

THE RIVERSIDE PARISHES

All Saints Hurworth Newsletter June 2023

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

“Too young for love? Ah, say not so, While daisies bloom and tulips glow! June soon will come with lengthened day, to practise, all love learned in May,” as wrote Oliver Wendell Holmes. The tulips, and certainly daffodils, have now faded, but Spring is truly upon us.

Long sunny days, starry summer nights, beach visits, outdoor barbecues, and cool drinks. What’s there not to love about June? Especially after the incessant rain of March and April. We can but dream!

The month of June gives us the summer inspiration, just like the warm month – telling us not to wait for the change, but instead be the change – to go out and make a difference.





Pentecost, celebrated 50 days after Easter Sunday, has just been and gone. For Christians, it’s a holy day known also as Whit Sunday, commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and followers of Jesus in the first century. As humans, we are instinctively spiritual. Whilst the Holy Spirit was the defining moment for Jesus’ disciples to go forth and spread the Good News, and indeed, the disciples, despite many setbacks and ill treatment, spread the word of God as faithful servants and stewards, I have pondered how that might affect us all in the Riverside Parishes.

Certainly, last month’s coronation of King Charles III brought our communities together as we celebrated a new era of service. ‘I came not to be served, but to serve’ were some of the first words His Majesty uttered at the service. Words that Jesus himself used written in Mark 10:45.

We all have something worthy to grow and celebrate, forget and forgive, rediscover, and appreciate this month. Let the Holy Spirit’s descent on the disciples be our inspiration to serve.

Let June be the month that opens up our spiritual side to make our communities a better place for all.

Pete Snowden

  **Afternoon Tea with 2's Company**  

In Hurworth Village Hall
Sunday 11th June at 2.30 pm.

Tickets limited to 60

£10.00 each available from

Pat De Martino, Tel 01325 720335.

Time for a Smile

Gardening

Overheard at my gardening club meeting: "I never knew what compost was until I met my husband."

Grandmothers

Becoming a grandmother is wonderful. One moment you're just a mother. The next you are not just all-wise, but also prehistoric.

Miscellaneous observations on life:

I burn about 2000 calories every time I put on fitted sheets by myself.

It's weird, being the same age as old people.

As long as there are exams, there will be prayer in schools.

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

From the Parish Records

Funerals

- 1st April 23 Carole Elaine King
 Aged 69 years
- 18th April 23 Jessie Kent Varley
 Aged 99 years
- 21st April 23 Patricia Baker
 Aged 75 years



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

Georgie's Coffee Stop

invites everyone to join our St George and St Laurence Church team on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 10am - 12 noon in MSG Community Centre



Coffee, Tea, Home Made Cakes etc £1 each

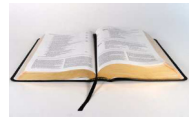
Come for a friendly gathering, activities for children

All Welcome

In June we meet on Saturday 10th June



Church Services in Hurworth,



Middleton St George, Low Dinsdale and Girsby

June 2023

Thurs 1 st	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
Sun 4 th	Hurworth	10.30AM	Holy Communion
	MSG Academy	10.00AM	Service of the Word
Thurs 8 th	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
Sun 11 th	Hurworth	8.00AM	Holy Communion
	MSG Academy	10.00AM	Cafe Church
	Hurworth	10.30AM	Morning Worship
Thurs 15 th	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
Sun 18 th	Hurworth	8.00AM	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	10.30AM	All Age Worship
	MSG Academy	10.00AM	Holy Communion
	Dinsdale	11.00AM	Morning Prayer
Thurs 22 nd	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
Sun 25 th	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
	Hurworth	10.30AM	Morning Worship
	MSG Academy	10.00AM	Service of the Word
Thurs 29 th	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer

ZOOM WORSHIP

The 10.30 Services at All Saints Hurworth are available on Zoom. For joining instructions contact:
juliaclarke@aol.com

ALL SAINTS SUMMER FETE

Saturday 24th June
10.30am until 12 noon

All the usual stalls including Raffle, Tombola, Plants, Books, Cakes, Bric-a-brac, Toys, Jigsaws, Bran Tub, Games and lots of other attractions.

Entry by donation

Refreshments available

Church bulletin notices that didn't quite work...

- * The Revd John Adams spoke briefly, much to the delight of his audience.
- * The students will present Shakespeare's 'Hamlet' in the church on Friday at 7pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- * A new loudspeaker system has been installed in the church. It was given by one of our members in memory of his wife.
- * The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
- * The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.
- * The audience is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.



CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday 13th June 23

2.15 pm Summer Tea

Arrangements being finalised

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

OBSERVATIONS ON LIFE

One test of a person's strength is his knowledge of his weakness. – *Anon*

He who tells a lie is forced to invent 20 more to sustain it. – *Alexander Pope*

The measure of your real wealth is how much people would still value you if you lost all your money. – *Anon*

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Local elections were held on 4th May

Election of the Ward Councillors resulted in

Lorraine Tostevin and Paul Walters being elected for Hurworth and Neasham.

Hurworth Parish Council has 12 Councillors, and as there were only seven candidates, no election was required.

The following Councillors were elected: –

Andrew Leigh, Kelvin Russell, Dorothy Oughton, Peter Willis, Peter Foster, David Crisp and Janine Forster.

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th May, Cllr Andrew Leigh was elected Chairman for the year 2023–24.

