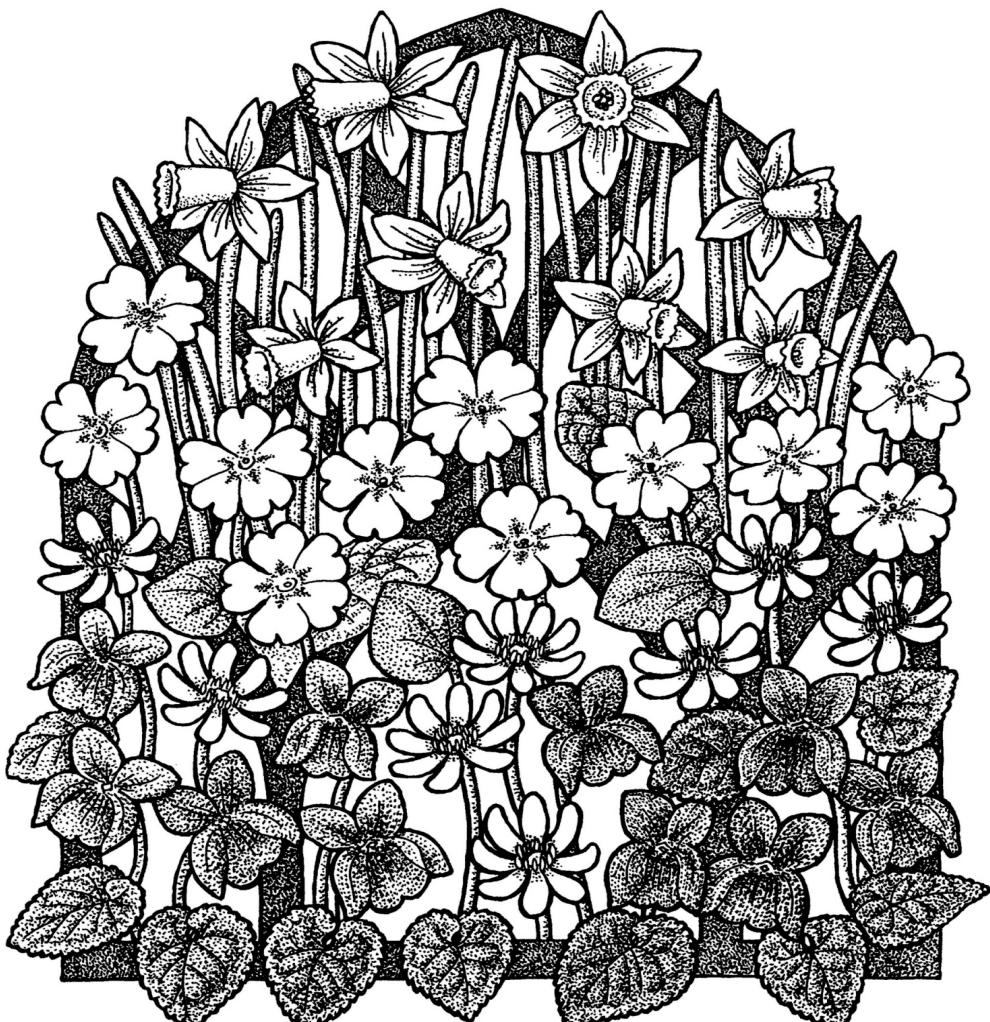


# THE RIVERSIDE PARISHES

All Saints Hurworth Newsletter March 22

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



The flowers are blooming, the time of birdsong has come!

Song of  
Songs 2:12

## Thoughts for the Month

### **Job 11:18**

“And you will feel secure, because there is hope; you will look around and take your rest in security.”

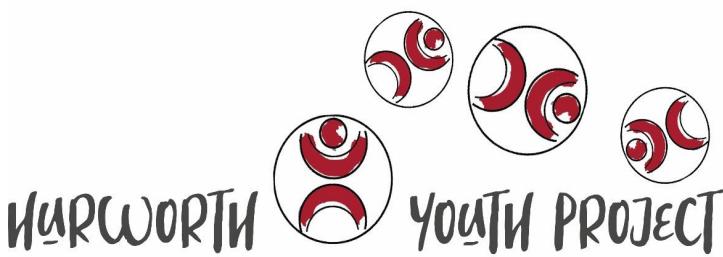
Did you / will you have pancakes on 1<sup>st</sup> March? Most people know that pancakes were traditionally made on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Lent begins, to use up perishable ingredients (fat, eggs, milk) that would otherwise go off during the 40 days of fasting in Lent. I was discussing this with some young children recently, and one of them asked “is Nutella perishable, then?”

