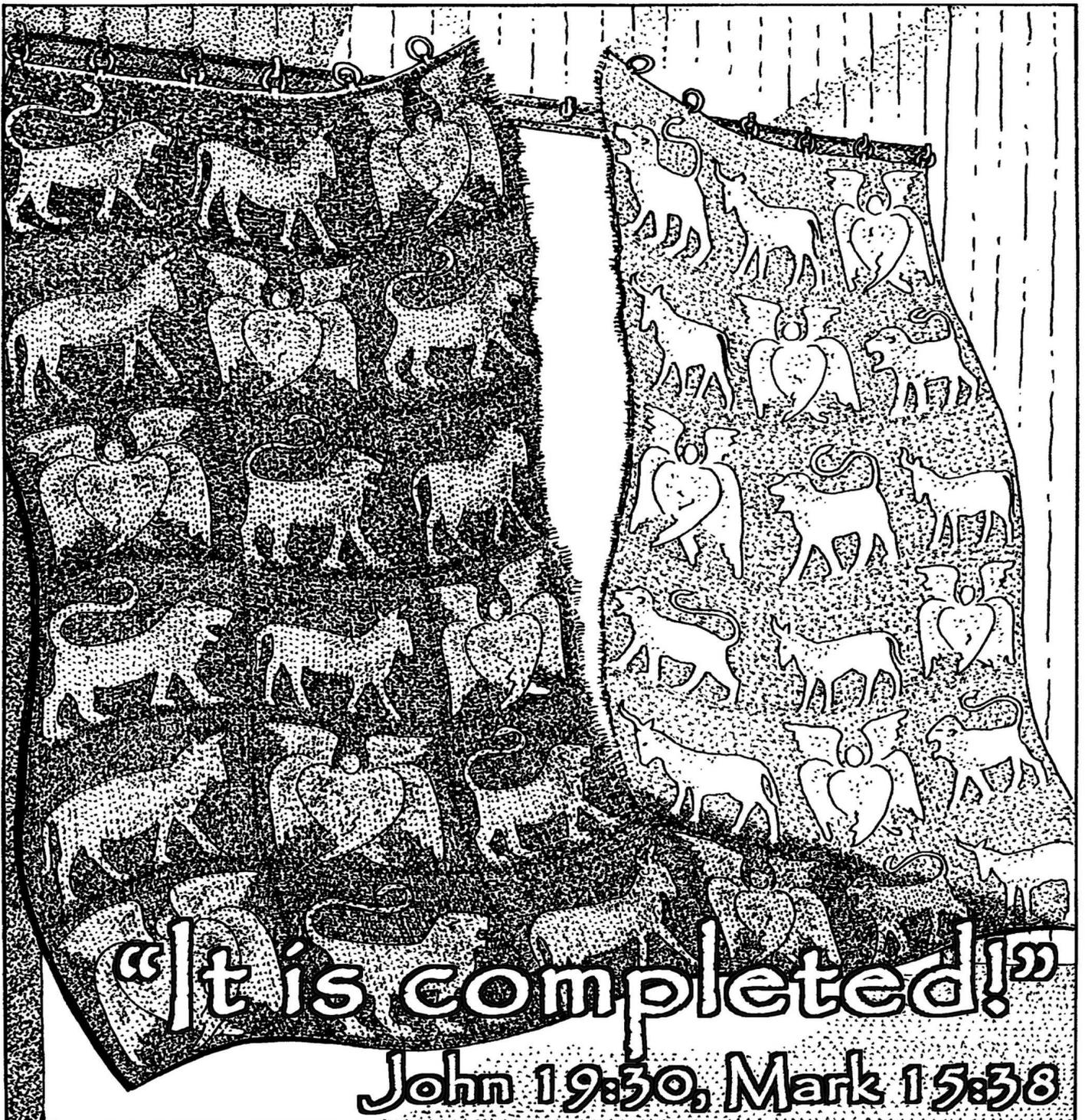


# THE RIVERSIDE PARISHES

## All Saints Hurworth Newsletter

### April 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

As the cold, dark and rather damp winter gives way to the warmth of the spring sunshine, our hearts are revived by the sights and sounds of new life springing up all around us; the lambs in the fields, trees and flowers blooming and the song of the birds singing as a backdrop to the freshness and beauty of new life.

