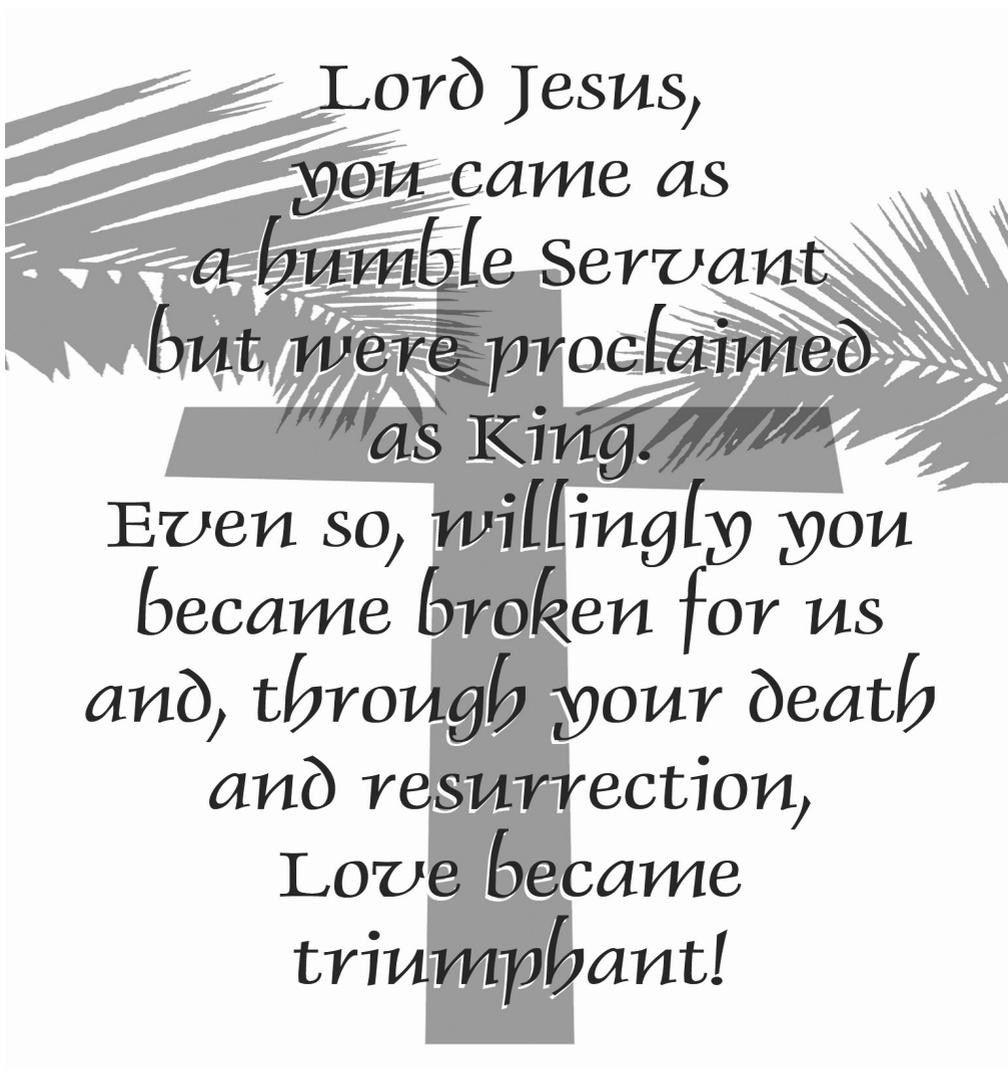


THE RIVERSIDE PARISHES

All Saints Hurworth Newsletter April 22

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



Lord Jesus,
you came as
a humble servant
but were proclaimed
as King.

Even so, willingly you
became broken for us
and, through your death
and resurrection,
Love became
triumphant!

Thoughts for the Month

When you read this, we will still be in the middle of Lent with all that that entails. But that still doesn't stop us looking forward to the week of Christ's passion culminating in His resurrection on Easter Day which falls this year almost exactly in the middle of April.

When we think of passion, we tend to think of something which we are really enthusiastic about, something we'd move heaven and earth for, someone who we couldn't live without. We see passionate fans crying on the terraces when their team loses. And this got me thinking about how our use of the word passion relates to Christ's passion on the cross.

