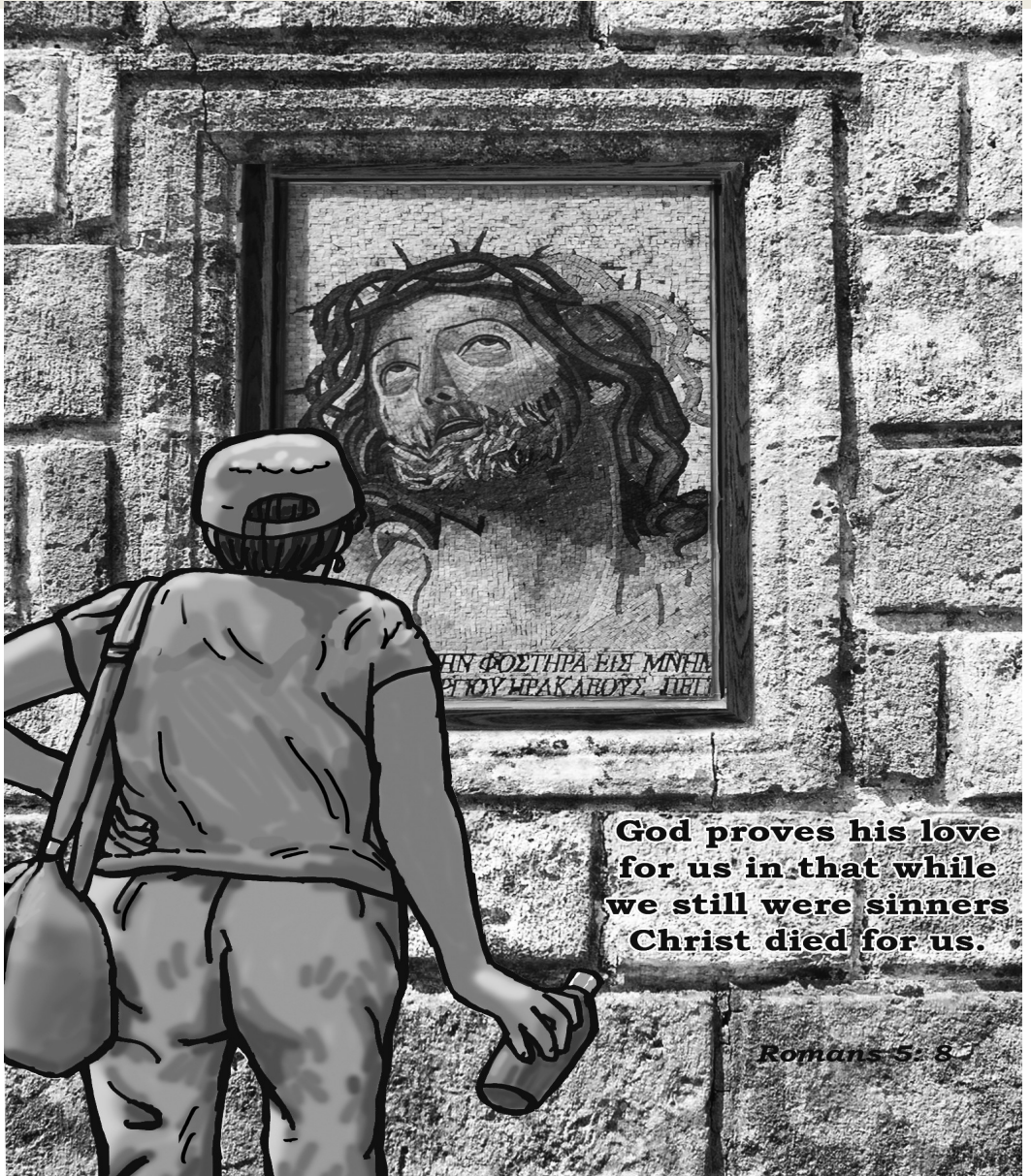


# THE RIVERSIDE PARISHES

**All Saints Hurworth Newsletter April 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

As the authorised children's minister at All Saints Church I have the delightful role of sharing the bible with children. Our Open the Bible team goes into Hurworth Primary School every few weeks to act out a bible story play with the children's help.

