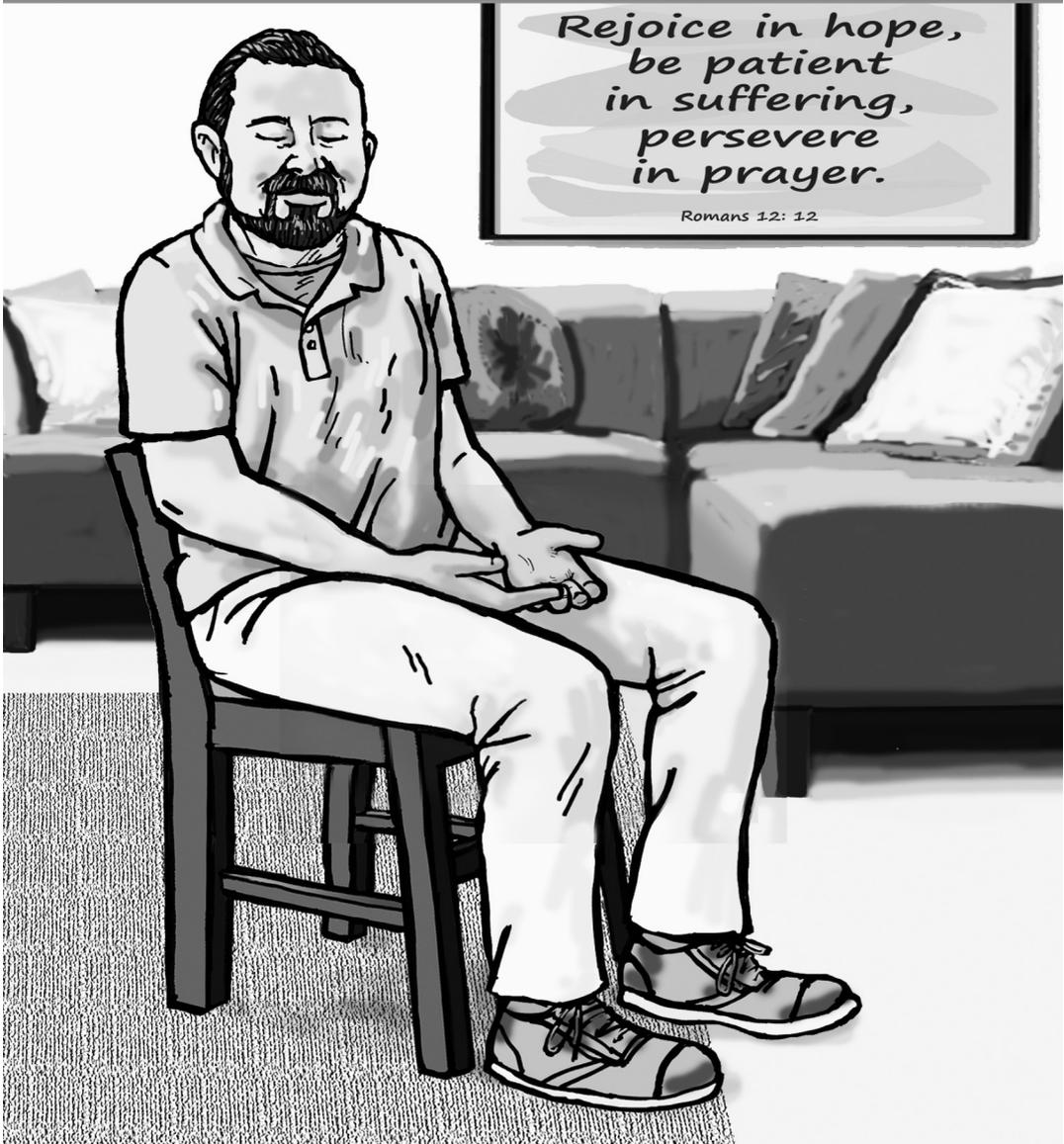


THE RIVERSIDE PARISHES

All Saints Hurworth Newsletter March 26

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

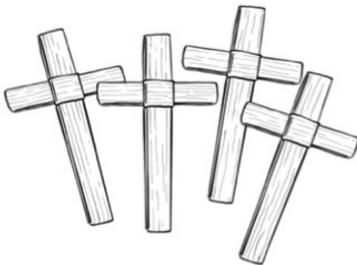
Have you ever wondered why it's called Good Friday? When I was little, I once asked someone that question. The answer I was given was that maybe it was Jesus' enemies that called it Good Friday! It's certainly very strange: why would someone's followers describe the day on which that person died as 'good'?

As we approach Good Friday during this season of Lent, we think of Jesus heading towards Jerusalem. He did so, knowing that he was going to die, and believing that his death was necessary. He said, 'The Son of Man must suffer ... and be rejected ... and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life' (Luke 9:22, NIV). If something 'must' happen, then it 'must' happen for a reason. Why did Jesus have to die?

If Jesus had come just to set us a good example and to teach us how to live, then there was no need for him to die on the cross. He could have lived to an old age and died or been taken up into heaven. Many people think that Christianity is simply about following Jesus' example and doing what he says. But if that's what Christianity is about, then Jesus' death on the cross makes no sense at all.

Jesus' death makes sense when we think about who Jesus is. Jesus is the eternal Son of God, who took our human nature and was born as a baby in Bethlehem. He lived the life we should have lived, died the death we deserved to die, and rose from the dead to give eternal life to anyone who puts their trust in him.

Why is it called Good Friday? Here's a quick answer: it's called Good Friday because Jesus died for me.



Anthony

The mystery of suffering

Why is there suffering, who can know
When all is well and free from strife?
Job also thought upon these things
Then tragedy struck, upturning his life.

