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A LETTER FOR OCTOBER 2025

I write this as the weather has turned more autumnal and the leaves are starting to colour up. The new school year has begun - one of the many new starts that we have all through the year! We are remembering harvest time in collective worship, as we give thanks for the wonderful provision and blessings that God gives us. Harvest goes on throughout the year, and we remember all of the farming community as they care for and rear their harvest both in the ground and also above ground - cattle and sheep are sold all through the year, and there is a thriving Auction Mart at Hexham. The harvest of fruit and vegetables goes on regularly to provide us with a delicious variety of food all the year through .

I love the fact that we live in a Dark Skies area and we can see the stars and moon on a clear night . As we move into October, the lunar calendar reminds us of harvest and can also remind us of all that we have, as we remember those in the so many war-torn areas of the world at present.

The next full moon is known as the Harvest Moon and this year, the moon will appear full and bright on the nights of October 5th, 6th, and 7th.

The Harvest Moon is the named full moon that occurs nearest to the first day of autumn, the autumnal equinox. The name comes from the historical practice of farmers using the bright, extra moonlight to work longer into the evening to bring in their crops. This year, a lot of the harvest is already gathered, but there is still more to come.

The 2025 Harvest Moon is the first of three 'supermoons' in a row, meaning it appears slightly larger and brighter than a typical full moon.

Do look out for a service at one of the churches to come and give thanks for all of our harvests, including, food, crops, flocks, and learning!

With kind regards from Sarah Lunn

SERVICES IN THE DEANERY IN OCTOBER 2025

5th October: 16th Sunday after Trinity

Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4; 1 Timothy 1; 1-14; Luke 17:5-10

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) at Wark

9.00am Holy Communion at Bellingham
Dedication Festival (1 Chron
29:9-15; Eph 2:19-22; John
2:13-22)

9.30am Holy Communion at Birtley

10.30am MURC Service at Wark

11.00am Holy Communion at Elsdon

11.00am Holy Communion at Simonburn

11.00am Harvest Family Service Falstone

4.00pm Holy Communion at Bingfield

5.00pm Holy Communion at Corsenside

7.00pm Refresh at Humshaugh

12th October: 17th Sunday after Trinity

2 Kings 5;1-3, 7-15; 2 Timothy 2;8-15; Luke 17:11-19

9.00am Holy Communion at
Thockrington

9.00am Holy Communion at
Thorneyburn

10.00am Service of the Word at
Chollerton

11.00am Family Harvest Service –
Humshaugh

11.00am Holy Communion at Wall

11.00am Harvest Holy Communion at
Otterburn

6.00pm Harvest Service of the Word -
Wark

6.00pm Harvest Ecumenical Service
and Licensing of Reverend Dr
Claire Maxim

19th October: 18th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 32: 22-31; 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5; Luke 18; 1-8

9.00am Holy Communion at
Gunnerton

10.00am Service of the Word at
Bellingham

10.00am Service of the Word at Birtley

10.30am MURC at Wark

11.00am Holy Communion at Falstone

11.00am Holy Communion at
Humshaugh

11.00am Service of the Word at
Otterburn

11.30am Service of the Word at
Bingfield

3.00pm Holy Communion at Horsley

6.00pm Evensong at Simonburn

26th October: Last Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-end ; 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18; Luke 18; 9-14

Or Bible Sunday: Isaiah 45: 22-end ; Romans 15: 1-6; Luke 4; 16-24

9.30am Deanery Zoom

11.00am HC BCP at Bellingham

11.00am Service of the Word at Elsdon

11.00am Service of the Word at Wall

11.00am Holy Communion at
Chollerton

3.00pm Holy Communion at Byrness

6.00 pm Harvest Festival at
Thorneyburn

6.00pm Evensong at Humshaugh

6.00pm Holy Communion at Wark

Harvest Readings - Year C

*Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 100,
Philippians 4:4-9 or Revelation
14:14-18, John 6:25-35*

NOTICEBOARD...



