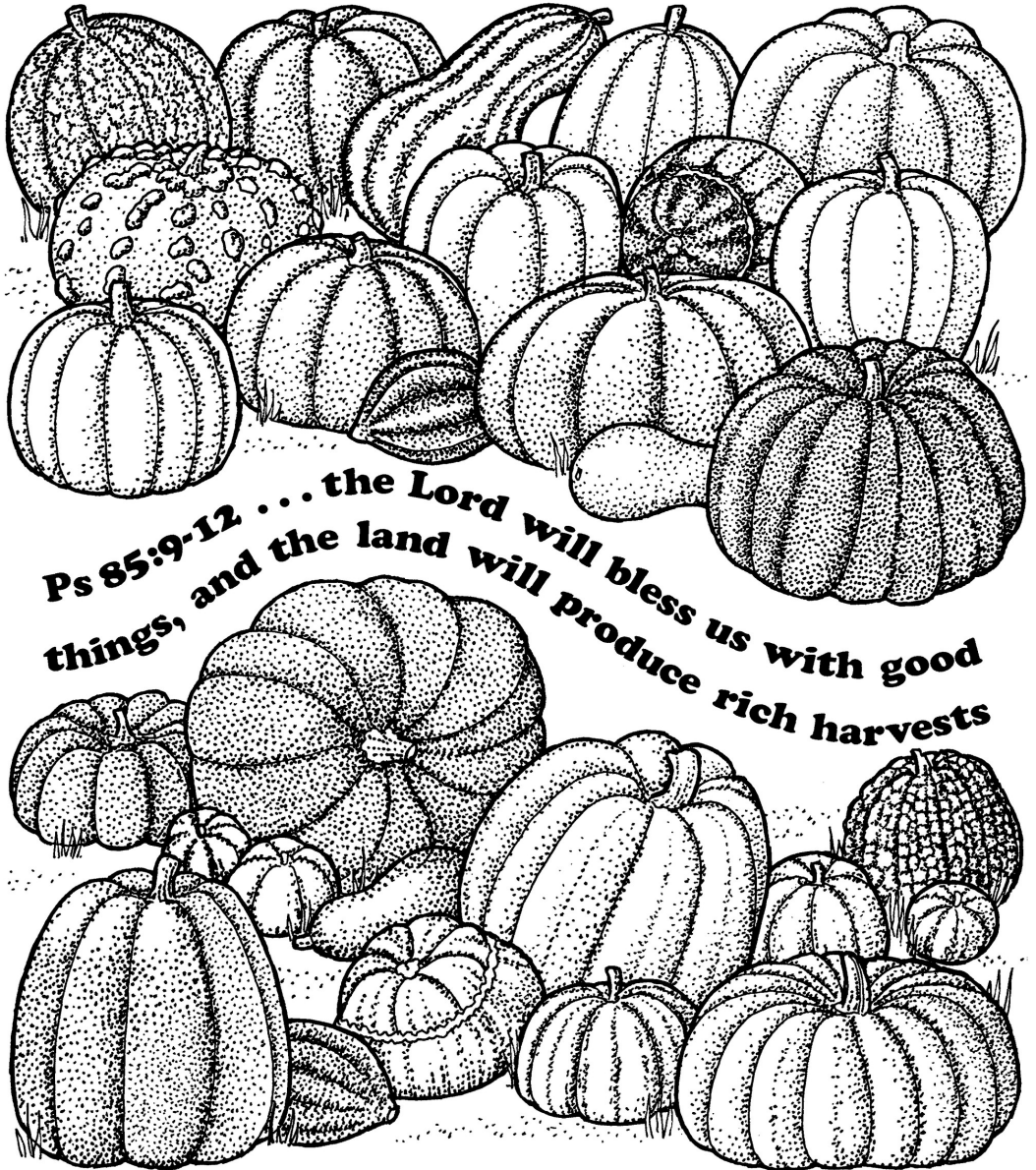


THE RIVERSIDE PARISHES

All Saints Hurworth Newsletter October 25

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



Thought for the Month

What is on your mind?

