

THE RIVERSIDE PARISHES

All Saints Hurworth Newsletter February 2024

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

Now these three continue . . .



Of these, the greatest is . . . 1 Cor 13:13

Thought for the month.

In the month of February, we celebrate Candlemass, Ash Wednesday and the season of lent and Valentine's Day,

Forty days ago, we celebrated the birth of Jesus, and we now move to Candlemas on 2nd Feb which marks the end of the Christmas season, and we remember the day Jesus was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, later in the month we will celebrate Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares each one of us for Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Valentine's Day is considered the most romantic day of the year, with nearly 200 million roses purchased, 145 million cards are sent around the world with 25 million sent in the UK for the 14th February celebrations. Valentine was a priest or bishop in Rome, who lived during the third century after Jesus. He was allegedly jailed by Roman emperor Claudius II for his deceit and unwillingness to obey the emperor's orders to stop performing Christian marriages. He was also said to be guilty of helping persecuted Christians.

Our world seems a dark place now with many people fleeing their own countries for safety from the fear of war and persecution. As we move through the church calendar, we must all remember at the centre of all our celebrations that Jesus is the light of the world a light that no darkness can quench, and we must as Christians reflect that light into our dark world.

Paul Mallett Lay Reader

NATIONAL NESTBOXING WEEK

On 14th February our annual National Nestbox Week begins.

Now an established part of the ornithological calendar, it aims to encourage people to help out the birds in their gardens each Spring. Everyone is invited to put up more nestboxes in their local area, and a very helpful website gives full instructions on how to do this. More details at: <https://www.nestboxweek.com>

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:
juliahclarke@aol.com

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
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The Trust is always delighted to receive donations which will further support the community



Prayer for February 2024

Father, In this coldest and shortest of months, this month when traditionally thoughts turn to love and the promise of Spring, help us to be thankful and steadfast and to see Your bigger picture in what is sometimes a frightening world, a world where love between nations seems to be in short supply and the future uncertain.

We pray for all those whose lives are in turmoil through a lack of love and justice. Help us to remember the great love You have for Your world and Your people, so great that You sent Jesus to show us how to live, how to love and how to overcome the troubles of the world.

Thank you that Your love is stronger than the forces of evil, stronger than death. Help us to put our trust in Jesus, to keep our focus on Him, knowing He will never leave us or forsake us.

Thank you that His love is stronger than the forces of evil, stronger than death.

In his name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



Church Services in Hurworth,



Middleton St George, Low Dinsdale and Girsby

February 2024

Thurs 1 st	Hurworth	8.00 _{AM}	Morning Prayer
Sun 4 th	Girsby	9.00 _{AM}	Holy Communion
	MSG Academy	10.00 _{AM}	Service of the Word
	Hurworth	10.30 _{AM}	Holy Communion
	Dinsdale	3.00 _{PM}	Evensong
Thurs 8 th	Hurworth	8.00 _{AM}	Morning Prayer
Sun 11 th	Hurworth	8.00 _{AM}	Holy Communion
	MSG Academy	10.00 _{AM}	Service of the Word
	Hurworth	10.30 _{AM}	Morning Worship
Wed 14 th	Hurworth	7.30 _{PM}	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
Thurs 15 th	Hurworth	8.00 _{AM}	Morning Prayer
Sun 18 th	Hurworth	8.00 _{AM}	Holy Communion
	MSG Academy	10.00 _{AM}	Service of the Word
	Hurworth	10.30 _{AM}	All Age Worship
Thurs 22 nd	Hurworth	8.00 _{AM}	Morning Prayer
Sun 25 th	Hurworth	8.00 _{AM}	Holy Communion
	MSG Academy	10.00 _{AM}	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	10.30 _{AM}	Morning Worship
Thurs 29 th	Hurworth	8.00 _{AM}	Morning Prayer



Darlington Lions Club.

St Teresa's Hospice



'It's Cabaret Time'

**An afternoon of musical entertainment
with 2's Company
and
The Barney Barbers' Shop Quartet**



Afternoon tea



Quiz and chat

at Hurworth Village Hall

Sunday 17th March 2024

2.30pm

Tickets £10 available from

Pat De Martino. 01325 720335

All proceeds to St Teresa's Hospice

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A Love Poem for Valentines Day

A million stars up in the sky.
One shines brighter - I cant deny.
A love so precious, a love so true,
A lover that comes from me to you.
The angels sing when you are near.
Within your arms I have nothing to fear.
You always know just what to say.
Just talking to you makes my day.
I love you, darling, with all my heart.
Together forever and never to part.



Parish Council News

It with sadness that we report that Cllr Charlotte Marie Kay has resigned from the Parish Council. Charlotte recently took up a new position to advance her career, and the job is taking a huge amount of her time, in both traveling to London and evening work. Charlotte regrets needing to leave the council, but feels she is now unable to make a significant commitment, and is making available the opportunity for another resident to take her place.

