

The October 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 Friends

Harvest time has come around again after another challenging year of weather for our farmers. We are seeing the terrible consequences of climate change with fires and floods, earthquake and famine rocking our world and destroying lives and livelihoods. How can we make a difference?

St Francis believed that there is an interconnectedness of all creation; that we must treat every creature as sister or brother.

Now the Sacred Trails group are working on a new project: ‘

Fragile Earth – our Sacred Space’

With this and the schools’ RE curriculum in mind, we propose a programme during the next academic year to give children and adults tools and insights into a Christian response that builds confidence, agency and hope as we engage with the challenges of a changing climate in a changing world.

We plan to visit our deanery schools and with the help of a Godly Play story to consider the wonders of Creation and to all that is good and precious in God’s beautiful world. Our human interference and pollution are leading to worldwide concerns so we want to concentrate on what we as individuals can do to transform our growing anxieties into hope-filled actions, great and small. We will be asking the children to respond creatively to the story and together create a ‘Cloth of Dreams’, a patchwork of their own dreams and wishes for the future of our fragile planet. We plan a final event at Simonburn to coincide with ‘The Great Big Green Week’ in June 2024.

We will be looking for faithful volunteers, old and new, to help us, and for Seamstresses or broderers to work with the fabric to create the ‘Cloths’.

Please do get in touch with Jane Abrams, Judith Sadler or Frances Dower if you feel inspired to bring your gifts and skills to join us.

Every blessing

Frances

Zooming forward!

Our Zoom services began during the COVID pandemic as a way of helping people return to church and join in services again after lockdown. They really brought us together as a Deanery and we have all made new friends over Zoom. Our Zoom services are now held monthly and are particularly valuable to those unable to attend church in person. They have evolved into an established form, ably supported by Diana Linnett and Chris Harding.

But Zoom offers many possibilities and the time has come to explore new ways of delivering our services. We are looking for people with ideas and a bit - but not a huge amount! - of technical ability to take our worship forward. Chris and Diana will be happy to share what they currently do, and pass on the baton. Please get in touch with Sarah or Claire if you are interested - *your* ideas may take our services to a new level!!

Keeping up to date with the Deanery!

There are planning groups across the Deanery looking at how we, as churches and individuals, can do things better and together. One of the things our Communications group is looking at is how we can best use emails to share news and keep folks up to date, and also keep within the legal guidelines of the General Data Protection Regulation so we take proper care of personal data like email addresses. You will probably have seen this in many of the commercial emails you receive every day, and over the next few months we will be asking for your consent to continue sharing all the local church news and updates with you.

Also have you heard of **A Church Near You**? The national church has - freely - provided every parish with its own A Church Near You website so everyone - parishioners, visitors, non-churchgoers alike - can find out what is happening in their local church, and join in. Think of it as an online Notice Board! We will be focusing on making best use of A Church Near You across the Deanery - follow this link and type in your location to find out about what's on in *your* church! <https://www.achurchnearyou.com>

Humshaugh notes

The Service on **Sunday 8th October** at 10am will be the Harvest Festival - any donations of non-perishable food for the West Northumberland Food Bank will be much appreciated. Please leave them inside the church by the Font in advance, or bring them on the day.

Dates for Saturday coffee mornings are: **October 7th** and **November 4th** from 1000 – 1200 both run by St Peter's Church.

Humshaugh Village Hall will be hosting a special one-off Heritage Event on Saturday **September 30th** from 1000 – 1200 hrs. On display will be an exhibition of the first 25 years of the Life of the Hall which included the WW2 years. Coffee and cake will be available.

Monthly quiz nights are: Tuesday **October 17th** at **8.30 p.m.** in aid of Bonfire Night Fireworks and **November 21st** at **8.00 p.m.** in aid of the Friends of Humshaugh School.

The first HAP film night will be on Friday **October 13th** at 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start.. The film is 'Wild Rose' a British film starring Jessie Buckley, Julie Walters and Matt Costello. Bar and puddings on sale. Tickets from Humshaugh shop.

There will be a performance of 'Make Do and Mend' by the Queens Hall Adult Drama Group/Theatre Sans Frontieres in the Village Hall on Thursday **October 12th**. Tickets from Humshaugh Village Shop or 07979 758179.

Crown Players Club nights are on **October 27th** and **November 25th** at 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday morning Warm Hub sessions in the village hall start again on **November 7th** from 10 – 12. This is a drop-in session to enjoy coffee, company and chat in the darker months of winter and will continue weekly until the end of March. All welcome.

Don't forget your tickets for an evening with Billy Mitchell on **November 30th**.

Noxwode Baroque (a group of classical players including Miri Nohl from Humshaugh) are performing a concert of baroque music at St Andrew's church, Corbridge, at 2:30pm on Saturday **28th October**. Tickets £15, available from Forum books (cash only) or on the door.

And finally, there will be a Crib Festival in St. Peter's Church on **15th – 17th December**. Do bring your crib and its story along to share with others or just bring yourselves to this special seasonal event.

