

# THE RIVERSIDE PARISHES

## All Saints Hurworth Newsletter

### February 2021

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



## THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

Unless Easter is extremely late or spring very early, here in the Northern Hemisphere the start of Lent falls at a time when it is still chilly, the trees are still bare and most of the buds and shoots have hardly begun to stir. By the time Easter comes 40 days later Spring is upon us , the first flowers of the year are blooming, and the leaves are emerging.

In Church we are encouraged to use Lent as a period of self-examination and contemplation. Some use it as 40 days of self-denial, testing their will power, reminding themselves of the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness.

Perhaps the post-Christmas diet didn't work, and you'll try giving up chocolate or you didn't quite manage dry January, so you'll have another go at being teetotal. There are those however, and I count myself among their number, that prefer to do something more positive. Over the years I have bought an item each day of Lent to donate to the foodbank; I've tried to reduce my carbon footprint by cutting down on packaging and by buying local produce. One year I gave up my electric blanket to save on energy consumption, I might try to use the car less or go veggie once a week.

To keep Lent is to turn aside from the ordinary routines of life to reflect , to notice what is going on , to detect what is really significant, and what otherwise might be missed.

Nowadays we are bombarded with ceaseless visual and verbal stimulation, news commentary, entertainment,, adverts, emails, social networking, calls and texts. We have learnt to multitask and now combine shopping with a phone call, walking whilst listening to a podcast or listening to music while studying. We answer emails whilst watching TV and texts while we are in a meeting.

This Lent why not consider deliberately giving up all or at least some external electronic stimulation for some part of the day? Risk being bored and perhaps you will find that you have some time to think and focus on what matters most.

**Jill Bramwell**

## 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

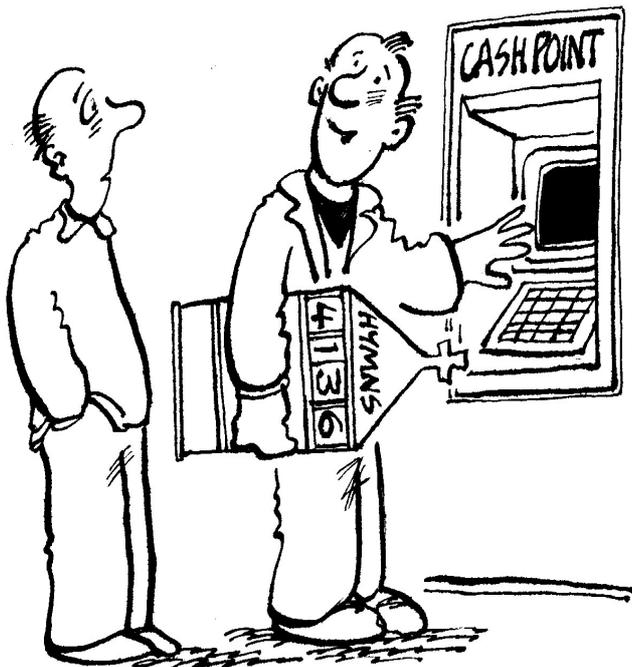


## National Nestbox Week – time to help your garden birds

Our birds are short of nesting holes, and no wonder: gardens, parks and woodland are much neater than they used to be, and modern homes offer few crannies for nest building.

National Nestbox Week, which is celebrated from 14<sup>th</sup> February each year, aims to encourage us to put up more nestboxes, and to consider planting shrubs or trees with fruit that birds eat. These can make all the difference to birds struggling to survive, especially blue tits, great tits, house sparrows, robins and starlings.

The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) offers a variety of ideas for building and placing nest boxes. Go to: <https://www.nestboxweek.com>



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"Don't worry, I'm not getting Covid - I didn't realise the sign meant a low door..."

## **HURWORTH VILLAGE HALL— The Hidden Jewel**

With the arrival of new residents to the village many may not be aware of the existence of the Village Hall and its regular feast of activities, CV19 permitting.

