

THE RIVERSIDE PARISHES

All Saints Hurworth Newsletter

October 2020

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

Newsletter also available on line at : www.allsaintshurworth.org

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IMPORTANT REMINDER

On Bible Sunday, 25 October, the clocks go back one hour at 2am which means they get an extra hour in bed!

THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

Genesis 8:5

“And the waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the tenth month, the tops of the mountains were seen.”

As you open your parish newsletter and cast your eyes over my reflections for October, I hope and pray that Hurworth and its surrounds are not recovering from flash flooding, torrential rain and the Tees lapping at our doors, as Noah experienced in the verse above!

No, the reason I chose this verse to reflect on was a) it references the 10th month (October) and b) my absolute love of hills, fells and mountains, which Noah and his fellow passengers saw for the first time in the aftermath of the Great Flood.

But enough of floods, let's think about mountains. The lower regions of County Durham are not exactly blessed with peaks but you don't need to go far to get a different view, a viewpoint down from which you can cast your eyes. Roseberry Topping comes to mind, Calver Hill (just beyond Reeth) or Mickle Fell (in upper Teesdale) are all within striking distance for most. There are even bus services to these locations and all three are well worth a visit.

The fact is that we all have peaks to climb in our lives, mostly metaphorical. But I would urge you, during these autumn weeks, to try the physical ones. There is no better time of year to see God's creation in all its splendour. The greens, turning to yellows and oranges and reds are a true sight to behold and best seen from above.

Genesis 1:31

‘And God saw all that he had made, and behold, it was very good.’ 1-31

And it really is good! We are blessed to live in this beautiful part of the Tees valley and, during the current pandemic, I can think of no better place to be than in the midst of this rural idyll. Like Noah, try to get outdoors in this, the tenth month, and see what the tops of the mountains (hills!) have to offer.

When everything feels like an uphill struggle, just think of the view from the top.

JONAH'S WHALE WAS A RED HERRING!

Everyone loves the story of Jonah because of the whale – and they probably take it with a large pinch of sea salt!

Yet, to be honest, that whale is not a whale and it has very little part in this exciting Bible short story (it's only 48 verses long, found towards the end of the Old Testament). Although, being a Jewish prophetic book, it is full of hidden significance and parallel meanings, it is easy to enjoy at face value. Reading it, we may make a remarkable discovery ... Jonah is me.

Most of us have a sense of right and wrong, a prompting of the conscience to do the proper thing. It nags away when the wrong path in life is taken, we feel guilty and things don't seem to go right. Jonah tries to avoid his prompting by deliberately setting off in the opposite direction – trouble is not far behind! And, inevitably, his trouble rubs off on everyone around him. They in turn force him to admit the problem and face up to it. *'I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you!'*

Does this situation ring any bells? Overboard he goes and along comes the whale (in truth, *'the Lord provided a great fish to swallow Jonah'*). It doesn't matter what the creature was, because the nub of the story is Jonah's situation and his reaction. He is both literally and spiritually at rock bottom. He has run away from God, he has upset those around him, he is in deep, deep trouble, everything seems hopeless and he has only one option left...

'In my distress I called to the Lord... The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me...to the roots of the mountains I sank down... But you brought my life up from the pit, O Lord my God... when my life was ebbing away, I remembered you Lord... Salvation comes from the Lord.'

It is an experience shared by many throughout centuries and is vividly demonstrated in the New Testament by those who came to Christ. It is an experience echoed in ordinary lives today – running from God, getting into deep water, regret and repentance, then finally turning back. Yet the patient Lord Jesus, standing outside our closed hearts, says: *'Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him and he with me.'*

Anyone can be in a hurry, anyone can be anxious. Today, improve your quality of life by putting your confidence in your Shepherd and accepting in your heart that God is enough.

Sans Pareil Singers

style, passion, success

It is with much sadness that the Sans Pareil Singers have to announce their dissolution. We could not have anticipated that Covid19 would finally put an end to our singing.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful supporters who have followed us over the last 11 years.

Keep watching this space, a sometime in the future, if and when we can get together to sing again, another choir may spring up like a Pheonix from the ashes,

Until then, good bye everyone.

Marion McKone—SPS Concert Secretary

Thank you to the singers, leaders and musicians of the SPS for their endless hours of dedicated practice and for the many charity concerts you have performed with great enthusiasm and fortitude.

You will be sadly missed by many who have enjoyed your music for the last 11 years.

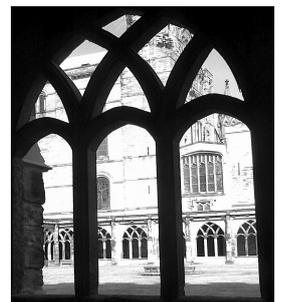
Denis Pinnegar- Editor

From the Parish Records

Holy Baptism:

30th August 2020

Ben Hugh Zielke



WHAT'S ON OFFER FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS?

