

THE RIVERSIDE PARISHES

All Saints Hurworth Newsletter April 2024

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

Why do we believe what we believe?

Recently, some of us in the Riverside Parishes have been reading a book together about how Christianity has shaped our culture. In the ancient world, people believed that some people are worth more than others, that slaves belong to their owners, that there's no point looking after people at the bottom of society, and that the past was better than the present. But that's not what we believe. We believe in equality, freedom, compassion and progress. Why? The answer in the book: our modern values come directly from Christianity. (If you want to check out the book, it's by Glen Scrivener, and it's called, *The Air We Breathe*.)

But there's something very strange about saying that Christianity has shaped the modern world. Right at the heart of Christianity is a man on a cross. Christians claim that the man on the cross was and is the Son of God. Now, if you were going to invent a religion, never in a million years would you think of encouraging people to worship someone on a cross. Being crucified was the most humiliating thing you could possibly imagine. No self-respecting deity would sink so low!

But there's no doubt that, at some point in the past, people started to worship a man called Jesus, who they said had been crucified. Why would people do something so strange? Something must have happened. But what? What happened?

The answer that Christians give is that Jesus came back to life again, and that he's alive today. Only someone who is alive can transform the world and transform lives.

If you want to encounter the risen Jesus for yourself, why not give church a try? It might be the best thing you've ever done.

Revd Anthony Smith, Priest in Charge

From the Parish Records

Wedding

17th February 24

Kate McLoughlin &
Jacob Conway



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:
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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

Tomato Plants

We are growing tomato plants again this year and they are expected to be ready this month, the exact timing depending on the weather.

We will have the usual wide variety of plants again - red, yellow, orange, striped, large, medium and cherry, including beef tomatoes.

Contact Fred Thompson Tel 720746

All proceeds for church funds.



Prayer for April 2024
based on John 20: 19-end

Almighty Father,
In these weeks after Easter, help us to receive afresh
the new life Jesus' resurrection makes possible.
Lord, come to us. Walk through the locked doors of our
fears.
Bring us your peace. Fill us with your Holy Spirit.
Send us onto our daily front lines to share your resurrection
peace and hope and love with those who are lost and lonely.
Thank you for meeting us in Jesus, our Lord and our God.
We are your Easter people. Hallelujah. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Autism is on the rise

Autism is on the rise. Or at least, the recognition of it is. According to the website psychcentral.com, there was a 787% exponential increase in the number of people who were diagnosed with autism between 1998 and 2018 in the UK. The National Autistic Society says that in the UK, more than one in every 100 people are now on the autism spectrum. It reckons that around 700,000 adults and children in the UK suffer with the condition to some degree.

All of which means that you probably know of someone who has autism, to some degree. And you may know that, as it says on the NHS website:

Autistic people may act in a different way to other people, ... and find it hard to understand how other people think or feel. They may find things like bright lights or loud noises overwhelming, stressful, or uncomfortable. They may get anxious or upset about unfamiliar situations and social events and take longer to understand information.

To help people with autism, you may wish to support this 'acceptance week', by going to the National Autistic Society's website, <https://www.autism.org.uk> and taking part in some way in their fundraising campaign.



**Church Services in Hurworth,
Middleton St George, Low Dinsdale and Girsby
April 2024**

Thurs 4 th	Hurworth	8.00 _{AM}	Morning Prayer
Sun 7 th	MSG Academy	10.00 _{AM}	Service of the Word
	Hurworth	10.30 _{AM}	Holy Communion
	Girsby	11.00 _{AM}	Holy Communion
Thurs 11 th	Hurworth	8.00 _{AM}	Morning Prayer
Sun 14 th	Hurworth	8.00 _{AM}	Holy Communion
	MSG Academy	10.00 _{AM}	Service of the Word, APM & APCM
	Hurworth	10.30 _{AM}	Morning Worship
Thurs 18 th	Hurworth	8.00 _{AM}	Morning Prayer
Sun 21 st	Dinsdale	9.00 _{AM}	Holy Communion
	MSG Academy	10.00 _{AM}	Service of the Word
	Hurworth	10.30 _{AM}	Morning Worship, APM & APCM
Thurs 25 th	Hurworth	8.00 _{AM}	Morning Prayer
Sun 28 th	Hurworth	8.00 _{AM}	Holy Communion
	MSG Academy	10.00 _{AM}	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	10.30 _{AM}	Morning Worship

