

# THE RIVERSIDE PARISHES

**All Saints Hurworth Newsletter Sept 25**

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

*new strength - they will soar up*



*Those who trust in the Lord will have*

*on wings like eagles... IS 40:31*

# Thought for the Month

**"O sweet September, thy first breezes bring  
The dry leaf's rustle and the squirrel's laughter,  
The cool fresh air whence health and vigour spring  
And promise of exceeding joy hereafter."**

September is without doubt one of my favourite months of the year as described perfectly by the American poet, George Arnold. The start of autumn, with its falling leaves, clearly illustrates for us the transient nature of our lives. Just as leaves detach from trees, Christians are called to let go of things that no longer serve their spiritual growth, trusting in God's care.

And it is autumn's imagery that can be a powerful reminder of the need to release anxieties and trust in God's plan, whatever that might be for each of us and those we love.

But autumn is also the season of harvest, reminding all of us of God's provision and blessings. A reminder that we live in a country of relative peace and relative abundance compared with many globally.

The Bible encourages everyone to be grateful for the abundance received, both materially and spiritually. We should count our blessings! But I wonder if you might consider the harvest to be seen as a time to reflect on personal growth and the impact of our daily lives on the lives of others.

While autumn signifies the end of summer, it also prepares us for the cold and darkness of winter, which precedes the new life of spring. This annual cycle of seasons points to the Christian hope of resurrection and eternal life, where death leads to a new, transformed existence. The beauty of autumn's colours as the leaves fall and decay with the expectant hope of green shoots next year.

Autumn's tapestry of beautiful colours as the leaves change and fall, and the falling temperatures can serve as a reminder of God's presence in all the seasons of life.

I would encourage you all to take time to reflect this autumn on the seasons of your life, the beauty of our surroundings here in the Tees valley and be truly grateful for all that we have.

**Pete Snowden**

**Lay Reader**

## Celebrating 200 years of the public railroads

Two hundred years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> September 1825, the world's first public railway opened. It was the Stockton and Darlington Railway in our own back yard in the north-east.

Inspired and supported by a prominent Quaker, Edward Pease, and backed financially by many Quakers nationally, it has been described as “the great theatre of railway operations”, sparking the explosion of railways across the world and boosting the industrial revolution. About 20 miles of the original 25 mile stretch still exist, now as part of the Northern Rail line.

The technical expertise behind it all came from George Stephenson, an extraordinary self-taught engineer whose expertise, which originated in the mines, stretched beyond railways. His *Locomotion No 1*, built for the Stockton and Darlington line, was the first steam locomotive to carry passengers on a public rail line. He worked with his 18-year-old son Robert, who is known for creating the more famous *Rocket* four years later.

The first Stockton and Darlington train – which in fact ran from Old Etherley Colliery, some distance north of Darlington – was led by a man on horseback with a flag. The motto of the organising committee was “At private risk for public service”.

With brakemen stationed between the wagons, the train reached 12 to 15mph and was greeted by an estimated 10,000 people at the Darlington junction, where some passengers left and more boarded. The average speed was calculated at about 8mph. Six wagons of coal were given to the poor by way of celebration.

A nine-month festival in County Durham and the Tees Valley – with art-work, spectacles and community events – is marking the bicentenary of the opening of the railway, much of it in and around Darlington.

As a tribute to his life and achievements, a bronze statue of George Stephenson was unveiled at Chesterfield railway station in 2005. An earlier statue stands in Neville Street, Newcastle.

More info at:

<https://railway200.co.uk>, <https://www.railwaymuseum.org.uk>

## **THE HURWORTH ROGERS CHARITABLE TRUST**

### **Supporting The Community**

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

### **MSG AND HURWORTH FOODBANK**

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**We regularly deliver to individuals in Hurworth, Neasham and Middleton St George, so if you , or someone you know needs help with food please contact us.**

**Prayers for clients, volunteers and stocks of food always appreciated**

**Thank you**





## Church Services in Hurworth,



**Middleton St George, Low Dinsdale and Girsby**

**SEPTEMBER 2025**

Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hurworth	8.15 <sup>AM</sup>	Morning Prayer
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	MSG Academy	9.15 <sup>AM</sup>	Service of the Word
	Hurworth	11.00 <sup>AM</sup>	Holy Communion
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.15 <sup>AM</sup>	Morning Prayer
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	MSG Academy	9.15 <sup>AM</sup>	All Age Worship
	Hurworth	11.00 <sup>AM</sup>	Morning Worship
	Girsby	11.15 <sup>AM</sup>	Holy Communion
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.15 <sup>AM</sup>	Morning Prayer
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	MSG Academy	9.15 <sup>AM</sup>	Service of the Word
	Low Dinsdale	9.30 <sup>AM</sup>	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	11.00 <sup>AM</sup>	Harvest Festival
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Hurworth	8.15 <sup>AM</sup>	Morning Prayer
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	MSG Academy	9.15 <sup>AM</sup>	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	11.00 <sup>AM</sup>	Morning Worship
	Low Dinsdale	4.00 <sup>PM</sup>	Harvest Service
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.15 <sup>AM</sup>	Morning Prayer

