

The Riverside Parishes are currently in Interregnum and as such awaiting the appointment of a new Priest in Charge.

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Lord, don't move any mountains that I face; just give me the strength to climb them

THE RIVERSIDE PARISHES

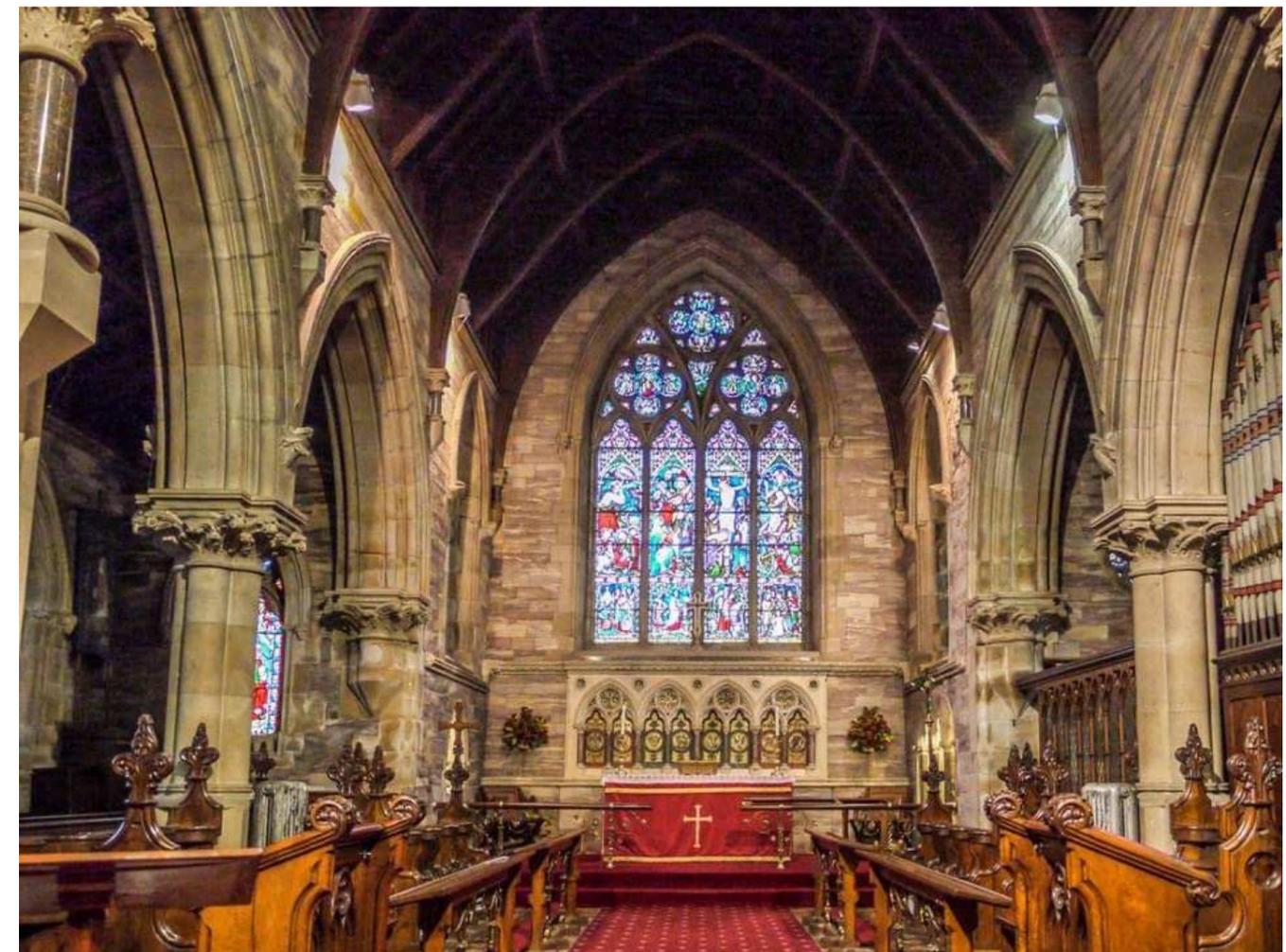
All Saints Hurworth Newsletter

September 2020

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

Newsletter also available on line at : www.allsaintshurworth.org

PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW WEB ADDRESS



WE'VE MISSED YOU

THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

I hope that in these continuing uncertain times, you may know our faithful God who sustains us day by day. As I look back over another month, I'm thankful to God for his daily kindness and grace – both for my family and for the church family at All Saints.