I’m a lemon-and-sugar person when it comes to pancakes. The thought of putting chocolate spread on them makes me squirm, but only because that’s not what we did when I was little. We hold on to our traditions because they give us comfort. Even people who like change, who embrace new ideas, who do not especially value the “old traditions” still have their rituals. Familiar rites make us feel secure.

Have you ever read the Old Testament book of Job (pronounced “Jobe”, oddly)? Job was a good man, he had a large family, and he tried always to lead an upright and blameless life. Satan and God get into an argument, with Satan saying that Job is only good because he has an easy life. As the story unfolds, unspeakably awful things begin to happen to Job. But still Job keeps his faith. Job’s friends, desperate to help Job to understand why all this is happening to him, suggest all sorts of causes, mostly ones which pin the blame on Job. They suggest he is being punished for being bad in his earlier life. Perhaps Job didn’t try hard enough to be good? Job stays faithful to God and comes to see that there is so much of God he does not understand. In the end, God restores Job’s wellbeing.

Things happened to Job which he didn’t - couldn’t - understand. But he held on to his faith, and it sustained him. We all need to hold on to something to sustain us; hopefully, like Job, we choose something that doesn’t perish.

**Julia Clarke**



The **Hurworth Youth Project** is the umbrella name for various youth work activities in the village of Hurworth (and surrounding area).

It is often lamented that there is nothing for young people to do in villages like Hurworth. However, there are activities around Hurworth for children and young people (inc. Hurworth Albion FC, Scouts, Guides, Rockcliffe Cricket Club & Applause Theatre School) ...

... AND for over fifteen years All Saints Church has proudly supported (and been the location for) the '**FRIDAY NIGHT DROP-IN**' a place for young people (in school Years 7 to 13) to come and socialise with their friends offering a range of activities including pool, air hockey, a computer suite, quiz nites, craft activities and a low-cost tuck shop/refreshments. The drop-in runs every Friday during term-time from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

There is also a younger version of the Drop-In, called the '**FRIDAY NIGHT HANG OUT**' which is for Primary School pupils in years 4, 5 & 6 that runs from 6pm to 7.30pm.

There is an entry fee of £1 to each of these sessions - that goes back into the running of the youth activities.

Alongside the organised activities on Friday evenings, we also have the '**FRIDAY NIGHT WALKABOUT**' which is when members of the team walk around the village to engage with, and chat to, any young people who may simply be hanging around – you may have seen us with our bright hoodies and beanie hats over the past year.

The other significant activity of HYP is the provision of '**THE LISTENING POST**' work in Hurworth Academy. The Listening Post is a listening and mentoring service that provides low-level mental health and well-being support and is part of the wider Listening Post work across Darlington. Last academic year we held over 246 listening post appointments supporting 23 students.

If you are interested in finding out more about the work of the Hurworth Youth Project or are interested in joining the HYP team as a volunteer - you can find more by following the Hurworth Youth Project on Facebook or by contacting Martin Stand ([MartinStand@dacym.co.uk](mailto:MartinStand@dacym.co.uk) or 07717 336183).

## From the Parish Records

### Baptism

30<sup>th</sup> Jan - Edward Raeburn Arkley

### Funeral

12<sup>th</sup> Jan - All Saints Hurworth

Norman Meredith (aged 78 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

### Smile Lines

### The Rules of Marriage

*Here are the real-life answers from a group of children:*

**How do you decide who to marry?**

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'll have known 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



## Church Services in Hurworth,



## Middleton St George, Low Dinsdale and Girsby

March 2022

Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hurworth	7.00PM	ASH Wednesday Service
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	10.30AM	Holy Communion by Extension
	MSG	10.00AM	Holy Communion
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Holy Communion by Extension
	Girsby	9.00 AM	Holy Communion by Extension
	Hurworth	10.30AM	Morning Worship
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	MSG	10.00AM	Service of the Word
	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Holy Communion by Extension
	Hurworth	10.30AM	Morning Worship
	MSG	10.00AM	Service of the Word
	Low Dinsdale	11.00AM	Morning Prayer
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.000AM	Morning Prayer
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.00AM	Holy Communion by Extension
		10.30AM	Morning Worship
	MSG	10.00AM	Mothering Sunday 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**  
The Riverside Parishes

# Your primary school needs YOU!

Could you spare an hour or two a week to help our Primary School children with their literacy?



Darlington Cares organises Busy Readers volunteers to go into schools to help with reading, and is appealing for more willing helpers in the village to take part.

