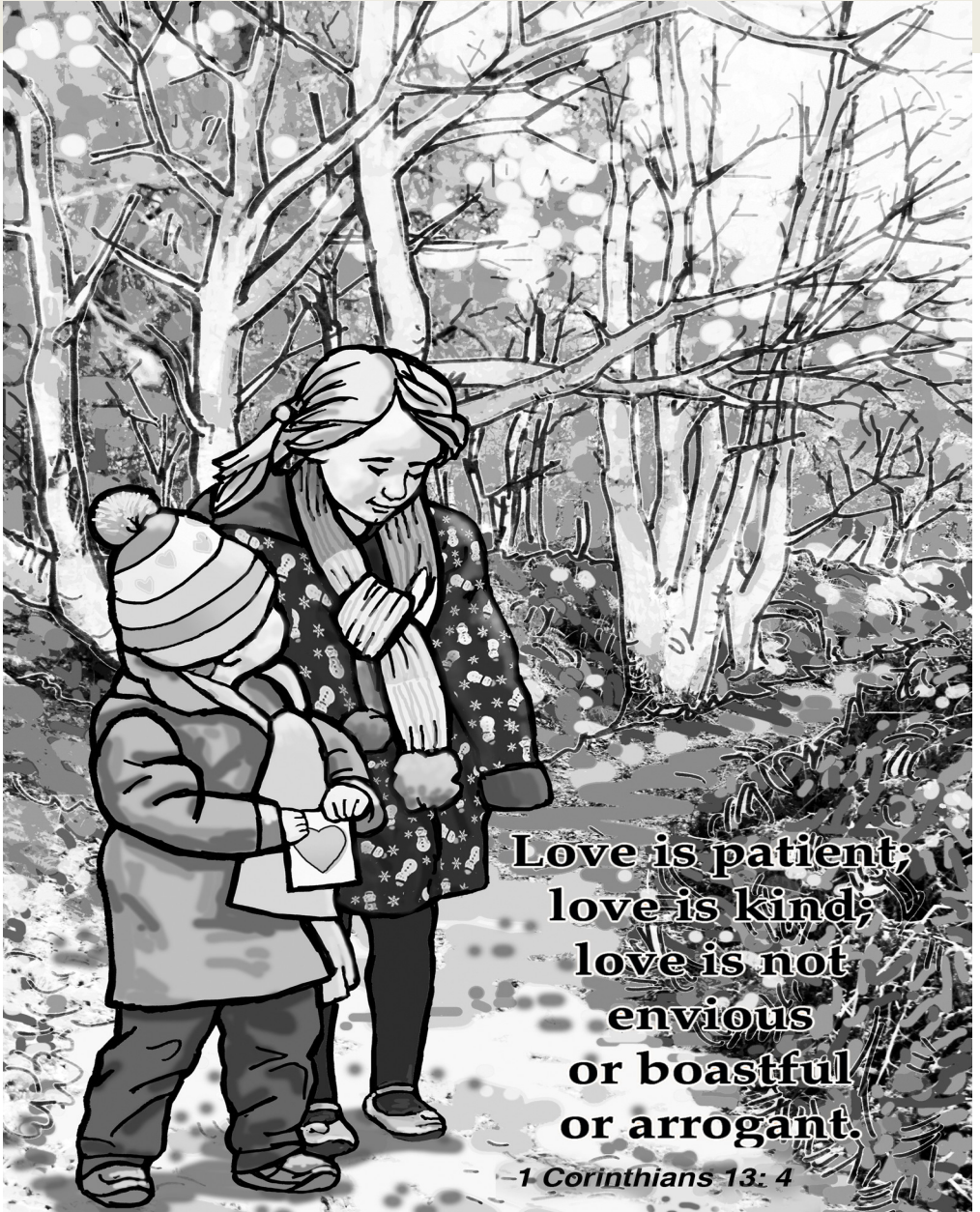


THE RIVERSIDE PARISHES

All Saints Hurworth Newsletter Feb 26

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



Love is patient;
love is kind;
love is not
envious
or boastful
or arrogant.

- 1 Corinthians 13: 4

Thought for the Month

I've noticed that no sooner have the shops cleared away the paraphernalia of Christmas in January, that February brings hearts in shop windows and Valentine's Day cards in the post. It is a month that reminds us to think about love, who we love and how we show it. In the words of the song by Paul Young "Love is in the Air".