This annual cycle of nature with its rhythm of death and new life is echoed in our own lives. None of us is exempt from the pain and darkness of suffering, disappointment or loss, experienced in broken relationships, loss of loved ones and illness.

This is especially true this year with all the problems caused by COVID. Yet, in all these difficult and dark times, we are not alone, we are not without hope. Christ, who himself suffered the pain of disappointment, betrayal and abandonment, identifies with us and walks with us through our pain, offering us hope. This hope is at the heart of the Easter story.

Jesus, who carried the burden of our suffering and our sin, and died on the cross on Good Friday, was raised to new life on Easter Sunday for each and every one of us. In the darkness and pain of suffering, Jesus offers us the comfort of His Presence and strength to help us through to a new life in Him. The power that raised Jesus from the dead can be yours and touch your life with hope and joy this Easter.

The example of new life we see in the flowers, the trees and the newly born animals points us to the new life we can share with Christ. Despite all the fear that the Coronavirus brings, this is a time to discover that Easter is a celebration filled with hope because of the mystery of the Risen Lord. The power that raised Jesus from the dead can be yours and touch your life with hope, dispelling the darkness. May you have a blessed Easter filled with the life and hope of Christ!

**John De Martino**

## AN EASTER PRAYER

Dear generous, loving Father,

How can we thank you for the precious gift of your Son Jesus, for His life of obedience and servanthood, for His choosing to die that agonising death on a cruel cross, so that we can be forgiven, and most of all for His death-defeating resurrection on the first Easter morning and the gift of His Spirit to those who put their trust in Him?

We can't possibly thank you adequately Lord, but we want to try! Thank you, thank you Father, that Jesus, our Servant-King is alive, Lord of heaven and earth – and yet still serving us, so that we too can live and serve.

Help us to be your Easter people and live lives of faithful witness to the living Lord, empowered by your Holy Spirit, building in all that we think, say or do for your kingdom to come. Hallelujah!

Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*

### 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:

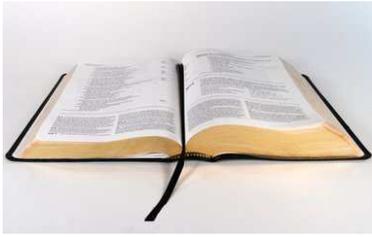
**All Saints Church Creche**—cancelled until further notice

**Hurworth Friday Hangout**—cancelled until further notice

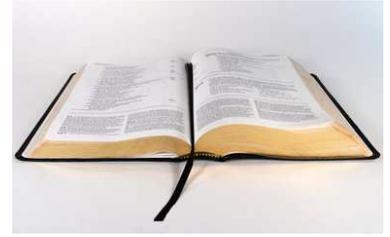
**Friday Night Drop In**—cancelled until further notice



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



## April 2021



<u>Thurs 1<sup>st</sup></u>	Hurworth	8.00am	Morning Prayer
		7.00pm	Seder Meal— <u>by Zoom only</u>
<u>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup></u>	St George's	Low Middleton	
		12.00 noon	Meditative Service
	Hurworth	2.00pm	Good Friday—The Passion <u>by Zoom only</u>
<u>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></u>	St George's	Low Middleton	
		6.00am	Easter Sunrise Service
	Hurworth	10.30am	Easter Day Communion
<u>Thurs 8<sup>th</sup></u>	Hurworth	8.00am	Morning Prayer
<u>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></u>	Hurworth	10.30am	Service of the Word
<u>Thurs 15<sup>th</sup></u>	Hurworth	8.00am	Morning Prayer
<u>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></u>	Hurworth	10.30am	Service of the Word
	Dinsdale	11.00am	Morning Prayer
<u>Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup></u>	Hurworth	8.00am	Morning Prayer
<u>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></u>	Hurworth	10.30am	Service of the Word
<u>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></u>	Hurworth	8.00am	Morning Prayer

Hurworth Sunday Services are in church and are also streamed live on Zoom.

Link details are available on request from the editor.