You will have to have a Disclosure and Barring Service check, but Darlington Cares will organise, and pay, for this, and you will be given some training prior to starting in your school.

The training session equips volunteers with an understanding of how children are taught to read, and the practical skills and tips needed to help the children develop their literacy skills.

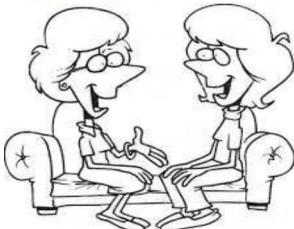
Busy Readers volunteer, Rita Wilkinson, says:

*“The nicest part about being a Busy Readers volunteer is, without doubt, the children themselves. I visit Corporation Road School and the smiles on the children’s faces and their instantly raised hands for selection when I enter the classroom, is proof of how much they enjoy having someone different to listen to them read and encourage their progress. Now in my second year, I have found the experience to be most rewarding, and I would encourage anyone with an hour to spare to enrol on the Busy Readers scheme. I can assure you, our time is really appreciated within the schools by both staff and pupils.”*

The Busy Readers scheme was launched in 2013, and to date, more than 120 volunteers round Darlington have been trained, but there is a real shortage in some areas – particularly Hurworth.

If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Chelsea Johnson, Programme Officer, at Darlington Cares on 01325 406090, or email [chelsea.johnson@darlington.gov.uk](mailto:chelsea.johnson@darlington.gov.uk)

In accordance to the new disqualification by association legislation for volunteers working with children up to age 8, all volunteers will be required to sign a declaration to confirm that they do not live in a household with someone who holds a criminal conviction.



## CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

2.15pm Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

In the Church Centre:

### AN AFTERNOON OF AMUSING POETRY

*We look forward to seeing you.*

*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

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 people of all ages in 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 Secretary, 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.

## **Hurworth Fun Run**

Yes.... the Hurworth 5km Fun Run is back!

We hope that you can come and join us in supporting this amazing event on Saturday 16th April at the Grange Community Centre in Hurworth. With the support of Oxford Garage and Hurworth Parish Council, we're organising this event to help local charities and groups within the Hurworth Parish.

Run, walk, get dressed up, dance around if you like, but do come along to enjoy the day, and get involved.

The event is open to everyone and will give the opportunity to raise much needed funds for your local groups.

All competitors will receive a race memento.

### **How To Enter**

Visit the <http://www.hurworthonline.com> to see the different entry options for this event

### **Where & When**

16th April 2022 starting at 11am  
Hurworth Grange Community Centre DL2 2BN

### **Run Bling**

There will be a race memento given at the end of the run for all runners (mock up below). We would like to thank Oxford Garage for sponsoring this event.

### **Age Groups**

There is no age limit. All ages and ability welcome!

### **Timetable**

\*Registrations 10am

\*10:30am Race briefing

\*11am Fun Run start

\*The organisers reserve the right to amend the timetable subject to any variables which may impact the event or runners' welfare

\*Runners can be any age, but young children must be accompanied by an adult (At the parent/guardian discretion)

\*There are no cut-off times for this event.



## VILLAGE NEWS

**The Friends of Strait Lane Allotments** will be holding a Children's Easter Party on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, at the allotments. Lots of fun, games, snacks and music. More details will be published shortly.

### **Children's motorised scooters**

E scooters are illegal and should only be used within private land and premises.

Parents need to be aware that they should not allow their children to use them on either the roads or pavements.

Several incidents have been witnessed and reported, and there is a strong chance that a serious accident could occur if parents do not take responsibility to ensure the E scooters are not taken outside into the public domain.

### **Litter Picking**

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Paul Robinson as Hurworth village litter picker with effect from the 18<sup>th</sup> January.

Paul, a resident in the village all of his life, is very much looking forward to helping us all preserve the natural beauty of the village on an ongoing basis. Give him a wave next time you are passing!

**Time for a Smile** from the mouths of children

#### **Why did your mum marry your dad?**

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mum eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that no one will ever know.

#### **Who's the boss at your house?**

1. Dad is, because mum says so. She just helps by reminding him what to do each day.
2. Mum. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. Dad was, until Mum found what he had written on Facebook about Granny.

# Hurworth Village Diary

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Mar**    **Tribute Night - The Breakfast Club**  
£15 inc pie and pea supper    **The Grange**

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> April Shakespeare's 'King Leonardo" Village Hall 7.30pm**  
performed by 'Bard in the Yard' tickets £8 each

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> April "Park Run Fun Run" The Grange**  
Date for your diary - more details to follow

## **Tomato Plants**

Although it may not yet feel like spring, we have started preparing to grow tomato plants, which are expected to be ready in late March/early April, depending on the weather.

