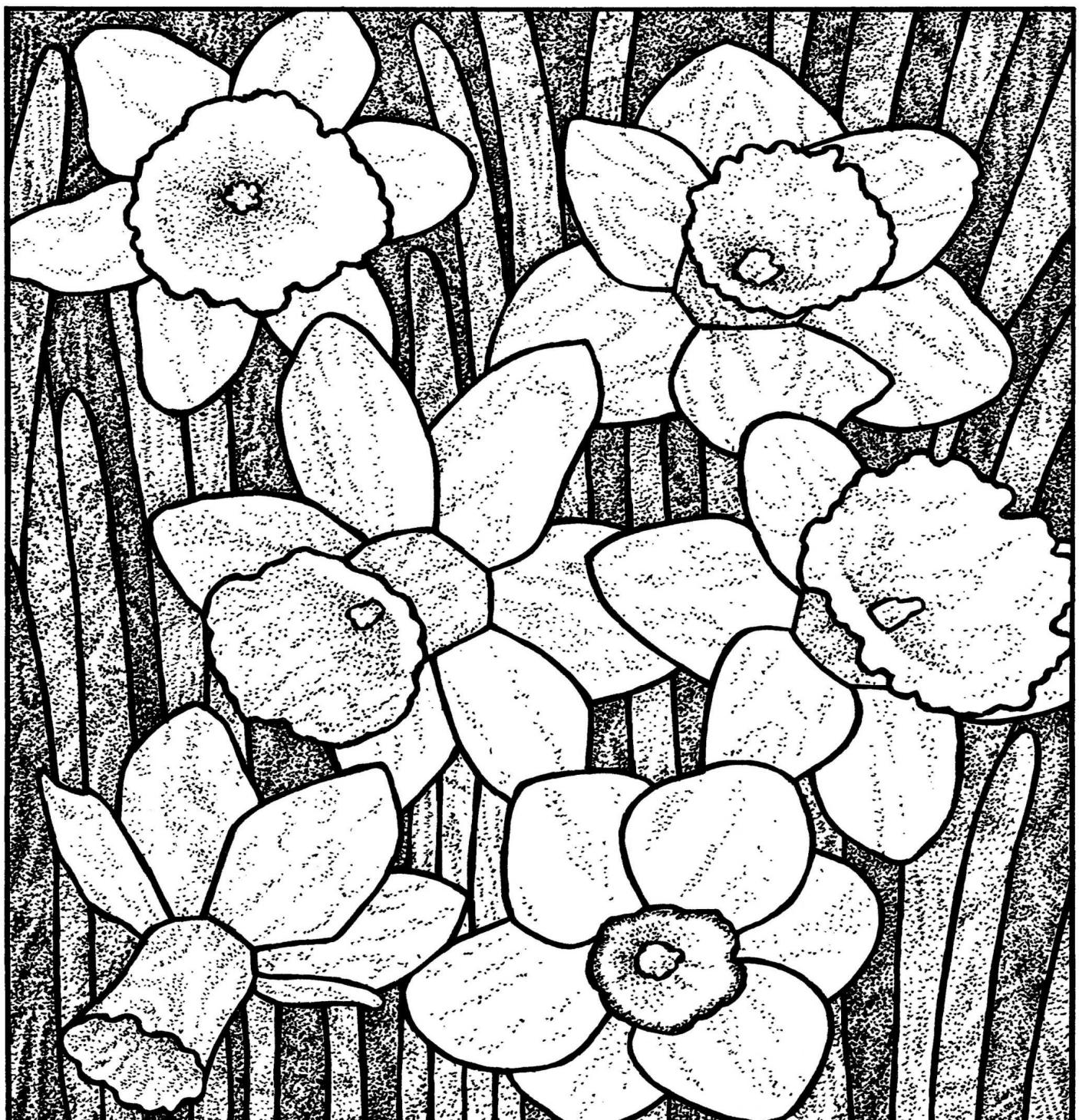


THE RIVERSIDE PARISHES

All Saints Hurworth Newsletter

March 2021

**All Saints Hurworth, St John the Baptist Low Dinsdale and All
Saints Girsby, working with St George and St Lawrence,
Middleton St George**



THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

This year, the whole of the month of March falls within the season of Lent. Lent is a time of waiting, of expectation, in preparation for the joy of Easter Day. During Lent we remember the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tempted by the devil. Jesus fasted during this time, and many people use Lent as a period of self-discipline, trying to give up something that they enjoy, or dedicating themselves to a new and positive venture.