### **ZOOM WORSHIP**

The 11.00 Services at All Saints Hurworth are available on Zoom. For joining instructions contact:  
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## **Prayer for September 2025**

Heavenly Father, September is the month of new starts for so many. New starts can be exciting, but they can also be daunting. We don't always know what to expect and sometimes we feel as if we are on our own in a strange new place, or situation.

Help us to know that, as your people, we are never alone. You promised, through Jesus, to be with us always and You gave us Your Holy Spirit to empower us.

In some ways every day is a new start – a new gift from You. As we unwrap the gift of each new day, this September, encourage us to receive it confidently and expectantly. Help us to know that we can do all things, through Christ Jesus, who strengthens us. We can! In Jesus' name, Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*

### **Time for a Smile**

#### ***Miscellaneous observations on life***

If you think you're too small to have an impact, try going to bed with a mosquito in the room. – *Anita Koddick*

If you want to forget all your other troubles, wear too tight shoes. – *Anon*

Millions long for immortality who don't know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon. – *Susan Ertz*

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind. – *Dr Seuss*

The only normal people are the ones you don't know very well. – *Foe Ancis*

Children are a great comfort in your old age, and they help you reach it faster too. – *Lionel Kauffman*

Experience is that marvellous thing that enables you to recognise a mistake when you make it again. – *FP Jones*



**Darlington Lions Club** are pleased to present an  
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## **Hurworth Parish Council**

We would like to thank all the residents who participated in the survey which we recently carried out for the preparation of the Parish Plan 2025-30.

We received response from the Facebook pages, emails and from the Suggestion Surveys which were distributed.

All of the comments and suggestions have been read, and considered during the compilation of the Plan.

The first draft of the Plan has now been completed, and the next steps are as follows:-

1. All Parish and Ward councillors will receive a copy of the draft before 31<sup>st</sup> August.
2. HPC monthly meeting is on 4th September, when initial comments will be discussed
3. HPC will hold a special meeting to finalise their consent to the Plan, or make any final changes.
4. A public meeting will be held at Hurworth Grange before the 30<sup>th</sup> September, to place the Plan before the residents, agree to any changes, and to obtain the Acceptance of the Parish Plan 2025-30.
5. The Plan will then be finalised and ‘published’ on social media.

## Hurworth Village Diary

### Sept 25

<b>Sat 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>HURWORTH COUNTRY FAIR</b> From 10.30 until 4.00pm Entry £3 per person Children under 16 free	<b>The Grange</b>
<b>Sun 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Cinema on your Doorstep</b> “ <b>Gladiator 2</b> ” starring Denzil Washington Entry by donation Soup and friendly company prior to film	<b>Village Hall</b> 3.00pm 2.00pm
<b>Sat 27/Sun 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>McMillan Coffee Morning</b> Everyone welcome Further info from Tracey Jacobs on 07739 825309	<b>Village Hall</b> 10am - 2pm

### Oct 25

<b>Sat 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CK3 Tribute Band</b> Playing 80s/90s & contemporary music Doors 7.30 - Tickets £15 inc pie and pea supper From the Grange Bar or ring 01325 720840	<b>The Grange</b>
<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Cinema on your Doorstep</b> “ <b>Maria</b> ” starring Angelina Jolie in the story of the tragic yet beautiful life of Maria Callas Entry by donation Soup and friendly company prior to film	<b>Village Hall</b> 3.00pm 2.00pm
<b>Sun 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Halloween Spooktacular</b> Fancy dress optional but strongly encouraged Free entry	<b>Village Hall</b> 1pm - 4pm

### From the Parish Records

#### Funerals

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We would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to all of our customers who have made this possible.

In celebration of this occasion we will be running a month of weekly special offers throughout the whole of September from roll back priced coffee and teas, old favourites and community lunches.... there may even be cake too!!

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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.

All copy for the Newsletter, including events, articles for publication, advertisement design or payment **MUST** be received by 10th of the previous month at the latest, or inclusion may not be possible

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