Diana

Many thanks to Liesbeth for her sterling efforts over the last 14 years supplying the Humshaugh notes for the broadsheet. From next month Kathy Nelson is taking over giving Liesbeth a well deserved retirement.

Bingfield and Wall notes

Many of us are greatly saddened by the loss of our friend Tony Cattermole. He and his wife Irene have been active members of both the local community and the church. Tony was church warden for many years as well as being involved in many activities in the village of Wall. He was also very good at washing dishes and in fact would turn his hand to almost anything which needed to be done. Much love to Irene and her family for their great loss.

On a brighter note, we are making Christmas wreaths, tutored by Elva Mason hopefully on 2nd of December in the village hall. Anyone interested in making a wreath for your door is welcome to come along and join in. Materials will be supplied but you are welcome to bring anything you especially want to include. Details of cost, time etc will be posted on the village notice boards and in the December broadsheet. To book places contact Helen 01434 239 311or 0791 776 2050.

Wall WI (womens institute) meet on the 1st Thursday of every month at 7pm in Wall village hall. New members are very welcome.

Be kind

Helen. x

WARK PARISH NEWS

Autumn; and after those few days of wonderful weather which typically came after the children returned to school, we have the mist and rain. I read a letter the other day in a newspaper where the writer mentioned picking rosehips for the school to send on to Delrosa. I remember it well. That and brambles and must not forget tattie picking. How times have changed.

Anyway, what is coming up? We had our Harvest Festival and Soup and Pudd night but the press date for The Broadsheet means I cannot give an accurate report but sure they went off well. What I can tell you is we'll be holding a Christingle service at Stonehaugh on Sunday 10th December and the traditional Carol Service at St. Micheal's will be at 6pm on Sunday 17th December. On Christmas morning at 10am there will be a service of Holy Communion in St. Michael's however I will remind you in the next issue of The Broadsheet of these dates. I also believe the Christmas Bazaar will be on Sunday 3rd December in The Town Hall from 2pm. More details next month.

Love to all,

John xxx

HARVEST READINGS, replace the set readings of the day where a church is celebrating harvest : Deuteronomy 8: 7-18; 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15; Luke 12: 16-30

1st October 17th Sunday after Trinity : Readings: Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-end ; Philippians 2: 1-13; Matthew 21: 23-32

8.30am Holy Communion at Wark
10.00am Holy Communion at Bellingham (Harvest)
10.00am Holy Communion at Chollerton (Harvest)
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 (Harvest)
4.00pm Holy Communion at Bingfield
6.00pm Holy Communion at Elsdon
8.00pm Late at 8 Contemporary Worship- Humshaugh

8th October 18th Sunday after Trinity ; Readings: Isaiah 5; 1-7; Philippians 3: 4b-14; Matthew 21: 33-end

8.30am Holy Communion at Thockrington (Harvest)
10.00am Holy Communion at Humshaugh (Harvest)
11.00am Holy Communion at Thorneyburn (Harvest)
11.30am Holy Communion at Wall
2.00pm Informal Communion at Corsenside
4.00pm Blessing of Animals Service- Byrness
6.00pm Holy Communion at Wark

15th October 19th Sunday after Trinity Readings : Isaiah 25: 1-9; Philippians 4: 1-9; Matthew 22: 1-10

8.30am Holy Communion at Gunnerton (Harvest)
9.30am Holy Communion at Falstone (Harvest)
10.00am Holy Communion at Birtley (Harvest)
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 – (Harvest)
6.00pm Evensong at Simonburn

19th October

10.00am Holy Communion at Bellingham

22nd October 20th Sunday after Trinity Readings: Isaiah 45: 1-7;

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10; Matthew 22: 15-22

8.00am Holy Communion (said BCP) at Bellingham

8.30am Holy Communion at Chollerton

10.00am Deanery Zoom

11.30am Holy Communion at Wall

5.00pm Holy Communion at Horsley (Harvest)

6.00pm Service of the Word at Thorneyburn

6.00pm Holy Communion at Humshaugh

6.00pm Parish Worship at Wark

29th October Last Sunday after Trinity Readings: Leviticus 19; 1-2; 15-18; 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8; Matthew 22: 34-end

10.00am Deanery Eucharist Bellingham

Broadsheet

Please note that all items to be included in the following months' broadsheet need to be with me (usually via e-mail - bingfieldfarm@aol.com) by the 14th of the month.

We are always looking for offers of help with the printing. This is done in the vestry at Chollerton church. It is simply a matter of keeping the machine filled with paper and collecting the finished magazines from the printer. Coffee or tea and biscuits are usually supplied by Sarah. The printing usually takes 14 hours so we have 2 hour slots starting at 8am so that no-one is there for longer periods. I take something to read to fill the time.

Printing usually takes place on a Tuesday at least 1 week after the 14th of the month.

For November broadsheet items for inclusion to be received by Tuesday 14th October and printing to take place on 24th October.

For December/ January 14th November for inclusions and printing 21st November.

Since the December issue also covers January we do not publish in December. In January 2024 we will be printing on 23rd for the February edition.

Hope this is clear

Helen. x

In The Beginning

Genesis 1 v 1 - 5



Find the highlighted words in the grid!



