

THE RIVERSIDE PARISHES

All Saints Hurworth Newsletter Sept 2023

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

**A Very Warm Welcome to Our New Vicar
Revd Anthony Smith and his Wife Eline**



Thought for the Month - Rev Anthony Smith

How long have you lived round here? In my case, as I write this at the end of July, the answer is: 11 days! My wife and I have just moved from Spennymoor to Middleton St George, for me to be the new priest in charge (vicar) of the Riverside Parishes. By the time you read this, I will have officially been 'licensed', and will have well and truly begun.

But currently I find myself in a state of limbo. A couple of weeks ago, we said our farewells to people in Spennymoor we had grown to know and love during the previous four years. I'm really excited to be starting here. I can't wait to get to know you, and I'm sure you would like to get to know me too. (There's more about me later in this newsletter.) But currently I don't know anybody here very well!

In this state of limbo, it makes me reflect on the importance of relationships.

Jesus said this, speaking in prayer to God his Father: 'Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.'

Life – true life – is all about relationships. It's about being connected to one another, and being connected to the God who made us.

We often like to keep ourselves to ourselves. There's nothing wrong with that, but I'm sure I'll find in the Riverside Parishes, as in other places, that loneliness is a big problem. We all need the love and companionship of other people. And I would also say that we all need the love and companionship of God.

The next few months for me will be a time of building relationships with many of you reading this, and hopefully also deepening my relationship with God, as I seek to speak to you about God, and speak to God about you.

Perhaps the coming months for you too will be a time of building relationships?

Anthony

From the Parish Records

Weddings

24th June 23

**George Webster Askew to
Daria Dominica Baniak**

22nd July 23

**Krzysztof Kornel Zielke to
Jennie Rachel Susan Wilson**



Funerals

Revd Colin Ledyard died 7th June 23

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:
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Q&A with Revd Anthony Smith

People from the Riverside Parishes submitted some questions to Anthony.

Have you always lived around here?

Only since 2016. I grew up in Hitchin, Hertfordshire, but my parents are from Middlesbrough and Hull, so I've always felt at home in the North East.

Have you always been a vicar?

This is my first job as a proper vicar! I've just spent four years in Spennymoor as a curate (assistant vicar), after three years training in Durham.

I've been going to church since I was born, but by the time I was ten I had decided it was all a load of rubbish. But God seemed to have other plans, and I've been an enthusiastic Christian since I was 15. Becoming a vicar hasn't been a complete surprise, but I took the scenic route!

What did you do before becoming a vicar?

Music was a big thing in my younger days, mainly singing in choirs and playing the organ and piano. I love all kinds of music in church, and I still do plenty of music outside of church.

Astronomy kept me busy in my twenties. I never had a telescope, but I was into science, and I spent a few years counting galaxies at Sussex University (Brighton), exploring the vastness of God's creation with the help of a computer and some big telescopes in Hawaii and in space. (Hawaii is wonderful, by the way, but I haven't been into space!)

Computer software is the third thing I've done. It doesn't sound as exciting as music or astronomy, but I enjoyed it! It forces you to think clearly and express yourself clearly, which is useful for a vicar. I drifted into software from astronomy, and it kept me going for a few years, after I moved to York to get married to Eline, and then to Merseyside for Eline's work.

What do you like most about the ministry?

I believe that through Jesus Christ we can know God personally. I love helping people to know God better, whether they are exploring Christianity for the first time, or responding to God in new ways.

What food do you hope to find at the banquet table in the kingdom of God, and what music would you like to accompany the feasting and celebrations?

I would love a good curry, with all sorts of herbs and spices from God's good creation, and for the music some energetic dances by Bach or Monteverdi would be ideal!

What would your ideal day off look like?

Time outdoors, probably at the seaside, followed by a meal out and a concert, or a takeaway in front of a good film.

Why did you want to come to the Riverside Parishes?

There's a lot of life in the churches, and a real sense of excitement about what God is doing. We were keen to stay in the region for Eline's work, and it's a beautiful area too!



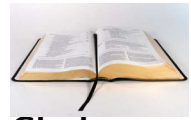
The Bishop of Jarrow the Right Revd Sarah Clark with Andrew our new Vicar



The Bishop of Jarrow the Right Revd Sarah Clark with Andrew accompanied by his wife Eline and the collective Church Wardens from the Riverside Parishes



