

THE RIVERSIDE PARISHES

All Saints Hurworth Newsletter February 22

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



Thoughts for the Month

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”

It's a funny old month, February. From October to December, life can feel like a dizzying journey through one festival after another. Whether you like Halloween or loathe it, it's hard to ignore. Churches, especially those like ours which are dedicated to All the Saints, prefers to focus on All Saints' Day on November 1st. Then there's Bonfire Night, and before you know it, you're buying bits for Christmas. Incidentally, do you still have pine needles magically appearing through the doormat like the first shoots of spring? We do! Many of us enjoy a Christmas holiday that at least takes in New Year's Eve and Day, and since we often find it genuinely hard to predict how much will be consumed over Christmas, the leftovers are with us until mid January at least.

On the far horizon is Easter, and March will begin with Shrove Tuesday. But what about February, still often grey and damp and quiet? If you dig deep on the internet, you'll find a handful of bizarre commemorative days, not least of which is Saturday 5th February, which is "Ice Cream for Breakfast Day". Look it up if you don't believe me. But for me, I'm looking forward to something much simpler, which is, peace. Maybe it's because of what we've all been through over the last 2 years: even the luckiest of us have at least experienced constant change and uncertainty. It's wearing. Or maybe it's just the past few busy months. But as I look forward to a month of relative quietness, with its apparent dearth of "big events", I have a vision of a quiet time. A time for thinking, reflecting, praying if you will. The chance for a short walk or ride in the country, spotting the first shoots of spring; a good book; a quiet evening at home. Jesus promised us peace. It is feely offered, if only we can make the time to receive it.

Julia Clarke

TIME FOR A SMILE

More church newsletter bloopers

- The youth group has raised almost £500 for drug abuse.
- Correction: The following typo appeared in our last bulletin: 'Lunch will be gin at 12:15.' Please correct to read '12 noon.'
- Any church member over 18 is invited to join in this lay ministry programme. It requires only a minimal amount of training and time: six weekly classes of about 200 hours, each Tuesday night.
- The Seniors group will have a picnic on Saturday. Each person is asked to bring a friend, a vegetable, or a dessert, all in a covered dish.
- Advert for a church jumble sale: 'We have a gents three-speed bicycle, and also two ladies for sale, in good running order.'

Overheard from the Pews

- A Sunday School teacher asked her children: "Can anyone tell me what you must do before you can obtain forgiveness of sin?"

There was a short pause and then, from the back of the room, a small boy ventured: "Sin?"

- Love may not make the world spin around, but it certainly makes a lot of people dizzy.
- A man stopped by his local florist shop to buy flowers for his new girlfriend on Valentine's Day. He asked the proprietor, "You know the expression, 'Say it with flowers'?"

"I do indeed!" the florist enthused. "How about three dozen of my finest roses?"

The man hesitated. "No, make it just a half dozen roses. I'm a man of few words."

From the Parish Records

Baptism

28th Nov - Freddie Benjamin Abernathy

Funeral

17th Dec - All Saints Hurworth

Elizabeth Joan Parker (aged 79 years)



WHAT'S ON OFFER FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS?

Things are slowly returning to normal, watch out for further information



**All Saints Church Creche—10.30am every Sunday
Hurworth Friday Hangout & Friday Night Drop In
All Saints Church Centre**

WHAT A TREE CAN DO FOR YOU

Trees can help prevent you getting depressed. At least, you are less likely to be on antidepressants if you live on a tree-lined street.

That is the finding of a survey by the Forestry Commission, which looked for the first time at the mental health value of our forests and woodlands. Apparently, they save the NHS something like £185 million in antidepressants each year.

A spokesman at Mind, the mental health charity, said: “Although many of us feel like hibernating in winter, getting outside in green spaces and making the most of the little daylight we get can really benefit both your physical and mental health.”