FALSTONE COFFEE MORNINGS

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Falstone coffee morning in September. Over 40 of us met together and enjoyed Christine's lovely homemade scones and a cuppa. We had a wonderful time and raised £338.50 for a very worthy cause - The Great North Ambulance Service and the whole community came together to fill a van with clothing and bric-a-brac items donated to the charity. Thank you to everyone who came, chatted with friends old and new, baked and helped it every way. We were also treated to a lovely original

poem from Don Clegg (reproduced below, with Don's kind permission), which captured the essence of our coffee mornings as the "Laugh a Minute Club".

Our next coffee mornings (sessions start at 10.30am) are:

- **Tuesday 21st October** in aid of Tynedale Hospice at Home
- **Tuesday 18th November** in aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
- **Tuesday 16th December** for our first ever Christmas celebration - with Christmas treats, Christmas carols and songs, and possibly even a visit from Santa!!

We look forward to seeing you then!
From Marie and all the Falstone coffee morning team xx

"My Falstone Family" by Donald Clegg

*Aa hed a mystery phone call just the
other afternoon
Aa was deenin' a bit shoppin' in Tesco's in
the toon
It was an invitation, when I answered the
caal,
To a fund-raisin' coffee mornin' in Falstone
Village Hall*

*Aa checked me calendar straightaway, and
saa there was a space
So Aa decided Aa wad gan alang - Aa thowt
Aa'd show me face.
Now I used to live up there - it seems an
age ago
So it wad be nice to meet again the folks I
used to know*

*They were always sic a happy crowd - and
so very friendly, too
With a great sense of community, like most
small villages do
Aam not goin' just for the charity - not even
for the grub
But the perfect opportunity to join the
"Laugh a Minute Club"!*

COFFEEMORNING

TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER AT 10.30AM

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Cath Brennand: Tel: 01434 220 631,

Email: cath.brennand@gmail.com

Jumble donations can be left at the Town Hall on the Saturday morning of the sale or after 6 pm on the Friday evening before the sale.

CREATIVE CRAFTS IN BELLINGHAM

As part of the Creative Health Project, a regular craft group has been set up in Bellingham. This welcoming and dementia-friendly group meets on the 4th Thursday of every month (from 10.30am - 12 noon) and the focus is on fun and a natter - helped along by a selection of home-made cakes (what's not to love?)

There is always a craft project to try as part of each session, and there's plenty of help available for those who may need it.

Please note that the sessions are provided free of charge, but donations will help the project to remain sustainable.

For more information and for details of venues, contact Jane on 07539 110161.

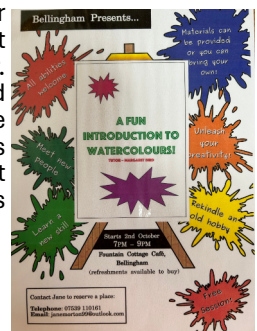
OTTERBURN'S CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

The date for Otterburn's Christmas Coffee Morning has been set! The event will take place at 10.30am in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 29th November. Further details to follow

WATERCOLOUR PAINTING FOR BEGINNERS

A new watercolour painting course, run by Margaret Bird and other guest artists, and aimed mainly at beginners or those who may not have painted for a while, will be starting in Bellingham in October. Materials will be provided, but you are welcome to bring paints and paper if you prefer to use your own. The first session will take place on 2nd October at Fountain Cottage Café from 7-9pm. Sessions will take place in October, November and December, with the last session of 2025 taking place in mid-December. The first session is free of charge.