Was Christ really passionate about dying? The word passion comes from the latin, *passionem* which means 'suffering' or 'enduring', which is exactly what he did. As such Christ's passion has a much more negative connotation than when we talk about passion in our daily lives. When we are passionate about sport we don't immediately think of suffering (unless you are a Darlington season ticket holder). When we talk about a passion for music, again we don't think of suffering. When we are passionate for our partners we don't consider it suffering.

But, what about olympic athletes, passionate about their events? They will certainly suffer along the way; sacrificing time and family, enduring injury and pain, pushing through the pain barrier to achieve their ultimate goal.

Passion is about giving your all at the expense of all else. It's something Jesus most definitely did. Yet he didn't do it for himself, but for each one of us.

So how much of what we say we are passionate about would we give our all for? Our jobs? Our family? Our faith?

As we reflect on the Easter story, and especially the new start which Jesus offers through the Resurrection, perhaps it's time for us to make a new start?

What are you passionate about?

Yours in Christ

John De Martino

Prayers across Europe for peace in Ukraine

The Bishop in Europe, Bishop Robert Innes, writes:

“Our little church in Kyiv are right at the centre of this crisis,” he explained. “Some of them have fled the city by car, others are still there. These are our people, our brothers and sisters, and of course we are very concerned for their wellbeing and safety.

“In the face of military action and aggression, we feel powerless. What can we do? One thing that we can all do is pray.”

“The situation in Ukraine is very deeply troubling. President Putin is leading a completely unjustified and aggressive war against Ukraine, a war which many ordinary Russians deeply deplore.

Leaders from many Christian churches, including the Ukrainian Orthodox (Russian Patriarchate) Church have condemned the invasion of Ukraine. Our hearts cry out for justice and peace. We are most especially concerned for the wellbeing of those in Ukraine who are directly affected by the war.

This includes particularly the members of our own congregation of Christ Church, Kyiv. The Churchwarden there, Christina, messaged us this morning saying: ‘Please pray for us as we are standing here for our land and for our roots. The battle for Kyiv has begun; it is fierce and intensive. Pray for us.’

In the face of military action, we can easily feel powerless and fearful. But one thing we can do is pray. We can pray in solidarity with those most affected. We can pray that God will yet overrule in the hearts and minds of those with power and authority. We can pray that the victims will be few and that the innocent will be protected. We can pray that peace will come through justice and not through the infliction of the will of a stronger party on a weaker.

Editor: Bishop Robert Innes, Bishop in Europe, has been to Ukraine many times, as the Anglican church has a chaplaincy in Kiev. Here he calls on Christians in the UK and across Europe to pray for their brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

From the Parish Records

Baptism

27th February - Woody & Bruno Cook

Funeral

11th March - All Saints Hurworth

Nicholas Sanderson (aged 60 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

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



Church Services in Hurworth,



Middleton St George, Low Dinsdale and Girsby

April 2022

Sunday 3 rd	Hurworth	10.30AM	Holy Communion
	MSG Academy	10.00AM	Holy Communion
Thurs 7 th	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
Sunday 10 th Palm Sunday	Hurworth	8.00AM	Holy Communion
	Girsby	9.00 AM	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	10.30AM	Morning Worship
	MSG Academy	10.00AM	Service of the Word
	MSG Church	10.50AM	Centenary Service
	Low Dinsdale	3.00PM	Daffodil Service
Mon 11 th	Hurworth	7.00PM	Prayer & Reflection
Tues 12 th	Hurworth	7.00PM	Prayer & Reflection
Wed 13 th	Hurworth	7.00PM	Prayer & Reflection
Thurs 14 th	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
	Hurworth		Maundy Thursday
Fri 15 th Good Friday	MSG Church	2.00PM	Reflections on the Cross
	Hurworth ASH and Methodists	2.00PM	Walk of Witness
Sunday 17 th Easter Sunday	MSG Church	5.30AM	meet @ Linden Court Sunrise Service of Holy Communion
	Hurworth	8.00AM	Holy Communion
	MSC Academy	10.00AM	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	10.30AM	Holy Communion
Thurs 21 st	Hurworth	8.00AM	Morning Prayer
Sunday 24 th	Hurworth	8.00AM	Holy Communion
		10.30AM	AMP & Annual Parochial Church Mtg
	MSG Academy	10.00AM	Service of the Word

Children and energy drinks

Up to a third of our children are consuming energy drinks every week, according to recent research by the British Medical Journal.



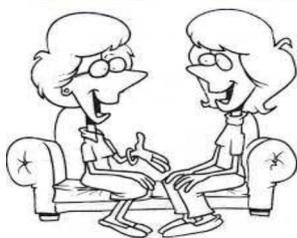
The study, commissioned by the government, found that some under-18s have as many as five or more a week.