Lately, we at All Saints have appreciated some very thoughtful messages on a range of topics. We always take time and care to respond, and we try to talk in person to anyone who has an interest. Recent topics include the churchyard, and the flag (or current lack of!). The churchyard is a precious green space which serves many functions. It is of course the “place of rest” for many former residents of the village, and the ability to visit a grave, perhaps lay some fresh flowers or just spend some time in quiet reflection, is hugely important. As humans we experience love and loss, and these rituals help us in meaningful ways. Although we are lucky to live in an area with lots of green spaces nearby, we still take seriously the need to protect our environment, for now and for the future.

Likewise, the Parish Church is – or should be! – a beacon to the community. Every person in England lives in a Church of England Parish, and we are proud to be a church who serves our community. The flagpole and flag were damaged in storms earlier this year, in case you wondered what had happened to them, and it’s not the easiest location for a repair! We hope the flag will be flying again soon, and we hope it will continue to be valued as a sign that the Church of England is here to share the love of Jesus with everybody.

Buildings, green spaces, flags: they all matter, and of course there will be different opinions on the use of each one. With mutual respect and careful listening, we can understand, if not always agree with, each other’s decisions.

James – a servant of God – wrote in a letter which you can find in the New Testament: “be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to become angry”. We could all do with more peace in our lives, and this is wise teaching for all of life.

Julia Clarke, Churchwarden

Prayer for October 2025

Dear Lord,

In this autumn season, when the harvest is gathered, we thank You for Your provision for us. We have so much, and yet we see terrible images of starving children on our televisions and smartphones and in our newspapers. Lord, prompt us to do what we can to change things, whether that is by writing a letter or email to someone with influence, or by contributing in some way to aid agencies.

Lord, we ask You to touch the hearts of those leaders of nations whose decisions cause such hunger and suffering. Soften those hard hearts, Lord. Fill them with Your compassion. May there be a new harvest of love – and a kinder world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Younger drivers and older drivers

Drivers aged 17 to 24 are twice as likely to be killed or seriously injured as those aged over 70. So says recent data from the Department for Transport.

But there has also been a rise in the likelihood of serious accidents involving drivers aged 86 or over.

Police data reveals that older drivers are more likely to cause accidents by failing to look properly. Young drivers who cause accidents are often found to be drunk or high on drugs.

Meanwhile, the Government is preparing to introduce compulsory eye tests for the over-70s. This has been greeted with relief by driving agencies.

One commented that it is “totally inadequate” that drivers aged over 70 “can self-certify that they can see.” He remembered a case where it was found that an older driver who caused a death had self-certified his eyesight as being fine, when he could barely see his own steering wheel.

*SOMETIMES, IT TAKES
A VILLAGE TO HELP
SOMEONE FIND THEIR
REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL.*

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November 9th .**

**The church will be open from 9am on that day to
receive boxes.**

Thank you for your support.





Church Services in Hurworth,



Middleton St George, Low Dinsdale and Girsby

OCTOBER 2025

Sun 5 th	MSG Academy	9.15 ^{AM}	Service of the Word
	Hurworth	11.00 ^{AM}	Holy Communion
Tues 7 th	Hurworth	8.15 ^{AM}	Morning Prayer
Thurs 9 th	Girsby	7.00 ^{PM}	Harvest Festival
Sun 12 th	MSG Academy	9.15 ^{AM}	Harvest Festival
	Hurworth	11.00 ^{AM}	Morning Worship
	Girsby	11.15 ^{AM}	Holy Communion
Tues 14 th	Hurworth	8.15 ^{AM}	Morning Prayer
Sun 19 th	MSG Academy	9.15 ^{AM}	Service of the Word
	Low Dinsdale	9.30 ^{AM}	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	11.00 ^{AM}	All Age Worship
Tues 21 st	Hurworth	8.15 ^{AM}	Morning Prayer
Sun 26 th	MSG Academy	9.15 ^{AM}	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	11.00 ^{AM}	Morning Worship
	Low Dinsdale	4.00 ^{PM}	Evensong
Tues 28 th	Hurworth	8.15 ^{AM}	Morning Prayer