We will have the usual wide variety of plants again this year - see next month's newsletter for further details

Contact Fred Thompson Tel 720746

All proceeds for church funds.



# Hurworth Churches Working Together



## Psalm 92: 12-13

**The righteous thrive like a palm tree and grow like a cedar tree in Lebanon. Planted in the house of the Lord, they thrive in the courts of our God.**

**To Thrive... What does it mean for us as individuals, and as a churches to thrive? I suppose thriving is a relative term, depending on the person and circumstances.**

To thrive is more than just to be successful, and more than just being financially secure. The contemporary worship band Casting Crowns sings the following lyrics:

**"We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives  
It's time for us to more than just survive we were made to thrive  
I like that line: It's time for us to more than just survive, we were  
made to thrive."**

I wonder what that line evokes in you as we come out the other side of a pandemic? What does it mean in your personal context to thrive? Thrive as you are, where you are, in the state you are in. To begin to thrive from where you are...

And what would it mean for congregations to thrive, and not just survive? Will it demand from us risk and boldness? Yes, it may!

Will thriving mean we might need to change the way we worship or do more outside the church doors? Yup I think so.

Will to thrive as a church mean we might need to follow Christ a little more closely and pray a little more deeply? Absolutely.

The bridge of the above song can perhaps become a mantra for us all at this time:

**"Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable,  
Love unstoppable, anything is possible"**

Rev Brian Hutton

(Casting Crowns Thrive 2014, Writer(s): John Mark Mark Hall, Matthew Joseph West)



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Monday at The Mustard  
Tree, Hurworth**

**Block bookings from £6.00**

**Pay as you go £7.00**

**Beginners welcome**

## **BOOKING ESSENTIAL!**

Contact Lucy on 07944 037515  
[lucyspilates@gmail.com](mailto:lucyspilates@gmail.com)



## **A Touch of Irish.**

A concert of Irish inspired music performed by Rondeau and  
No Added Sugar



**at All Saints Church Hurworth**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
7.30 start  
Tickets £8  
(including tea, coffee and cake )**

**All proceeds to  
Prostate Cancer Awareness**

**Reg. Charity No 1179241**

**Tickets available from Pat De Martino 01325 720335**

## Newsletter Information

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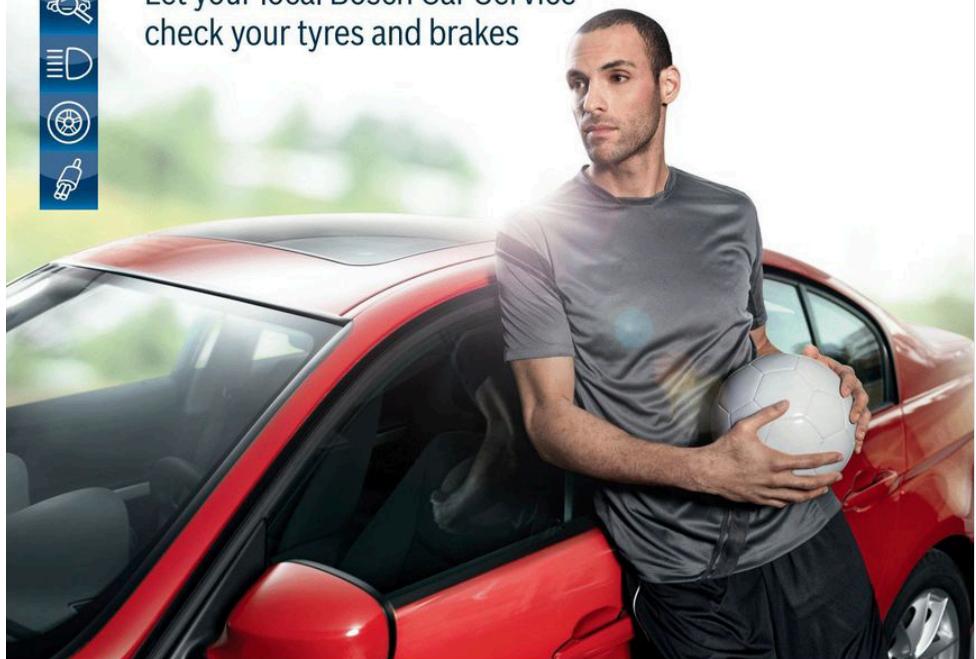
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**"Where there is only one set of footprints, that is where I have carried you".**