To book your place, please ring Jane on 07539 110161 or email janemorton99@outlook.com



SUCCESS FOR TARSET LEEK SHOW 2025

A message from Jeff Mills following the Tarsset Leek Show: "The Tarsset Leek, flower and vegetable show took place in the village hall last Saturday. Despite another challenging growing season there were some excellent exhibits in all classes, with flower classes being dominated by John Davies, who entered flowers of a high standard and showed his eye for detail. There was a very good display of vegetables with some new exhibitors this year. The leeks themselves were a mixed bunch, with the majority being very good and the rest showing signs of what has been a difficult

growing season. The industrial section produced some very good stuff, with some new competitors taking part, and the gentlemen's baking class was very popular with some very nice lemon cakes on display. The auction saw some high bidding from a very good crowd, which is always nice to see, as the money goes towards funding next year's show. The main winners in the floral classes were John Davies, Sheryl Anderson, Margaret Bird, David Thirlwell, Robin Bank, Jill Swaile and Neil Murray. The main winners in the industrial section were Margaret Bird, Marjorie Watson and Jill Swaile. John Holland won the gentlemen's baking class! The leek show was won by Stephen Baty, with an impressive stand of leeks, with Robert Nelson and Fred Bartram taking second and third places respectively. We would particularly like to thank the young ladies who worked behind the bar and kept everyone refreshed!"

B4RN PROJECT UPDATE

An update on the B4RN project for residents of Tarset and Falstone:

"As you may be aware, around a year ago B4RN embarked on the planning and preparation work to deliver full fibre broadband to properties in Tarset and Falstone. This project is a multi-million pound project and in terms of geographical area is one of the largest projects we have undertaken. In terms of property density, it is also one of the sparsest and widely distributed areas in Britain. Clearly, those factors represent significant challenges. A large amount of work has taken place – much of it invisible to the population. It all needs doing and is now well underway. A local volunteer team has also been working very effectively to help deliver the project; what B4RN does is unconventional in many ways – the scope of what we deliver, and the quality of service would be exceptional in a city, let alone one of the remotest parts of the UK. We are now in a position to update you all on the detail of what we have been working on, and timescales to roll out the network. In September and October, we will hold public update meetings, communicate with those who have expressed interest in B4RN service via email, and also use social media and local channels such as the Tarset Diary to explain what happens next. Thank you for your patience and I hope you will understand this is a large and expensive infrastructure project, and time taken in planning will provide lasting benefits. Please do feel free to contact me via the B4RN website if you have any questions or thoughts and hopefully see you soon at the public meetings."

David Ryall, B4RN Project Development Manager.

GOD'S WORLD - OUR WORLD



The Meadow Maker: The meadows at both Corsenside and Thorneyburn have been beautiful this year thanks to the hard work of a devoted bunch of local people at both churches. One plant that we are actively trying to encourage in the meadows is the amazing *Yellow Rattle* and several of us will be out sowing it in the meadows in the next month or so. *Yellow Rattle*, or *Hay Rattle* is a British wildflower, also known as the Meadow Maker due to its ability to suppress grass, encouraging wildflowers to thrive.

Yellow Rattle is partially parasitic on grass, tapping into the roots of grass plants and extracting extra nutrition. This weakens the grass to such an extent that an area of grassland containing Yellow Rattle has a visibly shorter sward than the neighbouring patch without. So, less chance of flowers being overtopped and squeezed out, less grass to cut and fewer heavy grass cuttings to rake up and remove. It is an annual plant so doesn't over-winter but it sets seed in July so seed will have scattered by the time you cut your meadow and once established it spreads itself. Listen for the 'rattle' of the ripe seeds in their pods.

Yellow Rattle can be tricky though; it needs a little care to get it established but is well worth it. Here are a few tips if you fancy getting it going in your gardens or on land that you own:

- 1) Cut the area where you will be sowing really short, giving it a firm raking to pull out any dead grass that may be lodged there. Get down to the soil!
- 2) Sow Yellow Rattle seed from now until the end of November, making sure the seed reaches bare soil by scraping away the turf in small patches. Sprinkle a few seeds onto the soil and press down with your foot.
- 4) Give the area another short mow in the spring so the germinating plants have some sunlight. March or April are good times to cut.

Yellow Rattle seed is widely available online if you need some for this year, and it is also a component of the Wildflower Seed mix that can be purchased from the Caring for God's Acre website.