It was with great joy that All Saints was once again able to meet for a service together in church on August 2nd, in line with government guidelines. There was plenty of social distancing and hand sanitiser but, sadly, no singing. However, it was still good to meet together and see people once again. I'm also aware, however that at this time it's not possible for everybody to attend a service due to their own particular circumstances. It's a very personal decision.

How do we handle having two groups - those able to come to church and those prevented from doing so or deciding to wait a little longer - is the opposite of what we want but may be our reality for some time to come. St Paul in his letter to the Romans (12:15) wrote: *"Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn."* Essentially Paul is saying this - don't let your mind focus solely on your own situation. Instead, think about what is happening to others and identify with them.

For those who have to stay at home on Sundays, it may feel hard perhaps to see pictures of others together in the church building or to hear about it. But can I plead with you? Don't let that turn into bitterness and resentment - rejoice with those who have the opportunity to meet together again. But it is also important for those of us who *are* able to meet not simply to enjoy that and give no thought to those who would love to be with us. That's part of mourning with those who are mourning. We need to remember that the church is not just those who are there on Sunday. That's why we are broadcasting the service on Zoom each Sunday and distributing details of the service including the intercessions and the sermon to those unable to access Zoom. By doing this we are trying to include everybody as much as possible. If you are not already accessing our worship and would like to do so, please contact one of our churchwardens.

Of course that verse is capable of much wider application. In church life almost every piece of good news for somebody (such as a new job, a new relationship) is simultaneously a reminder for others of what they long for but don't have. The way through those times is for those who feel they may be missing out to look to rejoice in the blessing God has given others. Meanwhile, those who have been blessed should show sensitivity to those for whom life is tough. That's all part of not thinking primarily of ourselves but of others. Paul goes on to say in v16: *"Live in harmony with one another"*.

Love for another means we enter deeply into the experiences and emotions of our brothers and sisters in Christ and feel solidarity with them. We do this because the Spirit of Jesus dwells within us - the one who above all else focused on others and not his own situation. So, as Hebrews 12:2 encourages us, we seek to fix our eyes on Jesus - and to be more like Him as we respond to the different joys and frustrations that we will experience.

Best Wishes

John



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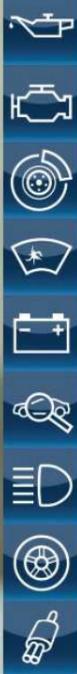
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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

**WELCOME BACK TO THE ALL SAINTS CHURCH HURWORTH PARISH MAGAZINE
WE REALLY MISSED YOU**

At long last we are able to return to your doorstep with your personal copy of the All Saints Hurworth parish magazine after our Covid19 enforced absence.

We have learned a lot of new skills in the lockdown not the least of them being internet conferencing. Many of us had never heard of Zoom prior to Covid19 and are now almost expert, with the emphasis on the word “almost”.

Through various means we have maintained contact with the vast majority of our friends in the parish but in the unlikely event that we have missed you out do let us know and we will add you to our contact list going forward.

A lot of the work of the church in lockdown has been carried out by a small number of volunteers and, whilst avoiding the temptation to mention them all of them by name, I would like to thank them all for their very hard work at this difficult time. You all know who you are and, on behalf of everyone, thank you so very much.

I would particularly like to say a thank you to the people involved in putting together, printing and delivering this newsletter and hope you have enjoyed the forced break to the best of your ability. These things do not just happen and a lot of people in and around the parish put a lot of work into producing and delivering this newsletter to the almost 1,700 homes in the village and beyond.

Thank you also to the advertisers who so regularly support us to promote their services and events. Please support them when you need their services and keep the business local if at all possible. If anyone would like details about advertising please get in touch. Our rates are extremely competitive and it's a great way for local business to reach the local people.

Finally, a big thank you to all of the wonderful people of Hurworth who kept things going during lockdown, looking after residents who were not able to look after themselves in so many ways. Your community spirit will be remembered in years to come as nothing but exceptional. Thank you one and all.