ZOOM WORSHIP

The 11.00 Services at All Saints Hurworth are available on Zoom. For joining instructions contact:
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Poem for Autumn

Autumn Glades

We stroll through leafy autumn glades,
An amber carpet 'neath our shoes;
As Nature's summer beauty fades
She clothes herself in golden hues.
The stillness of October days,
The chillness of a frosty dawn,
Yet autumn sunshine's slanting rays
Caress us with their glowing warmth.
They also warm the southern breeze,
Which comes upon us, as it may,
Releasing crispy, ochre leaves
To gently patter on our way.
Soon, soon comes winter's icy grip,
Of freezing wind and driving snow,
But, just for now, we'll gladly slip
Through gentle autumn's golden glow.

By Nigel Beeton

Time for a smile

Choice

Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president, and 50 for Miss America?

Wear out

Three little boys were bragging about how tough they were. "I'm so tough," said the first boy, "that I can wear out a pair of shoes in a week."

"Well," said the second little boy, "I'm so tough, I can wear out a pair of jeans in a day."

"That's nothing," said the third boy. "When my parents take me to see my grandma and grandpa, I can wear them out in just one hour."

If you understand it...

When you get to the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete.



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From the Parish Records

Weddings

5th Sept 25

Craig Alisdair White to
Andrea Dawn Lawrence



Smile Lines

Oddest

The parish magazine was reporting on a recent parish away-day at the seaside. It said: 'The results of our competition for the oddest item found on the beach were: First prize: Mrs Wainwright; second prize: The Vicar; and third prize, Mr Simpson.'

Cheap at the price

A little boy was pestering his parents for a baby brother or sister. They kept telling him 'maybe one day, but we can't afford one yet.' Then one Sunday the little boy dragged his parents over to the noticeboard at the back of church. It was advertising a coming sale at the church and announced: 'Children: free'



As you tidy your garden for winter...

Gardens are preparing to go to sleep, but next Spring will soon be here. So why not consider some changes now:

- Install a water butt now, to store up the winter rain for the Spring.
- Reduce the hard standing in your garden. Instead, let rain soak into the soil, rather than go down a drain.
- Plant something tall to create shade in your garden next year – the soil will remain wetter.
- Put in more plants – the more you have, the more protection they give the ground. Try to use native species, as your local wildlife depends on them.
- Consider adding a pond – it will be a great boost to your local wildlife!

Hurworth Village Diary

Oct 25

Sat 11th	CK3 Tribute Band Playing 80s/90s & contemporary music Doors 7.30 - Tickets £15 inc pie and pea supper From the Grange Bar or ring 01325 720840	The Grange
Sun 5th	Cinema on your Doorstep “Maria” 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	Village Hall 3.00pm 2.00pm
Sun 26th	Halloween Spooktacular Fancy dress optional but strongly encouraged Free entry	Village Hall 1pm - 4pm

Nov 25

Sat 1st	All Saints Autumn Fair Lots of stalls and fun things to do for all ages Entry by donation	The Grange 10.30 - 12.30pm
Sun 2nd	Cinema on your Doorstep “A Complete Unknown” The story of Bob Dylans rise to fame by hitchhiking to New York to see his music idol, Woody Guthrie Entry by donation Soup and friendly company prior to film	Village Hall 3.00pm 2.00pm
Fri 7th	Remembrance Concert with Hurworth Concert Band Tickets from band or the Grange Office on 01325 720840	
Sun 9th	Autumn Craft Fair Free entry to lots of local crafts for info on taking a table contact Bill on 07799 467817	Village Hall 10.30 - 2.00pm
Sun 30th	Hurworth Grange Christmas Fair	10.00 - 2.00pm
Sun 30th	Children’s Lantern Parade From All Saints Church to the Village Green to switch on the Christmas Tree lights. Meet at All Saints@4.30pm followed by the lights switch on at 5.00pm. For more details contact Bill on 07799 467817 or email bill.drumm@talk21.com	from 4.30pm

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Sewing Group

Tuesday 1.30-3pm

Tai Chi

Wednesday 10-11am

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Friday 9.30-11am



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