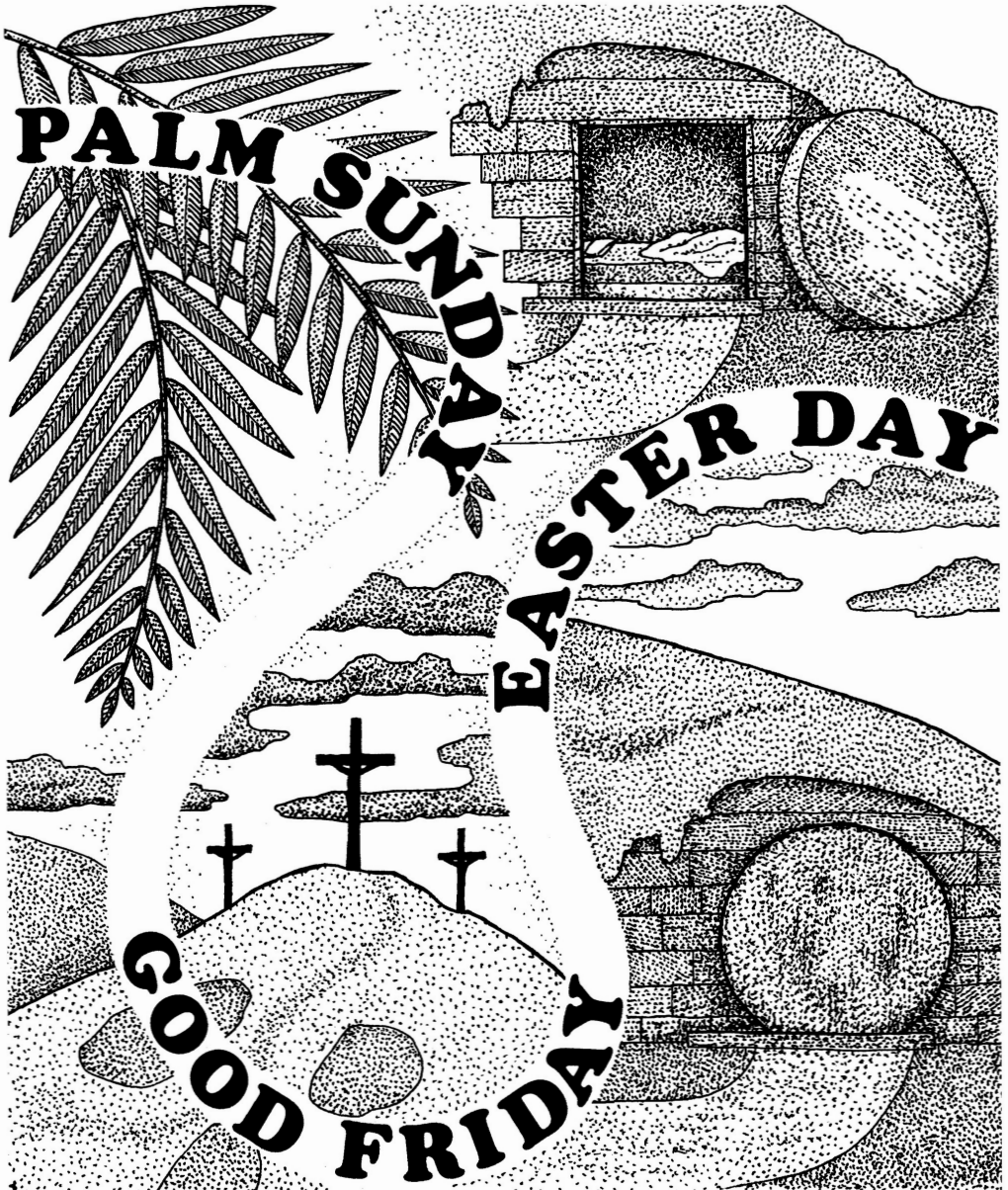


THE RIVERSIDE PARISHES

All Saints Hurworth Newsletter March 2024

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



Thought for the month.

Choosing life

Easter is early this year falling at the end of March and by the time you read this letter we will be two weeks into the season of Lent

For Christians, Easter is about life – the resurrection of Jesus which conquers death and brings hope. Many other people, however, celebrate with eggs and chocolate, a bank holiday and perhaps a family get-together, even if the religious aspects of the season pass them by.