In March we told the story of God giving Moses The Ten Commandments. We explained to the children that over 1,300 years after this, Jesus gave us two new commandments; To Love God and Love One Another.

As we celebrate Easter, we remember that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16) God loves each and every one of us and we are invited to respond by loving God and loving each other.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking. It is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. (1 Corinthians 13: 4–8)

In every act of love we show to other people, we are responding to God's love for us. This isn't always easy, it requires us to put other's needs before our own, to overcome our prejudices to help others in need.

In the parable of The Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25–37), Jesus tells of a Jewish man who was attacked by robbers and left severely injured. Two other Jews passed by on the other side of the road before a Samaritan stopped to help him. The Jews and Samaritans hated each other, but this Samaritan put his prejudice of Jews aside to help the injured man.

Dear God, help us to be like the Good Samaritan, loving each other as you have loved us. Amen.

**Karen Wesson**

# Easter Resurrection Prayer

Loving Father,

Thank you for Jesus; for His life and death, but most of all for His resurrection, which makes all things new and possible.

Thank you for the reality that He defeated death by His work on the Cross and offers life forever with Him to all who believe in Him and receive Him into their lives as Lord and Saviour.

Thank you for that incomprehensible but very real resurrection peace that we can know even in our darkest times by the presence of your Holy Spirit in us.

In joy and thankfulness, we praise and honour you this Eastertime.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*

## **Books Wanted for the Church Fete**

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## **Tomato Plants**

As mentioned in last months newsletter, we are growing tomato plants again this year.



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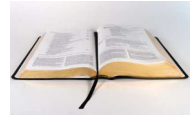
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## Church Services in Hurworth,



### Middleton St George, Low Dinsdale and Girsby

#### APRIL 2026

Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hurworth	7.30PM	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	MSG St George's	12.00PM	Good Friday Service
	Hurworth	2.00PM	Walk of Witness
	Hurworth	3.00PM	Good Friday Service
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	MSG St George's	5.45AM	Easter Day Dawn Service
	MSG Academy	9.15AM	Morning Worship
	Hurworth	11.00AM	Easter Day Holy Communion
	Girsby	4.00PM	Easter Day Songs of Praise
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.15AM	Morning Prayer
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	MSG Academy	9.15AM	All Age Worship
	Hurworth	11.00AM	Morning Worship
	Girsby	11.15AM	Holy Communion
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.15AM	Morning Prayer
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	MSG Academy	9.15AM	Morning Worship
	Low Dinsdale	9.30AM	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	11.00AM	Morning Worship & Annual Meeting
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Hurworth	8.15AM	Morning Prayer
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	MSG Academy	9.15AM	Holy Communion & Annual Meeting
	Hurworth	11.00AM	Morning Worship
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	Hurworth	8.15AM	Morning Prayer

## ZOOM WORSHIP

The 11.00 Services at All Saints Hurworth are available on Zoom. For joining instructions contact:  
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### **EASTER SUNDAY – The Most Joyful Day of the Year**

Easter is the most joyful day of the year for Christians. Christ has died for our sins. We are forgiven. Christ has risen! We are redeemed! We can look forward to an eternity in His joy! Hallelujah!

The Good News of Jesus Christ is a message so simple that you can explain it to someone in a few minutes. It is so profound that for the rest of their lives they will still be ‘growing’ in their Christian walk with God.

Why does the date move around so much? Because the date of Passover moves around, and according to the biblical account, Easter is tied to the Passover. Passover celebrates the Israelites’ exodus from Egypt, and it lasts for seven days, from the middle of the Hebrew month of Nisan, which equates to late March or early April.

Most people will tell you that Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox, which is broadly true. But the precise calculations are complicated and involve something called an ‘ecclesiastical full moon’, which is not the same as the moon in the sky. The earliest possible date for Easter in the West is 22<sup>nd</sup> March, which last fell in 1818. The latest is 25<sup>th</sup> April, which last happened in 1943.