It feels as though, for much of the last 12 months, we have been living through some kind of extended Lent. We have been forced to give up so many of the things we hold dear. This time it's not chocolate we've given up: we've given up the joy of visiting friends and family; we've given up our team sports and social hobbies; some have lost their very livelihoods. The most basic of human joys have been denied, and needs have gone unmet. And we do not yet know when it will end.

Easter is the most important of all the Christian festivals because it reminds us of the eternal hope that we have, in the fact of the resurrection. After the awful, heart-breaking events of Good Friday, when they crucified the one we thought had come to save humanity, the resurrection brings clarity and understanding; it reveals the new order. We learn that the sacrifice was not in vain. But the sacrifice was still real, just as the losses that many of us have faced, including the biggest loss of all – the loss of the life of a loved one – are real losses. But they need not be the end of the story.

Whether we are able to celebrate Easter in church or not, Christians will always draw comfort from the remembrance of Jesus rising from the tomb to bring us hope.

Julia H Clarke Senior Church Warden

Prayer for Families

Dear Father God,
 In this month, when we especially think about mothers, we thank you for the families and friends you have given us. You know how hard it has been to have been separated over these past months, how much we have missed and longed for their hugs, their physical presence and fellowship.



As we hold on to the hope of overcoming the pandemic, help us to be strengthened by the power of the love we receive – and to strengthen others by the love we give.

May we know that, wherever we are, whatever our circumstances, we and our loved ones are held safe and connected by your unfailing love for us, revealed in Jesus – who is alive – and from whom nothing, no pandemic, no man-made turmoil, absolutely nothing and no-one can separate us, when we put our trust in Him.

Thank you, Father, that we belong to your family. Thank you for the love and security we have in you.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

WHAT'S ON OFFER FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS?

Until the current Coronavirus restriction are lifted it is not possible to say when the following youth activities in the village will begin again:

All Saints Church Creche—cancelled until further notice

Hurworth Friday Hangout—cancelled until further notice

Friday Night Drop In—cancelled until further notice



VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

As you all know Hurworth Village Hall has been closed for several weeks because of you know what.

And, if you think we (The Village Hall Committee) has enjoyed the break and managed to put our feet up you'd be wrong. The Village Hall is an asset to the village of Hurworth and an absolute gem on your doorstep and as such it needs to be looked after, cherished and enjoyed.

So what have we been doing ?

Well, as you enter through the front doors into the main hall you'll see immediately. The whole room has been given a fresh lick of paint and not only that, its had a colour change! You'll need to brace yourselves because it's different and I'm certain some of you will like it and some of you won't.

We've also replaced the flooring in the back room. Well, when I say 'we've replaced the flooring' I should say that master craftsman Jilly Lawrence has replaced the flooring. Out goes the old and tired grey lino and in comes a new, solid and hard wearing wooden floor. I'm certain all of you will agree that this does make a great difference and looks fantastic.

If you're new to the village and want to truly embrace village life and the events we host, or perhaps you've been here a long time and still don't know where the Village Hall is why not make a special effort in 2021 and join us ?

You never know, you could be the next sprout rolling champion or pudding club winner!

Fingers crossed we'll get back into the hall and enjoying ourselves sometime soon.