Now experts have found that too many energy drinks lead to physical symptoms such as having trouble sleeping, irritability, headaches, and stomach problems. Having an energy drink on five or more days a week can result in low psychological, physical, educational and overall well-being.

One scientist from the University of York said that the findings “offer support for a Government policy banning the sale of energy drinks to children.”

And now some miscellaneous observations on life:

- * The real purpose of a child's full name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.
- * Never buy a car you can't push.
- * Conference: The confusion of one person multiplied by the number present.
- * Commuter: A person who has a complaint of longstanding.
- * Never drive faster than your guardian angel can fly.
- * This is not my bald patch; it's a solar panel for brain power.
- * **Why was the Easter bunny upset?** *He was having a bad hare day.*
- * What is Easter Bunny's favourite kind of music? Hip-hop, of course!
- * What do you call a rabbit that can tell a good joke? A funny bunny.



CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

2.15pm Tuesday 12th April

In the Church Centre:

A CRAFT AFTERNOON

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All welcome.

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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

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

EASTER POEM

He too

When the blackest clouds enfold us
When the strongest winds may blow;
When our dearest friends have sold us
And we have nowhere to go,
In the depths of great despairing
Through the sharpest jabs of pain
There we find our Father, caring
Giving shelter from the rain.



For He too, one dreadful Friday
Saw His most beloved Son
On a cross, raised by a highway
Naked, bleeding, cruelly hung.
Yes, He too has felt the starkness
And He too has been betrayed
For He too has known the darkness
And the price which must be paid.

As you weep, reach out your fingers
Feel His gentle, loving hand,
Feel the care just He can bring us
For your life is known and planned.
He too knows the path before us
And He too has fought the fight
Only Jesus can assure us
On our journey to the light.



By Nigel Beeton



VILLAGE NEWS

The Parish Council started their meeting on 3rd March by announcing some very sad news..

Councillor Elly Hedley passed away early last week. After retiring as a teacher, she wanted to be active on the Parish Council, and had an interest in the newsletters. Elly also joined and promoted the Speedwatch programme. Elly, with the help of her husband John, created wonderful facts and figures, highlighting the areas where speedwatch needed to patrol. During Elly's tenure, and with her dedication, these figures have reduced significantly.

Elly also supported meetings away from the Parish Council meetings and was very much a proactive councillor.

A tribute will be published in the next Parish Council newsletter

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.

The race starts at 11.00am

You can enter on the day, from 10.00am or enter online at www.hurworthonline.com and click on the fun run picture.

There's also a 3K Run for the little ones, or the less active. Run, walk, get dressed up, dance around if you like, but do come along to enjoy the day, and get involved.

With the support of Oxford Garage and Hurworth Parish Council, the event is open to everyone and will give the opportunity to raise much needed funds to help local charities and groups within the Hurworth Parish.

All competitors will receive a race memento.

There will be entertainment, food stalls, with both the Coffee Pot and Hurworth Grange Bar open too.

For further information, have a look at the website:

www.hurworthonline.com

Hurworth Village Diary

Fri 1st April	April Fools Day	Everywhere
Sun 3rd April	Film Afternoon Sweeney Todd	Village Hall 3pm (entry by donation)
Wed 6th April	Dance & Drama Show	The Grange 6pm
Sat 9th April	Shakespeare's 'King Leonardo'	Village Hall 7.30pm performed by 'Bard in the Yard' tickets £8 each
Sun 10th April	Daffodil Festival	St John the Baptist, Low Dinsdale 3.00pm
Sat 16th April	"Park Run Fun Run"	The Grange 10.00am
Sun 1st May	Film Afternoon 6 Minutes to Midnight	Village Hall 3pm (entry by donation)
Sun 8th May	Classic Car Show	The Grange 10.00am

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.



Easter egg hunt

Join us for something **egg-citing!!**

17
April



Easter Sunday Service & Egg Hunt

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St John the Baptist, Low Dinsdale

Are delighted to announce the return of the
Annual Daffodil Service

Sunday 10th April at 3pm



Drive along the avenue of lime trees and feast your eyes on the superb array of daffodils planted by friends and neighbours of Dinsdale & Girsby WI and celebrate the arrival of Spring with a service of reflection and thanksgiving.

Light refreshments will be served after the service.

Donation box for Darlington Foodbank.

For more details contact Bridget on 01325 335752

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

