
11.30am Holy Communion at Simonburn  
6.00pm Holy Communion at Elsdon

9<sup>th</sup> August 8.00pm Summer Compline ( venue to be confirmed)

### **13<sup>th</sup> August 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity Readings: 1 Kings 19: 9-18; Romans 10: 5-15; Matthew 14: 22-33**

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

### **17<sup>th</sup> August**

10.00am Holy Communion at Bellingham

### **20<sup>th</sup> August 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity Readings : Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8; Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: 21-28**

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

23<sup>rd</sup> August 8.00pm Summer Compline (venue to be confirmed)

**27<sup>th</sup> August 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity Readings : Isaiah 51: 1-6; Romans 12: 1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20**

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

4.00pm Summer evensong at Thockrington

6.00pm Parish Worship at Thorneyburn

6.00pm Holy Communion at Humshaugh

6.00pm Parish Worship at Wark

**WARK PARISH NEWS**

We're never happy! Couple of months ago complaints about the cold and wet were major topics of conversation and now it is the heat and we gardeners need rain. But please do not let it rain on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Garden Fete Day in Wark. 2pm onwards on the green with teas in the Town Hall. Contributions to the usual stalls, tombola this year, but please no bric-a-brac, would be most welcome. Jane and Tony Abrams (Dial House) are collecting or just bring them along on the morning to the green. Raffle tickets are now on sale.

The North Tyne has, for a number of years, had the privilege of having Deacon Anne Taylor and her husband Eddy ministering to MURC and latterly St. Michael's have been 'building sharing' here in Wark to great success (understand it is being shared as a model for other areas) and now they are retiring (near to my now neck of the woods) to Whitehaven. Anne will lead a final Service in Wark on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 10.30am and at Bellingham on the same day there will be a celebratory service for her time with us at 3pm with a tea to follow and all will be most welcome. A lunch is arranged for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 12noon in Wark Town Hall for which I would suggest you contact Vicky or Steve Herod on 01434 230180 for further details and importantly to book a seat. That is the contact to use also should you wish to give a donation to a retirement gift. We all hope they have a happy and long retirement.

After months of not much going on there is now not only a Garden Fete but also a dog show, SCRUFFS, on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 12noon again on the green with proceeds to the Town Hall. It's many years since something like that happened in Wark and the classes do sound interesting. Anyone brave enough to arrange a cat show?

Off now for a couple of months – gardening. Back in September with Harvest details.... Such fun?? Where does the year go?

Love to all

John xxx

## HUMSHAUGH NOTES

The Village Hall Coffee Mornings continue from 10-12 on Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, hosted by the Friends of Humshaugh School and on September 2<sup>nd</sup> by the Playing Field Trust, which will include the Annual Car Wash!

The Crown Players AGM is on June the 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm – all are welcome.  
The Crown Players Club Nights: June 30<sup>th</sup>, July 28<sup>th</sup> – all are welcome.

Humshaugh Publications invites you to submit PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE 2024 CALENDAR:

*“HUMSHAUGH THROUGH THE SEASONS”*

You may send up to 10 photographs in **Landscape** orientation only, by July 15<sup>th</sup> to Richard Hewitt: [rahewitt@gmail.com](mailto:rahewitt@gmail.com) Please include your name, address and phone no.

(prepare for the 2025 calendar: “Humshaugh Village Events”)

The May QUIZ was won by “And Finally” and raised £190 for the Crown Players Drama Group. The September QUIZ will be on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 8.30 and will be in aid of

The Harvest Festival (prov.)

At Humshaugh First School, Year 4 went to Newcastle Cathedral for their Leaver Service.

Don't miss the Summer Production of “Hoodwinked” on Tuesday July the 11<sup>th</sup> at 9.15 am and 2.15 pm. And we wish all the children a wonderful Summer Holiday!

The POP UP in the village shop from 27<sup>th</sup> June – 24<sup>th</sup> of July, will be Bernica Candles. Based in Wylam, there are a range of hand poured candles and diffusers with scents inspired by Northumberland's landscape and coastline. This is followed by Cloth Dolly Crafts, based in Ryton, until August the 21<sup>st</sup>. Preloved and new fabrics are used to make “wee beasties”.

Both POP UPS make for unique gifts from our beautiful area.

HAP is hosting a one man show entitled “OLD HERBACEOUS” on Friday September the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

More information will be in the September issue of the Broadsheet.

