

# THE RIVERSIDE PARISHES

All Saints Hurworth Newsletter April 2023

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



THOMAS KELLY

## Thoughts for the month – April 2023

A boy was watching his father, a vicar, write a sermon. 'How do you know what to say?' he asked. 'Why, God tells me'. replied his dad. 'Then why do you keep crossing things out?' queried his son.

Christianity can sometimes be seen as a negative religion. Some people think it's all about 'Thou shalt not'. And Lent can be seen as a gloomy season, a time of dwelling on our shortcomings and denying ourselves things we enjoy. In Lent, Christians do try to face up to their shortcomings with greater honesty and we are encouraged towards self-denial. But what lies behind these actions, and what is their aim?

If we read the Bible, we can see that it does talk about God's judgement for the deliberate choice of evil. But it has far more to say about God's love and forgiveness.

'God is love' writes St John and that love is seen supremely in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. In Lent, we focus on our own failings in order to change and become better people. That is in response to the immeasurable love of Jesus. We respond with sadness to how we have caused hurt by being less than loving to God, our neighbours and ourselves. The motivating factor behind our self-examination is love.

So, what is our aim? When someone is getting ready to run a marathon, they train beforehand. When someone is planning a wedding, a huge amount of preparation is needed.

The season of Lent is a season of preparation for the great day of celebration - Easter. We spend time getting ready beforehand so that we will be ready to celebrate the greatest day in the church's calendar, the day on which Jesus rose again. Not only is the church building transformed with flowers and fragrance, but its people are transformed after their Lenten journey. The glory of the resurrection brings new life, new hope, new possibilities and new ways of being.

**John De Martino**

**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

## **Easter Prayer 2023**

Thank you, Father, that you raised Jesus from the dead on that first Easter Day and that He is alive now and forever. Thank you that whoever believes in Him and turns away from selfish living and towards you can be forgiven through His name. Thank you that Jesus is the same today as He was then and will always be.

Thank you for the Bible – your inspired, unchanging, and living Word to guide us. Help us to hold fast to Your teaching and not to be led astray. Your Word is truth. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, Lord, that we might be Your faithful, fruitful Resurrection People.

In the name of our living Lord, Jesus. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

## From the Parish Records

### Funerals

6<sup>th</sup> March 23     **Margaret Turner**  
Aged 98 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

### Tomato Plants

**As mentioned in last months newsletter tomato plants will be available again this year.**

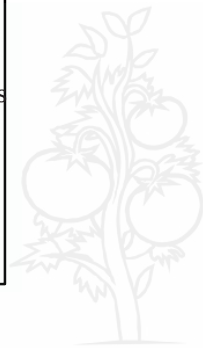
They are now growing well and should be ready this month, the exact timing depending on the weather.

There are a wide variety of plants available in red, yellow, orange and striped, in various sizes.

**Priced at 75p each, 3 for £2**

Contact Fred Thompson Tel 720746

All proceeds for church funds.





## Church Services in Hurworth,



## Middleton St George, Low Dinsdale and Girsby

### April 2023

Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hurworth	10.30 <sup>AM</sup>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Holy Communion
	MSG Academy	10.00 <sup>AM</sup>	Holy Communion
	Dinsdale	3.00 <sup>PM</sup>	<b>Daffodil Service</b>
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	MSG Academy	7.30 <sup>PM</sup>	Reflections with Bishop Paul
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	MSG Academy	7.30 <sup>PM</sup>	Reflections with Bishop Paul
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	MSG Academy	7.30 <sup>PM</sup>	Reflections with Bishop Paul
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00 <sup>AM</sup>	Morning Prayer
	MSG Academy	7.00 <sup>PM</sup>	<b>Maunday Thursday</b> Holy communion with Bishop Paul
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	2.00 <sup>PM</sup>	<b>Good Friday</b> Walk of Witness
	Combined Churches MSG Church	12.00 <sup>noon</sup>	Reflections in the Cross with Bishop Paul
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	MSG Church	6.00 <sup>AM</sup>	Sunrise Service of Holy Communion
	Hurworth	8.00 <sup>AM</sup>	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Holy Communion
		10.30 <sup>AM</sup>	Holy Communion
	MSG Academy	10.00 <sup>AM</sup>	Holy Communion
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00 <sup>AM</sup>	Morning Prayer
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00 <sup>AM</sup>	Holy Communion
	MSG Academy	10.00 <sup>AM</sup>	Service of the Word
	Hurworth	10.30 <sup>AM</sup>	Annual Parish Meeting
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00 <sup>AM</sup>	Morning Prayer



**April 2023  
continued**



Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	10.30AM	Morning Worship
	MSG Academy	10.00AM	Service of the Word
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	10.30AM	Morning Worship
	MSG Academy	10.00AM	Service of the Word

**ZOOM WORSHIP**

The 10.30 Services at All Saints Hurworth are available on Zoom. For joining instructions contact:  
[juliahclarke@aol.com](mailto:juliahclarke@aol.com)

**WHY THE STARS ARE FADING**

By the time a child born today becomes an adult, they may be able to see fewer than half the stars that are currently visible.

