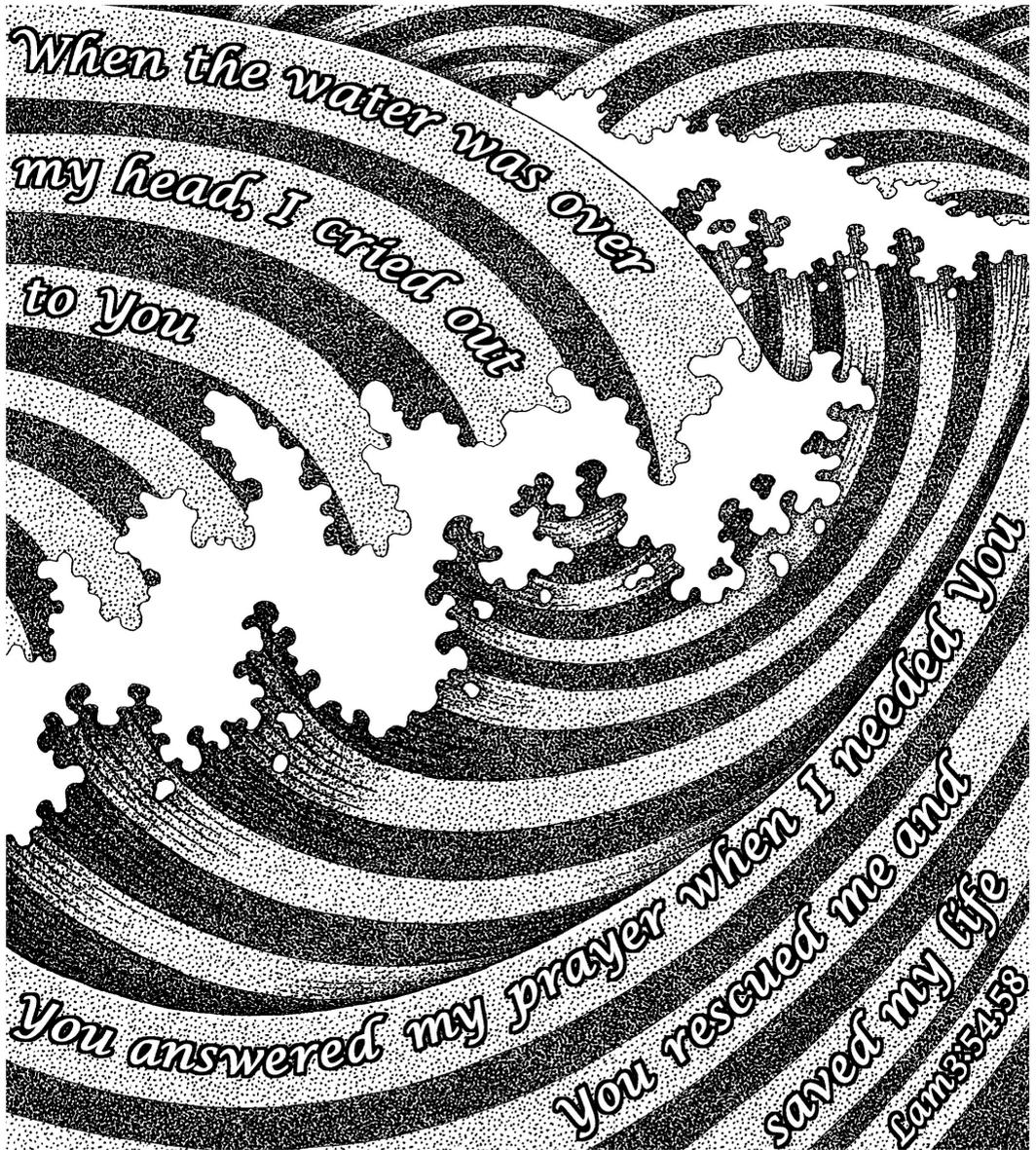


# THE RIVERSIDE PARISHES

All Saints Hurworth Newsletter March 2023

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 – MARCH 2023

## Lent

The word comes from an Old English word meaning “spring season”. It also happens to be the French word for “slow”.

In the Church of England, Lent is a period of 40 days leading up to Easter, reflecting the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness, fasting and being tempted. We have a yearly pattern of church seasons, reflecting all the major events in Jesus’ life, from the advent of His coming, through His birth, baptism, wilderness experience, teaching... and ultimately to His crucifixion, death, resurrection and ascension into Heaven. It’s a lot to fit into one year! No wonder many of us get confused about what actually happened when. Jesus’ time in the wilderness in fact happened at the start of His ministry, not the 40 days immediately before his death.