Why the name, ‘Easter’? In almost every European language, the festival’s name comes from ‘Pesach’, the Hebrew word for Passover. The Germanic word ‘Easter’, however, seems to come from *Eostre*, a Saxon fertility goddess mentioned by the Venerable Bede. He thought that the Saxons worshipped her in ‘Eostur month,’ but may have confused her with the classical dawn goddesses like *Eos* and *Aurora*, whose names mean ‘shining in the east’. So, Easter might have meant simply ‘beginning month’ – a good time for starting up again after a long winter.

Finally, why Easter eggs? On one hand, they are an ancient symbol of birth in most European cultures. On the other hand, hens start laying regularly again each Spring. Since eggs were forbidden during Lent, it’s easy to see how decorating and eating them became a practical way to celebrate Easter.

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GRANNY'S KITCHEN

## From the Parish Records

### Funerals

12<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Patricia Marian Williamson  
Aged 83 years





## Supporting our community

The Parish Council will be supporting a new community event, which is a Beer Festival covering three days starting on 26<sup>th</sup> June, being organised by the Rockcliffe Cricket Club and Hurworth Village Hall, with sponsorship of £1,000

Other events being supported include Hurworth Country Fair £2,000, Hurworth Outdoor Concert £2,000, Armed Forces Day on the village green £500, Tees River Trust £1,000.

**Allotments.** All the rents for 2026 have been collected, a few plots have changed hands; there are two names on the Waiting List at Strait Lane and 5 names for Hurworth Grange.

**Adornment.** The planters are now in bloom. The war memorial opposite the Spar shop is going to have a face lift, with a professional company going to give it a full clean up. A new bench will be installed on the Manorfield.

The very popular **Annual Assembly** will take place in May, with presentations including the Objectives and Projects of the Council during the next four years.

**Youth.** Our new Parish Councillor, Michael Feeney is taking on the role of Youth engagement, and will be engaging with Martin Stand and Karen Wesson, and putting forward several suggestions focused on activities for the younger generation.

**Cleanliness.** Our village is considered to be quite tidy, much more so than Darlington centre. However, there are still a number of dog owners who do not pick up after their dog. To further address this distasteful problem, the council will be installing dog poo bag dispensers, so that dog owners can take free poo bags. We hope to see a great improvement through this initiative.

**Grange Bar.** The popularity of the Grange bar continues to grow, and to accommodate this expansion, a second smaller patio is going to be constructed before the summer shines upon us.

## Hurworth Village Diary

### April 26

- Sat 4<sup>th</sup>** **Alpine Garden Society - Cleveland Show- The Grange**  
Free Entry to AGS Members  
Further details from Delia Kerr 0n 01325 721458
- Sun 5<sup>th</sup>** **Cinema on your Doorstep** **Village Hall**  
**“Downton Abbey - The Final”**  
Entry by donation 3.00pm  
Soup and friendly company prior to film 2.00pm
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup>** **Sip’n’Paint with Helen Goodman**  
Book direct on 07816 655912
- Sat 18<sup>th</sup>** **Sewing/Quilting workshop with Zoe Ballard**  
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- Sat 25<sup>th</sup>** **Tribute Night with Jamie Tinkler** **The Grange**  
Pie and pea supper - Doors @ 7pm  
Tickets £15 from Grange Bar or 01325 720840

### May 26

- Fri 8<sup>th</sup>** **Charity Race Night - Darlington Lions Club** **The Grange**  
7.30 pm Tickets £10 with Supper from  
07794 212052 or 07748 615352
- Sun 10<sup>th</sup>** **Classic Car Show** **The Grange**  
10am - 4pm - entry adults £5, children free

### Time for a Smile

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

My mouth doesn't seem to have a backspace key.

Behind every successful man is a surprised mother-in-law.

Tax collector: a person who has what it takes to take what you have.

It's nice to see people with plenty of get-up-and-go, especially if some of them are visiting you.

“Most cars on our roads have only one occupant, usually the driver.”

(Carol Malia, BBC Anchorwoman)

#### **From a church notice-sheet**

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Brown, our church warden, to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

## Hurworth Churches Working Together



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