Until the current Coronavirus restriction are lifted it is not possible to say when the following youth activities in the village will begin again:

All Saints Church Creche—cancelled until further notice

Hurworth Friday Hangout—cancelled until further notice

Friday Night Drop In—cancelled until further notice

WE ARE MISSING YOU A LOT !

LINK TO HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL

GREAT NEWS

Last year All Saints Church and our friends in the villages sent nearly 200 shoe boxes to exceptionally needy people in Eastern Europe which brought great joy and much happiness to their impoverished lives at a time of peace and love at Christmas. **This year we are determined that they will not miss out.**

With the current Coronavirus still active we cannot be certain that delivering parcels will be possible. We are however delighted to say that Link to Hope, who manage the distribution of the boxes, are this year offering three options being:

Fill a Box—as previously done

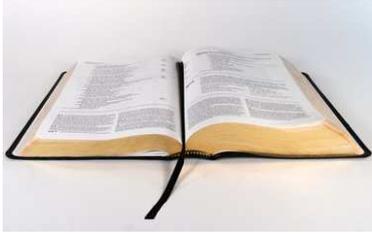
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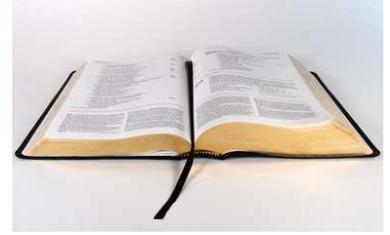
Full details are contained in the enclosed Shoe Box Leaflet or by ringing
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Church Services in Hurworth, Middleton St George, Low Dinsdale and Girsby



OCTOBER 2020



<u>Thurs 1st</u>	Hurworth	8.00am	Morning Prayer
<u>Sunday 4th</u>	Hurworth	10.30am	Holy Communion
			Live streamed on Zoom — link on request
	MSG	10.00am	Short Spoken Service
<u>Thurs 8th</u>	Hurworth	8.00am	Morning Prayer
<u>Sunday 11th</u>	Girsby	9.30am	Harvest Celebration
	Hurworth	10.30am	Service of the Word
			Live streamed on Zoom — link on request
	MSG	10.00am	Short Spoken Service
<u>Thurs 15th</u>	Hurworth	8.00am	Morning Prayer
<u>Sunday 18^h</u>	Hurworth	10.30am	Service of the Word
			Live streamed on Zoom — link on request
	MSG	10.00am	Short Spoken Service
<u>Thurs 22nd</u>	Hurworth	8.00am	Morning Prayer
<u>Sunday 25th</u>	Hurworth	10.30am	Service of the Word
			Live streamed on Zoom — link on request
	MSG	10.00am	Short Spoken Service
<u>Thurs 29th</u>	Hurworth	8.00am	Morning Prayer

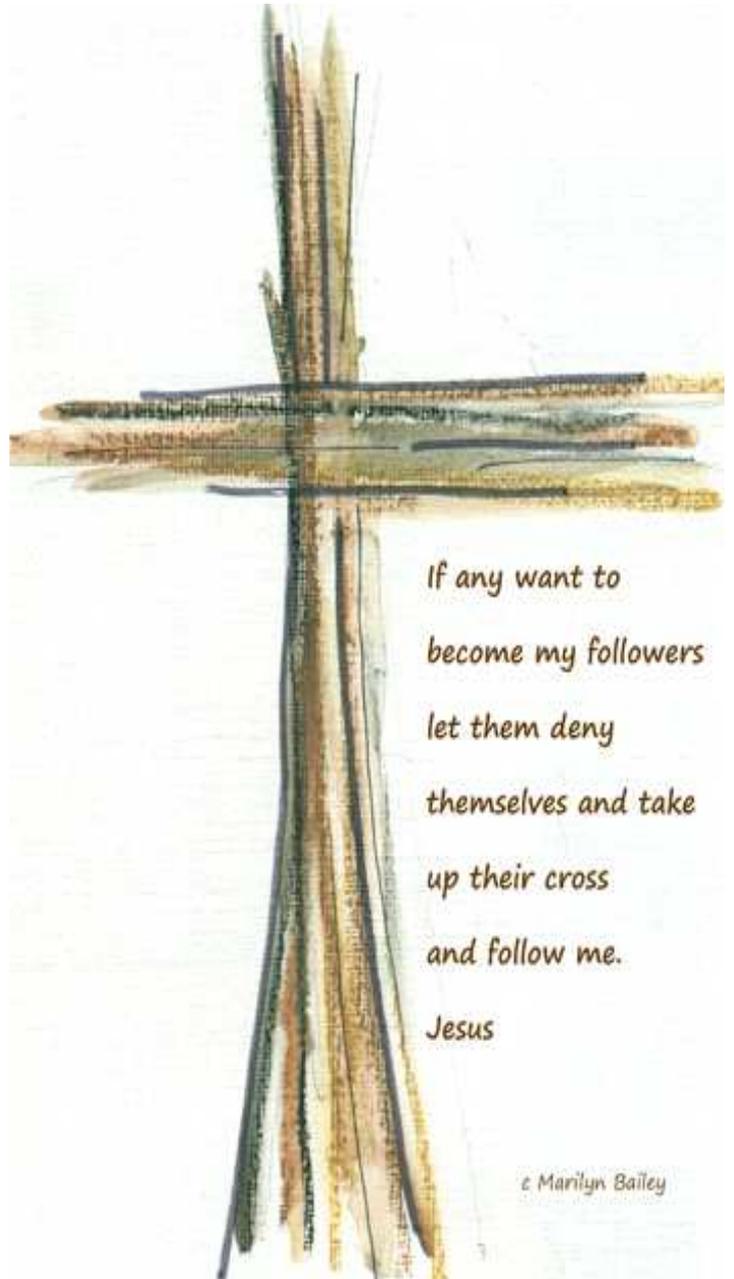
THE ABOVE LIST OF SERVICES IS SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT/CANCELLATION SHOULD WE BE ADVISED ABOUT ANY FURTHER CHANGES BY THE GOVERNMENT OR THE DIOCESE.

WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO KEEP YOU INFORMED

Middleton St George (MSG) services are held at St Georges Church,
Low Middleton



...I've moved with the times - I've now got
a solar-powered radio microphone...



CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Whilst the current Coronavirus restrictions remain in place no further meetings are planned.

**We look forward to seeing you
soon**

Hurworth Village Diary 2020

October

Thursday 1 st	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm Hurworth Grange
Sunday 4 th	Cinema - JUDY Starring Rene Zellweger	Entry by donation 2.30pm Village Hall
Sat/Sun 17/18 th	<u>Hurworth Film Festival</u>	Entry by donation
<u>Saturday</u>	Black Panther (12)	2.30 to 4.50pm Village Hall
	Knives Out (12a)	5.20 to 7.30pm Village Hall
	Joker (15)	8.00 to 10.0pm Village Hall
<u>Sunday</u>	A Star is Born (15)	12.30 to 3.00pm Village Hall
	The Lion King (PG)	3.30 to 5.30pm Village Hall
	Pavarotti (12a)	6.00 to 7.30pm Village Hall
	The Commitments (15)	8.00 to 10.0pm Village Hall

November

Thursday 5 th	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm Hurworth Grange
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The events are correct at the time of going to print but are subject to further amendment to reflect changes in government Coronavirus advice

Parish Council Notices

Defibrillator

The defibrillator outside the Mustard Tree is now fully operational and available for emergency use.

Bus Services

A new two way Arriva bus service will begin in the near future, full details to be clarified in due course.

TIME FOR A SMILE

Adam and Eve

Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked.

Take me out

An elderly single woman died last month. She requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she explained: "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, so I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

Love in a bag

I asked my nephew whether he bought his wife anything for Valentine's Day, and he said he had bought her a belt and a bag. When I commented that I am sure she would appreciate them, he agreed: "Yes, and hopefully the vacuum cleaner will work better now."

What are angels like?

Try asking school children that question, and you'll get some imaginative replies! Like these....

- Angels have a lot to do and they keep very busy. If you lose a tooth, an angel comes in through your window and leaves money under your pillow. Then when it gets cold, angels go south for the winter. - *Sara, aged 6*
 - Angels live in cloud houses made by God and His Son, who's a very good carpenter. - *Jared, aged 8*
 - All angels are girls because they have to wear dresses and boys didn't go for it. - *Anthony, aged 9*
 - My angel is my grandma who died last year. She got a big head start on helping me while she was still down here on earth. - *Kate, aged 9*
 - Some of the angels are in charge of helping heal sick animals and pets. And if they don't make the animals get better, they help the kid get over it. - *Vicky, aged 8*
- What I don't get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them. - *Sarah, aged 7*

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ONE IN FIVE OF US SUFFER FROM DEPRESSION

The pandemic has doubled our rates of depression. Now one in five adults are struggling with the symptoms. And yet the peak of the Covid-19 mental health crisis is 'yet to come', according to NHS chiefs.



In June the Office for National Statistics released data showing that 19.2 percent of adults were experiencing some form of depression. This figure had almost doubled, from around one in 10 (9.7 per cent), before the pandemic. But NHS management warn that up to half a million more patients are expected to enter the system in coming months.

Those most vulnerable to depression are women aged 16 to 29 who are unable to afford an unexpected expense, or who are disabled.