Whatever their faith or lack of faith, most people want to live a good life, and Easter can be a time for us all to think about whether the way in which we live is life-enhancing or life-denying. Every day can be seen as a new chance to choose which of these two paths we are going to take.

A life-enhancing approach is about making the most of every day. People who live this way are the ones who bring joy to others, who act out of love and service. They see the good things in life and revel at the beauty of creation. They live loving lives and look beyond their own needs and desires.

The life-denying people are only concerned for themselves. What they value tends to be the material – money, a fast car – and their time is usually taken up doing things for themselves. They pick holes in everything and always see the worst in people.

Of course, most of us fall into both of these categories at different times in our lives, even from day-to-day. Perhaps the message of new life at Easter can prompt us to look at our lives and reflect on whether we can be life-enhancers more of the time. Some people find this easier than others, but all of us can make life better for others and for ourselves by choosing where our priorities lie.

We all have a choice about how we live. People often give up things for Lent; perhaps this year we could think about taking something up for Easter. In fact, why wait till then? Every day can be a new beginning. And even small acts of kindness can make a huge difference to someone else's life.

John De Martino

From the Parish Records

Service of Thanksgiving

2nd February 24

Christine Ann Thomason

Aged 81 years



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

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

ZOOM WORSHIP

The 10.30 Services at All Saints Hurworth are available on Zoom. For joining instructions contact:
juliahclarke@aol.com

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:

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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

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

TIME FOR A SMILE

Mother's reward

A man was decorating his new den and decided it was a good place to display all the awards he and his two sons had won at various athletic competitions. When he had filled two whole walls, he remarked to his wife that it was a shame she had no awards to contribute.

The following day, she produced, neatly framed, the birth certificates of their two sons, and added them to the display.

Mothers and teenagers

A woman was confiding in her neighbour just how hard it was for her to get her teenagers out of bed in the morning. The neighbour replied that she never had any trouble at all with her son. "I just open the door and throw the cat on the bed," she explained. The woman was puzzled, and asked how that might help. "Easy. My son sleeps with the dog."

Easter Prayer 2024

Almighty, God,

You hold all things in Your hands. You make sense of everything!

So often we only see where we are now, what we feel now, in this moment – but You know the end from the beginning.

In all our troubles, our assurance is in Your sovereignty, in Your mighty act of salvation.

Thank you that, just as after winter comes spring and after night comes morning, so, most gloriously, after death on Good Friday, comes resurrection on Easter Day!

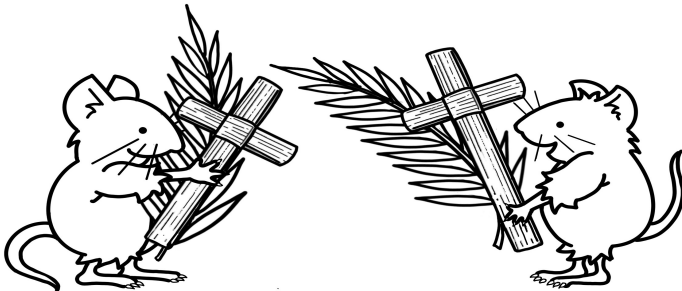
Christ is Risen – and we can know, by the indwelling of his Holy Spirit, that He is risen indeed!

We can know, in our real and every-day lives, where our help comes from.

Hallelujah! Thank you, living Lord,
In Jesus name.