Tucked away at the east end of the village the award winning and recently refurbished Village Hall is available for bookings and holds an array of in house activities for all ages including:

**Indoor Bowls**—Monday—10.00am till 12.00pm

**Alola Yoga**—Monday—7.00pm till 8.30pm

**Pilates—Beginners**— Tuesday 10.30am till 11.30am

12.00pm till 1.00pm

**Keep Fit**—Tuesday 2.00pm till 3.00pm

**Art Group**—Tuesday 7.00pm till 9.00pm

**Pilates**—Body Control - Wednesday 9.45am till 10.45am

**Iyengar Yoga** - Wednesday @ 7.30pm till 9.00pm

**Line Dancing**—Thursday @ 9.45 till 12 mid day

**Latin Dancing**—Thursday @ 1pm till 2pm

**Patchwork & Quilting**—Friday @10am till 3pm

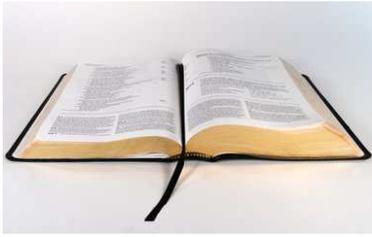
**Bingo**— Sunday @6.30pm till 9.30pm

**Flower Arranging**—3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 1.30pm

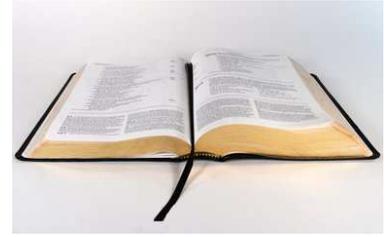
**Cinema Sunday** - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month @ 2.30pm

For more information on booking the hall or any of the above activities contact Bill Drumm on 01325 720694 (bill.drumm@talk21.com)

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



### February 2021



<u>Thurs 4<sup>th</sup></u>	Hurworth	8.00am	Morning Prayer
<u>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></u>	Hurworth	10.30am	Communion by Extension
<u>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup></u>	Hurworth	8.00am	Morning Prayer
<u>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></u>	Hurworth	10.30am	Service of the Word
<u>Wed 17<sup>th</sup></u>	Hurworth	7.00pm	Ash Wednesday Service (Service via Zoom only)
<u>Thurs 18<sup>th</sup></u>	Hurworth	8.00am	Morning Prayer
<u>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></u>	Hurworth	10.30am	Service of the Word
	Dinsdale	11.00am	Morning Prayer
<u>Thurs 25<sup>th</sup></u>	Hurworth	8.00am	Morning Prayer
<u>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></u>	Hurworth	10.30am	Service of the Word

**10.30 Hurworth Sunday 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**

**February services at MSG will be held at 10am each Sunday  
either at St George's Church, Low Middleton or MSC  
Community Centre. Please check the web site ([www.stlmsg.org](http://www.stlmsg.org))  
or Facebook page for updated details each week.**

## Love Is...

As we mark Valentines' Day this month, it's good to ask the question: *what does real love look like?*

The Apostle Paul says: *'Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.'* (1 Corinthians 13: 4-8).

### ***Love is unconditional:***

At heart, love is not just feelings but action! Paul talks here about unconditional love, using the word *agape*, which demonstrated in God's love for us: *'We love, because He first loved us.'* (1 John 4:19).

### ***Love is forgiving:***

According to the film Love Story, *'Love means never having to say you're sorry.'* This is rarely true in our experience! According to Paul, love is being ready to forgive others and *'keeping no record of wrongs'* (5). We can only forgive others because we know Gods forgiveness in our own lives.

### ***Love is sacrificial:***

Paul says that agape love is not selfish or self-seeking, but selfless and self-sacrificial, putting the needs of other people first. This is modelled by Jesus giving His life for us on the cross. Take the words from 1 Corinthians and instead of the word *love*, substitute your own name. Now substitute the word *Jesus*. This is the Jesus who is available to you to make your love for others grow and flourish.

**Someone once compared love being like a group of porcupines huddling together on a cold night. The closer they get, the more they jab and hurt each other.**

***'To love at all is to be vulnerable.'* (C S Lewis).**

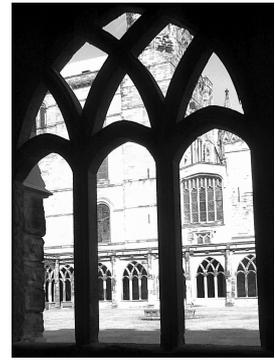
## From the Parish Records

### Funeral:

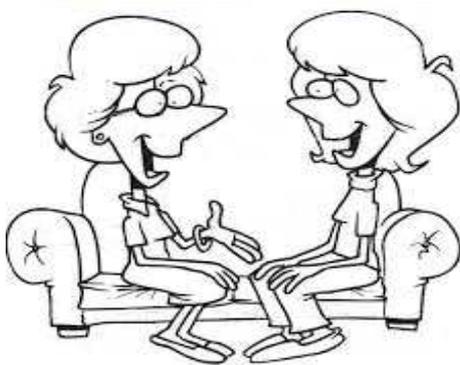
**November 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Mary Robinson (aged 95 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](mailto:milly.stoney@outlook.com)

