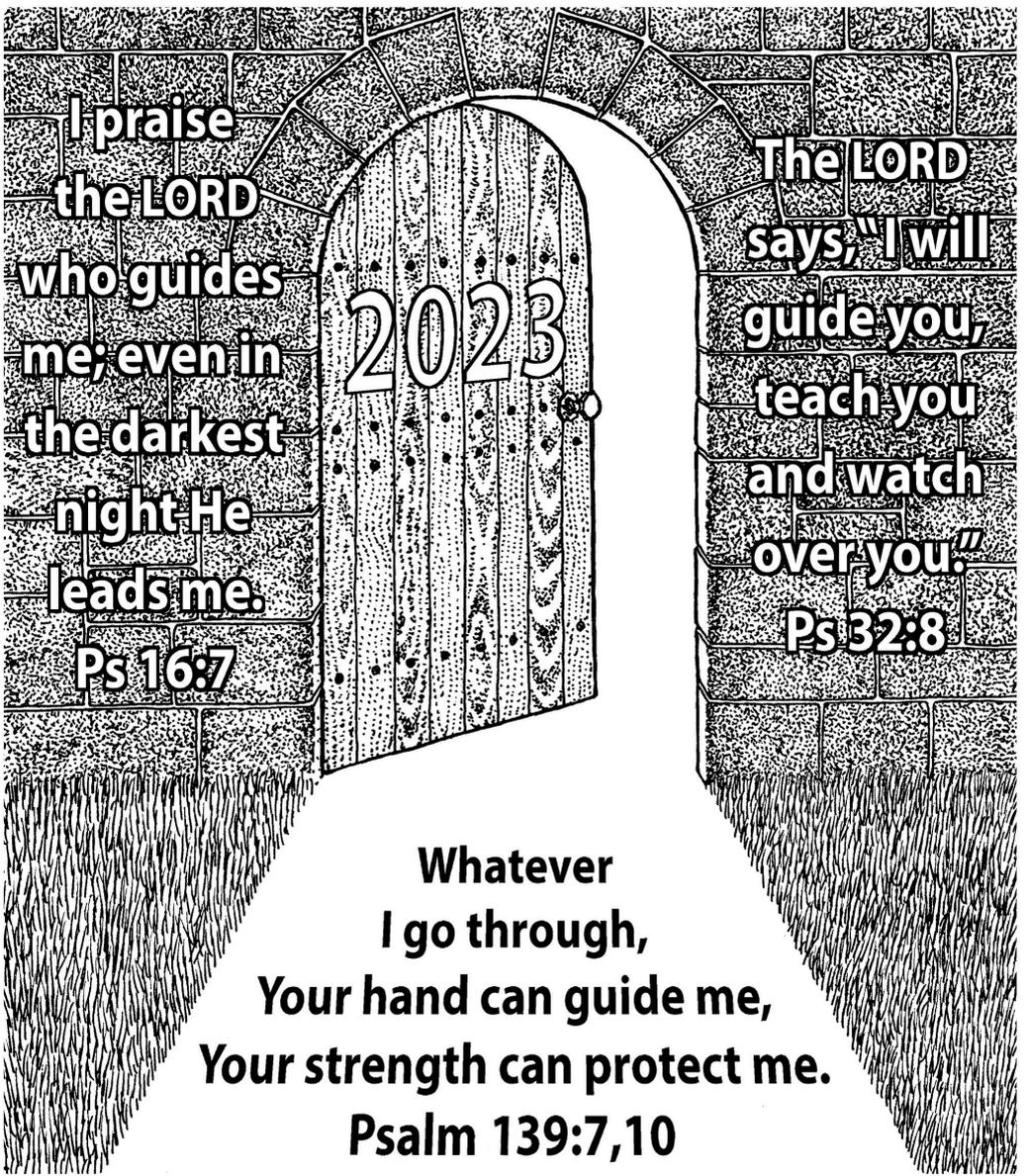


# THE RIVERSIDE PARISHES

All Saints Hurworth Newsletter February 2023

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



**I praise  
the LORD  
who guides  
me; even in  
the darkest  
night He  
leads me.**

**Ps 16:7**

**The LORD  
says, "I will  
guide you,  
teach you  
and watch  
over you."**

**Ps 32:8**

**Whatever  
I go through,  
Your hand can guide me,  
Your strength can protect me.**

**Psalm 139:7,10**

# Thoughts for the month – FEBRUARY 2023

## HELP!

This Christmas I listened to ‘The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse’ which was read by the author Charles Mackey on Radio 4. An animated version of the book was shown on BBC One on Christmas Eve. It is a beautiful story about friendship, kindness, vulnerability, and hope.