Still, the period leading up to Easter seems a sensible place for reflection. Easter is the most important event in the church calendar, and to make sense of it, it’s worth taking time to reflect. Which is why it seems quite fitting that any French speaker or indeed musician (Lento) may understand the word to mean “slow”.

Yes, Jesus fasted in the wilderness, and yes that leads to our tradition of “giving something up for Lent”. But most of us have already given up so much lately, and continue to go without, as the cost of living continues to bite us. So perhaps instead we should consider slowing down and reflecting, even if only for a few minutes each day. As I write this letter, Syria and Turkey have just experienced what looks to be a devastating earthquake. Maybe I’ll give up chocolate anyway, but I think it would do me, and hopefully those around me, more good if I spent some time slowing down and reflecting on what I could do to be more like Jesus in my approach to those in need around me.

**Julia Clarke**  
**Churchwarden**

**DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM  
ACCESS TO A FOODBANK?**

The Riverside Parishes Churches have combined forces to provide food parcels to local residents who may be struggling to put food on the table in these difficult times.

For more information in confidence  
call Jill Bramwell on 07818 418499 or 01325 721863

**Northallerton Male Voice Choir Concert**



**A concert by the Northallerton Male  
Voice Choir at All Saints Church  
Hurworth on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March at  
7.30 pm.**

**Tickets £8.00 each available from  
Pat De Martino, Tel 01325 720335.**

The Northallerton Male Voice Choir  
was established in 1968 and is highly  
regarded .

The Choir has performed at the Sage,  
Newcastle City Hall, Selby Abbey and  
the Royal Albert Hall.

## From the Parish Records

We take this opportunity to remember those dear to us but no longer with us as we hold them dear to our hearts today and always.  
May they rest in reace by your side forever



## WHAT'S ON OFFER FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS?



**All Saints Church Young Peoples activities**

10.30am every Sunday

**Hurworth Friday Hangout & Friday Night Drop In**  
All Saints Church Centre

### **Tomato Plants**

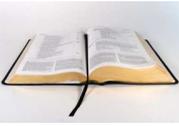
Although it may not yet feel like spring, we have started preparing to grow tomato plants, which are expected to be ready in late March/ early April, depending on the weather.

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.





**Church Services in Hurworth,  
Middleton St George, Low Dinsdale and Girsby  
March 2023**

Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	10.30AM	Holy Communion
	MSG Academy	10.00AM	Holy Communion
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	10.30AM	Morning Worship
	MSG Academy	10.00AM	Service of the Word
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Holy Communion
	MSG Academy	10.00AM	Service of the Word Mothering Sunday
	Hurworth	10.30AM	All Age Worship Mothering Sunday
	Dinsdale	11.00AM	Morning Prayer
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	10.30AM	Morning Worship
	MSG Academy	10.00AM	Holy Communion
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer

# A PRAYER FOR LENT

**Dear Father in Heaven**

**In this month, when Lent begins, we remember Jesus' experience in the wilderness. The world today can seem like a wilderness. So many difficult, incomprehensible things going on. It is tempting to turn away in horror or denial, tempting to look out for ourselves, tempting to take the easy path, to pay attention to whatever the culture dangles before our eyes.**

**Lord, please help us. We need your word to guide us. We need your Holy Spirit to fill and strengthen us. Help us to give our attention and our worship only to you.**

**Lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. Thank you, Father, for Jesus, who by his death and resurrection, opens the way to you. Help us to renew our trust in him and through him, to walk with you every day.**

**In his name, Amen.**

**By Daphne Kitching**

## **LENT FELLOWSHIP & STUDY**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> March

7pm refreshments for 7.30 until 9.00pm

Dinsdale Court, Middleton St George

For more information ring Ruth on 01325 401850

## **IMPORTANT REMINDER**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Clocks go Forward**



## CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

*Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 23*

*2.15 pm @ Church Centre*

*All Welcome*

### **THE HURWORTH ROGERS CHARITABLE TRUST** **Supporting The Community**

Hurworth community groups and residents are welcome to apply to the Trust.

We give grants to a broad range of projects and to individual residents in need who are:

Elderly

Have mental health issues

Young people wishing to achieve their physical, intellectual or spiritual potential

Or, feel that something would be beneficial to the common good of the people of Hurworth

Applying to the Trust is very straightforward.

If you think the trust may be able to help you or your community project please contact:

Mrs Milly Stoney, Trust Sec, 2 West End. Hurworth  
[milly.stoney@outlook.com](mailto:milly.stoney@outlook.com)

The Trust is always delighted to receive donations which will further support the community

#### **Strap Lines**

- Usually you feel no-one is listening – until you make a mistake.
- Staying in bed shouting 'Oh my God' will never replace going to church to worship him.
- People are like tea bags; they have to be in hot water to find out how strong they are.
- One nice thing about telling a clean joke is there's a good chance that no one has heard it before.