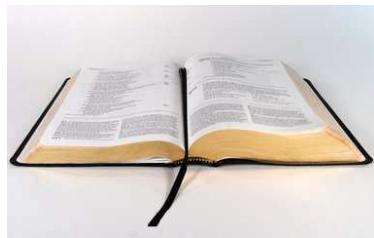
HURWORTH VILLAGE HALL

In the meantime stay safe one and all

Church Services in Hurworth, Middleton St George, Low Dinsdale and Girsby



March 2021



<u>Thurs 4th</u>	Hurworth	8.00am	Morning Prayer
<u>Sunday 7th</u>	Hurworth	10.30am	Service of the Word
<u>Thurs 11th</u>	Hurworth	8.00am	Morning Prayer
<u>Sunday 14th</u>	Hurworth	10.30am	Service of the Word
<u>Thurs 18th</u>	Hurworth	8.00am	Morning Prayer
<u>Sunday 21st</u>	Hurworth	10.30am	Service of the Word
	Dinsdale	11.00am	Morning Prayer
<u>Thurs 25th</u>	Hurworth	8.00am	Morning Prayer
<u>Sunday 28th</u>	Hurworth	10.30am	Palm Sunday
			Service of the Word
<u>Monday 29th</u>	Hurworth	7.00pm	Evening Prayer & Meditation
<u>Tuesday 30th</u>	Hurworth	7.00pm	Evening Prayer & Meditation
<u>Wed 31st</u>	Hurworth	7.00pm	Evening Prayer & Meditation

All Hurworth Services are streamed live on Zoom

Link details are available on request from the editor

**THE ABOVE LIST OF SERVICES IS SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT/
CANCELLATION SHOULD WE BE ADVISED ABOUT ANY FURTHER
CHANGES BY THE GOVERNMENT OR THE DIOCESE.**

WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO KEEP YOU INFORMED.

St George and St Laurence Church, Middleton St George

We invite you to join us at our Sunday services, which are held online via
Zoom every week at 10am.

Please contact services@stlmsg.org for the weekly link.



Wear your daffodil and unite in memory

Marie Curie, the UK's leading end-of-life care charity will this year celebrate their 35th annual Great Daffodil Appeal, which is held every March across the UK. The money raised from this appeal enables the charity to continue their vital work providing care and support to people living with a terminal illness and their families.

The coronavirus continues to have a devastating effect on Marie Curie's fundraising, as activities up and down the country have had to be cancelled. However, there's still lots of ways people can get involved, with things like the Step into Spring Challenge in March where people walk 10,000 steps a day, they can host a virtual collection or buy and wear one of the charity's iconic daffodils in memory of a loved one.

This year will be even more special as the charity encourages the nation to come together to reflect, grieve and remember for a National Day of Reflection. Tuesday 23rd March 2021 will mark one year since the UK first went into a nationwide lockdown and Marie Curie is inviting the nation to unite and remember those who died and show support and solidarity for those who have been bereaved. The charity knows how important it is for people to grieve and the emotional and psychological impact of not being able to say goodbye properly and grieving in isolation can have.

Due to the pandemic, Marie Curie won't have their normal collections on the street, so donations are more important than ever. To support the Great Daffodil Appeal, you can donate at www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil or you can buy your daffodil pin in store at a number of high street stores including Superdrug or Savers.

From the Parish Records

Funeral: 14th January

Blanche Barnfather (aged 96 years)

20th January

Eleanor Peat (aged 87 years)

(Darlington Crematorium)



CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Whilst the current Coronavirus restrictions remain in place no further meetings are planned.

We look forward to seeing you soon

APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Hurworth Rogers Charitable Trust is a local charitable fund, created to benefit people living in the Hurworth area.

The Trustees of this fund very much welcome funding applications relating to at least one of the following charitable purposes of the Trust.

To assist the elderly who are suffering financial hardship or are in poor health.

To assist those suffering from mental illness.

To promote the development of young people.

Such other charitable purposes as defined by law and which advance a public benefit.

These points provide a brief and general description of the Trust's charitable purposes and are intended only to guide anyone in deciding if they may qualify for assistance.

We look forward to receiving and considering applications, but please note that all final decisions will be made by the Trustees.

The Trustees are always happy to receive donations to further the charitable objectives of The Trust.