St George and St Laurence Church, Middleton St George

We invite you to join us at our Sunday services, which are held online via Zoom every week at 10am. Please contact [services@stlmsg.org](mailto:services@stlmsg.org) for the weekly link & song details.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE RE EASTER SERVICES AT**

### **ALL SAINTS HURWORTH**

**Covid-secure measures will still be in place as the church building reopens, and church capacity is very much reduced as a result.**

**If you plan to attend church on Easter Day and you are not a regular attender, we would be very grateful if you would let the Churchwarden know (on 720662) so that we can plan for numbers.**

**We want to welcome as many as possible in complete safety.**



**THE ABOVE LIST OF SERVICES IS SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT/CANCELLATION SHOULD WE BE ADVISED ABOUT ANY FURTHER CHANGES BY THE GOVERNMENT OR THE DIOCESE.**

## **A Seniors Version of FACEBOOK**

For those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists: I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook by applying the same principles. Therefore every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I plan to do later and with whom.

I give them pictures of my family, my pet and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them "thumbs up" and tell them I "like" them.

It works just like Facebook as I already have 4 people following me : 2 police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.

## LIONS PRIDE – PUTTING SOMETHING BACK INTO SOCIETY

Lions International, currently with in excess of 1.4 million members in 46,000 clubs spread over more than 200 countries, was established in 1917 in Chicago as a non-sectarian, non-political, non-vocational service club for both men and women.

**Darlington Lions Club** has been in town since June 1961 raising funds and providing service to those in the area less fortunate than us under the banner “We Serve”, which is exactly what the members do in the community.

**Darlington Lions Club** raises funds in and around the town primarily for the benefit of the people and organisations of the town while also keeping a weather eye on the bigger picture on a regional, national and international basis.

Supporting many local charities and private needy groups and individuals **Darlington Lions Club** are not encumbered in any way in their giving be it a specific or group need.

To raise funds the club runs numerous events throughout the year and proudly boasts that 100% of the funds raised in the name of charity are spent on charity. Among the fund-raising activity the club runs two very successful book shops in the town centre where donated books are resold at prices beginning at 50p for soft backed books and 20p for children’s books. Next time you are in the town centre do drop by.

Its not all work though as the members enjoy a range of social events and activities to which on many occasions guests are invited.

**QUESTION – Have you ever thought of giving something back by helping those in your area less fortunate than you?**



**DARLINGTON LIONS CLUB**  
**WHY NOT JOIN AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE?**

For more information visit Darlington Lions Club web site at [www.darlingtonlionsclub.co.uk](http://www.darlingtonlionsclub.co.uk) or call 0345 833 9874

## NOTICES FOUND IN CHURCH NEWSLETTERS THAT DIDN'T COME OUT RIGHT!

- This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Brown, our church warden, to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- Ladies are requested not to have children in the church kitchen.
- For those who have children and don't know it, we have a crèche in the crypt.
- Bring and share church supper: Prayer and medication will follow.
- Don't let worry kill you. Let the church help.
- The organist invites anyone who enjoys sinning to volunteer for the choir.
- At the church meeting last week the rector spoke briefly and delighted the audience.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick both of our church and the community

### 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 Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

### **Highlights**

- The meeting was held in ZOOM mode
- The allotment holder who took the Parish Council to Court for discrimination and injury to her feelings lost her case and the Council was awarded all Costs. The Insolvency Inspector has informed the Council that this previous allotment tenant has declared herself bankrupt. This means that the Parish Council will have to write off this debt amounting to £16.836.
- A fourth defibrillator will be installed near the Comet Inn this month. This has been paid for Mr Jack Binks, who held a fund-raising campaign.
- The 'Welcome to Hurworth' plaques will be installed soon as DBC has now agreed the locations.
- More than 300 residents have signed a petition requesting that the skateboard rink at Hurworth Grange be resurfaced. A video was shown at the meeting which showed a great event on the rink some twenty five years ago.
- The new traffic calming system and pathway on Roundhill Road has been delayed, while the funding arrangements are negotiated.
- The allotment Committee have changed some of the rules, as follows:-
  1. Residents of Neasham will be allowed to apply for and get an allotment at Strait Lane. This is restricted to only one person on the Waiting List at any time.
  2. Fires on the allotments will be allowed from 3:00pm rather than 6:00pm. This will ensure that the fires are attended.
  3. A rotavator is available to all allotment holders. For access please contact Cllr Crisp.
  4. The Allotment Fun Day will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> August. All are invited.
  - 5.
- A review of the HPC policy for Trees and for open Spaces is taking place. This will schedule all the areas of the parish which apply. The review is intended to better define the 'Duty of Care' and responsibilities of the Parish Council.