Church Services in Hurworth,



Middleton St George, Low Dinsdale and Girsby

February 2022

Thurs 3 rd	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
Sunday 6 th	Hurworth	10.30AM	Holy Communion by Extension
	MSG	10.00AM	Service of the Word
Thurs 10 th	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
Sunday 13 th	Hurworth	8.00AM	Holy Communion by Extension
		10.30AM	Morning Worship
	MSG	10.00AM	Service of the Word
Thurs 17 th	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
Sunday 20 th	Hurworth	8.00AM	Holy Communion by Extension
	Hurworth	10.30AM	Morning Worship
	MSG	10.00AM	Holy Communion
Thurs 24 th	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
Sunday 27 th	Hurworth	8.00AM	Holy Communion by Extension
		10.30AM	Morning Worship
	MSG	10.00AM	Service of the Word

**Hurworth Sunday Services are in church and are also streamed live on Zoom
Link details are available on request from the editor.**

Middleton St George (MSG) services held at St Georges Academy

Valentines Day is the 14 Feb and these two poems reflect some of the warmth and love in the world at this special time.

God's Valentine

For God so loved the world He sent His Son
There was no other way to let us know,
So Jesus came to us from heaven's realm
To bring God's love to all of us below.

He took on flesh, became like one of us,
Taught and healed and loved wherever He went
Showing the Father's love for all to see
He truly was a gift from heaven sent.

The Bible is God's precious Word of Life
A living breathing word like no other,
It is a heavenly letter of love to us
Sent 'From your God the Everlasting Father'.

By Megan Carter

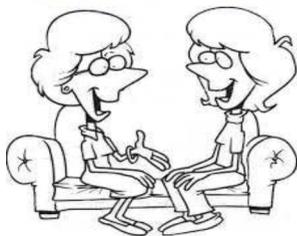
Valentines Love Poem

Cherish The Lovely Memories With Your Friend
I promise to love you
When your jokes are not funny.
I promise to love you
When you have no money.

I promise to love you
When you're sick and all snotty.
I promise to love you
When you're angry and grotty.

I promise to love you
When you're drunk and unruly.
I promise to love you
When you're hung over and drooly.

And I promise to love you
When you drive me 'round the bend.
I promise to love you
Because you are my best friend!



CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

2.15pm Tuesday 8th February
In the Church Centre

We look forward to seeing you.

All welcome.



Would some Financial support help to improve the Quality of your Life ?

If you live in Hurworth

And you are either elderly

Or have a mental health problem

Or if you feel that something would be beneficial to the common good of people of all ages resident in Hurworth.

Then you may find that The Trustees of The Hurworth Rogers Charitable Trust are able to help you. We are always very happy to receive donations so as to further the aims of the Charity.

If you think that we may be able to help make that difference then please apply on our simple application form which is available from The Trust Secretary:
Mrs Milly Stoney, 2 West End, Hurworth on Tees

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Friday Night Detached Youth Work – Questionnaire Results

1. Of those surveyed 45% lived in Hurworth. 45% were from outside the Village. (10% of respondents didn't say).
2. 95% of the young people questioned were aged 14-16. 5% were 17+
3. 100% of those questioned, who did not live in Hurworth, were in the Village to hang-out with friends.
4. When asked about what the 'Best Thing' about Hurworth is, the top 3 answers were...
 - Park / Outdoor Spaces (35%)
 - Friends live here (25%)
 - It's a nice place / village (20%)
5. When asked about what the 'Worst Thing' about Hurworth is, the top 3 answers were...
 - Hurworth Live / Adults Moaning (40%)
 - some of the young people who are hanging out (30%)
 - the Secondary School (15%)
6. When asked whether the young people would like somewhere inside to hang-out 70% of young people said yes.
7. Of those that want somewhere to hang-out 38% would be happy with anywhere inside. 31% wanted some kind of youth café, 31% also wanted some type of sports hall/venue.
8. When asked what facilities they would like an indoor space to have over 80% wanted a café/tuck shop. 63% wanted music. 44% wanted computer gaming, and 25% wanted craft activities. (Respondents were able to suggest more than one).

