

THE RIVERSIDE PARISHES

All Saints Hurworth Newsletter Sept 2026

All Saints Hurworth, St John the Baptist Low Dinsdale and All Saints Girsby,

working with St George and St Lawrence, Middleton St George



Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The Lord's words are sweeter to me than honey.

Ps 34:8, Ps 119:103

Thought for the Month

‘Hope for All Creation’ is the title of a ‘major new teaching document’ from the bishops of the Church of England. It’s available online, and I’ve just started dipping into it.

I was struck by the first word of the title: ‘Hope’. (You can tell I haven’t read very much of it yet!) The document is ‘A theological response to the environmental crises’. I don’t know about you, but ‘hope’ isn’t my natural first response when I consider the multiple crises facing the natural world.

One response might be optimism. Remember Bob the Builder? ‘Can we fix it? Yes we can!’

Another response might be denial. But this is increasingly difficult, with all that is going on: not just global warming, but also wildfires, extinctions, plastic in the oceans, pollution in the atmosphere, soil becoming less fertile, rising sea levels, and so on.

Another response might be despair. Think of Private Frazer from Dad’s Army: ‘We’re doomed!’ We might think, if it’s going to happen, it’s going to happen, and there’s nothing we can do about it.

The Christian response is different: hope. But, importantly, the Christian hope isn’t just a hope beyond creation; it is a hope for creation itself. In other words, the Christian hope is not, ‘the world is doomed, but I’m going to heaven’. It might surprise you to read that! But that’s exactly what we see in the resurrection of Jesus.

When the eternal Son of God took human flesh, he literally became part of his creation. When Jesus died on the cross and was laid in the tomb, we might think that’s what’s going to happen to the whole creation. But God had other ideas, and the part of God’s creation that was Jesus’ body was raised from the dead and given a new and eternal life. And that’s the Christian hope for the whole of creation.

This hope makes a difference, not just for eternity, but also for how we live today.

Rev Anthony Smith

Vicar

25th Anniversary of 9/11

Twenty-five years ago, on Tuesday 11th September 2001, terrorist attacks demolished the Twin Towers in New York. They killed 2,996 people and injured more than 6,000. Events like 9/11 raise the inevitable question: *Why does God allow such suffering to take place?*

There are no easy answers to this question! We cannot fully understand why such things happen, although we live in a fallen world, where people make real choices. Yet the Bible affirms that God identifies with our suffering, supremely when Jesus experienced suffering and death.

It is on the Cross that God knows what it is to lose a loved one in an unjust attack. *'I could never myself believe in God if it were not for the Cross. In the real world of pain, how could one worship a God who was immune to it?'* (John Stott). What does this mean? We cannot know why God allows evil and suffering to continue, but we do know that He does love and care for us: *'For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.'* (John 3:16). God loved us enough to fully engage with the mess of the world.

We also can view such events in the light of resurrection. Jesus said: *'I am the Resurrection and the Life. The one who believes in Me will live'* (John 11:25). Resurrection points to the restoration for us of the life we lost. New heavens and new earth point to a world and relationships restored and perfected! In *The Lord of the Rings*, Sam Gamgee exclaims: *'Gandalf! I thought you were dead! But then I thought I was dead! Is everything sad going to come untrue?'* The answer of the Bible is Yes!



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All applications will be acknowledged and considered in confidence at the next meeting of the Trust. Paper Application forms are available from the Mustard Tree Café, West End, Hurworth



Church Services in Hurworth,



Middleton St George, Low Dinsdale and Girsby Sept 2026

Tues 1 st	Hurworth	8.15AM	Morning Prayer
Sun 6 th	MSG Academy	9.15AM	Morning Worship
	Hurworth	11.00AM	Holy Communion
Tues 8 th	Hurworth	8.15AM	Morning Prayer
Sun 13 th	MSG Academy	9.15AM	All Age Worship
	Hurworth	11.00AM	Morning Worship
	Girsby	11.15AM	Holy Communion
Tues 15 th	Hurworth	8.15AM	Morning Prayer
Sun 20 th	MSG Academy	9.15AM	Morning Worship
	Low Dinsdale	9.30AM	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	11.00AM	Harvest Festival
Tues 22 nd	Hurworth	8.15AM	Morning Prayer
Sun 27 th	MSG Academy	9.15AM	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	11.00AM	Morning Worship
	Low Dinsdale	4.00PM	Harvest Festival
Tues 29 th	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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What God won't ask

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 how big your house was, 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.