Amen

By Daphne Kitching





**Church Services in Hurworth,
Middleton St George, Low Dinsdale and Girsby
March 2024**

Sun 3 rd	Girsby	9.00 ^{AM}	Holy Communion
	MSG Academy	10.00 ^{AM}	Service of the Word
	Hurworth	10.30 ^{AM}	Holy Communion
Thurs 7 th	Dinsdale	4.00 ^{PM}	Evensong
	Hurworth	8.00 ^{AM}	Morning Prayer
	Hurworth	8.00 ^{AM}	Holy Communion
Sun 10 th	MSG Academy	10.00 ^{AM}	Mothers Day Service
	Hurworth	10.30 ^{AM}	Mothers Day Service
	Hurworth	8.00 ^{AM}	Morning Prayer
Thurs 14 th	Hurworth	8.00 ^{AM}	Morning Prayer
Sun 17 th	Hurworth	8.00 ^{AM}	Holy Communion
	Dinsdale	9.00 ^{AM}	Holy Communion
	MSG Academy	10.00 ^{AM}	Service of the Word
	Hurworth	10.30 ^{AM}	All Age Worship
Thurs 21 st	Hurworth	8.00 ^{AM}	Morning Prayer
Sun 24 th	MSG Academy	10.00 ^{AM}	Palm Sunday Holy Communion
	Hurworth	10.30 ^{AM}	Palm Sunday Morning Worship
	Dinsdale	4.00 ^{PM}	Daffodil Service
Thurs 28 th	Hurworth	8.00 ^{AM}	Morning Prayer
	Hurworth	7.30 ^{PM}	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
Fri 29 th	St Georges Low	12.00 ^{PM}	Good Friday Meditation
	Middleton Hurworth	2.00 ^{PM}	Walk of Witness
	Linden Court Hurworth	3.00 ^{PM}	Good Friday Meditation

Sun 31 st	St Georges	6.00AM	Easter Dawn
	Low Middleton		Service
	Hurworth	8.00AM	Holy Communion
	MSG Academy	10.00AM	Easter Communion
	Hurworth	10.30AM	Easter Communion

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Mothering Sunday, the 10th March and the fourth Sunday in Lent, is the day for honouring our Mother Church, and has been celebrated since the Middle Ages.

Mother's Day is an annual day to honour our mothers, and it began in America in May 1907.

In the US, Canada, Australia and Mexico, Mother's Day is still held in May. In Britain, Mothers' Day is held on Mothering Sunday, so the two days are often merged in people's minds.

If you ask Google for ideas of how to be nice to your church on that day, you won't find much. But if you want to be kind to your mother that day, you will be spoilt for choice. High on all the lists are suggestions for taking her to lunch, giving flowers, a card, or paying for her to have a day doing something she loves.

Whatever you choose to do, probably the best thing to give your mother must surely be yourself: some time and some love. Remind her of the funny and touching stories of your childhood and thank her for all the things that she did for you. Give her some good company and show her some gratitude. Let her know that you love her and appreciate her.

Remember that the Commandment 'Honour thy father and mother' was the first commandment that came with a promise of blessing on you, if you obey.



ARE YOU A RELATIVE OR FRIEND OF THE LATE COLONEL GORDON SKELLY ?

From: richardflint999@gmail.com
To: enquiries@hurworthparishcouncil.org.uk
Sent: Monday, 5 Feb, 24 At 16:29
Subject: Hurworth History

Hello,

I was wondering if any one from the Parish Council would be able to help with the following?

I have an old fishing fly case that was given to me by my Grandad many years ago.

You will see that it seems to have been made for a Colonel Gordon Skelly from Hurworth in 1801 and I thought it would be nice to return it to his family, if any are still around, or have it displayed somewhere?

I also found this link regarding his burial in your All saints churchyard:

[Colonel Gordon Skelly \(1767-1828\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#)

Please let me know if you can assist me or know anyone who can?

Regards

Richard Flint

HUGH JACKSON

We were saddened to hear of the recent passing of Hugh Jackson. Hugh was a resident of Hurworth for over 50 years and involved himself in all aspects of village life from the start.

Alongside his successful career in education, Hugh assisted with the Comprehensive School PTA, he helped run the Cub and Scout groups and served both the Grange and Village Hall committee's as Chairman.

Hugh also helped establish some successful events which continue to this day. He was a keen musician and performed at local events and productions especially as a part of "Nice and Easy" music group.

Hugh was married to Brenda for over 60 years, with 3 sons and 7 grandchildren.

RIP Hugh

The Unseen World

There is a world not seen with the eye
But as real as the world of which we know
Where spiritual forces are all at work
And where Satan wanders to and fro.

Our fight is not against flesh and blood
But against the powers of darkness unseen
The devil prowls like a roaring lion
To undermine and confound the redeemed.

The armour of God is for our protection,
With God on our side, we cannot fail
As all of his fiery darts are deflected
With the shield of faith Satan cannot prevail.

