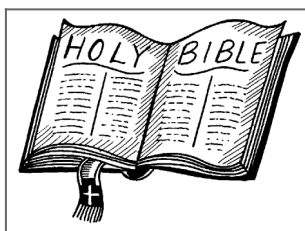


The May Broadsheet 2023

**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 for the church May magazines.

I am writing to you at the end of a beautiful fine Spring weekend. Only a week after Easter, but with a sky full of the sound of curlews, a garden full of daffodils, and the field over the fence filling quickly with new lambs.

After finishing cutting the piece of field we call a lawn, and feeling happy with life, I have looked at a news feed. What a story! Tartan camper van, Boris handed a moral defeat, Trump being daily more exposed as a career criminal fit to make Mr Capone blush, Russia gone mad and China threatening to follow them.

Yet, we know that the extremes of life sell access to advertising, while goodness has a much lower appeal to the sellers of all the things we are told we need. Will Harry's attendance at the Coronation increase the advertising revenue of ITV or Sky? Well we all know the answer to that one, but continue to get downhearted at the state our generations have got the world, our earthly world as distinct from God's creation, into. As I am typing these words the computer is informing me of yet more trouble in Sudan.

What must God think of the way in which his people are treating his creation? His still small voice sends us the cry of the curlew and the colour of the daffodils, a reminder of goodness and joy, forgiveness despite our wickedness.

Let's pray that the coming generation make a better job of things than we have done! If anyone would like to be inspired by the young people of tomorrow, join us at Simonburn for our Pentecost schools week. I promise you will leave more confident about the future than when you began.

Amen
Michael Nixon



FRIENDS of CHOLLERTON CHURCHES

Advance notice that we are delighted we are once again holding a Garden Party at The Riding courtesy of Charles and Tina Enderby. As last year a brass band will be playing to keep us entertained in the beautiful gardens.

*Keep the date free for the evening of Friday 30th June
More information will appear in May/June issues.*

Christian Aid Coffee morning

In Wall Village hall
Saturday 20th May at 10am
All welcome



The Journey to Pentecost

If you would like to volunteer to help with our next schools trail, please get in touch with Tish and David Easby on easby904@btinternet.com

The dates are

Tuesday 16th May -Otterburn school

Wednesday 17th May - Chollerton school

Monday 22nd May - Kielder/Greenhaugh schools

Tuesday 23rd May - Humshaugh school

Wednesday 24th May - Bellingham school

Thursday 25th May - Wark School

Friday 26th May - Cambo school

9.15 - 2.30 each day, lunch provided.

We need help with activity leaders, group leaders, refreshments and cake baking for the event

If you can help in any way (we need about 12/14 adults each day) please get in touch with Tish and David with your preferred dates and roles.

We also need 2 people per day to man the kitchen and also soup makers. Please contact Helen on bingfieldfarm@aol.com for all catering queries and offers of help

Thank you, in anticipation,

Frances Dower, Judith Sadler and Jane Abrams

HUMSHAUGH NOTES May 2023

The Easter Cross, near the church, was still full of flowers for the funeral of Alan Willis on April the 13th. He will be remembered by many for his lovely smile and his friendliness.

To celebrate the Coronation on the 6th of May, the event will be screened in the Village Hall.

All are welcome – bring along your own refreshments. No booking required – just turn up to share this historic day with others. Watch out for more details nearer the event.

There will be a coffee morning on Saturday May the 13th 10-12, in aid of North Tyne Voices.

Humshaugh First School has raised an amazing £73.00 for Comic Relief! The school is so lucky to have a real-life scientist as their Chair of Governors: Herbie Newell donned his Lab Coat and worked with the children in Class 2 and 3 to celebrate British Science Week.

The March Quiz was won by “The No-Nohls-Scott Ensemble” and £210 was raised for the Village Hall. The May Quiz, on Tuesday the 16th, will be in aid of The Crown Players Drama Group at 8.30 pm.

Love, Liesbeth

Don't forget

Coronation Family Fun Day

May 7th **Gunnerton** Playing Field
from 1pm

Competitions for the best Home
made cake (Adults)

and Best Crown to be decorated at
the event (Children)

Bouncy Castle, Races, Raffle and
Childrens Tombola

Bring a BBQ or picnic and your
seats to sit back and have some fun.

