

# THE RIVERSIDE PARISHES

## All Saints Hurworth Newsletter November 2023

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

Remember, remember the 5th of November: gunpowder, treason and plot' as the old rhyme goes.

November is a month for remembering. It begins with All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day on 1st and 2nd of November when we recall all those who've died and give thanks for their lives. We will be holding a Memorial Service at All Saints on Sunday 5th November at 4pm when we gather together to thank God for our departed loved ones. If you would like us to include a name, please contact us via the church website. All are welcome.

November 5th is Bonfire night when we recall the plot by Guy Fawkes and his co-conspirators to blow up parliament. Gunpowder, which Fawkes and his companions planned to use for destruction, is used instead in fireworks to thrill those watching with spectacular displays.

Remembrance Day, 11th November, falls on a Saturday this year and on Remembrance Sunday, 12th November the focus is on those who've lost their lives in war, serving their country both in the two World Wars and in more recent conflicts. On each of these occasions, we reflect on the past.

We continue to remember the events of WWI. The world changed forever in the aftermath of the First World War. Sadly, it was not the end to all wars. Today we are painfully aware of conflict in the Middle East and the Ukraine which have had repercussions for us here in Britain

So, what is the value of remembering? Some people look back and only remember the good bits. This can be done even in relation to war. Sometimes, as we look back, we are in danger of looking through rose-tinted spectacles.

The danger in remembrance is that we see only a selective picture and in comparison, the present seems a complex mix of good and bad. Some people find it easier to live in the past than in the present. But there is also a danger of living entirely in the present, without ever reflecting on the past. The problem with never looking back is that we're apt to repeat the mistakes of the past. And looking back, reflecting on past errors as well as past successes can enable us to learn the lessons of history and improve things in the present.

Remembering is important, but only if we are prepared to learn from the past and use those lessons to help create a better future.

*John DeMartino*

**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  
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**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

**ALL SAINTS AUTUMN FAIR**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

**10.30 until 12 mid day**

**Entry by Donation**

**Featuring a wide variety of stalls inc tombola, cakes, toys, books, bric a brac, raffle, plants, Christmas and games for all ages.**

**Tea and coffee**

**Hurworth Primary School Choir**

**ZOOM WORSHIP**

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



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KING CHARLES!**

King Charles was born 75 years ago this month, on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1948, at Buckingham Palace in London. He was the longest-serving monarch-in-waiting in British history and did not ascend the throne until he was 73, following the death of his mother in September 2022.



Charles was crowned in the first coronation in seven decades, on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023. His current title is King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

But King Charles has also become head of the Commonwealth, an association of 56 independent countries and 2.5 billion people. For 14 of these countries, as well as the UK, the King is head of state. These countries are known as the Commonwealth realms. They are Australia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Belize, Canada, Grenada, Jamaica, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, St Christopher and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu.

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### **WHAT TRAITS DO WE VALUE IN OUR CHILDREN**

Recent research has found that ‘independence’ has overtaken ‘obedience’ in what we want from our children, but that having good manners is still seen as very important.

The Policy Institute at King’s College London (KCL) found that parents value independence, good manners, hard work, determination, and perseverance in their children.

They also prioritise imagination, tolerance, and respect for others. But compared to earlier surveys, parents find it less important to teach a child to be unselfish.

Prof Bobby Duffy, director of the Policy Institute at KCL, said: “The qualities we’d like to see instilled in our children are important signals of what we value as a society - and the very clear message from these long-term trends is the increased importance of imagination and decline in how much we prize straightforward obedience.

“This doesn’t mean we want a society of self-centred children, but there is a more general shift towards valuing self-expression, while still wanting our children to be positive and productive contributors to society.”



## Church Services in Hurworth,



## Middleton St George, Low Dinsdale and Girsby

### November 2023

Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hurworth	8.00 AM	Morning Prayer
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	Girsby	9.00AM	Holy Communion
	MSG Academy	10.00AM	Service of the Word
	Hurworth	10.30AM	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	4.00PM	Memorial Service
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Holy Communion
	MSG Academy	10.00AM	Service of the Word
	<b>Hurworth</b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Service of Remembrance</b>
	MSG War Memorial Low Dinsdale	10.50AM 3.00PM	Service of Remembrance Remembrance Service
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Holy Communion
	MSG Academy	10.00AM	Service of the Word
	Hurworth	10.30AM	All Age Worship
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Holy Communion
	MSG Academy	10.00AM	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	10.30AM	Morning Worship
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer

# 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](mailto: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

At the Parish Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023, the following roles were taken on by the Councillors.