I hope you continue to enjoy these newsletters and look forward to hearing from you if you have anything that you think is suitable for inclusion in future editions.

Warm regards

Denis



Macmillan Coffee Morning



At this time of year All Saints Church would normally be having a coffee morning for the benefit of Macmillan Nurses.

The situation with the Coronavirus this year makes this very difficult for us to organise, so we have decided to ask people to have their **own coffee morning at home on September 12**, either on their own, or with friends, and make a donation to Macmillan Nurses.

Donations can be sent to Fred Thompson (Church Treasurer), 17 Bryan Close, or by payment direct to the bank referenced as Macmillan Nurse Appeal, Bank details :-

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This is a very worthwhile charity to support, and we encourage everyone who can to participate, so that a suitable donation can be made. Hopefully, next year we will be able to resume "normality" and have the happy social event we are used to.

Please help support this wonderful cause.

From the Parish Records

Holy Baptism:

26th July 2020

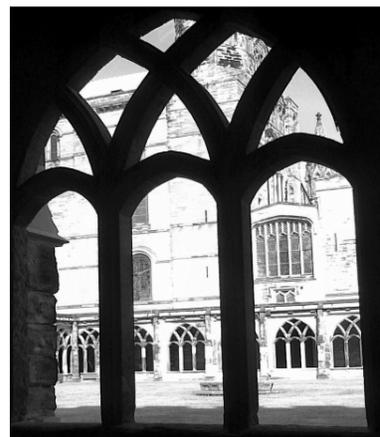
Wayne Eli Ward

Alfie Ward

Funeral:

3rd August 2020 (Falmouth, Cornwall)

Cathie Faulds (aged 78 years)



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.

Appropriate copy is always welcome as are offers to assist with the distribution to our growing community.

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The twins had been doing Messy Church at home.

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

WE ARE MISSING YOU A LOT !

LINK TO HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL

GREAT NEWS

Last year All Saints Church and our friends in the villages sent nearly 200 shoe boxes to exceptionally needy people in Eastern Europe which brought great joy and much happiness to their impoverished lives at a time of peace and love at Christmas. **This year we are determined that they will not miss out.**

With the current Coronavirus still active we cannot be certain that delivering parcels will be possible. We are however delighted to say that Link to Hope, who manage the distribution of the boxes, are this year offering three options being:

Fill a Box—as previously done

Donate to the Appeal

Send bulk shoebox items

Full details are contained in the enclosed Shoe Box Leaflet or by ringing
Jill Bramwell on 01325 721863



A prayer for racial equality

**Lord God, Creator of all people,
may your son who suffered the inhumanity
of the cross,
comfort us in our anxiety and in our horror,
in times that take our breath away.
May your Holy Spirit inspire us to repentance
and to action in dismantling the virus
of racism
from within the Church, our nation and our
world.
Amen**

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



SEPTEMBER 2020



Thurs 3rd	Hurworth	8.00am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 6th	Hurworth	10.30am	Service of the Word
			Live streamed on Zoom — link on request
	MSG	10.45—12noon	Private Prayer
Thurs 10th	Hurworth	8.00am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 13th	Hurworth	10.30am	Service of the Word
			Live streamed on Zoom — link on request
	MSG	10.00am	Short Spoken Service
Thurs 17th	Hurworth	8.00am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 20th	Hurworth	10.30am	Service of the Word
			Live streamed on Zoom — link on request
	MSG	10.00am	Short Spoken Service
Thurs 24th	Hurworth	8.00am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 27th	Hurworth	10.30am	Service of the Word
			Live streamed on Zoom — link on request
	MSG	10.00am	Short Spoken Service

Please Note—all of the above services require the obligatory wearing of Face Masks

THE ABOVE LIST OF SERVICES IS SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT/CANCELLATION SHOULD WE BE ADVISED ABOUT ANY FURTHER CHANGES BY THE GOVERNMENT OR THE DIOCESE. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO KEEP YOU INFORMED

Middleton St George (MSG) services are held at St Georges Church,
Low Middleton

NOW EVEN MORE PLASTIC !

There is growing concern in the Government, among campaigners, and among scientists over how coronavirus has sparked an increase in single-use plastics.

Not only are millions of disposable masks and gloves now ‘out there’, but there has been also a huge increase in disposable cutlery, sachets and containers.