Please come and join us
for
**Coffee and a celebratory
glass of Prosecco**

following the service at
Chollerton
on Sunday 7 May

All welcome

Birtley Notes

Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles 111. A parish 'Get-together' will be held at the Village Hall/Playing field on Sunday 7th May starting from 2pm. Bring your own refreshment and drinks. Fingers crossed for good weather, but in the hall if not.

The Gardening Group are holding their Plant Sale on Sunday 14th May in the Village Hall. Do come along, it will be nice to get some new/different plants for your garden.

A reminder that it is the Church Fete and Dog show on Saturday 3rd June at 2.30 pm. This will be held at the Village Hall/ Playing field. Dog show information from Lesley Gosling, let's hope for a sunny day.

I notice that Charles and Tina Enderby are again opening their lovely garden at The Riding, St John Lee. This is on Friday evening 30th June. I was there last year and this garden is well worth a visit.

Regards Mary.

Birtley Gardening Group

PLANT SALE

Sunday 14th May at 2pm

In the Village Hall



St Giles Church
FETE' and DOG SHOW

Saturday 3rd June at
2.30pm.

in
Birtley Village Hall

Christian Aid Week May 14th-20th House to House Collection in Wark

Please give generously when an envelope comes through your door in Wark. Your gifts can help pigeon pea farmers in Malawi to change their own lives. Enabling families to educate their children and secure a better future.

Look out for the date for the Big Brekkie at Wark School.

**7th May 5th Sunday of Easter : Acts 7: 55-end; 1 Peter 2: 2-10;
John 14: 1-14 (Coronation Weekend)**

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 Special Ecumenical Service for Coronation at Wark
10.30am Parish Worship at Falstone
11.00am Parish Worship at Otterburn
(11.30 Service at Simonburn cancelled)
4.00pm Holy Communion at Bingfield
6.00pm Holy Communion at Elsdon
(Please note the services may be adjusted due to Coronation events)

14th May 6th Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday) : Acts 17; 22-31; 1 Peter 3: 13-end; John 14: 15-21

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 (Rogation)
5.00pm Holy Communion at Horsley
6.00pm Holy Communion at Wark

18th May Ascension Day Acts 1: 1-11; Ephesians 1: 15-end; Luke 24: 44-end

10.00am Holy Communion at Bellingham
7.30pm Holy Communion at Chollerton

21st May 7th Sunday of Easter : Acts 1: 6-14; 1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11; John 17: 1-11

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 Evensong at Simonburn



28th May Pentecost: Acts 2: 1-21; 1 Corinthians 12: 3b- 13; John 20: 19-23

8.00am Holy Communion (said BCP) at Bellingham

8.30am Holy Communion at Chollerton

10.00am Deanery Zoom

10.30am Holy Communion at Heavenfield

3.00pm Holy Communion at Byrness

6.00pm Parish Worship at Thorneyburn

6.00pm Holy Communion at Humshaugh

6.00pm Parish Worship at Wark

Bingfield with St. Oswald-in-Lee and Wall.

Well lambing still underway and all the children back to school. We have not had any snow yet (we often do when lambing). The garden is coming on in leaps and bounds but so are the weeds. I have had to take lots of plants out of my greenhouse and cover with plastic hoping the frost will not get them, to make room for the hundreds of seedlings which need pricking out and potting up. My poly tunnel which I was promised a few months ago is still under construction so I am very short of space.

The Easter service at Heavenfield was packed and it was great to see lots of children in attendance. They all enjoyed the egg hunt after the service even though it was very chilly whilst the adults had coffee and hot cross buns in the church

Many thanks must go to Ros for organising the plant sale at Wall.

There was a good variety of quality plants on offer, also thanks to Tish and David for the coffees on offer. A total of almost £600 was raised for church funds.

The children who attended the Easter competitions at St. George's seemed to enjoy themselves and again thanks to Tish for doing coffee's and Jill for heating hot cross buns.

Don't forget the Christian Aid coffee morning in Wall village hall at 10a.m. on 20th May

Be good to each other.

Helen



WARK PARISH NEWS

As part of Wark parish's celebration to mark the crowning of King Charles 3rd and Queen Camilla we plan to have an event at St. Michael's church on Sunday 7th May. The day will start with Holy Communion at 8.30am followed by the opening of the decorated Coronation Tree exhibition at 10.30am. There will be activities around the church leading to a short act of worship at midday following on with more activities and a shared picnic in the church or grounds (depending on the weather) and the cutting of the Coronation cake. At printing deadline date for this month's Broadsheet, I'm not aware of any other events being arranged but there could be so keep looking and listening for them. We look forward to welcoming you to St. Michael's.