It’s a heart-warming book, full of wisdom. It inspires in a gentle way and although it may look at first glance to be a book for children it also speaks to adults who are navigating their way through the uncertain times in which we live in.

We all have our challenges and one particular conversation between the boy and the horse may give us the courage to speak out when those challenges threaten to overcome us. ‘What’s the bravest thing you have ever said?’ asks the boy. ‘Help’ says the horse. ‘Asking for help isn’t giving up....its refusing to give up’ ‘When have you been at your strongest?’ asks the boy ‘When I’ve dared to show my weakness ‘answered the horse.’

It's not easy to ask for help and sometimes we see it as a sign of failure. But, facing up to a problem is taking the first step towards putting it right. Whether your pain be mental or physical or spiritual, there is help out there if you seek it. Are you battling with an addiction? Are you lonely or having trouble with a relationship? Whatever you are facing in 2023 don't be afraid or ashamed to admit to those around you that things aren't quite what they seem. ‘Often the hardest person to forgive is yourself ‘ says the little mole in the story. I think most of us can relate to that.

During this time of economic crisis many are struggling financially. There is no shame in recognising that it’s getting harder to make ends meet. This may be a good time to remind everyone that along with St. Laurences in Middleton St George we at All Saints operate a confidential food bank delivering bags of essential groceries to families in the Parish.

Whatever it is that is keeping you awake at night, maybe it’s time to make the first move, reach out, speak to family or friends, pick up the phone, ask advice or make that appointment.

‘Being kind to yourself is one of the greatest kindnesses’ observes the mole..... and being kind to yourself can start right now.

Amen

Jill Bramwell Authorised Pastoral Assistant

**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

### Baptisms

11<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Florence Josephine Penny

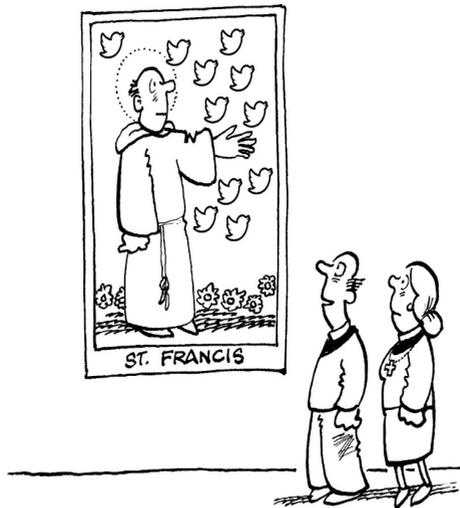


## WHAT'S ON OFFER FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS?

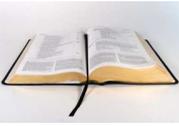


**All Saints Church Young Peoples activities**  
10.30am every Sunday

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



*He's been updated. He's now the  
patron saint of tweeting!*



**Church Services in Hurworth,  
Middleton St George, Low Dinsdale and Girsby  
February 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
	Hurworth	10.30AM	All Age Worship
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Hurworth	7.00PM	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Holy Communion
		10.30AM	Morning Worship
	MSG Academy	10.00AM	Service of the Word

## **Lost and found**

*(A simple poem about a dog, but so often this can apply to us as well!)*

Lost and found, what a wonderful sound  
To a little dog like me,  
I slipped my lead, I gave no heed  
It felt so good to be free.

It's getting dark, I'm lost in the park  
It's cold and starting to rain,  
I should have stayed and never strayed  
I'll never do this again.

Footsteps I hear, 'please do come near',  
On my collar they see my name,  
I'm put in a car, we're travelling so far,  
Will life be ever the same?

A knock on the door, kisses galore,  
Cuddles and pats on the head,  
No more will I roam, I'm now safely home  
And warmly curled up in my bed.

*By Megan Carter*

### **What the Future Holds**

Four stages of life for modern man: You believe in Santa Claus; you don't believe in Santa Claus; you are Santa Claus; you look like Santa Claus.