This is not because the stars are fading, but because of ever increasing ‘skyglow’, or light pollution, which is brightening the night sky by 9.6pc on average each year.

So warn researchers at the German Research Centre for Geosciences. And the Royal Astronomical Society (RAS) says that the change could see some of the fainter constellations – such as Cancer – fading away, along with astronomical features like the Orion nebula and Andromeda galaxy. “At this rate of change, a child born in a location where 250 stars are currently visible, would be able to see only about 100 by the time they turned 18,” said one scientist.

Too much artificial light at night not only impacts our ability to see the stars, but affects animals and plants, who rely on daily and seasonal cycles to determine behaviour and physiological processes.

The researchers published their work in the journal Science.



## CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

*Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 23*

*2.15 pm @ Church Centre*

**DECORATING EGGS**

*All Welcome*

### **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

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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](mailto:milly.stoney@outlook.com)

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



### **EASTER EGGS GALORE**



**Easter eggs. We like them. So much so, that about 80 million are sold in the UK each year.**

**They go on sale early: major supermarkets like Tesco, Sainsbury's, Morrisons, and Waitrose launched Easter-themed confectionery ranges as early as January. Tesco had them on the shelves by 30<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**

**On average, children in the UK get 8.8 Easter eggs every year.**

## NEW BELLRINGERS NEEDED



I think you need some help Mike!

The bell ringing team at All Saints, Hurworth-on-Tees are looking for new volunteer members to help keep the bells ringing. Bell ringing is a fascinating and mentally challenging hobby that's well within the capabilities of most people. Once gained, bell ringing is a skill for life that you'll never forget and it can open up a lifetime of experiences and enjoyment. You don't need to be a member of the church to join us. We ring for all the major services and weddings and practise on Thursday evenings. Full training will be given so no previous experience is required.

If you would like to get involved or just visit the tower to see what we do, please contact tower captain, Mike Hodgson.

01609 881726 or 07711 130239

### **St John the Baptist, Low Dinsdale Annual Daffodil Service Sunday 2nd April 2023 @ 3pm**

Come and enjoy the array of Daffodils along the avenue of lime trees, over the River Tees in Over Dinsdale and around, lovingly planted by friends and neighbours of Dinsdale and Girsby WI .

#### **All Welcome**

Light refreshments will be served after a service of reflection and thanksgiving. There will be a donations box for the Foodbank in church.

For more details on decorating flowers and refreshments

Contact Bridget on 01325 335752



## Hurworth Village Diary

### APRIL 23

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr Annual Daffodil Service** St John the Baptist Church  
Dinsdale 3.00pm

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr Cinema on your Doorstep** Village Hall 3.00pm  
**‘UKE’ starring Jim Broadbent & Helen Mirren** entry by donation

Soup & friendly company Village Hall 2.00pm  
entry by donation

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Apr Alpine Garden Society** The Grange 10.00-15.30  
**Cleveland Show** entry £3.00

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Apr Tribute night** The Grange 7.30pm  
**with Jamie Tinkler** tickets £15 (01325 720840)

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Apr FROM OPERA TO MUSICAL THEATRE**  
**Charlotte Potter (Int. Soprano)**  
All Saints Church 7.00pm  
Tickets £10 each from Bill Drumm on 07799 467817

### May 23

**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> May Parish Council Election**

Candidates for the Parish Council will be most welcome.  
See HPC web site & Facebook page for more details.

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> May Coronation of King Charles Celebrations**  
**More details on the following page**

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup> May Classic Car and Motorcycle Show** The Grange  
Entry £5 10am to 4 pm

# **THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III**

## **CELEBRATION STREET PARTY**

**Village Green on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May**  
**2.00pm to 9.30pm**

**Three live bands**  
**Followed by a disco & karaoke**

**Childrens races and games**

**Bouncy Castle & coconut shy**

**Refreshment stall by All Saints Church**

**Hot food by Hurworth Albion**

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**Everyone welcome to the party**

**COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE FUN**



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*Among their demands were bourbon  
biscuits, double fees for weddings, and  
Sundays off*

## 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 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”.