One study by UCL estimates that in the UK alone, if every person used a single-use face mask every day for a year, it would create an additional 66,000 tonnes of contaminated waste, and 57,000 tonnes of plastic packaging.

Two environment ministers, Lord Goldsmith and Rebecca Pow, have said: “We are actively thinking across the Government and NHS whether we can safely reuse PPE and we are aware of other countries who have begun looking at the potential to decontaminate and reuse it.”

Scientists warn that it could take up to 500 years for polypropylene face masks to degrade. Meanwhile, according to some estimates, 129billion masks and 65billion plastic gloves are being used each month worldwide.

A Garden Mystery

A garden is a mystery
It makes me question ‘why?’
The plants I nurture with such care
Just shrivel up and die?
While seeds that I don’t know about
All vigorously thrive
And grow like fabled beanstalks
From cracks within my drive!

Open Monday to Saturday



Welcome Back!

We've been delighted to welcome our customers back after lockdown and we even have a shiny, new coffee machine and a beautiful piece of artwork, made by local families, to celebrate!

Great, locally-roasted coffee

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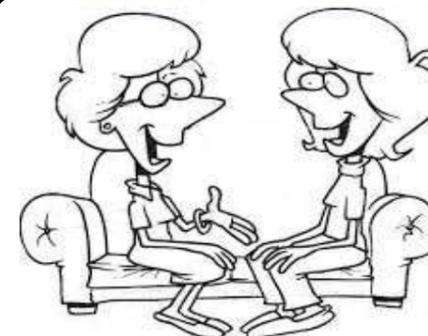
Do come and say hello - the warmest of welcomes awaits you.



TIME FOR A SMILE

These are some REAL examples of mistakes made in church newsletters in the past, thankfully not ours of course!

- ♦ The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- ♦ The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'
The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
- ♦ Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- ♦ At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?'
Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- ♦ The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
- ♦ The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- ♦ This evening at 7pm there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- ♦ Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5pm - prayer and medication to follow.
- ♦ Miss Charlene Mason sang, 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.



CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Whilst the current Coronavirus restrictions remain in place no further meetings are planned.

Hurworth Village Diary 2020

September

Thursday 3 rd	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm Hurworth Grange
Sunday 6 th	VE Day Concert	2.00pm Village Green
Friday 18 th	Village Hall Quiz	Hurworth Village Hall
Saturday 19 th	Hurworth Craft & Produce Fair	11am—4pm Hurworth Grange
Sunday 20 th	McMillan Coffee Morning	(Time TBA) Hurworth Grange
Wednesday 23 rd	EPICH Annual General Meeting	6.00pm Hurworth Grange

October

Thursday 1 st	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm Hurworth Grange
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The events are correct at the time of going to print but are subject to further amendment to reflect changes in government Coronavirus advice

Parish Council Notices

Parish Councillor Vacancies (2)

Residents who are interested should contact the Parish Clerk or enquire directly on the Parish Council web site.

Defibrillator

The defibrillator outside the Mustard Tree is now fully operational and available for emergency use.

Bus Services

A new two way Arriva bus service will begin in the near future, full details to be clarified in due course.

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



BRING BACK HEDGEROWS

We need our hedgerows back – urgently.

They are part of ‘nature’s toolbox’ to help us reduce our carbon emissions here in Hurworth and elsewhere.

That was the recent message from the CPRE countryside charity which points out that there were twice as many hedges in England before the Second World War. Since then thousands of kilometres of hedges have been ripped up to make way for new housing and motorways, and to merge and enlarge fields.

The 2007 UK Countryside Survey found that there were 600,000 kilometres of managed and unmanaged hedgerows in the UK, with the vast majority of them in England.

This was a significant decline on the same survey from 1984, when there were about 680,000 kilometres of hedges across Great Britain. That is a reduction of 80,000 kilometres, or 50,000 miles. To put that another way, we have ripped out about 57,000 times the entire length of Britain (874 miles).

No wonder, then, that the CPRE’s report, *Greener, better, faster: countryside solutions to the climate emergency and for a green recovery*, calls for millions of pounds to be spent on new hedges. It says: “By planting more trees and hedgerow, restoring peatlands and moving toward a more sustainable way of farming, we can use nature’s toolbox to capture greenhouse gases from the air, while revitalising our natural environment.”

The answer lies in our own hands