### Roles

Andrew Leigh - Chair

Peter Willis - Vice Chair & Planning matters & applications

Dave Crisp - Allotments Committee & Village Hall representative

Dorothy Oughton - Traffic, Crime & Police liaison

Charlotte Marie Kay - Open Spaces

Peter Foster - Trees

Fiona Lennox Trees – assistant to Peter Foster with Trees

Peter Williamson - Rights of Way and parish walks

Janine Forster - Allotments Committee & Roads and Pathways

Lindsey Probert - Hurworth Grange Representative

Kelvin Russell - Hurworth Albion Representative

There is one Council vacancy, which is being held open until a person who is prepared to take on the role of ‘Youth’. This involves planning and making arrangements for more youth activities within the parish.

Contact with all Councillors is through the Parish Clerk, Peter Allan, who can be reached at any time via email at

[enquiries@hurworthparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@hurworthparishcouncil.org.uk) or  
[peter.allan45@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.allan45@btinternet.com), or 07792 905347.

The Hurworth Community Centre would welcome volunteers who are prepared to bring forward new ideas, which will benefit the village, and be prepared to organise or help to organise community events.

Please make contact via [grabster@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:grabster@hotmail.co.uk) if you are interested.

## Hurworth Village Diary

### Nov 23

- Sat 4<sup>th</sup>**      **All Saints Autumn Fair**      **The Grange**  
10.30 am till 12.00 mid day      Entry by donation
- Sun 5<sup>th</sup>**      **Cinema on your Doorstep**      **Village Hall**  
**“Allelujah” with Jenifer Saunders**      3.00pm  
Soup and friendly company prior to film from 2.00pm
- Fri 10<sup>th</sup>**      **A Swingin’ Prom Concert with Hurworth Concert Band**  
7.00 pm      Tickets £10 from 07396 705476      **The Grange**
- Sat 11<sup>th</sup>**      **Tribute Night with Lee Davies**      **The Grange**  
Tickets £15 inc pie and pea supper - ring 01325 720840 or  
from The Grange Bar
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup>**      **Village Hall AGM**      **Village Hall**  
6.30pm      All welcome
- Sun 19<sup>th</sup>**      **Fused Glass Workshop - 10am to 1.00pm**      **Village Hall**  
Make your own keepsake or Christmas present  
Ring Tina on 07907 469065 for further details

### Dec 23

- Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>**      **Cinema on your Doorstep**      **Village Hall**  
**“I wanna Dance with Somebody”**      3.00pm  
The Whitney Houston Story starring Naomi Ackie  
Soup and friendly company prior to film from 2.00pm
- Sun 10<sup>th</sup>**      **Childrens Film followed by a flying visit by Santa and his  
Elves**      **Village Hall**  
2.15pm - tickets @ £5 -

Tickets must be purchased in advance from Bill Drumm on 07799 467817

## **TIME FOR A SMILE**

\* Outside one church is a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed. A headline reads: ‘For fast relief, take two tablets.’

\* Church carpark sign...FOR MEMBERS ONLY. Trespassers will be baptised.

## **Remembering the National Service – 60 years on**

This year marks 60 years since the end of National Service. The Royal British Legion and the nation will be celebrating all that a generation of young men did for this country during those years, when conscription became just a part of growing up.

National Service drew in a staggering number of young men – more than two million of them were conscripted between the end of the Second World War and May 1963, when the last serviceman was demobbed.

Conscription had come about following the war, when there was a huge demand for military resources in Britain. Young service men were badly needed to retain the Empire, and to contribute to the occupation of Germany and Japan. Yet low birth rates in Britain in the 1930s meant there were fewer young men available for military service.

And so the 1947 National Service Act was brought in as a solution. It meant that young men aged 18 – 26 were required to serve in the Armed Forces for 18 months. They were sent to posts in the UK and to British garrisons around the world. Some fought on the front lines, and some worked as clerks. Some taught in the Education Corps, and some were on sentry duty.

For many of them, it would have been the first time they lived away from their family, let alone left the country. So the National Service made great demands on them – and left them with a wide range of experiences.

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## **LEST WE FORGET**

**Join us at**

**All Saints Hurworth**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

**for a special Service of Remembrance  
at 10.00am followed by the Laying of  
Wreaths and Last Post and Reveille at  
the Cenotaph at 11.00am**



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(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”.