A curtain in heaven was drawn aside,
A spiritual battle was all around
Bringing death, destruction, sickness and woe
As Satan attempted to bring Job down.

Job's friends arrived to sit and pray,
To fathom out the reason why,
But all their wisdom came to nought,
Even his wife said: 'curse God and die'.

Unseen forces inhabit our world,
But God is faithful, His word is true,
Hold fast to God, He never fails
For God in Christ will see us through.

By Megan Carter



Tomato Plants

Spring is “just around the corner”
and we are starting to think
about summer gardening.



We are growing tomato plants again this year, and they will
be planted very shortly to be ready probably early April.

Price will be unchanged at £1 each, all proceeds to church
funds.

Contact Fred Thompson for more details on 01325 720746

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A VILLAGE TO HELP
SOMEONE ACHIEVE THEIR
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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
MARCH 2026**

Sun 1 st	MSG Academy	9.15AM	Morning Worship
	Hurworth	11.00AM	All Age 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
Sun 22 nd	MSG Academy	9.15AM	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	11.00AM	Morning Worship
Tues 24 th	Hurworth	8.15AM	Morning Prayer
Sun 29 th	MSG Academy	9.15AM	Palm Sunday Morning Worship
	Hurworth	11.00AM	Palm Sunday Morning Worship
	Low Dinsdale	4.00PM	Daffodil Service
Tues 31 st	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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Prayer for March 2026

(based on Jn3:21, Jn 14:6, Jn 8:12, Jn 16:33, Heb 13:5)

Lord,

In these weeks leading up to Easter, many of us spend time reflecting on what Jesus has done for us and how he can help us live our lives.

But we live in a harsh, confusing world, where traditional values are upended and we can hardly believe some of the things we hear from powerful world leaders. Truth seems to be lost in the darkness.

Lord, your word tells us that, ***whoever lives by the truth comes into the light.***

Jesus says He is ***the Truth***. He also says He is the ***Light of the world***. Help us to hold fast to these facts. Help us to remember that Jesus said that in this world we will have trouble – so we shouldn't be surprised – but that He has overcome the world – so we should be encouraged.

Whatever is going on in the troubled world around us – we can live by the real Truth – and in the real Light – Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, who will never leave us or forsake us. Thank you so much.

In Jesus name. Amen.

by Daphne Kitching

The Riverside Parishes



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This newsletter is produced 10 times per annum and distributed by a team
of volunteers from the villages to the villagers.

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.



Recycling of Waste

From March 31st recycling is being simplified and now cardboard, paper, tins and plastic along with cartons and tetra packs can all be put together in one bin. Only glass will need to be separated out into the green box. This means the cardboard and paper caddy will no longer be needed and can be put to other uses around the home.

Information leaflets to remind you of this will be delivered with your new food waste caddy and bin before the changes come into effect.

Normal household waste collections will remain fortnightly. The day for your waste collections may change but this will also be communicated to you directly.

The memorial fountain, opposite the Spar shop, is going to have a professional wash and polish. This should take place during February.

The council's Allotments at Strait Lane and Hurworth Grange are reviewed every January. Tenancy agreements are usually renewed, unless they are terminated by the tenant, or the plots have not been well maintained, or allotment rules have been broken.

The rent was increased this year from £20 to £25, this being the first increase for more than 15 years. There is one person on the Strait Lane waiting List, and five on the Grange Waiting List.

Crossing Roundhill Road

The Parish Council own the area immediately in front of the Spar shop, which is used as a car park.

DBC has identified accessibility issues at the existing tactile crossing on Roundhill Rd: the footway is too narrow for wheelchair users, mobility scooters, and prams/buggies to navigate safely. To address this, DBC propose widening the footway outside the shop and relocate the crossing to a more visible, accessible position that aligns with the pedestrian desire line along The West End/The Green.

This change would also discourage the persistent overhanging parking into Roundhill Road. In order to carry out this project DBC have requested that DBC adopt the section of land that falls within the parking area so it can become a council-maintained footway.

The Parish Council agreed to this request.

Hurworth Village Diary

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

Pit your puddings against your friends and family from 2pm.

Entrance £5.00 for those who would like to sample the delights on offer, free to competitors

April 26

Sat 4th

Alpine Garden Society - Cleveland Show- The Grange

Free Entry to AGS Members

Further details from Delia Kerr 0n 01325 721458

What God won't ask when you die

- God won't ask what kind of car you drove, He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
- God won't ask the square footage of your house, He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
- God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
- God won't ask what your highest salary was, He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
- God won't ask what your job title was, He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
- God won't ask how many friends you had, He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
- God won't ask in what neighbourhood you lived, He'll ask how you treated your neighbours.
- God won't ask about the colour of your skin, He'll ask about the content of your character.

Hurworth Churches Working Together



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New OPENING HOURS

Monday-Friday 9-3

Saturday 9-1

We are looking for someone to join our catering team here at the Mustard tree. If you feel like you would fit the role and be able to provide a warm welcome, efficient service and have previous catering experience, please don't hesitate to get in touch or come in house for a coffee and a chat.

Job Title: Front-of-house staff member

in the Mustard Tree Café, Hurworth Methodist Church, DL2 2HB

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- Preparation of Food and Drink orders.
- To maintain a clean working and serving environment.

Terms and conditions

- Terms of appointment: Permanent
- Must be 18 or over
- The salary will be £12.60 per hour, based on the Living Wage
- Working pattern: Varied days from Monday-Saturday, weekly hours 8-10Hrs + more for Holiday/illness cover
- The post does meet the criteria for auto-pension enrolment, but employees are eligible to join the scheme subject to certain provisions.
- 28 days annual leave entitlement per year (pro-rata for part-time staff).
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