From the Parish Records

Baptism

12 July 26

Thomas Alexander Hall

William Charles Hall

Funeral

10th Aug 26

Grace Georgina (Jean) Ball

aged 89 years



bAlancing the caKe morning

with



the cake mix

flow like water – movement time

‘flowing’ chatter, coffee and cAke

“flow” ‘switch off’ creativity session

(materials & refreshments included)



Shoes off.most encouraged

Friday 11 September

Croft on Tees Village Hall

@ 9-15am

Finish approx. 11-30am

**to book a place. . . . Call Sara 07921 298
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Prayer for September 2026

Dear Lord, September – the month of new starts!

New terms, new groups, new friends, new hopes, every year.

Lord, be with us!

Lord, thank you for the new start you offer us when we put our trust in Jesus. A new start that we make once – and then can renew every day.

Every time we falter, you pick us up. Every time we come back to you, you forgive us and accept us.

Thank you, Lord, for never letting us down, for never leaving or forsaking us, that new starts with you are always possible, not just in September.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Time for a Smile

Get rid

A man bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of his old fridge, he decided to put it outside in his front garden, along with a sign saying: 'Free to good home.' For three days the fridge sat there without even one person looking twice at it.

So eventually the man changed the sign to read: 'Fridge for sale: £30'. The next day someone stole it.

Signs found in modern kitchens....

1. If a messy kitchen is a happy kitchen, this kitchen is delirious.
2. No husband has ever been shot while doing the dishes.
3. A husband is someone who takes out the rubbish and gives the impression he just cleaned the whole house.
4. If we are what we eat, then I'm easy, fast, and cheap.
5. A balanced diet is a biscuit in each hand.
6. Thou shalt not weigh more than thy refrigerator.
7. A clean house is a sign of a misspent life.
9. Help keep the kitchen clean — eat out.
10. Many people have eaten in this kitchen and gone on to lead normal lives

Poem for September

Lovely Things

Bread is a lovely thing to eat –
God bless the barley and the wheat!
A lovely thing to breathe is air –
God bless the sunshine everywhere!
The earth's a lovely place to know –
God bless the folks that come and go!
Alive's a lovely thing to be –
Giver of life – we say – bless Thee!
By *H M Sarson*

Hurworth Village Diary

Sept 26

Sat 5th **Hurworth Country Fair** **The Grange**
 10.30am until 4pm
 Entry £3 each, children free

Sun 6th **Cinema on your Doorstep**
“TheChoral” **Village Hall**

Written by Alan Bennet, starring Ralph Fiennes
 Entry by donation 3.00pm
 Soup and friendly company prior to film 2.00pm

Sat 12th **Sewing & Quilting Workshop** **Village Hall**
 More info from Zoe on 07368 673672

Sat 12th **BBQ** **Girsby & Over Dinsdale Village Hall**
 Tickets £20 each - bring your own drink
 Veg option option on request
 More details from Anita on 07702 624546

Sun 13th **Craft Fair** **Village Hall**
 11am - 3pm - more info from Stella on 07749 129716

Sat26/Sun 27th **McMillan Coffee Morning** **Village Hall**
 For more info ring Tracey on 07739 825309

Oct 26

Sun 4th **Cinema on your Doorstep**
“A Star is Born ” **Village Hall**

Starring Lady GaGa
 Entry by donation 3.00pm
 Soup and friendly company prior to film 2.00pm

Fri 9th **Jazz Evening** **Girsby & Over Dinsdale Village Hall**
 Tickets £12 each - bring your own drink
 Pie and Pea supper available @£4 per head
 More details from Anita on 07702 624546

Sat 17th **Tribute Night with Keyscape** **The Grange**
 Tickets £15 inc pie and peas from Grange Bar
 Ring 01325 720840 Doors 7pm

Sun 31st **Halloween Spooktacular** **Village Hall**
 For more info ring Dave Swift on 07510 746508

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METHODIST CHURCH



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Monday-Friday 9-3

Saturday 9-2

Weekly Activities

Lucy's Pilates

Monday 12.30-1.30 & 2-3pm

Sewing Group

Tuesday 1.30-3pm

Tai Chi

Wednesday 10-11am

Little Stars Toddlers

Friday 9.30-11am



Monthly Activities

Coffee and Conversation

A open table for anyone to come along and join in the conversation with your favorite refreshment. An opportunity to meet new friends.

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