By Cathy Smith (*Information and photo from Caring for God's Acre (2025)*)

REDESDALE SOCIETY - SEPTEMBER 2025

Following the summer break, there was a good attendance at the meeting on 12th September to hear about an insightful subject from Bethany Goodman, archivist at the Vindolanda Trust. Entitled "*Exploring Vindolanda's Archives*", Bethany's talk concentrated less on the very important and internationally renowned collections of Roman artefacts at Vindolanda and more on the extensive photographic archive which she has been scanning and cataloguing in her year at Vindolanda. She mainly used two important areas of the archives to illustrate parts of the history of the Vindolanda site and also some of the human/social stories behind the process of archaeological excavations along Hadrian's Wall:

1. The collection in the archive of Eric Birley (1906-1995), whose family, through several generations, has been a major driver of investigation and development of the Vindolanda site and more recently the close-by Magna Roman Fort site
2. The large archive of photographs taken by Charlie Anderson (1909-1998), a legendary stonemason, who spent close to 50 years working on Hadrian's Wall

Firstly, the Birley collection took us through the history of Vindolanda from the time that it was bought by Eric Birley in 1929, including the house at Chesterholm which became his home (it is now the museum). Excavations of the site began at that time and the series of photographs shows very clearly the immense amount of progress over the years, giving a very valuable insight into what has been done and continues now.



Birley archive- Chesterholm House



Anderson archive- Cawfields

The Anderson archive provided a very different perspective in illustrating activities at (literally) ground level during digs, showing workers and visitors in mainly informal situations. With some analysis this can provide much additional information to that provided from the physical dig (buildings and artefacts) in terms of the human/social stories behind the collection of information.

Overall, Bethany provided a very enthusiastic and thought-provoking view of “behind-the-scenes” on-site investigations.

The next meeting of the Society will be held on Friday 10th October when Andrew Agate will talk on the subject of “Fusing metal detecting and archaeology: Northumberland’s Portable Antiquities Scheme”. The PAS has been recording archaeological finds made by members of the public since 1997. Andrew will consider the relationship between metal detectorists, archaeologists and the PAS, focusing on the area around Redesdale and the important finds made there. Given the numbers of members that we have who are detectorists and/or have archaeological interests, this should lead to a very interesting discussion. The meeting will start at 7.30 pm in Otterburn Memorial Hall.



Andersen archive: Chesters

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NEWS FROM BYRNNESS

August and early September have been a sad time in Byrness. Caroline’s husband, Jeff, who many of you will know had bravely battled lung cancer for several months, sadly passed away. Jeff was well known and well liked in the village and wider area and was a real character, a professional entertainer and brilliant singer. During lockdown, when we were unable to gather for a wake for Phillip Oliver, Jeff brought all

his equipment down to South Green and sang as a farewell to Phillip. Jeff's funeral was on the 9th September. It was a lovely afternoon weather-wise and little St Francis' church was packed with Jeff's friends and family. Claire led a lovely service and gave a eulogy for Jeff which captured a lot of his personality. The wake in Byrness Village Hall was also well attended, which is testament to the man and his place in the community. It was very sad occasion, and very hard for Caroline, but was a nice send off for a lovely man. As an aside, we all remember Jeff taking George (his African Parrot) for walks - in a special backpack where the bird could see out. Quirky but brilliant.

As there has been so much going on, with some pets having passed away and some not well, we have decided to defer the "*Blessing of the Animals*" Service until next year. With best wishes from Barb, Byrness.

NEWS FROM CORSENSIDE

Looking back on events in August this year: on Sat 16th August at 3pm, the Friends of Corsenside held a magical picnic in the meadow at St. Cuthbert's. We shared food, stories and poems and donated money for the delicious honey that the churchyard's own colony of bees had made. The day was restful, warm and sunny - an echo of 2024's picnic, and it was definitely an afternoon to savour (as was the honey).