If you would like an application form, please contact the Trust Secretary, Mrs Milly Stoney. milly.stoney@outlook.com

HURWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Questionnaire Results

Option to create a 2nd Playpark

The results of the questionnaire sent to all residences in Hurworth last summer, can be summarised as follows:-

1249 questionnaires were posted, and 255 were returned equalling a 20% return rate: 10 were returned incomplete (number missing) and 4 were received back after the deadline date; none of these are included in the data

There was a lot of support for a second play area in the village, but as DBC would be responsible for the upkeep of the play area and HPC is dependent on their agreement for the project to go ahead.

The response which HPC received from DBC stated that they would not support a second play area in Hurworth, but they would and do support plans to significantly improve The Grange facilities.

The decision at this time is not to proceed with a second play area. It was clear that without the support and commitment of Darlington Borough Council, it will not be possible to construct and maintain a new playground.

Plans for the upgrade of the playground at Hurworth Grange are now well advanced, and the schematic below shows the potential layout. Any updates will be posted on <https://www.facebook.com/HurworthparksandRec>. If anyone would like to be involved in this project or any businesses would like to support with the upgrade, please get in contact by emailing HurworthparksandRec@gmail.com

It is hoped that work will start on the upgrade as soon as its safe to do so.



BUILD AN ARK

Genesis 7:1 The LORD then said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation.

Locked in to the ark, is a feeling we might all relate to at this time during the pandemic.

After this pandemic some of us may have to relearn how to be alone, because we have not had the opportunity to be alone at all with home schooling online and everyone in the house.

Some of us might have to relearn how to relate to others, because we have got so used to being and spending the days alone.

But at this time we are all Locked in. Noah, was also “locked in” and his acts of building an ark of safety were what kept him and his family safe.

I wonder what Noah and his family and the animals did while in the ark? Did they also watch Netflix, or do jigsaw puzzles, or work from the ark? Did they also have to learn how to work Zoom and tackle technology?

Some of the lessons I am learning is to establish daily family routines, and rituals, and habits that will sustain us and keep us from madness of boredom and distraction. I firmly believe staying busy, getting up in the morning and getting dressed for the day, going for walks, regular prayer and reading, and staying active are ways we can anchor ourselves through this storm.

So I invite you build yourself an ark.

Get ark-ed into prayer.

Ark-ed into reading and connecting with God.

Ark-ed into looking after others.

Ark and commit yourself to learn a new skill or habit.

These will give your life some structure in these crazy times

Rev Brian Hutton

Walk and pray for your community in 2021

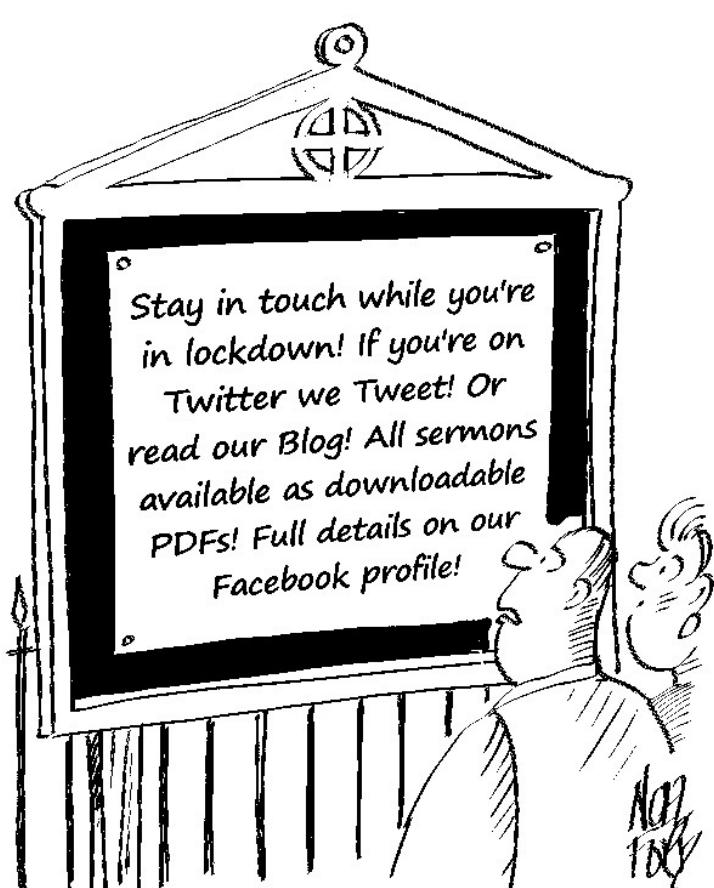
Our communities have all been being affected by the Covid-19 pandemic: our schools, hospitals, neighbours, churches, friends and families, so when we're out on our daily walk, let's turn the time to prayer.

