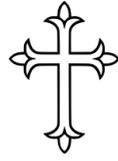




The October Broadsheet 2018



**for the parishes of
Humshaugh
with Simonburn & Wark, and
Chollerton with Birtley
Gunnerton & Thockrington**

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Chollerton Vicarage

As I write, we are beginning the harvest celebrations in churches, Chapels and schools and the colours are beginning to change again to the rich autumn hues. We have seen lovely clear skies in the evening with a richly coloured moon, - what a joy for us to live in a darker part of the country so that we can see the true beauty and infinite variety of the night sky. We are surrounded by harvesting and ploughing, breeding sheep and Tup sales and store cattle sales, and we are thinking about God the creator and his abundant generosity in the last of the festivals of the year that are tied to the seasons, the harvest; while also remembering that harvest is a lifelong and yearlong cycle in the modern age in which we live.

We have also seen much in the media about those who have little or nothing, who live in fear or in great poverty, who are fleeing from war and violence- something that can seem very far away in our corner of north Northumberland. We have seen the destruction of buildings, both ancient and modern, of communities, and of the fabric of lives. It is a very cruel harvest of violence, and an example of the inhumanity that humans show to each other when in extremis. Creation and harvests, good and bad.

What can we do to help others? We can do some practical things- We are regularly asked if we can help with supplying the foodbanks, and there is an ever increasing need for this. And we can pray- pray for wisdom to know the best and most helpful response to make ourselves. In addition we can pray for those in authority as they work out a sustainable way for peace in the future and care for others. These may sound like small things of themselves, but they are part of the response that we are all called to make as fellow stewards of the earth on which we live, with responsibility for each other. We cannot give thanks for what we have without remembering those who have nothing. We are each part of the earth, and play our part for good or for bad.

I found a prayer which expresses this, written by Margaret Harvey.

The world is yours. Lord,
In all its wonder and variety.
Help us to care for it and live on it responsibly;
Hold your gift with careful hands,
Valuing land and creatures
And one another.



God bless you all.

Sarah Lunn, (Priest in Charge, Chollerton Benefice)

Round and About Humshaugh

What a September Humshaugh has had! The wonderful coffee morning, inviting newcomers to the village; the very special 200th birthday of St. Peter's; David and Pat Prest, raising over £600 during their Macmillan coffee morning and then the fabulous Harvest Food and Flower Show....

Mothers' Union

In September, Adrian Langford came to give his talk about the Ambulance Service and on Thursday, October 4th, Anna Vogelberg will give her fascinating talk about her Childhood in Kyrgyzstan.

The meeting will take place at the Langfords' home and start at 1.30pm.

Humshaugh First School



Messy Church has started again and will be held each Tuesday from 3.05pm. Parents, Relatives and Friends are invited to the **Community Soup Lunch and Harvest Festival** on Thursday, October the 4th starting at 1.15pm.

Pub Quiz



The October Quiz will be held on Tuesday the 16th and will be in aid of the Bonfire Night Fireworks.

Mick will be Question Master and the Quiz will start at 8pm.

HAP



On Friday, October 12th, the film will be "The Commitments", a tale set in Ireland about young people creating a Blues Band. Funny with great music. There will be a main meal and puds.

Adult tickets: £10 (with food) and Under 16s: £5 (with food). Doors will open at 6.45pm and the film starts at 7.30pm

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A talk, called "Remedies, Pills and Potions" will be given by Carol Cooke at the George Hotel on Monday November 12th at 7.30pm. Admission £5 by ticket only, available from early October at the Village Shop or by telephoning Jen Ogle on 681193.

Liesbeth Langford

Thank you to everyone who helped with both the Bishops' Mission Weekend and Humshaugh's 200 year celebrations. All that you did is really appreciated and you made the weekend go smoothly, thank you again..

Steve

The funeral service for Eileen Payne was held at the West Road Crematorium on Thursday the 4th of September followed by a reception tea at Humshaugh village hall. Eileen was remembered as a gifted and dedicated nurse, and long time supporter of Save the Children. Please keep Tony and all family and friends in your prayers.