Valentine's Day speaks of romance and friendship, but God's love goes further, it is a love that gives without counting the cost, that forgives and restores, remaining constant even when we fail. In Jesus we saw love lived out through service, sacrifice and compassion for all, a love that reached out to the lonely, healed the broken and didn't turn away the marginalised or out-cast.

This year, Valentine's Day leads into the beginning of Lent on February 18th. Traditionally there is a tendency during Lent to give something up but whether you are a Christian, have a different faith, or no faith at all, I invite you instead to let love shape the weeks between now and Easter.

Perhaps this is a time we can all reach out to those in need, those who are missing the warmth of human kindness. So, alongside the cards and flowers on February 14th we might ask ourselves; how can we share something of that love with others: through friendship, listening, forgiveness, or practical care? Not as a duty but as a response to the love that is shown to us. A love that is not self-centred but self-giving. Maybe a phone call or an email to friend or family member we haven't seen for a while. Invite a neighbour or someone who you know is on their own for a coffee. Bake them a cake, buy them a bunch of flowers, call in for a chat. Donate something to a food bank, offer to give someone a lift to an appointment or help an elderly person with shopping, gardening or housework.

St Paul reminds us that love "bears all things, hopes all things, endures all things".

Every small act of love is a reflection of God's heart. So February, with Valentine's Day and the beginning of Lent, should remind us all that we are each deeply loved by God today and always, and called to love in return. Amen

Jill Bramwell
Authorised Pastoral Assistant

Candlemas comes this month. Many churches use candles either as part of worship, or burning in places of prayer within them, and many Christians use them at home to provide a focus for contemplation, meditation, or intercession.

A POEM TO CELEBRATE CANDLEMAS

Flame of a Candle

See the candle flame a-burning
See its flick'ring, dancing light;
See how it, the darkness spurning
Burns throughout the darkest night.

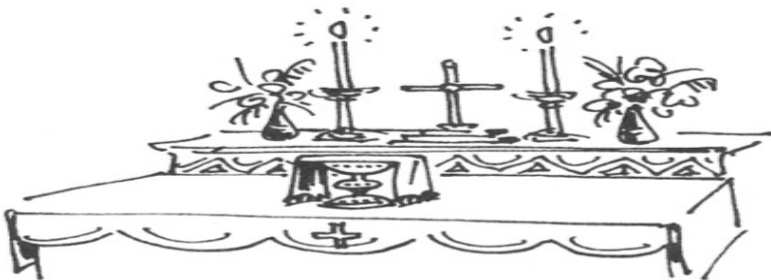
Light of faith, of God reminding
As His Spirit, long ago
Lit the first apostles, finding
Faith within the Spirit's glow.

Light of life – God's life eternal
Won through Christ's atoning death
Sparing us from Hell, infernal
Granting us His living breath!

Light of hope, in God victorious
For we know that He will win
When we'll see His flames of glorious
Vict'ry o'er the pow'r of sin!

Light your candle, kneel and praise Him
Kneel and praise the Lord of Hosts;
Let your prayers and praises raise Him
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

By Nigel Beeton



*SOMETIMES,
IT TAKES A VILLAGE
TO HELP SOMEONE STAY
YOUNG AT HEART.*

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NEW BELLRINGERS NEEDED



I think you need some help Mike!

The bell ringing team at All Saints, Hurworth-on-Tees are looking for new volunteer members to help keep the bells ringing. Bell ringing is a fascinating and mentally challenging hobby that's well within the capabilities of most people. Once gained, bell ringing is a skill for life that you'll never forget and it can open up a lifetime of experiences and enjoyment. You don't need to be a member of the church to join us. We ring for all the major services and weddings and practise on Thursday evenings. Full training will be given so no previous experience is required.

If you would like to get involved or just visit the tower to see what we do, please contact tower captain, Mike Hodgson.

