

THE RIVERSIDE PARISHES

All Saints Hurworth Newsletter October 2023

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

**You designed and made the
earth,**



**Ps 74:17
and winter.**

You made summer...



Thought for the Month

Harvest

As I write this letter, I'm looking forward to our Harvest Festival in church in mid September. It will be over by the time you read this, but the season of harvest, and the results of our festival, will still be very much in progress.

I went to a meeting a few days ago where one participant, a farmer, was unable to attend because a hired piece of machinery had just arrived on his farm, and he was needed in the fields. Harvest may seem like quite an old-fashioned festival (who remembers singing "We plough the fields and scatter" every year at primary school?) and yet living where we do, for many of our neighbours, it's the climax of their working year, the culmination of all their efforts.

We are a highly advanced technological nation but we still need to eat. The very basics of our existence – food, warmth, company – matter now as much as they ever did. One of the charities which we at All Saints support through our Harvest Appeal is Darlington Town Mission. Their aim is to prevent, and provide relief from, isolation in the (mostly) over 80s by visiting, providing social contact and, where appropriate, Christian Fellowship.

The Mission was formed in 1838 by three local businessmen - two Quakers and an Anglican - to meet the needs of people suffering hardship - which in those days mainly meant poverty.

The needs of today are more about alleviating loneliness or giving practical help, especially when relatives, who might once have helped, live far away.

The Mission visits all who request them, regardless of religion, race, age or gender, and their services are free. They are fully independent and funded entirely through donations. Do look them up online to learn more, support them if you can, and contact them if you or a neighbour could use their support. Thank you.

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

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 harvest produce was taken to the old
people's bungalows*

From the Parish Records

Wedding

September 2nd Hurworth

James Leslie Durban to
Olivia Grace Williams



Holy Baptism

August 13th Hurworth
Jack Thomas Johnson

August 20th Low Dinsdale
Aubrey Rachel Ross
Fraser Harry Ross
Roman Henry Ross
Stella Grace Dent

September 17th Low Dinsdale
Nancy Joanne Braithwaite
Sylvia Louise Braithwaite

September 24th Hurworth
Lily Sewell

Funerals

August 30th Hurworth
Wendy Malkin - aged 76 years

September 6th
Julie Waite - aged 56 years

APOLOGY - In the last edition we sadly reported the death of Rev Colin Lingard where we incorrectly spelt his surname. We would like to apologise for any distress caused to his family and friends.

A Prayer for October

Dear Lord and Creator of all things,

In this fast-moving and high-tech world, help us to slow down – just occasionally – to notice the rhythms of Your creation; the beauty of the colours of autumn; the annual ritual of falling leaves and darkening evenings. All part of Your cycle of the year that we often take for granted.

And yet Lord, there is evidence of changes in our climate – extremes of temperature, droughts, floods and wildfires. There is evidence that our behaviour might be responsible for damaging Your world.

Lord, we thank You for Your goodness and faithfulness and grace to us. We are sorry when we get things wrong. Thank you for sending Jesus to show us the way to be in a right relationship with You. Help us to put our trust in Him and as part of living Christian lives, to accept our responsibility for caring for the world You created.

In Jesus' name, Amen

By Daphne Kitching

Loaves and Fishes

They came together from far and wide
All wanting to hear what the preacher would say
Hanging onto His every word
Nobody ever taught this way.

The crowd were hungry, so many to feed
As a young lad offered the Master his lunch,
Five barley loaves and two small fish –
For such a crowd it wasn't much.

Who could imagine what He would do
As He blessed the crowd on the mountainside?
And looking up and giving thanks
Bread and fish were multiplied.

Whatever we give the Master to use
Just like the lad with an offering small,
Placed in the hands of the Miracle Worker
He multiplies the gift bringing blessings to all.

By Megan Carter



Church Services in Hurworth,



Middleton St George, Low Dinsdale and Girsby

October 2023

Sun 1 st	Hurworth	10.30 _{AM}	Holy Communion
	MSG Academy	10.00 _{AM}	Service of the Word
	Low Dinsdale	9.30 _{AM}	Holy Communion
Thurs 5 th	Hurworth	8.00 _{AM}	Morning Prayer
Sun 8 th	Hurworth	8.00 _{AM}	Holy Communion
	MSG Academy	10.00 _{AM}	Service of the Word
	Hurworth	10.30 _{AM}	Morning Worship
Thurs 12 th	Hurworth	8.00 _{AM}	Morning Prayer
	Girsby	7.00 _{PM}	Harvest Festival
Sun 15 th	Hurworth	8.00 _{AM}	Holy Communion
	Girsby	9.00 _{AM}	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	10.30 _{AM}	All Age Worship
	MSG Academy	10.00 _{AM}	Service of the Word
Thurs 19 th	Hurworth	8.00 _{AM}	Morning Prayer
Sun 22 nd	Hurworth	8.00 _{AM}	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	10.30 _{AM}	Morning Worship
	MSG Academy	10.00 _{AM}	Holy Communion
	Low Dinsdale	3.00 _{PM}	Evening Song
Thurs 26 th	Hurworth	8.00 _{AM}	Morning Prayer
Sun 29 th	Hurworth	10.30 _{AM}	Morning Prayer
	MSG Academy	10.00 _{AM}	Service of the Word

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

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

2023 SHOE BOX APPEAL

Moldova: Ukraine: Romania: Bulgaria

Please support us in our Shoe Box Appeal this year and bring hope, love and a smile to those families in need in Eastern Europe.