A spokeswoman for Mind, the mental health charity, says, "It's crucial that mental health is put at the centre of the government's ongoing recovery plans."

A report from the NHS Confederation echoes this, saying that mental health bodies will need "intensive support and investment."



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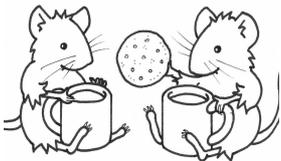
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**Thank you to all those people who have donated to this very
worthwhile cause, in the extremely difficult circumstances of
this year.**

Your efforts are very much appreciated.

**A final figure was not available at the time of going to print
but a full update will appear in the November newsletter**

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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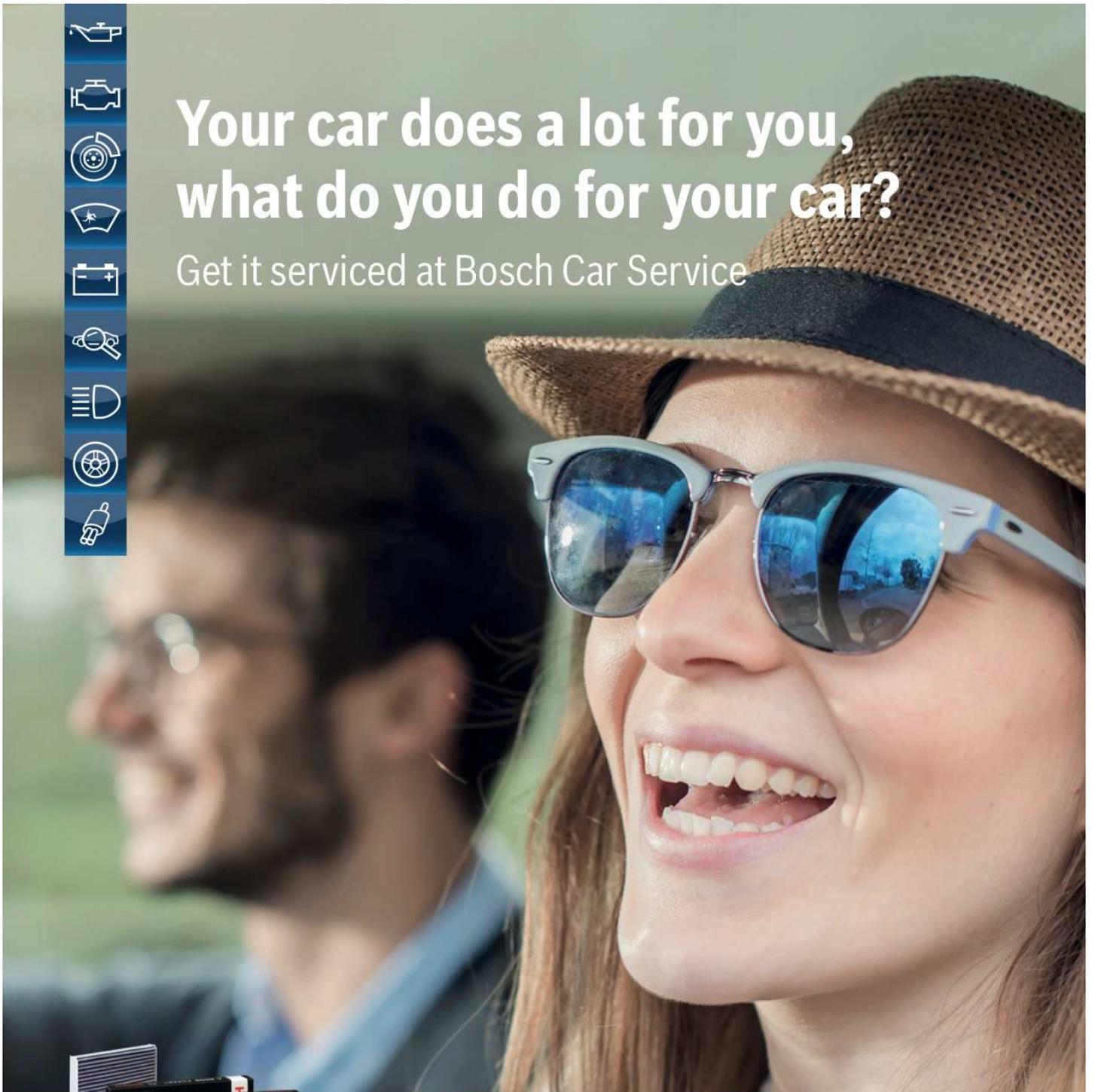
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Advertising space is becoming available in the near future which could be used to great effect promoting your business or event.

For advertising rates see Page 12

Or contact Denis Pinnegar at
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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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