On Sunday 7th September, Claire Maxim led a lovely Communion Service at St Cuthbert's, Corsenside. The Old Testament reading was taken from Deuteronomy 30 (verses 15 – the end) and was a warning from Moses to the Israelites to keep their faith. The service was also in honour of (our local!) Saint Cuthbert, and marks the date when his remains were sent to Durham Cathedral, where they still remain.

Saturday 20th September will be the day of the Corsenside Village Show (which will have been and gone by the time this edition of the magazine is published). Thank you in advance for your help, support and donations. Thank you also, to the facility members who put so much time and effort into organising this annual event.

On Saturday 27th September, there will also have been a Macmillan Coffee Morning at Corsenside Village Hall. Huge thanks (also in advance!) for all your donations – including cakes and raffle prizes – and for your help on the day.

A date for your diaries now: on Saturday 25th October at 7pm, Graham Dick has arranged another evening of Traditional Music and Storytelling at Corsenside Village Hall. Admission will be via ticket only (£10 per ticket) and you can get your tickets at Corsenside Village Shop, which is open from 8.30am–2pm, Mondays-Saturdays. The event is a fundraiser, with proceeds being split between Corsenside Village Hall and the Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS).

With all best wishes from Diana.

NEWS FROM FALSTONE

It is with great joy(!) that I can report that the inflatable tents, both for the Rest and Reflection space and the tombola stall at Falstone Border Shepherds' Show this year were, once again, a great success and remained in situ for the 2nd year running. The weather on the day was kind, which was great, and it encouraged a lot of folks to wander about the show field and chat. The ice-cream van was very busy this year - as was the beer tent!



The new bubble-making machine made its debut outside the tent, and the children loved it! It encouraged them to come into the craft space, where they then took part in various crafts we had arranged. It was also a nice space for the adults to rest and chat, utilising the new benches which were purchased from a famous Swedish furniture store just for the occasion. Rev Claire admitted that she needs a wee bit more practice making pom poms (see photo)

The tombola stall was extremely busy this year, if not a tad stressful at times looking for the prizes!! A BIG thank you to everyone who helped on both stalls and kept me calm! A grand total of £585 was raised for church funds - which was excellent – and a huge thank you must also go to everyone who donated prizes.

The men of the parish who gave their lives for King and Country in the 2nd WW were remembered in a special flower display in the industrial tent. The arrangement won first prize and a special cup. Talking of remembrance, there is going to be a special service of dedication of the war memorial that was moved from the URC church to St Peter's earlier this year, this will take place on Remembrance Sunday (9th of November). The service will start at cenotaph in the cemetery at 10.50am, then afterwards to St Peter's.



It has been confirmed that St Peter's does indeed have bats in the belfry! common pipistrelle bats to be precise (I had to google them to see what they look like). A recent bat survey was carried out by volunteers who sat outside church at dusk and counted the activity. They also left a recording sensor in the bell tower for a few days too, and once this is analysed, the full survey will be published.

As Christians, we need to emphasize that the church is more than just a building; it's a community of people. It calls for an ongoing, active, and inclusive approach, reflecting the welcoming nature of God and fulfilling the church's role as a place of refuge and spiritual support for the whole community.

St Peter's is open during the day and is visited by many people who leave lovely messages in the visitors' book. The church provides a space for the grieving, lonely, lost, or distressed. The act of just being present in the space, leaving a prayer request, or simply sitting in silence, can be a deeply healing one. It is an opportunity for a form of pastoral ministry which doesn't require any human intervention.

Dates for your diary:

- St Peter's will have a cake stall at Bellingham Town Hall craft market on Saturday 18th of October 10-2pm.
- Christmas Fair Falstone village hall Saturday 22nd Nov 2-4pm

With best wishes from

Jill Swaile, ChurchWarden and ALM (01434 240138 alanswaile@aol.com)

NEWS FROM OTTERBURN

News from St John's: Our Harvest Festival will be held on 12th October, with the Service commencing at 11am. Harvest donations of tinned food, toiletries etc will be sent to the Peoples Kitchen. Please leave any donations at the back of the Church which is open each day from 9am to 5pm - all donations are very much appreciated!