HURWORTH YOUTH PROJECT

The **Hurworth Youth Project** is the umbrella name for various youth work activities in the village of Hurworth (and surrounding area) run by local charity Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry.

For over seventeen years All Saints Church has proudly supported (and been the location for) the **'FRIDAY NIGHT DROP-IN'** a place for young people (in school Years 7 to 11) to come and socialise with their friends offering a range of activities including pool, air hockey, a computer suite, quiz nites, craft activities and a low-cost tuck shop / refreshments. Although the Drop-In has recently had a short hiatus it runs every Friday during term-time from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.



There is also a very popular younger version of the Drop-In, called the **'FRIDAY NIGHT HANG OUT'** which is for Primary School pupils in years 4, 5 & 6 that runs from 6pm to 7.30pm. The young people enjoy socialising and the array of activities available. In February the group decorated stones for Valentines Day, which were then placed around the village for people to find.

There is an entry fee of £1 to each of these sessions - that goes back into the running of the youth activities.

Earlier this academic year members of the Hang-Out went to Marrick Priory near Reeth for a QUEST weekend. The young people enjoyed activities including zip-wire, climbing wall, abseiling and the legendary 'Leap of Faith. Much fun was had.



Alongside the organised activities on Friday evenings, we also have the **'FRIDAY NIGHT WALKABOUT'** which is when members of the team walk around the village to engage with, and chat to, any young people who may simply be hanging around – you may have seen us with our bright hoodies and beanie hats.

The other significant activity of HYP is the provision of **'THE LISTENING POST'** work in Hurworth Academy. The Listening Post is a listening and mentoring service that provides low-level mental health and well-being support and is part of the wider Listening Post work across Darlington. Last academic year we held over 295 listening post appointments supporting 36 students.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - If you are interested in finding out more about the work of the Hurworth Youth Project or are interested in joining the HYP team as a volunteer on a Friday evening - you can find more by following the Hurworth Youth Project on Facebook or by contacting Martin Stand (MartinStand@dacym.co.uk or 07717 336183).



Annual Assembly Friday 12th April

At Hurworth Grange,

Greetings drink at 6:15pm with registration.

Meeting starts at starting at 6:45pm.

Agenda

1. HPC Chairman welcomes the guests
 2. Ward Councillor (s) Update of their work for Hurworth
 3. Graham Wylie – Hurworth Grange facilities and amenities
 4. Lynn Drumm – Hurworth Village Hall facilities and events
 5. Paul Mallett – All Saints Church
 6. Kelvin Russell - Hurworth Albion update
 7. Angie Graham – Hurworth Scouts
 8. Laura Walton – PTA & Rainbows
- 8:15pm refreshments – Finger buffet and drinks

8:30pm until 9:30pm Public participation

Tables around the hall

1. Hurworth Parish Council
2. PACT
3. Hurworth Albion
4. Hurworth PTA
5. Allotments
6. Right of Way
7. Hurworth Grange
8. Village Hall
9. Hurworth Scout Groups
10. Church and Youth Club
11. Model engineers

Refreshments continue

ABBA 50 Years On

Fifty years ago, on 6th April 1974, the Swedish pop group ABBA won the Eurovision Song Contest with their song *Waterloo*. It was the first time that Sweden won the contest. ABBA went on to be one of the most successful groups in music history.

The victory, in Brighton, was just the first step on the road to conquering the world, as far as pop music was concerned. The songs, written mainly by Björn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson, were matched by the passion, exuberance and good looks of singers Agnetha Fältskog and Anni-Frid 'Frida' Lyngstad, who later married them – and even later, divorced them.