Please see the full Minutes, including the traffic statistics and

February Crime figures on the HPC web site



## Hurworth Community Association

At present the Community Centre is in lock-down, but hopefully, in a few weeks it will be open again, and fully functional.

- The bar at Hurworth Grange is undergoing a full redesign and refurbishment.  
This should be completed in good time for the lifting of the Government restrictions.  
This is a public bar and all residents will be most welcome.
- The Annual Classic Car Rally, usually held in May, has been cancelled due to the COVID rules,
- **The Outdoor Concert**, organised by the Village Hall will be staged at Hurworth Grange on **Saturday 17th July**
- The annual **Hurworth Country Fair** will go ahead, the date is likely to be **Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> September.**

### **HCA Subscriptions**

Subscriptions for 2021 are now due. Annual subscription is £5.00, Seniors (Over 67 years old) £2.50.

Although these are small amounts, it is very important that membership numbers are kept high, as this is a critical factor when we apply for grants.

The events are correct at the time of going to print but are subject to further amendment to reflect changes in government Coronavirus advice



Having spent most of my adult life in South Africa, coming to the UK was quite a cultural experience for my family and I.

We talk with a funny accent, (especially when my voice is behind a mask), and we enjoy dried meat called biltong, we like to barbeque (braai), and we are still discovering ways to adapt to the UK culture, schools and livelihood. Add a pandemic to that recipe and you have quite a stew.

In our wrestling and adapting, the words to the people of Israel from the prophet Jeremiah came through clearly, as God's word to us in our "exile". It was delivered like a mighty loving divine blow to the gut:

*Jeremiah 29:4-7 This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5 "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce...7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."*

Just look at those hopeful verbs...

Build

Settle

Plant

Prosper

Build the churches in which we serve and in turn the community. Settle and find a rhythm amongst and with you. Plant! Planting of course takes time, and is seasonal. We plant seeds now only to be seen in the future. And prosper. Our prosperity will be yours it says in verse 7.

So as the Hutton family we come to build, settle, plant and prosper the Hurworth and Darlington area. And then comes the promise in verse 11:

*11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*

We look forward to soon seeing you face to face and building, settling, planting and prospering with you.

Brian

## ZOOM, ZOOM, ZOOM

The pandemic is leaving a “lasting digital legacy”, and changing the UK’s internet habits and behaviour “indelibly”. So says a recent Ofcom study.

Since March we have broken the four-hour barrier, which means that, on average, we spend more than a quarter of our waking hours each day online. That is up from an average of three hours and 29 minutes this time last year.

Zoom has soared in popularity. Last December it reached 498,000 people in the UK; by April this had soared to 13million in the UK.

TikTok, which lets users share short videos set to pop music, had 5.4 million UK users in January; by April it had 12.9million users.

In February, 35 per cent of UK adults made a video call once a week. By April that had soared to 71 per cent. The largest increase has been among the over-65s, with now 61 per cent of them making weekly video calls.

Older people favour Zoom, in order to ‘virtually visit’ their relatives and friends; while many teenagers have become addicted to TikTok and YouTube and their seemingly endless videos.

Why not experience Zoom by joining one of our church services on a Sunday?



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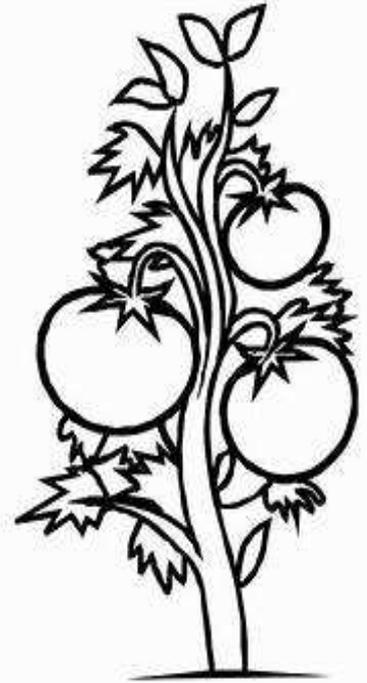
## Tomato Plants

As mentioned in last month's Newsletter, tomato plants will be available again this year. They are now growing well, and should be ready this month, the exact timing depending on the weather.