## World Water Day is 22<sup>nd</sup> March



We take clean water for granted. After all, when did you last turn on the tap and expect filthy water to come out?

But sadly, bad water is still a daily reality for billions of people. The United Nations wants to help them by ensuring that everyone can access clean water by 2030. It is part of the so-called '2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development', and it is an enormous challenge.

**Meanwhile, this year each one of us can do at least something to help on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. A donation to Water Aid will help provide safe water to marginalised communities worldwide.**  
[www.wateraid.org/uk](http://www.wateraid.org/uk)



### **St John the Baptist, Low Dinsdale Annual Daffodil Service Sunday 2nd April 2023 @ 3pm**

Come and enjoy the array of Daffodils along the avenue of lime trees, over the River Tees in Over Dinsdale and around, lovingly planted by friends and neighbours of Dinsdale and Girsby WI .

#### **All Welcome**

Light refreshments will be served after a service of reflection and thanksgiving. There will be a donations box for the Foodbank in church.

For more details on decorating flowers and refreshments

Contact Bridget on 01325 335752

## Hurworth Village Diary

### MAR 23

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Mar **Tribute night with Playback** the Grange 7.30pm  
tickets £15 (01325 720840)

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Mar **Cinema on your doorstep** Village Hall 3.00pm  
**'28 DAYS' starring Sandra Bullock** entry by donation

Soup & friendly company Village Hall 2.00pm  
entry by donation

### APRIL 23

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr **Annual Daffodil Service** St John the Baptist Church  
Dinsdale 3.00pm

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr **Cinema on your Doorstep** Village Hall 3.00pm  
**'DUKE' starring Jim Broadbent & Helen Mirren** entry by donation

Soup & friendly company Village Hall 2.00pm  
entry by donation

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Apr **Alpine Garden Society** The Grange 10.00-15.30  
**Cleveland Show** entry £3.00

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Apr **Tribute night** The Grange 7.30pm  
**with Jamies Tinkler** tickets £15 (01325 720840)

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Apr **FROM OPERA TO MUSICAL THEATRE**  
**Charlotte Potter (Int. Soprano)**  
All Saints Church 7.00pm  
Tickets £10 each form Bill Drumm on 07799 467817

### May 23

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> May **Coronation of King Charles Celebrations**  
**More details to be announced**

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> May **Classic Car and Motorcycle Show** The Grange  
10am to 4 pm

## HURWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Built in 1875, Hurworth Grange Community Centre is a magnificent facility centred in the village of Hurworth on Tees. Home of the parish council offices as well as several and much varied small businesses and the popular licensed Coffee Pot.

As a much loved community hub Hurworth Grange hosts numerous classes and functions as well as weddings, shows and sporting events in the 14.5 acres of beautiful parkland which surround the property.

There are numerous function rooms the largest of which, the Fletcher Hall, seats 160, all of which are available for hire.

The recently refurbished bar provides a good selection of drinks in a traditional village pub atmosphere where you



will not have to shout to be heard over loud music. The new Snug Bar is an ideal venue for friends to meet up and spend quality time together overlooking the parkland and patio.

Open 7 days a week, there is always a warm welcome waiting for you at The Grange.

For more information visit our web site on:  
[www.hurworthgrange.com](http://www.hurworthgrange.com).

or ring: 01325 720840

Email [hurworthgrange@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hurworthgrange@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Hurworth Churches Working Together**

### **Friendship.**

South African author Trevor Hudson writes: There is a friend-shaped hole in all of our lives. We long for deep friendships. We all long to be understood, known, cared for, supported, welcomed and heard.

Friendships get us through tough times.

Friendships lift and raise us up with fun activities.

Friendships have the potential to direct our new paths.

Friendships support us though life.

One of the hardest experiences to face is a sense of loneliness. We were not made to be alone.

As I look back over the years in my own life some friends have been with me for a season, some for a reason and others for a lifetime. Some friends have gone overseas, some have passed away, and others just no longer keep in touch. Although some friendships bridge the distances and are always in touch no matter how long or far.

Something I learned early is that God authentically and genuinely longs for friendship with me. In John 15:15 we discover God calls us his friends.

Available to you and me is God's great gift of friendship. God would like to meet me for coffee. God wants to share life with me. Like any other friendship it needs to be nurtured and cultivated through honesty and sharing and connection. But God longs for a friendship with me.

May I today invite you to think about it. God longs to be my friend. What a privilege that is if we are open to this reality.

**Rev Brian Hutton at Mustard Tree café**

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**The Riverside Parishes are currently in Interregnum and as such awaiting the appointment of a new Priest in Charge.**

**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, Girsby & MSG please contact the appropriate Church Warden initially)

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