In the beginning God created the sky and the earth. The earth was empty and had no form. Darkness covered the ocean, and God's Spirit was moving over the water.

Then God said, "Let there be light!" And there was light. God saw that the light was good. So he divided the light from the darkness. God named the light "day" and the darkness "night." Evening passed, and morning came. This was the first day.

Bible Word Search by biblewordsearch.org



Simonburn Notes

The weather at the beginning of September was beautiful but I think it brought all the wasps out !

Harvest Festival in St. Mungo's is to be held on Sunday 1st October 11.30am. ALL WELCOME

We are asking if you are able to donate any garden produce, fruit and vegetables or any dry or tinned foods for the Harvest service, which will then be donated to The Peoples Kitchen in Newcastle, unfortunately it is very much needed. If you can bring any of these items to the church on the morning of Saturday 30th September from 9am it will be much appreciated. Also decorating of the church with flowers will also be happening then, if you are able to help it would be much appreciated.

Ceilidh in Simonburn Village Hall, to raise funds for **The Great North Air Ambulance** October 14th 7pm. Shared supper. £5 adult, £2 under 16's (under 7's free)

NEW DATE for **The Christmas Bingo** in Simonburn Village hall. The bingo will now be held on Friday 1st December starting at 7.30pm donations would be much appreciated

Christmas Wreath making, also in the Village Hall will be on Thursday 7th December 7pm, £15 tel 681077 for a ticket.

As the Christmas season is fast approaching, I am sure there will much going on in the coming months.

Take Care Love Sharon x

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 in the valleys?

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 pennyvandjohn@gmail.com

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Light Refreshments

**Donations to Chollerton &
Gunnerton Churches**

Birtley Notes

A 'Tractor Run' of about 70, came through the village on Sunday 27th August, and what an impressive sight it was :- This was in aid of 'Breast Cancer Now' and organised by Elaine Hunter, who lives at Low Farm, Tone and is affected by this illness. After a run of over 12 miles, the tractors finished back at her home, where a BBQ was held. People were so very generous, putting their hands on their hearts and in their pockets, raising £20,500. Any donations are still gratefully received.

The Gardening Group have their first meeting on Tuesday 10th October. The speaker is Karen Leys, who is telling us about 'Sustainable, Rare and Hardy Perennials', and plants will be on sale on the night. You don't have to be a member, just come along and pay at the door if you would like to hear a certain speaker.

Don't forget the Village Hall Quiz evening on Friday 20th October.

Church services are held the first and third Sundays in the month, at 10am. Tea/Coffee is served after the service. Mary

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APPLE-PRESSING!!!

Saturday, 14 October, 11am-1pm
at

Chollerton First School, Barrasford



Apple-pressing / apple juice in return for donations.
All proceeds to be divided between the school PTFA and St Giles church.

Tea, coffee, juice and home-baking

Please bring your own apples and vessels for apple-juice.
There will also be fresh apple-juice available for those who don't have their own apples.

THE RAY WIND FUNDS WELCOME YOU TO THE GUN, RIDSDALE

Curious to know what the Ray Wind Funds do?

Would you like to know if they can help to fund your business idea, your expansion plan, help with community building repairs, to set up a new community group, or contribute towards further education or training costs?

Join us at The Gun on Wednesday evening, 4 October, between 4-7pm to meet the Board's directors, seek advice, ask questions and enjoy a constructive chat, with refreshments.

If you live within the Ray Wind Farm's area of benefit – then you are eligible for help.

Visit: www.raywindfund.co.uk for further information about the Ray Wind Funds, it's area of benefit and about Vattenfall.

CEILIDH

All welcome

In aid of

The Great North Air Ambulance

Simonburn Village Hall

Saturday 14th October 7pm

**£5 adult £2 under 16's
(under 7's free)**

Pay at the door

**Shared supper, Raffle
Bar (cash only)**



Birtley Village Hall

Annual Quiz Evening

Friday 20th Oct. 7.30 start

Teams of up to 8 @ £5pp

Nibbles - Raffle - Bar

Tea at Three

Please come and join us for
delicious home baked scones
and cake
on Tuesday 17th October
at St. Christopher's,
Gunnerton

BIRTLEY HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 1st October
12.30pm for 1
Birtley Village Hall

Come and enjoy delicious
3 course Sunday lunch
Choice of soups
Ham, chicken and vegetarian
main courses
with salads and new potatoes
Great selection of naughty puds
and/or cheeseboard
Coffee or tea

Bring your family and friends

Tickets £18, a drink included
under 12's £5

To make a booking contact
Judith (230850) or
Eileen (270228)

Coffee Morning

Wall Village Hall
Wednesday 4th Oct.
10.30 am

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.

Gunnerton Railway Circle
3rd October
7 for 7.30pm
At St. Christopher's Church
Gunnerton
Eastcoast main line 1961

Lunch at Noon

Soup and Pud £3
Raffle
25th October
New guests always welcome

Soup & Dessert

Thursday 19th Oct.
Then 3rd Thursday each month.
12p.m.
Followed by needle felting
1.30pm
All welcome to either or
both
Wall Village Hall