WARK PARISH NOTES

Autumn is upon us; I will not use that old clichéd phrase describing Autumn other than to say what a summer of weather and events we have had. So we turn thoughts to October with the first being Harvest. As you travel around there a few fields still await the combine, so let us hope the weather permits this to be completed successfully.

Harvest celebrations commence here at St. Michael's on Friday 5th October with the pupils from school coming to church for their service. This is not restricted to school children or their parents. All are most welcome for 9.00am on that Friday. Past experience has been it is worth making the early morning effort to support the children.

On Sunday 7th October, at 6.00pm in St. Michael's there will be an Evening Prayer service to celebrate Harvest. All gifts for these services should be left at church. Those with an eye on their stomach, and a sweet tooth, will know of the Guild 'Soup & Pudding' night which this year is on Monday 8th in the Community Room, Westacres. This gets going at 7.00pm at a cost of £4.00 per person. You will enjoy the food and the chat at the same time as supporting a good cause.

Over the summer months we have welcomed Jenny Ward, Freya Forsyth and Parker Grieve into the church through Baptism here at St. Michael's. We send our best wishes to them and to the parents and godparents who introduced them and thank all for their introduction.

Happy occasions are sometimes followed by sadness and although he considered his home to be 'over the river', Robin Archer, a retiree to Wark a number of years ago from Birtley, was well known and respected by locals here. Sadly, Robin died on 5th September. A service with memories of his life was held, following a private cremation, in St. Giles, Birtley, on 18th September. A character whose knowledge

of sheep breeding will be difficult to pass. A great friend. Thoughts and prayers are with all the family.

Now, I have seen the results from this next bit and kindly ask, if able, for your involvement. Believe it or not I am not one for knit one, purl one but the idea behind this is great. My neighbour, Mary Bell (230371) has come across 'Knitted Teddies' for Ambulance and Fire Services. The principal behind this is that the personnel keep a teddy in their ambulance and should they be called to an incident where a child is involved, the teddy can be given, to keep, with the hope being comfort to the child who goes off to hospital, clutching the teddy with a big smile on his or her face.

Mary is asking for knitters' help (she has the pattern which does not mean a thing to me) and has a big request for Double knitting wool (each teddy requires 3 or 4 colours) So, if able please contact Mary with your knitting needles ready or balls of wool to offer. This is something great for the parish to take up. Thank you.

I believe all October happenings are covered here or elsewhere in **THE BROADSHEET** so will leave you in peace until November when, no doubt Christmas will come up for chat.

Do recall, this November Remembrance service will be special, further details next edition.

Love to all

John

Chollerton News

Chollerton Parish Council (Civil Parish) Any resident of Chollerton, who has been on the electoral roll for at least one year, and who feels that they would like to become a councillor, should contact Liz Atkinson, 07765388918 or elizabeth.atkinsonmotherhen@btopenworld.com

Friends of Chollerton Churches (a note for your diary). Once again Music in the Chapel at Chipchase on the earlier date of 14th December. Don't miss out on this magical evening! See November Broadsheet for details.

A Thanksgiving service to celebrate the life of Ron Monument was held at St Giles Church, Chollerton on Tuesday 31st July following a service of cremation. Ron, who was aged 73, had lived in Gunnerton for 35 years. We remember him with love and thanksgiving, and our thoughts are with Judith, his wife, and the family.

Gunnerton Church Luncheon Club

Lunches are held on the last Wednesday of the month
Please do join us on 31st October
and 28th November



at 12 noon
Soup, sweet, coffee or tea for just £3.00
All welcome



Chollerton First School's Harvest Festival



will be held on Friday 12th October, 9.30am in school.
All Welcome to come along and join us for this special service.
Donations of dried and tinned items will be collected for the
Northumberland Food Bank.

BIRTLEY AND DISTRICT GARDENING GROUP



This month's talk will be held in Birtley Village Hall
on Tuesday 9th October at 7.45pm

Bill Devonshire will be talking about
GEMS OF BRITISH GARDENING



Bill is a former lecturer in horticulture and speaker for the Alnwick Garden.
He is a hands-on, very keen gardener himself.