There is a good variety available in red, orange, yellow or striped, in varying sizes.

The price remains the same as last year, 50p per plant, and all proceeds go to church funds.

Contact Fred Thompson (Tel. 720746) for details



*The procession had taken the scenic route*

## Newsletter Information

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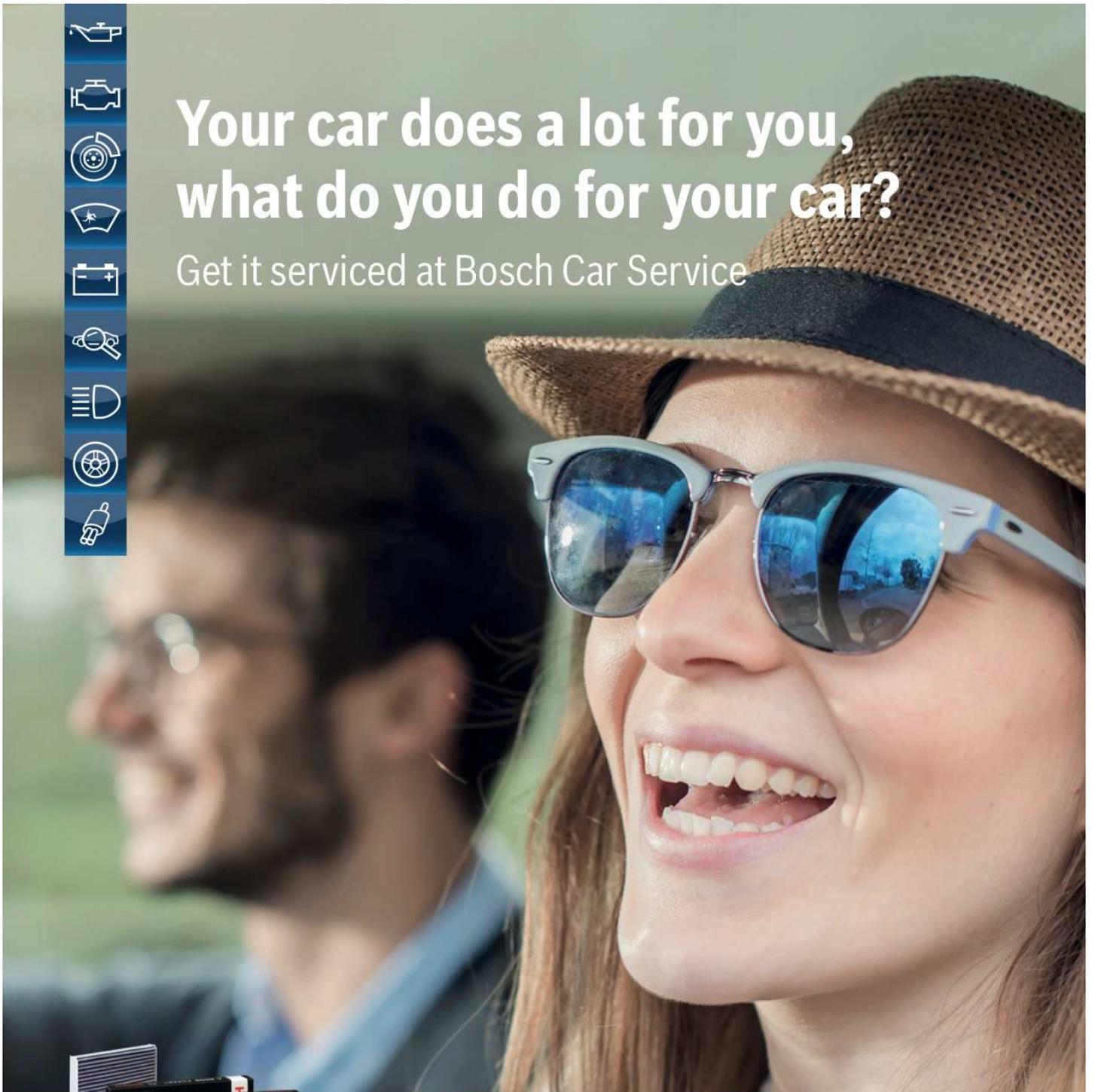
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(For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals in MSG, Dinsdale and Girsby, please contact the appropriate Church Warden initially.)

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