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Parish Council Update

The Parish Council held their annual Finance Meeting in December in order to calculate the Precept for 2022.

- * The precept for 2022 will remain unchanged at £59,000
- * The allotment rent will remain unchanged at £20 per plot.

The following projects were approved for implementation in 2022:-

- * The completion of the Children's playground.
- * The resurfacing of part of the skateboard rink.
- * The continuation of the disabled friendly circular pathway within the grounds of Hurworth Grange.
- * The installation of three History of the Parish plaques / information frames
- * Support for community events
- * A contribution for new chairs for the Village Hall
- * Funding for a Youth programme.

We are pleased to inform you that Sam Walker has taken over the post of Village Litter Picker, working for Hurworth Parish Council.

The Council received nine very good applications, but as Sam has been carrying out voluntary litter picking all over the Parish, for more than three years, he was the natural selection for the Council to make.

CHRISTINGLE 2021

Because of the surge in Covid19 activity in the region All Saints Church much loved Christingle service had to be cancelled for the safety of the 250+ people who regularly attend.

The ASH team decided that, rather than waste the oranges and other items that make up the Christingle, they would put together DIY kits and give them away outside the church on Christmas Eve.

As a result 217 kits were given away, 33 oranges were donated to the food bank and £93 was donated to the Hurworth Youth Project.

A big THANK YOU to all who turned out in the rain to receive the kits and to the "back room" people who put it all together every year.

Hurworth Village Diary

Sun 6th Feb Film Afternoon **Village Hall** **3pm**
RESPECT - the Aretha Franklin Story (entry by donation)

Sat 12th Feb Tribute Night - Jamie Tinkler
The Grange

Sun 20th Feb Pudding Club **Village Hall** **2.30pm**
Free to join the club, £5 per person tasting
More details on the Village Hall web site

Sat 26th Feb Hoglets presents ‘ The Sleep Pirates
Village Hall **2pm**
An imagination firing treat for young people and their parents
Admission Adults £10 - Children £5

Fri 4th Mar Tribute Night - The Breakfast Club
The Grange

Sun 6th Mar Film Afternoon **Village Hall** **3pm**
James Bond 007 (entry by donation)

Fri 18th Mar Quiz Night **Village Hall** **7.30 prompt**
Places must be reserved in advance

Something to Ponder - Why you should do housework

Now here is a great reason to do some housework: older people who regularly do household chores have better memory and attention spans than those who avoid domestic duties.

Not only that, but housework is linked to superior leg strength in people over 65. That means their risk of a fall is reduced.

The study, published in *BMJ Open*, found that a combination of light housework, such as washing up, dusting, making the bed, hanging out laundry, ironing and cooking – and heavy housework, such as window cleaning, changing bedding, vacuuming, washing the floor, and chores involving sawing, repairing or painting, “was associated with higher cognitive function” among older people, who showed up to 14 per cent higher attention span scores than older people who did not do housework.

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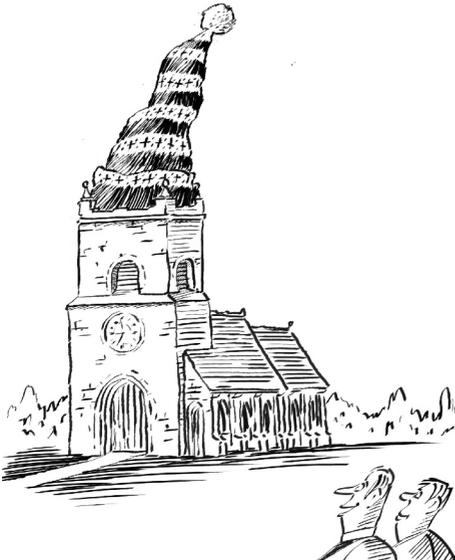
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"The knitting circle are playing their part
in our heating efficiency programme."



"I'm updating the 'rota notice-board' rota,
rota... do I see a hand...?"

Newsletter Information

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