Darlington Borough Council

Planning Application REF 23/01240/FUL

Newbus Grange and caravan site,

Demolition of existing single storey extensions and fire escape stairs to the rear to allow for conversion and refurbishment of former nursing home to create offices at ground floor level and 6 self-contained flats to first and second floors of main building with the provision of bin store and increased cycle storage. Creation of new vehicular access road and refurbishment of hardstanding to create 23 parking spaces. Extension of existing caravan park to provide 70 additional spaces including 6 lodges and 16 touring pitches, formation of 2 ponds, jogging / exercise trail, planting of woodland to north of site and reconfiguration and landscaping to original site.

Work on the construction of the new pathway joining Emerson Road and Coach Lane started on Monday 8th January. The major potholes on the Village Green will be filled in, now that the weather has improved.

Hurworth Village Diary

Feb24

- Sun 4th** **Cinema on your Doorstep** **Village Hall**
 “Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny” 3.00pm
Soup and friendly company prior to the film from 2.00pm
Entry by donation
- Sat 24th** **Beerpigs Tribute Band** **The Grange**
Tickets £15 from the bar (01325720840) Doors 7pm
- Sun 25th** **The Pudding Club** **Village Hall**
A welcome return of this now annual event where locals ‘pit their wits’ against each other.
Free entry for pudding makers
£5 entry for those just wishing to sample

March24

- Sun 3rd** **Cinema on your Doorstep** **Village Hall**
 “The Great Escaper” Sir Michael Cain 3.00pm
Soup and friendly company prior to the film from 2.00pm
Entry by donation
- Sat 16th** **“Rock Choir” Concert** **All Saints Church**
Admission by advanced ticket only at £10 (07799 467817)
No entry on the door without advanced ticket.
- Sat 23rd** **Alpine Garden Society Flower Show** **The Grange**
11am - 3.30pm, details from Delia 01325 - 721458
E mail: delia.kerr@agsgroups.org

Time for a Smile

Romance, love, marriage and all that stuff –

the way children see it...

How do you decide who to marry?

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the crisps and dip coming. - Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. - Kirsten, age 10

What is the right age to get married?

23 is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then. - Camille, age 10

No age is good to get married at. You got to be a fool to get married. - Freddie, age 6

How can a stranger tell if two people are married?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.
- Derrick, age 8

What do you think your mum and dad have in common?

Both don't want any more kids. - Lori, age 8

What do most people do on a date?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say, if you listen long enough. - Lynnette, age 8

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date. - Martin. age 10

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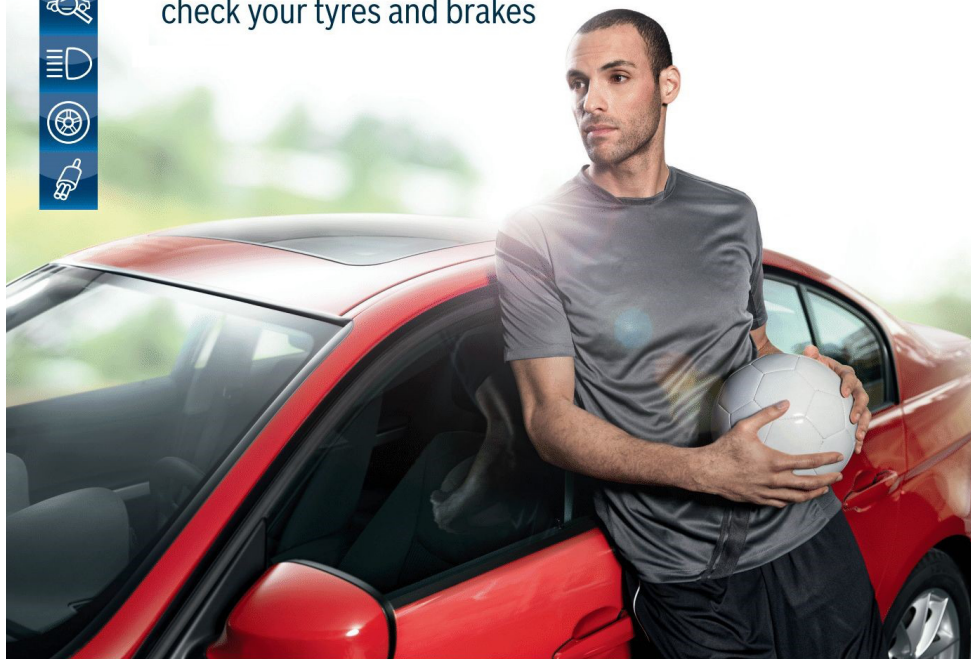
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“Where there is only one set
of footprints, that is where I
have carried you”.

