

# **THE RIVERSIDE PARISHES**

**All Saints Hurworth Newsletter November 2021**

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



## **ALL SAINTS AUTUMN FAYRE Sat 6<sup>th</sup> November HURWORTH GRANGE 10am until 12**

**Meet up with your friends and neighbours for a morning of festive fun with lots of bargains on the stalls for all of the family.**

**Entry by Donation**

**Refreshments, Raffle, Tombola, Crafts, Toys and Games, Jigsaws, Books, Cakes, Seasonal Plants and more**

## **Thoughts for the Month**

### **Advent from Darkness to Light**

During the season of Advent as Christians we look for Jesus' coming as a baby at Christmas, our loving God who chose to come into the world as we all do, to be born as a baby in the midst, of a chaotic world. This seems such a slow way to bring salvation to the world. But God may not always choose the easy answer or the quick fix. But by his earthly incarnation God demonstrates a total commitment to the very core of humanity. A commitment, to our day-by-day routines and challenges, a commitment to humanity from the cradle to the grave and beyond. And in that same incarnational way, God comes to us day by day, through the working of the Holy Spirit, but as Christians we also look forward to his second coming as Lord and King in the fullness of time. It's a focus on the past and the future and symbolises the spiritual journey we are all on.

Historically the church's colour for Advent is purple, the colour of penitence and fasting but also the colour of royalty as we wait for the coming of the King.

Some of the readings during the advent season come from the Old Testament and speak of the coming of the Messiah, and the anticipation of the coming Messiah weaves its way through it like a golden thread.

Through Jesus' birth, death and resurrection, his first Advent we have the hope he will come again and while we wait, in these between times, as Christians we are called to offer hope to those around us. So, during this coming season of Advent let us all wait in anticipation, let us all offer the hope of the Messiah who has come and the Messiah who is to come again to those who lack hope to those who are sick to those who are lonely to those who are in need and to those who are exhausted from the pressures of life.

Jesus said Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

**Paul Mallett**



## Lest We Forget

*'In Flanders' fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row, that mark our place: and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly scarce heard amid the guns below.'*

This is the first verse of John McCrae's poem, first published in Punch magazine in 1915. It soon came to symbolise the sacrifice of all who died in World War One. Today, the poppy remains a tangible symbol for those who have sacrificed their lives in war, especially as we remember those who died in Afghanistan. But why do we remember?

*'They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.'*

(Micah 4:3). Writing 700 years before Christ, Micah spoke at the time when Samaria fell due to the aggression of Assyria. However, he prophesied a future of hope, a world where nations come together in peace rather than war. His words are fulfilled in the kingdom of God established by Jesus.

Our understanding of *peace* is more than simply the absence of conflict. It is about building relationships between people, communities and nations, founded on love and justice for all. As we remember those who died in war, we should look practically at how we can build such relationships, beginning with our own families, colleagues and neighbours. *'We will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.'* (Micah 4:5). Let's ask God's Spirit to make us people of peace, justice and compassion for today's world.

*'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.'*

## From the Parish Records



### Funerals

17<sup>th</sup> Sept - All Saints Girsby

Alfred Marsden Alderson (aged 92 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** – More information to follow

**Friday Night Drop In** – More information to follow

## Prayer for November

Father,

In these short, dark days of November, with all the uncertainties and complications in our new Covid 19 landscape, help us to feel the reassurance of Your presence in the gift of each new day. Help us to be guided through the darkness by Your light – by Jesus, who will never leave us or forsake us.

In His name – the name above pandemics and shortages and rising bills and all anxieties – we pray.

Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*



## Church Services in Hurworth,



### Middleton St George, Low Dinsdale and Girsby November 2021

Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	10.30AM	Holy Communion by Extension
	MSG	10.00AM	Holy Communion
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Holy Communion by Extension
		10.00AM	Service of Remembrance
		11.00AM	Cenotaph
	MSG	10.00AM	Service of the Word
		10.50 AM	War Memorial
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Holy Communion by Extension
	Hurworth	10.30AM	Morning Worship
	MSG	10.00AM	Holy Communion
	Dinsdale	11.00AM	Morning Prayer
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Holy Communion by Extension
	Hurworth	10.30AM	Morning Worship
	MSG	10.00AM	Volunteers Service

**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**

## Time for a Smile

### **Daily Mail**

At a recent church meeting, our Sunday School teacher requested that a notice be put into the weekly pew-sheet, asking for church members to bring in any old copies they had of the Daily Mail. She wanted the newspapers for a big Christmas project involving lots of paper mache, and thought that the ink on the Daily Mail would be less messy.

The secretary made a rough note, and the notice went in: 'Wanted by our Sunday School teacher: lots of daily males.'

### **Rooms**

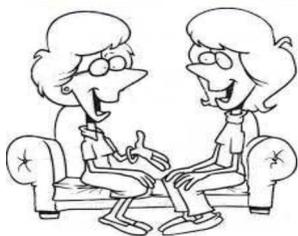
When the vicar moved his family into the large Victorian vicarage, a member of the congregation asked the young son how he liked his new home. "It's great," the little boy replied. "At last I have my own room, and Mike has his own room, and Jemma has her own room, and Robbie has his own room. But poor Mum is still in with Dad."

### **National Tree Week: 27<sup>th</sup> November – 5<sup>th</sup> December**

National Tree Week is the UK's largest annual tree celebration, marking the start of the winter tree planting season (November to March each year). This year, it runs from Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December. It is a good time to both celebrate your current trees, and to plant more trees in your area. You don't have to necessarily hug a tree to prove your appreciation; there are plenty of other ways to support them.

Visit:

<https://treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/seasonal-campaigns/national-tree-week/>



## **CHURCH FELLOWSHIP**

2.15pm Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November

In the Church Centre

**Meeting with Guest Speaker**

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*All welcome.*



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## **Hurworth Grange Christmas Fair**

Stalls selling Christmas Gifts, Decorations, Local Brews and Hampers.

Food and Mulled Wine will be available from the Coffee Pot.

**5<sup>th</sup> December 2021, 10:30am until 4:00pm**

**FREE ENTRY**



## **HURWORTH VILLAGE HALL**

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**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov - 6.30pm - Village Hall Committee Mtg**

**7.00pm - AGM - Election of Committee**

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## Hurworth Village Diary

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Nov All Saints Autumn Fair** Hurworth Grange  
Entry by donation, all welcome.

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Nov Film - Mrs Lowery & Son** Village Hall 3.00pm  
Bring you own refreshments - Entry by donation

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Nov Tribute Night** Hurworth Grange

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Market** Hurworth Grange  
Over 50 stalls - all welcome

**Film - Details to follow** Village Hall  
Bring you own refreshments - Entry by donation 3.00pm

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Dec Wreath Making Workshop** Village Hall  
Ring Barbara on 720177 for more details

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Dec Hot Club du Nord Concert** Village Hall  
Matinee performance - more details from Bill on 720694

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec Carols on the Village Green** 6.30pm  
Mulled wine & mince pies - bad weather details will be advised

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Dec Carol Service** All Saints 10.30am

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Christingle Service** All Saints 4.00pm

**Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Dec New Years Eve Party** Hurworth Grange

### Good news for coffee lovers

If you drink a cup of coffee a day, you could reduce your risk of having a stroke by a fifth.

A recent study, by researchers at Semmelweis University in Budapest, found that people who drink a moderate amount of coffee (from half a cup to three cups a day) are 21 per cent less likely to have a stroke, as compared to people who avoid coffee completely.

About 100,000 people in the UK suffer a stroke each year, and it is the fourth leading cause of death, just behind dementia, heart disease and lung cancer.

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- **BRING THEM TO ALL SAINTS AUTUMN FAYRE AT THE GRANGE 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**
- **CHURCH WILL BE OPEN TO RECEIVE SHOE BOXES SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 4PM-6PM**
- **BRING THEM TO THE 10.00 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE ON 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

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