That's the challenge from HOPE Together, which is encouraging Christians to walk and pray in 2021.

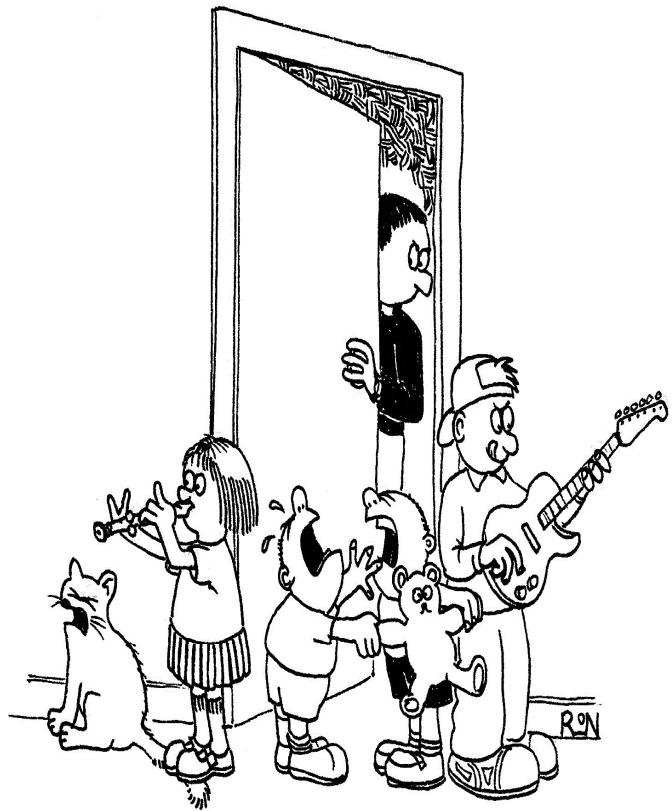
Rachel Jordan-Wolf, HOPE's executive director, says: 'Whatever time, wherever you live, whilst we're able and permitted to walk – let's walk and talk to the one who has the power to act and bring change.'

HOPE is bringing together resources and ideas for prayer walking from many UK prayer ministries. An app is also being developed to track where Christians have walked and prayed throughout the UK. This is part of a worldwide Every Home for Christ initiative called Oikos, which aims to take the Christian message of hope to every home on the planet over the next 20 years.

To find out more visit www.hopetogether.org.uk/prayerwalk21



"...and we used to grumble about not understanding archaic church language!"



Kevin took himself off to his study to pray for peace

Tomato Plants

Although it may not yet feel like spring, we have started preparing to grow tomato plants, which are expected to be ready in late March/early April, depending on the weather.

We will have the usual wide variety of plants again this year - see next month's newsletter for further details

Contact Fred Thompson Tel 720746

All proceeds for church funds.



SMILE LINES

THE CAT:

A vicar and his wife were going out for the evening, and carefully set the security lights and put the cat out. But when they opened the door to go to the taxi, the cat slipped back in and disappeared upstairs. Irritated, the vicar followed it.

The wife waited with the taxi driver. Not wanting him to know that they were leaving the parsonage empty, she said: "My husband is just upstairs for a quick word with my mother."

A few minutes later, the husband arrived, breathless. "Sorry I took so long" he said, "but she put up a fight! Stupid old thing was hiding under the bed and I had to poke her with a coat hanger and grab her by the scruff of the neck to get her out."