Filled boxes will be collected from church after the Remembrance Service on November 12th

If you are unable to make up a shoe box yourself or would like to make a donation, let us know and we will make up a box for you.

Every single shoe box is appreciated.

For details of leaflets please contact Jill Bramwell
07818418499.

Parish Council News

We are pleased to announce that Cllr Peter Wills has accepted the position of Vice Chairman of the Council. Peter's role in the council is Planning applications, and he also monitors the condition of roads and pavements.

Introducing your new Parish Councillors

Cllr Charlotte Marie Kay has taken on the role of Open Spaces, and monitors the condition of the various pieces of land which the Parish Council own or have assumed a duty of care.

Cllr Fiona Lennox has taken on the role of Allotments, along with Cllr David Crisp.

Cllr Lindsey Proport has been appointed as the Hurworth Grange representative.

Cllr Peter Williamson accepted the office of Parish Councillor on 7th September. He will be protecting the parish's 17 Rights of Way, and arranging parish walks. Peter has three large dogs, and is an ideal person for long walks. He lives on the Hurworth Springs estate, and we hope he will help to integrate the residents of this estate into the parish community.

Hurworth Grange News

Hurworth Community Association, a registered charity who run the Community Centre has been converted into a Community Interest Organisation (CIO). It still has full charity status and will operate in the same manner. The change gives better personal protection for the Trustees.

Graham Wylie has been appointed as the new Chairman of Hurworth Grange CIO, as from 1st September. Jack Binks and Tony Sayer have also been appointed as Trustees, along with the original four, Tony Gent, Ann Gent, John Demartino and Peter Allan.

Hurworth Village Diary

Oct 23

Sun 1st Cinema on your Doorstep Village Hall

“Swimming with Men” with Rob Brydon 3.00pm

Soup and friendly company prior to film from 2.00pm

Sat 7th Tribute Night - The Baldy Holly Band The Grange

Tickets £15 each inc pie and pea supper Doors open 7 pm

Sun 22nd Craft & Book Fayre made with love by local people

Free entry, refreshments by donation

Nov 23

Sun 5th Cinema on your Doorstep Village Hall

“Allelujah” with Jenifer Saunders 3.00pm

Soup and friendly company prior to film from 2.00pm

Fri 10th Remembrance Concert with Hurworth Concert Band

7.30 - 10.00pm **The Grange**

Fri 17th Village Hall AGM Village Hall

6.30pm All welcome

Sun 19th Fused Glass Workshop - Village Hall

Make your own keepsake or Christmas present

Ring Tina on 07907 469065 for further details

Time for a Smile

Real quotes from Parish Newsletters - thankfully not ours !

- Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- The senior choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

A Bear called Paddington

It was 65 years ago, on 14th October 1958, that Michael Bond's children's book, *A Bear Called Paddington*, was published. It marked the debut of the lovable Paddington Bear, who is now a household name after appearing in two irresistible films.



Paddington starred in more than 20 books written by Bond, who died aged 91 in 2017. The original story was inspired by the author witnessing Jewish and British evacuee children passing through Reading station. Bond wanted the bear to have come from “darkest Africa”, but this was changed to Peru when his agent pointed out that there were no bears in Africa.

Many people have found Christian characteristics in the bespectacled, kind, red-hatted, innocent Paddington, who always tries to do the right thing but often gets into trouble as a result. He is invariably polite, but has a “hard stare” for those who behave badly. The two hugely successful films, with Ben Whishaw voicing Paddington and household names in other roles, established the bear in the national psyche – a natural successor to Winnie the Pooh.

A stuffed toy Paddington Bear was chosen by British tunnellers as the first item to be passed to their French counterparts when the two sides of the Channel Tunnel came together in 1994. The books have been translated into 30 languages and have sold more than 30 million copies.

Paddington has also reached the very top of society. Comedian and later President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky dubbed him in the Ukrainian version of the films, and to cap everything, Paddington joined the late Queen in one of her last public appearances – a brilliant comedy segment in the Platinum Party at the Palace on 4th June 2022, in which the Queen ‘revealed’ that she always carried a marmalade sandwich – Paddington’s favourite food – in her handbag.

TIME FOR A SMILE

Ladies, don't forget the jumble sale this weekend. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Hurworth Churches Working Together

Grace and peace to you

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To God's holy people in Ephesus the faithful in Christ Jesus: 2 **Grace and peace to you** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:1-2)

Paul starts his letters with the blessings of grace and peace to be upon his readers. Paul begins his letters with "grace be to you," and ends every letter with some form of "grace be with you." To you at the beginning. With you at the end.

Grace and peace. Two very strong words for life.

Peter writes in his letter and prays that Grace and Peace are multiplied to us. That we experience a steady increase of grace and peace in our lives. Almost like every day we need new measures of grace and peace for new moments with new people in new situations. Not only do we need new grace and peace for new situations we need deepening grace and peace.

There is always more grace and peace to be enjoyed. Paul and Peter never assume your present experience of grace and peace cannot or should not be increased.

Look a little closer at the verse in Ephesians above and we find the words Grace to you. The words "to you" imply movement. Grace and peace are on the way. More is coming.

As we approach a new school year it is my prayer to you that Grace and peace will not only come to you but also be with you in this 2023-2024 year.

Grace and peace

Rev Brian Hutton

Methodist Minister

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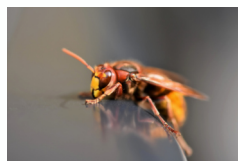
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“Where there is only one set of footprints, that is where I have carried you”.