## **Hurworth Parish Council Information**

### **Action Plan 2021**

<b>Objective / Project</b>	<b><u>Timescale</u></b>
Monitor and support the Parish Contingency Plan	Team in place
Review all Procedures	Last review Feb 2020
Continue to monitor and upgrade all 17 Parish pathways	April to September Itinerary
Focus on a Succession Plan for council responsibilities	
Ensure the tree surveys carried out on all trees in the parish are reviewed	
Carry out designated and approved projects	Per PC Meeting in November 2020
a. As per the approved Schedule dated December 2020	
a. Hurworth Country Fair	Support provided
d. EPICH village beautification programme	Ongoing
Support Darlington Youth xxx	Commenced in 2020 with Mr Stand
Liaison with schools for use of community facilities	Negotiations to be re-started
Continue to monitor further housing development	Continuous
a. Continue council's stance on unplanned housing applications	Continuous
b. Preserve green areas	Open Spaces now prepared, with Duty of Care spec
Monitor and control Invasive species infiltration	Tees River Trust Contract extended
Continue close relationship with allotment holders	Committee meetings to continue ASAP
Continue policy of assisting in obtaining grants for village amenities	As required
a. Voluntary groups	As per Award requests
Continue close liaison with police force and PACT meetings	Continuous
Create and install History of Hurworth Plaque	
Complete the installation of the three 'Welcome to Hurworth' signs	Commencement in February 2017
Install CCTV camera near Church location	Purchase and install at agreed locations
Revisit and redefine the HPC Tree Policy	
Revisit and redefine the HPC Duty of Care Policy	
Become involved in the allocations made under section 106	
Review and clarify the Allotment rules	
Resign and create a new Jean's Garden with Hurworth grange grounds	
Support the HCA objective of converting the garage block into a café.	
Review HCA Lease with HPC	
Review social Media policy	

## **Action**

Annual review & update

Parrish walks; pathway inspections

This must be linked to Training. Urgent for 2017 leadership

Update tree surveys; monthly inspections

Identify, validate, initiate, monitor

Continue evaluation; grant application; revalidate

Council active participation; funding as per budget

Validate EPICH projects; provide financial support

Start discussions with schools & youth leaders

Continue discussions with Primary School and Academy

Separate team monitoring applications

Continue the process; Work with CPRE. Incorporate in Neighbourhood Plan

Continue the process: Council have now defined their responsibilities.

Spraying in May & September + donation

Continue the process; Structure in place.

Clerk to continue to apply for grants

Continue close relationship

Install units

Install units

Form sub committee to include a resident



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***Thank you so much for your support!***

The community spirit, love and affection has been so humbling to see and be part of these past 9 months.

We are here for you and really appreciate all your support and custom during these challenging times.

Looking forward to flinging the doors open and being able to sit and chat with you all in person once again!

Until then, please let us know if you need anything and take care.

## Hurworth Churches Working Together



**Rev Brian Hutton and his family have been called to minister in the Darlington area to four Methodist churches: Hurworth, The Well, Harrogate Hill and Haughton.**

He, Lara and Emily and Rachel come from South Africa after leading a church plant there for 15 years and designing a young family based church in Johannesburg.

The family loves to mountain bike as well as being a music loving family; they often sing and play instruments together. They are excited to begin to grow a young family church environment at Hurworth and to serve at The Mustard Tree café once a month, post Covid! The family are thrilled to become part of the area and look forward to making a positive difference in the community.

Do look out for them and say hello! Brian's warm chuckle is probably the first thing you will recognise him by!



# God in a Box

A Jack in the Box

A toy of fun

Brings fear and delight to a child

Fear as the toy pops out of the box

A smile as the fear subsides

Is God in a box

Your box or mine

Which we open when we're in need?

But what would we do

If God himself

Pops out of the box with speed?

Would we step back in fear?

Would we shriek with delight?

Would we run or try to escape?

Or would we all try to push him right back

Into one well defined little shape?

To that place where we manage and organise life

Where we keep things under control

To a place where perhaps

We actually work

To prevent God making us whole.

So dare we release our God in the Box

To work and to do his own will?

To thrill and inspire us beyond what we know

For Our God can surprise us still.

By Trish Kemp

## Newsletter Information

This Newsletter is compiled and printed by members of All Saints Church Hurworth and distributed by a team of volunteers in the spirit of Christians Working Together in Hurworth and the surrounding villages.

Appropriate copy is always welcome as are offers to assist with the distribution to our growing community.

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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 and Girsby, please contact the appropriate Church Warden initially.)

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