## **CHURCH FELLOWSHIP**

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

*2.15 pm @ Church Centre*

**New Year Program Commences**

*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

**Valentine's Day is on the 14<sup>th</sup> February**, but love is for all year round, and that is not always easy. Relationships have their ups and downs, and sometimes a bit of encouragement helps a lot.

So this year, you may find Care for the Family to be worth a visit. Its blog, podcasts and other resources offer a wide variety of tips, advice and encouragement, and are aimed at supporting your marriage and your family.

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/support-for-you/family-life/couple-support/>

# Fairtrade Fortnight 2023



This year Fairtrade Fortnight runs 27<sup>th</sup> February to 12<sup>th</sup> March. It comes with a sombre reminder: climate change means that soon some of our favourite foods, such as bananas, cocoa and coffee could be harder to grow. And if that is combined with deeply unfair trade, then communities growing these crops will be pushed to the brink. This makes Fairtrade all the more vital – for all of us.

You can help three ways during this Fortnight.

First, why not join an online *Big Fairtrade Get Together*? Hear Fairtrade farmers and other experts explain what needs to change, for a sustainable future. Secondly, *let your friends know* of any Fairtrade event in your area, from a coffee morning to a quiz night. Thirdly, buy Fairtrade whenever you can, from flowers to coffee, clothes to teas, plus lots else.

For more information, visit <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk>



## Hurworth Village Diary

### FEB 23

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Feb** **Cinema on your doorstep** Village Hall 3.00pm  
**Top Gun - Maverick** entry by donation

Soup & friendly company Village Hall 2.00pm

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Feb** **Robson Fields Tribute Night** The Grange  
inc pie and pea supper Tickets £15 (01325 720840)

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Feb** **The Pudding Club** Village Hall 2.00pm  
Make 12 portions of your favourite pudding and be judged by your  
peers. Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Feb** **Beer Pigs Tribute Night** The Grange  
inc pie and pea supper Tickets £15 (01325 720840)

### MAR 23

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Mar** **Cinema on your doorstep** Village Hall 3.00pm  
**Details to be advised** entry by donation

Soup & friendly company Village Hall 2.00pm  
entry by donation

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Mar** **Quiz Night** Village Hall 7.30pm  
entry by donation

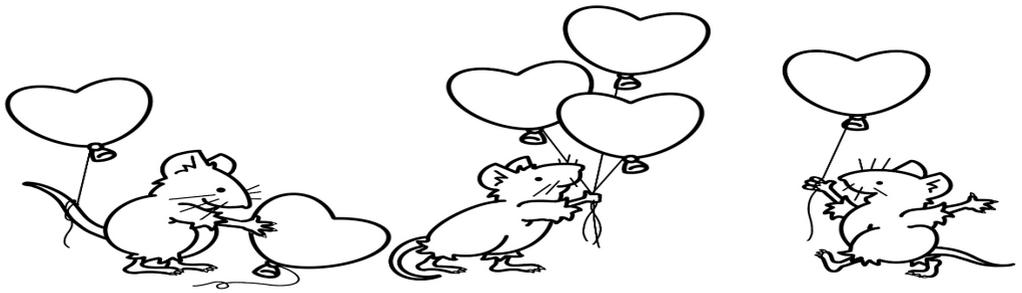
**Snooker Club -** The Grange normal open hours  
Membership available to residents only @ £30 per annum

More details from the Grange office on 01325 720840

### **Time for a Smile**

#### **In a sack**

Seen in a church magazine: "Bring your old newspapers (and your neighbours), put them in a sack and tie them in if possible."



In the spirit of **Valentines Day** here are some thoughts on **Love** as spoken by some young people:

“Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other.”

Karl – age 5

“Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your chips, without making them give you any of theirs.”

Chrissy – age 6

“Love is what makes you smile when you’re tired.”

Terri – age 4

“Love is when mum makes coffee for my dad and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.”

Danny – age 7

“Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mum and Dad are like that. They look gross when they kiss.”

Emily – age 8

“If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.”  
(We need a few million more Nikka’s on this planet)

Nikka – age 6

“My mummy loves me more than anybody. You don’t see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night.” –

Clare, aged 6

“Love is when mummy gives daddy the best piece of chicken.” –

Elaine – age 5

“Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day”

Mary Ann – age 4

## Hurworth Churches Working Together



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“He moved here after the PCC voted  
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## 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.

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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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roger@sansomfamily.org

(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”.