On 9th November or Remembrance Service will be held (starting at 10.30am). The period of silence will be held in the Church as part of the Service, which will be followed by wreath laying at the cenotaph outside our Hall. Afterwards, tea and biscuits will be served in the village hall.

With best wishes from Moira

NEWS FROM THORNEYBURN

Over the last year, I have been doing lots behind the scenes concerning Thorneyburn and the churchyard at Greystead. At Thorneyburn, the solar panel project grinds slowly on, with planning being passed by the National Park and now the church planning (faculty). After this process we will finally be able to allow Northumberland Community Energy Ltd to install the panels and get us cheap electric! Also, the window behind the organ needs a new Mullion, which necessitates the removal and reinstatement of the glass and another faculty application - but happily, this is moving fast and we hope to have the work done before the winter storms. At Greystead, the Munroes asked to extend the leased area of land to the north of the Church for a small increase in outside space which we were happy to agree, as the unused area of churchyard left will allow at least 300 years of burials! However, complying with charity commission rules and the wheels of the CofE turning very slowly and despite both Anne Munroe's and my efforts, we are just reaching a conclusion. The faculty (the church of England's planning process) has been agreed and now the lease is being finalised. Nothing much will change at Greystead other than another fence to demark the extended area. I do hope all these things will be concluded soon.

At our service on the Bank Holiday Sunday, we had a special communion service for both St Aidan's Day and the christening of Maisie Ward (Shona and Richard Ward's daughter and David and Maureen's granddaughter). The church was full and lively with lots of families and children and plenty of volunteers to ring the bell. Shona managed to play the organ for us too, with some lovely hymns which everyone was able to join in with. Rev



Claire got everyone involved and even encouraged the children to help us remember our christenings by flicking us with the water much to the delight of the children. Along with the fun she helped everyone including godparents in their role in helping Masie develop her faith and understanding of God. After the service, we were invited to lunch at the Village Hall where Maureen and family had produced a most magnificent lunch for about 50 people. A wonderful family and community event and you can tell by the pictures just how much everyone enjoyed it.



which will eventually be our new altar cloth at Thorneyburn. Gaia is being exhibited there from 3rd October until the 16th November 2025. Do try to get along and see it, the banners are wonderful and a magnificent reminder of the wonderful learning and experiences that the children volunteers and embroiderers gained during the four years of learning about Christ and Creation in our Fragile Earth workshops at Simonburn.

We are delighted that our Cloths of Hopes and Dreams, designed by the children who attended 'Fragile Earth' - and sewn by our volunteers, will be displayed at Hexham Abbey alongside Gaia from Saturday 18th October for two weeks. Children from Greenhagh school and residents from Tarsset have produced a magnificent banner

Our services for October will be Communion on Sunday 12th at 9am and our traditional Harvest Soup Swap on Sunday 26th at 6pm. We will be collecting tins for the West Northumberland Food Bank and fresh produce too which will be made in to soup and delivered to the older members of our community here. There will also be a Soup and Pud event at some point in the autumn - though the date has yet to be decided.

You are always welcome to come to any service, to visit the church anytime as it is always open or come and enjoy the tranquillity of our churchyard and reflection area.

Caroline Waitt caroline.waitt@btinternet.com 01434 240210 (Churchwarden)

A BRIEF WORD FROM THE EDITOR

This month's cover photo was submitted by Jill Swaile and shows the team of volunteers who manned the St Peter's Church 'craft space' and tombola stalls at Falstone Show, as per the article on **Page 12** of this magazine!

If you have anything you would like to see included in the magazine (articles, cartoons, news, photos, events, birthdays, etc.), please feel free to email it to: **sarahMOTW@btinternet.com**

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