SIGN ON THE TOMB OF AN ATHEIST:

Here lies an atheist. All dressed up and sadly no place to go

Newsletter Information

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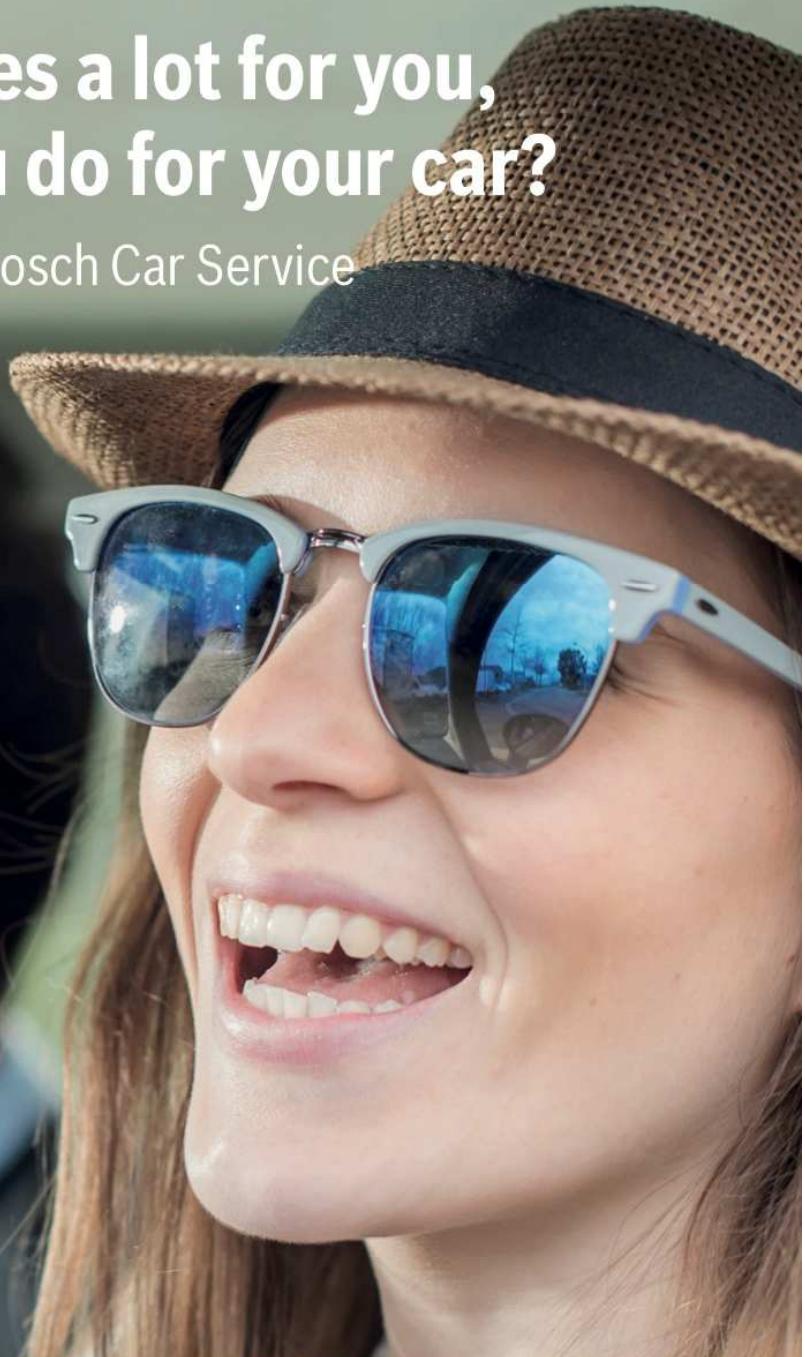
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If you wish to seek advice or guidance on church related matters please direct your enquiries to one of the members of the team listed below:

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(For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals in Dinsdale and Girsby, please contact the appropriate Church Warden initially.)

*"Where there is only one set
of footprints, that is where I
have carried you".*