Doors open from 7pm, with coffee and tea.
Membership £20 for the year. Guests £4 per meeting.
All are welcome.

Further details from Margaret Watson 01434230204

Taizé Service

Revd. Elaine Ryder has restarted the Taizé style services and the next one will
be held on 14th October in St Peter's RC Church, Otterburn. Time to be
confirmed with more details from Elaine at revelaine212@gmail.com

Soup & Pudding Night



Monday 8th October
In the Community Room, Westacres.
At 7.00pm £4.00 per person.
You will enjoy good food and the chat.
Do Come Along



Birtley History Group

World War I

Wednesday 17th October in Birtley Village Hall

Bring along anything connected with WWI,
Photos, Poems, Songs, Postcards, Experiences of family members.



Chollerton WI on Wednesday, 3rd October, Marjorie Read will be giving a Flower Demonstration. This is an open meeting and visitors are most welcome. As usual we will be meeting at 7.30p.m. in Barrasford Village Hall. For our November meeting, we look forward to hearing about 'An Artist's Journey to the Frozen North' by Stevie Ronnie.

Simonburn Notes

I love the colours of the trees as the leaves change to their autumnal colours, but I am sad to say that the swallows and swifts have now left the village until next year. The Bicentennial Service at St. Peter's in Wark was a lovely service and thanks to everyone involved and for the lunch in the Village Hall.

The Harvest Festival in St. Mungo's will be held on Sunday 7th October and we will be decorating the church on Saturday 6th from 9am. Flowers or gifts of produce can be left in church and any help with flower arranging would be really appreciated.

At the end of this month, the children will be on half term, then Bonfire night and then the countdown to Christmas begins. How time flies!

Love Sharon



Cookery Demonstration

By

Jo Common from Noisette Catering

Simonburn Village Hall

Wednesday 17th October 7pm

Tickets only £10 includes Glass of wine & nibbles

Simonburn Tea Room on 681321 or

Christine Burrige on 681129



Christmas Fayre Table Top, Produce & Craft Sale

Saturday 17th November

Simonburn Village Hall

10am till 2pm. £10 per table, to be paid in advance please.

To book a table please contact Roger on 01434681077 or

Email: rogerhadley29@gmail.com

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2018			
Benefice of Chollerton		Benefice of Humshaugh	
Sunday 7th October			
Gunnerton Birtley	9am HC 10.30 HC	Harvest Festivals	
		Humshaugh Simonburn Wark	9.30am HC 11.00am HC 6.00pm EP
		<i>Late at Eight: contemporary worship, teaching and prayer....</i>	
		Humshaugh	8.00pm
Readings: Genesis: 2; 18-24; Hebrews: 1: 1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10; 2-16		Readings: Job 1.1; 2.1-10, Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12, Mark 10.2-16	
Sunday 14th October			
Thockrington Chollerton	9am HC 10.30 HC	Humshaugh Simonburn Wark	9.30am MP 11.00am MP 6.00pm HC
Readings: Amos 5; 6-7, 10-15; Hebrews 4: 12-end; Mark 10: 17-31			
Sunday 21st October			
Gunnerton Birtley	9am HC 10.30 HC	Humshaugh Simonburn Wark	9.30am HC 11.00am HC 6.00pm EP
Readings: Isaiah 53: 4-end; Hebrews 5: 1-10; Mark 10: 35-45			
Sunday 28th October			
Thockrington (Harvest) Chollerton	9.00am HC 10.30am HC	Wark Simonburn Humshaugh	9.30am HC 11.00am Matins 6.30pm EP
Thockrington Readings: Joel 2: 21-27; 1 Timothy 6: 6-10; Matthew 6: 25-33		Readings: Isaiah 55: 1-11; 2 Timothy 3: 14- 4:5; John 5: 36-end	
Thursday 2nd November			
		Service for All Souls Humshaugh 7.00pm	
Readings: Isaiah 25.6-9, Revelation 21.1-6a, John 11.32-44			
HC - Holy Communion. MP – Morning Prayer. EP – Evening Prayer.			