Love, Liesbeth

GOD +  
is  
LOVE



## **St Oswald in Lee with Bingfield and Wall**

We are not holding our fete at Wall this year due to many of the regular helpers being away. We do however still seem to have a busy couple of months coming up. The usual **coffee morning** takes place on Wednesday 5th July at 10.30 am and again 2nd August, in the village hall, Wall. All welcome. We have a **plant sale** on the village green at Wall on Saturday 8th July, starting at 9am. Our **soup and pud** is on 20th July and 17th August at 12 mid day again in the hall at Wall. This is followed at 1.30pm by **needle felting**. We are making hand held crosses to be placed in all our local churches however you can try your hand at making small animals or whatever you like. The annual **Pilgrimage** from Hexham Abbey to Heavenfield takes place on 5th August. On 12th 10 am-5 pm and 13th August 12.30-5pm (following a church eucharist at 11.30am) we have a **flower festival** in St George's church at Wall. God and weather permitting we aim to use all locally grown plant material. Again we should also have plants to sell. Anyone from around the Deanery is welcome to make an arrangement or become involved in any way ( please contact Helen 0791 776 2050). We will be picking flowers at Bingfield farm on 10th and arranging on the 11th. We will have **afternoon teas** in Wall village hall on 12th August 2.30pm—5pm so donations of cakes etc will be gratefully received We will also have another plant sale over the weekend on the green. **Tea in the garden** is at Bingfield Farm (in a marquee in case of inclement weather) from 2.30pm on 20th August. Hopefully there will still be flowers left in the garden to enjoy after picking for the flower festival. Anyone and everyone is welcome at any of our events, it would be lovely to see new faces. I really feel that we are gelling as a deanery more and more, I feel as though I have lots of new friends since covid. I think that this is our gift for having gone through that awful time.

Don't forget 3<sup>rd</sup> July Holy Communion for St Thomas at Bingfield 7.30 pm.

*As this is also to celebrate Sarah's 20th Anniversary since her 1st time presiding at a eucharist service we will be having nibbles afterwards in the church. All welcome.*

Always try to be kind.

Helen. x

### **Simonburn notes**

As all the children and parents are looking forward to the summer holidays, I am currently on my holiday, sat in a Coop carpark at the Kyle of Lochalsh, where I have WiFi! I hope the summer is a good one for everyone.

Thanks to everyone that came to help Spring clean St. Mungo's at the beginning of June, it looks and smells, so much better.

It is Fête season, and Simonburn Fete is on Saturday 29th July at 2pm. Please help us by donating, books, bric a brac (sellable) cakes, tombola prizes or raffle prizes and cakes etc towards the teas. It will be a great afternoon, I am sure, so do come along and enjoy.

Please keep a look out on Village notice boards and Facebook for any upcoming events at the Village Hall.

Take care.

Love Sharon 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

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](mailto:wannies30@btinternet.com) or Cathy Smith

at [contactcathysmith@gmail.com](mailto:contactcathysmith@gmail.com).

### **THOCKRINGTON FETE AND OPEN GARDENS**

**AT  
CARRYCOATS HALL**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August  
2 - 4pm**

**Home baked teas, cakes and home produce, raffle and plant stall**

**Explore the walled herbaceous and vegetable gardens and shrubberies.**

**Entry by donation**

**On A68 10 miles north of Corbridge NE48 3JG  
Dogs on leads welcome**

## Celebration of the Feast of St Oswald

5th and 6th August 2023

Our Annual Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 5th August, led by Rev Canon Sarah Lunn. Please meet at Hexham Abbey at 11.15am for a short service. We then walk to St John Lee Church for another short service and lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own picnic. We will arrive at St Oswalds, Heavenfield at around 4.00pm. There we will have tea and finish with a thanksgiving service.

Lifts are available from St John Lee for anyone not wanting to do the full 6 mile walk.

Next day, on Sunday 6 August there will be a Holy Communion Service at St Oswald's Church at 10.30 am led by Revd. Dr Clair Maxim.



SCRUFTS DOG SHOW WARK VILLAGE GREEN

SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2023.  
PLEASE CONTACT JASON RICHES ON 077236 13826  
THE SQUARE ,VILLAGE GREEN, WARK

Please note:-  
There will be **no** Tea at three  
July at  
Back on 15th August  
Gunnerton  
Due to 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

Saturday 1st July  
Wark Village Fete  
2pm

On the green  
Stalls include:- cakes, garden  
plants, games, toys, books  
& raffle

### Soup & Dessert

Thursday 20th July  
& 17th August  
Then 3rd Thursday each  
month. 12p.m.  
Wall Village Hall

### 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

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

### Lunch at Noon

(formerly Gunnerton Lunch  
Club)  
There will be no lunch in July or  
August  
Next one will be 27th September

### Coffee Morning

Wall Village Hall  
Wed 5th July & 2nd August  
10.30 am