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Church Services in Hurworth,



Middleton St George, Low Dinsdale and Girsby FEBRUARY 2026

Sun 1 st	MSG Academy	9.15AM	Morning Worship
	Hurworth	11.00AM	Holy Communion
Tues 3 rd	Hurworth	8.15AM	Morning Prayer
Sun 8 th	MSG Academy	9.15AM	All Age Worship
	Hurworth	11.00AM	Morning Worship
	Girsby	11.15AM	Holy Communion
Tues 10 th	Hurworth	8.15AM	Morning Prayer
Sun 15 th	MSG Academy	9.15AM	Morning Worship
	Low Dinsdale	9.30AM	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	11.00AM	All Age Worship
Tues 17 th	Hurworth	8.15AM	Morning Prayer
Wed 18 th	Hurworth	7.30PM	Ash Wednesday Communion
Sun 22 nd	MSG Academy	9.15AM	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	11.00AM	Morning Worship
	Low Dinsdale	4.00PM	Evensong
Tues 24 th	Hurworth	8.15AM	Morning Prayer
	Hurworth	10.00AM	Lent Course
Wed 25 th	Dinsdale Court MSG	7.30PM	Lent Course

ZOOM WORSHIP

The 11.00 Services at All Saints Hurworth are available on Zoom. For joining instructions contact:
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TIME FOR A SMILE

Church bulletin notices that did not come out quite right...

We congratulate our youth group for raising nearly £500 for drug abuse.

We apologise for the following typo in last Sunday's bulletin: 'Lunch will be gin at 12:15.' Please correct it to read '12 noon.' "

Any church member aged over 18 can join our lay ministry programme. It requires a minimal amount of training and time. The first course is six weekly classes of about 200 hours each Tuesday night.

The Seniors group will have a picnic on Saturday. Each person is asked to bring either a friend or a vegetable in a covered dish.

Church Jumble Sale: All welcome. We can offer a gents three-speed bicycle, and two ladies for sale, in good running order."

As it is Valentines Day this month you might like to read some actual quotes from young people on Romance:

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them. – Anita, age 9

When is it okay to kiss someone?

When they're rich. – Pam, age 7

The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that. – Curt, age 7

The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do. –Howard, age 8

How can a stranger tell if two people are married?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.

– Derrick, age 8



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As the village grows so does the need to have more volunteers who on
average deliver 40/45 newsletters each.

If you would like to join the team and have a spare 20 min a month
please ring Enid on 01325 720746 for a chat.



Hurworth Parish Council

A consultation on ward boundaries for Darlington has begun 'Have Your Say'

What is an electoral review?

Our electoral review will recommend new electoral arrangements for Darlington Borough Council. We will propose:

- the total number of councillors elected to the council in the future;
- the number of wards;
- the number of councillors representing each ward;
- ward boundaries; and the names of wards.

The consultation **will close on 2 February 2026.**

How to get involved

This is a public consultation and we welcome views from individuals and organisations across Darlington on where they think **new Ward boundaries** should be drawn.

We are minded to recommend that **41 councillors** should be elected to Darlington Borough Council in the future.

This is **9 fewer** than the current number of councillors.

We are now inviting proposals to help us draw up a pattern of wards to accommodate **41 councillors**.

In drawing up new electoral wards, we must balance three legal criteria, namely:

- to deliver **electoral equality**: where each councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others across the borough;
- that the pattern of wards should, as far as possible, **reflect the interests and identities of local communities**;
- that the electoral arrangements should provide for effective and convenient local government.

The new boundaries will take place in early 2027, prior to the local elections in **May 2027**.

Initial consultation

We ask local people and organisations **to tell us about their communities**.

You can share the message by email or through social media.

There is a very simple form which you can fill in on the DBC boundaries consultation page.

For those who do not use computer technology, we plan to have registers where you can 'Have your Say'

Hurworth Village Diary

Feb 26

Sun 1st

**Cinema on your Doorstep
“Big Fish”**

Village Hall

Starring Ewan McGregor, Helena Bonman Carter
And Jessica Lanage

Entry by donation 3.00pm

Soup and friendly company prior to film 2.00pm

Sat 28th

The Beer Pigs

The Grange

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March 26

Sun 1st

**Cinema on your Doorstep
“Salt Path”**

Village Hall

Starring Gillian Anderson and Jason Isacs

Entry by donation 3.00pm

Soup and friendly company prior to film 2.00pm

Sun 29th

The Pudding Club

Village Hall

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Tues 24 Feb, then Wed 4, 11, 18, 25 March, 1, 22, 29 April

Evenings (7.30 - 9pm) at Dinsdale Court, MSG

Wed 25 Feb, 4, 11, 18 25 March, 1, 22, 29 April

Get in touch for more details or see
biblesociety.org.uk/thebiblecourse

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Saturday 9-2

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Sewing Group

Tuesday 1.30-3pm

Tai Chi

Wednesday 10-11am

Little Stars Toddlers

Friday 9.30-11am



Monthly Activities

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