When we look to the Lord, the mighty Victor,
Satan's defeat is plain to see,
The Destroyer destroyed and stripped of his power
With the death of God's Son at Calvary.

By Megan Carter

SMILE LINES

Expensive boat

A vicar was planning an Easter pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and was aghast when he found it would cost him £50 an hour to rent a boat on the Sea of Galilee. He protested to the travel agent that the cost was ridiculous. "That might be true," replied the travel agent, "but you have to take into account that the Sea of Galilee is water on which our Lord himself walked."

"Well, at £50 an hour for a boat, I am not surprised!"

Hurworth Churches Working Together

Honest to God

Even if you do not in any way go near a church or a church service or even connect to a Higher Power in whatever name you may use, Lent as a period of time for renewal is a good idea.

What is Lent? On the surface folk might think it is a time to give up things-give up chocolate, give up a certain unhealthy habit, or to stop being so anxious or angry. These are good things to explore but Lent offers more than that.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (Valentine's Day this year) and runs till Easter Sunday with the admonition to "remember that you are dust, and to dust you will return."

Sounds complicated...but actually Lent is a period of time where we are encouraged to be honest. Yes! Honest.

- Honest about how you are doing.
- Honest with yourself about what is going on in our lives.
- Honest about how you really feel.
- Honest about the losses we did not have time to grieve and the traumas we did not have resources to heal before.
- Honest about any uncomfortable feelings or patterns of harm in your life.
- Honest about our lack of peace.
- Honest to God.

Did you know there are strong links and roots between being **human** and being **holy, honest, and humble**?

In the Christian faith tradition, the way Jesus lived offers rhythms of a different paradigm during Lent. Rhythms of living that welcome the mourner, which bless the weak, that gives space and voice to lament. A time where we strongly encourage being human, and in being human to be honest and humble and even holy.

For me, Lent it is a time to slow down and practice the 3 Rs before Easter: Time to **Reflect**. How am I doing, how is my family doing? What am I worried about? What fears consume me at this time?

Time to **Repent**. Where are the unhealthy patterns in my life? Am I taking care of the resources of the earth? Could I live in ways that are far healthier for the environment and for others?

Time to **Reconcile**. With whom do I need to repair relationships? Am I worried about something, and with whom am I angry?

Hope this is helpful for life as we head towards Easter

Rev Brian Hutton (minister at Hurworth Methodist church)

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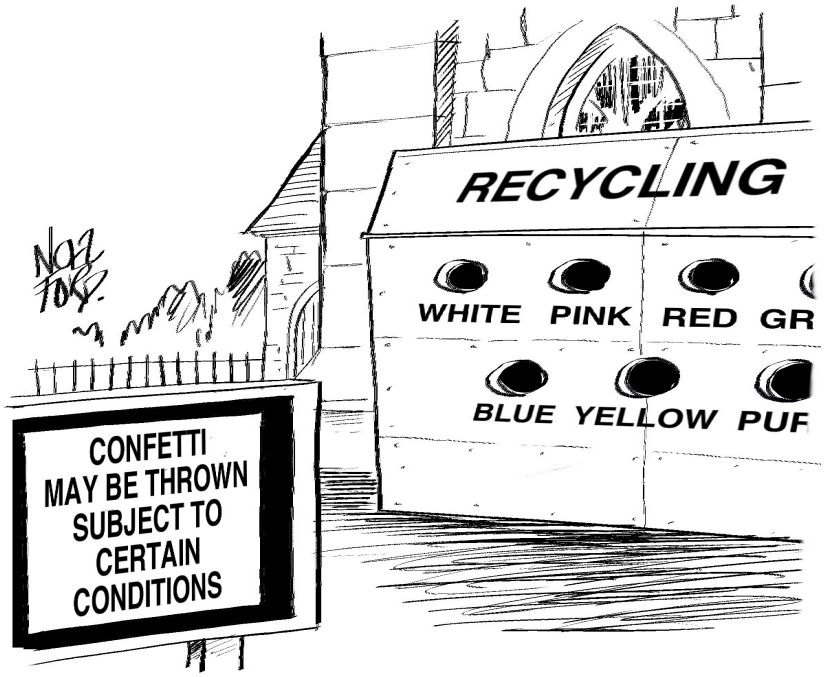
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“Where there is only one set
of footprints, that is where I
have carried you”.