The name of the group came from the initials of the four Christian names. Some have suggested a link to the biblical Abba and looked for Jewish themes in their songs, but this is wishful thinking. While Anni-Frid (who was born Norwegian) may be Christian, Björn is definitely an outspoken atheist. In fact, ABBA is the name of a Swedish canned fish company that had to give permission for the singers to use it – a decision they are unlikely to have regretted.

Both *Waterloo* and ABBA achieved worldwide superstar status quickly – no small feat for a group performing in a language that is not their own. The film *ABBA – the Movie* and the musical *Mamma Mia* and its sequel, featuring their compelling songs, were huge successes. It is estimated that the musical has been seen by more than 60 million people worldwide.

ABBA hit the jackpot again when their revolutionary new project, *ABBA Voyage*, launched in 2022. In it, Agnetha, Björn, Benny and Anni-Frid perform their love-songs digitally with a live 10-piece band, in a purpose-built ABBA arena at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London. Not bad for four divorcees in their 70s.

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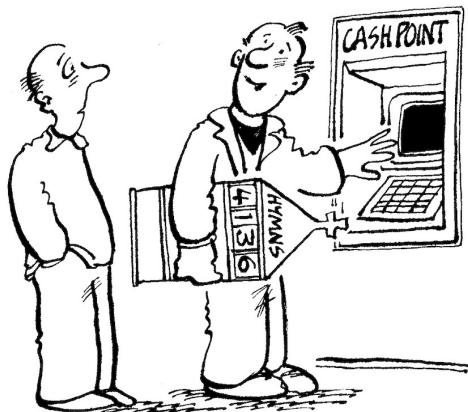
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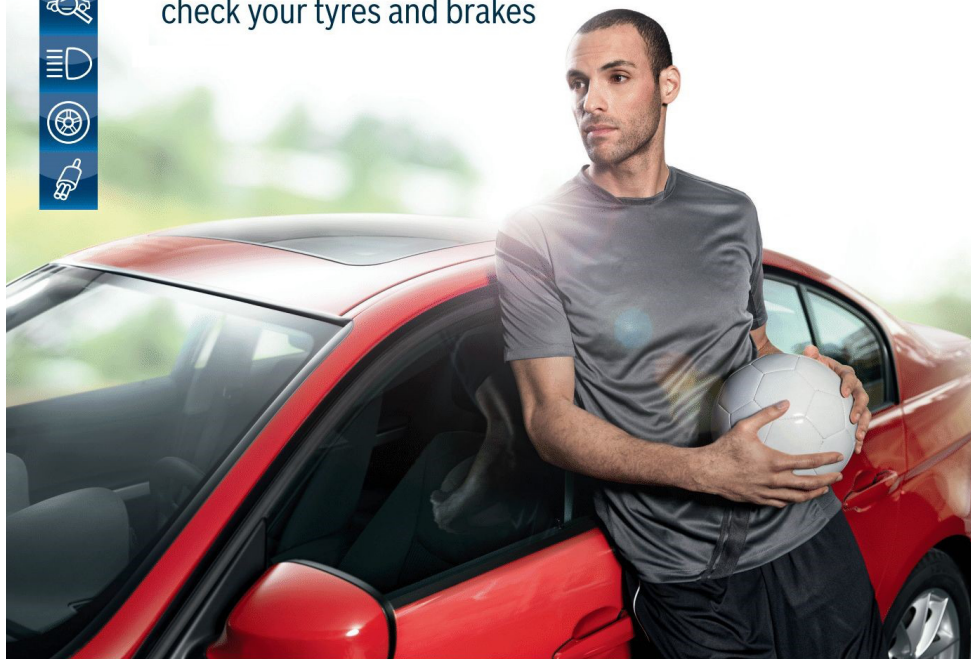
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(For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals in Dinsdale, Girsby & MSG please contact the appropriate Church Warden initially)

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