Once the arrangements for this celebration are over attention will turn to the Garden Fete on Saturday 1st July about which I'll give more information in the next Broadsheet.

It has been so nice to see the roads leading to Wark so colourful with daffodils and before May is out we'll be able to enjoy the bluebells at Blindburn. We are fortunate to live in this part of the world.

Until we chat again, enjoy the celebrations and I hope it will be warmer!

Love to all

John

Our Sarah, Claire and Frances with our new Bishop Helen-Ann and Sarah's sheep



Simonburn Notes

I hope you all had a lovely Easter.

We welcome Helen Sherlock as a new Churchwarden of St. Mungo's, who will work along side Bob Lamb.

We now have a card reader in church for contactless donations, how very modern!

It's nearly that time of year, when we begin the planning of the Village Fete, in aid of St.Mungo's. There will be a fete meeting on Tuesday 2nd May 6.30pm in Simonburn Village Hall, please come along with all your ideas. We always get lots of lovely comments about our Fete but we can't continue this tradition without lots of help.

We look forward to getting together on Sunday 7th May for a Coronation Lunch, in the village hall, as King Charles III is crowned. Fingers crossed that the weather is fine for us all.

The Journey to Pentecost, starts on 16th May, for two weeks in Simonburn. It is such a lovely sight, seeing the children walking up to the church and hearing them playing outside.

Don't forget Bacon butties on the first Tuesday of each month, in the village Hall.

Take Care

Love Sharon x

Lunch at Noon

(formerly Gunnerton Lunch Club)

Wednesday 24 May at 12pm
(and the last Wednesday of each month except August)

Do come and enjoy homemade soup, pudding and tea/coffee
£3 + raffle

All are welcome

BACON BUTTIES, TEA and COFFEE!!!

To be served outside the
Hearse House,
**St Giles Church,
Chollerton**

**Saturday, 20 May, 10am
– 1pm**

Please drop by – we'd
love to see you!
All funds to

CHRISTIAN AID

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.

Rogationtide Walk SUNDAY 4 JUNE

Come and join us on a walk to Great Bavington to share in Tea on the Lawn accompanied by St George's Band, and followed by a Songs of Praise service in the church.



**Walkers:
please make
arrangements for
returning to your
setting off point**



3:15pm
Gathering at the two
starting points

3:30pm
Walk sets off

5:30pm
Tea on the Lawn
at Gt Bavington URC

6:30pm
Songs of Praise Service

To register a place on the walk setting off from Thodrington Church
contact Sarah Lunn : sarahlunn63@gmail.com

To register for a place on the walk setting off from Kirtwhelpington Church
contact Jane Armstrong: jarmy_55@yahoo.co.uk

For non-walkers attending the Tea and Service please
contact Julian Sanders: sanders.julian@talk21.com

Prayer Gatherings

Would you value some time to step away from the busyness of life and find space with God? If so, you are very welcome to come along to a future Prayer Gathering.

We meet once a month for an hour or so to chat, listen, attend, pray, encourage one another and share Christian fellowship.

Once each season we meet for a little longer, a morning or sometimes a day, to think and pray around a particular theme, listening to Bible passages, maybe using a poem to pray or enjoying reading and sharing further thoughts round a topic. After discussion together we then have some quiet time, by ourselves, to reflect on the reading and just to wait and listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying, making sense of God-incidences in our lives and connecting what others have said. During this quiet time some of us like to go for a short walk, others to be creative, to read, or just to sit and enjoy the silence. Towards the end of our time we come back together again to share, listen and pray.

During our longer times together, we always share a simple, pooled lunch of soup, cheese and biscuits - and sometimes cake! Conversation over lunch is often lively, animated and friendships are forged and renewed before we go our separate ways, reinvigorated by meeting with fellow Christians in our purpose to share God's love. Do join us!

Our next Gatherings are:

8th June, 10.30am - 12 noon at The Rectory, Wark

13th July, Quiet Day at Alnmouth Friary

10th August, 10.30am - 12 noon at The Rectory, Wark

If you would like to know more or come along please contact Sally Napier on wannies30@btinternet.com or Cathy Smith on contactcathysmith@gmail.com

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 3rd May

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.

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 6TH MAY

10 am—midday



Soup & Dessert

Thursday 18th May
& 3rd Thursday each
month. 12p.m.

Wall Village Hall