Church Services in Hurworth,



Middleton St George, Low Dinsdale and Girsby

September 2023

Sun 3 rd	Hurworth	10.30 ^{AM}	Holy Communion
	MSG Academy	10.00 ^{AM}	Service of the Word
Thurs 7 th	Hurworth	8.00 ^{AM}	Morning Prayer
Sun 10 th	Hurworth	8.00 ^{AM}	Holy Communion
	MSG Academy	10.00 ^{AM}	Cafe Church
	Hurworth	10.30 ^{AM}	Morning Worship
Thurs 14 th	Hurworth	8.00 ^{AM}	Morning Prayer
Sun 17 th	Hurworth	8.00 ^{AM}	Holy Communion
	Girsby	9.00 ^{AM}	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	10.30 ^{AM}	All Age Harvest
	MSG Academy	10.00 ^{AM}	Service of the Word
Thurs 21 st	Hurworth	8.00 ^{AM}	Morning Prayer
Sun 24 th	Hurworth	8.00 ^{AM}	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	10.30 ^{AM}	Morning Worship
	MSG Academy	10.00 ^{AM}	Holy Communion
	Low Dinsdale	4.00 ^{PM}	Harvest Festival
Thurs 28 th	Hurworth	8.00 ^{AM}	Morning Prayer

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Hurworth community groups and residents are welcome to apply to the Trust.

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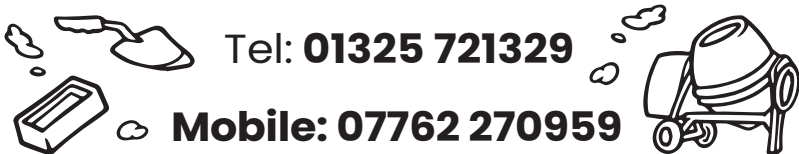
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Lyndsey Probert

Charlotte Marie Kay

Fiona Lennox

Please welcome these three ladies for undertaking their Council duties.

There are two further vacancies, and we are pleased to inform you that we have several candidates, and the vacancies will be filled soon.

Prayer for September 2023

Dear Father in heaven,

September is a time of change, a change of season, changes in many areas of our lives as a new term begins and new opportunities present themselves. It can be a time of challenge and uncertainty for many of us as well as excitement. Thank you Lord, that You never change, Your promises never change, Your Holy-Spirit inspired Word never changes. You are constant and rock-solid, always.

Help us to remember that You make all things new when we put our trust in Jesus, You give us new life and new ways of understanding, but help us also to remember that You never contradict Your revealed self. Help us always to check out our thinking with what You say in Your Word. Help us to be faithful to You as we take each step forward, each new day.

In Jesus name, Amen

By Daphne Kitching

Hurworth Village Diary

Sept 23

Fri 1st Village Hall Quiz Village Hall

Advanced purchase of tickets essential

Sat 2nd Hurworth Country Fair The Grange

A full day of fun and entertainment 10.30am - 4.00pm

Admission - Adults @ £3, Children - no charge

Sun 10th Cinema on your Doorstep Village Hall

“Champions” starring Woody Harrelson Entry by donation

Soup & friendly company from 2pm, movie begins 3pm

Sat 23rd/Sun 24th Mcmillan Coffee Weekend 10am - 2pm

For more information call Tracie on 07739 825309

Oct 23

Sat 7th Tribute Night - The Baldy Holly Band The Grange

Tickets £15 each

Doors open 7 pm

Nov 23

Fri 10th Remembrance Concert with Hurworth Concert Band

7.30 - 10.00pm

The Grange

Macmillan Coffee Weekend

Saturday 23rd - Sunday 24th September between 10am and 2pm



HURWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Afternoon Tea @ £10 per person

Cuppa and cake or scone @ £5 per person

BOOK IN - TAKE AWAY - POP IN

Raffle and Tombola

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- * **Donate raffle or tombola prizes**
- * **Help on the day**

For more information please contact Tracie Jacobs on 07739825309 or email tjacobs1973@yahoo.co.uk

All Done With Sophistication

The book NAIRN'S COUNTY DURHAM was derived from an article written by Ian Nairn for The Architectural Review Feb 1964 after visiting 76 Co Durham towns and villages, reprinted 2015. In that publication Nairn wrote with great enthusiasm about his likes and dislikes, one of the former being our very own Hurworth which he describes as follows:

“If there are southern gentlemen who think that anything north of Barnet is a bit crude and bleak, they ought to take a look at this.”

“Hurworth is three miles from Darlington and it must always have been a special village. The long green is lined with every kind of style and size of architecture from the last two centuries: but all is done with sophistication - never needing to raise its voice, bound at a deeper level than conformity, all epicures together. At the west end the village begins with the puzzle of a single gatepost, apparently eighteenth-century, which turns out to be a coronation memorial to George V. Hurworth is that sort of place. At the east end, the churchyard wall has been lowered to give a discreet, Augustan view over the Tees, fifty feet below. And all of this savoir-faire is innate: none of it is done at you, like Chelsea or Hampstead.”

We could not have put it better.



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