Several people have put their names forward to join the parish council, and once the council has assessed the requirements for representation, and to strengthen sections of their duties, they will be co-opting new members

Any resident who is interested in joining the parish council should contact Peter Allan by email on enquiries@hurworthparishcouncil.org.uk or by telephone on 07792 905347.

Big Turnout to celebrate the King's Coronation

A street party, hosted by Hurworth Parish Council was staged on the Village Green.

Local community groups participated including All Saints Church, the Hurworth Scout Groups, Hurworth Albion, the Friends of Hurworth Primary School and the Hurworth Community Centre.

Approximately 500 people attended and enjoyed the entertainment, which include two live bands, children's races and games, a bouncy castle, face painting and dancing on the grass. Although it was a 'bring your own' picnic, refreshments were available on several stalls.

The sun came out and this made it a most worthy celebration to welcome for our new King Charles.

Hurworth Village Diary

June 23

Sat 3rd June	Craft Stash Sale		The Grange
		Entry by donation	11am - 3pm
Fri 16th June	Village Hall Quiz	7.30pm	Village Hall
		Booking essential - entry by donation	
Sat 24th June	All Saints Summer Fete		The Grange
		Entry by donation	10.30am - 12pm
Sun 25th June	Armed Forces Day		Village Green
	Free entry - Help the Heros bucket collection	2.30 - 4.30pm	

July 23

Sat 15th July	Music for All - Outdoor Musc Event		The Grange
	Tickets £10 (under 16's FOC)	18.00 - 22.00	
	Ring 720840 or visit the Grange bar for tickets		
Sat 22nd - Sun 23rd	History of Hurworth Exhibition		Village Hall
	Refreshments by donation	Free entry, 10.30am - 4.30pm	

All Saints Church graveyards

The graveyards to the west of the church are 'closed', and are under the care of Darlington Borough Council.

The graveyard to the east of the church is officially 'open', but there is only one plot not occupied, although several are awaiting second occupants. The east side falls under the care of the Hurworth and Neasham Burial Trust.

Darlington Borough Council cut the grass at both sides. The start and timings of the grass cutting was discussed at length three years ago, with some residents wanting it earlier in the year and more often, while many others wished that the wild flowers are allowed to bloom and brighten up our village.

The decision was to keep to the old routine and let the spring flowers bloom and make a colorful display.

This year we have had the early yellow carpet of small spring flowers, giving way to a carpet of white with the snowdrops, and now as they have died away, we have the primroses.

Nature is fantastic, and it would be a great shame if we destroyed what we have been given.

THE WORD

There is a five letter word,
That the whole world needs to say.
A word that would help to take
All sorrow and fears away .

A word that is easy to say,
But a word that means so much.
A word that all mankind
Should treasure and trust.

This word would stop little children
Crying in dismay,
A word that would let them thank the Lord,
For giving them another day.

This word would stop starvation ,
And take away human greed.
A word that if it was used,
Would help to sow the seed.

This word would stop destruction,
In many hurtful ways,
A word that would unite us all
And answer all our prayers.

This five letter word
Would bring together
All nations of the world.
So let us all say it,
Let us all be bold.

So come on leaders of the world
Give us all relief,
And simply agree to that five letter word,
Yes, its PEACE

WRITTEN BY A MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION OF
ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HURWORTH

Hurworth Churches Working Together

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Brian McLaren asks the following question in his new book *Do I stay Christian: What kind of humans do we want to become?*

I think it is great human question and therefore an excellent faith question. I suggest it is more important a question than what denomination or style of worship you prefer.

This main question of course leads to other questions:

- * Will we be wasteful consumptive destroyers of this earth or begin to act now to save planet earth?**
- * Will we be as humans be ruled by our fears and greed or by curiosity and grace and seek to look out for each other?**
- * Will we be afraid to let go of the past or will we be people too afraid to bring too much of it into the future?**

The ancient prophet Micah offers another religious question into another bottom-line human question in 6:8. He asks: What does the Lord require of us?

- * That we do justice. That we love mercy or kindness. That we walk humbly in the presence of God.**

I wonder what kind of humans we want to become?

Rev Brian Hutton

Methodist Minister

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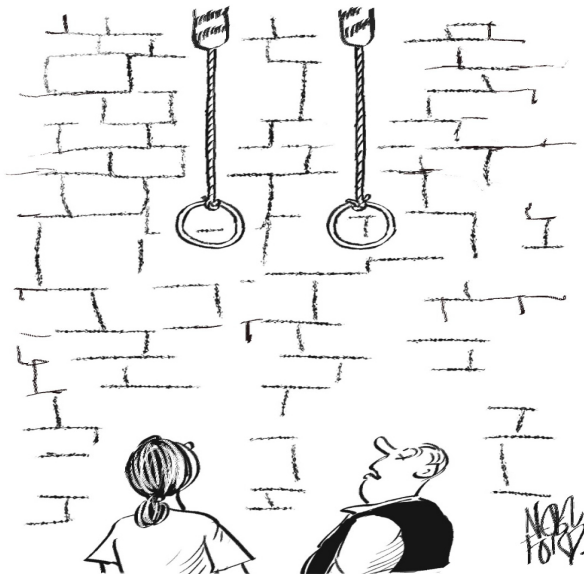
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"Apparently, the new member of the bell-ringing team is a keen gymnast"

Newsletter Information

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

If you wish to seek advice or guidance on church related matters please direct your enquiries to one of the members of the team listed below:

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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”.

