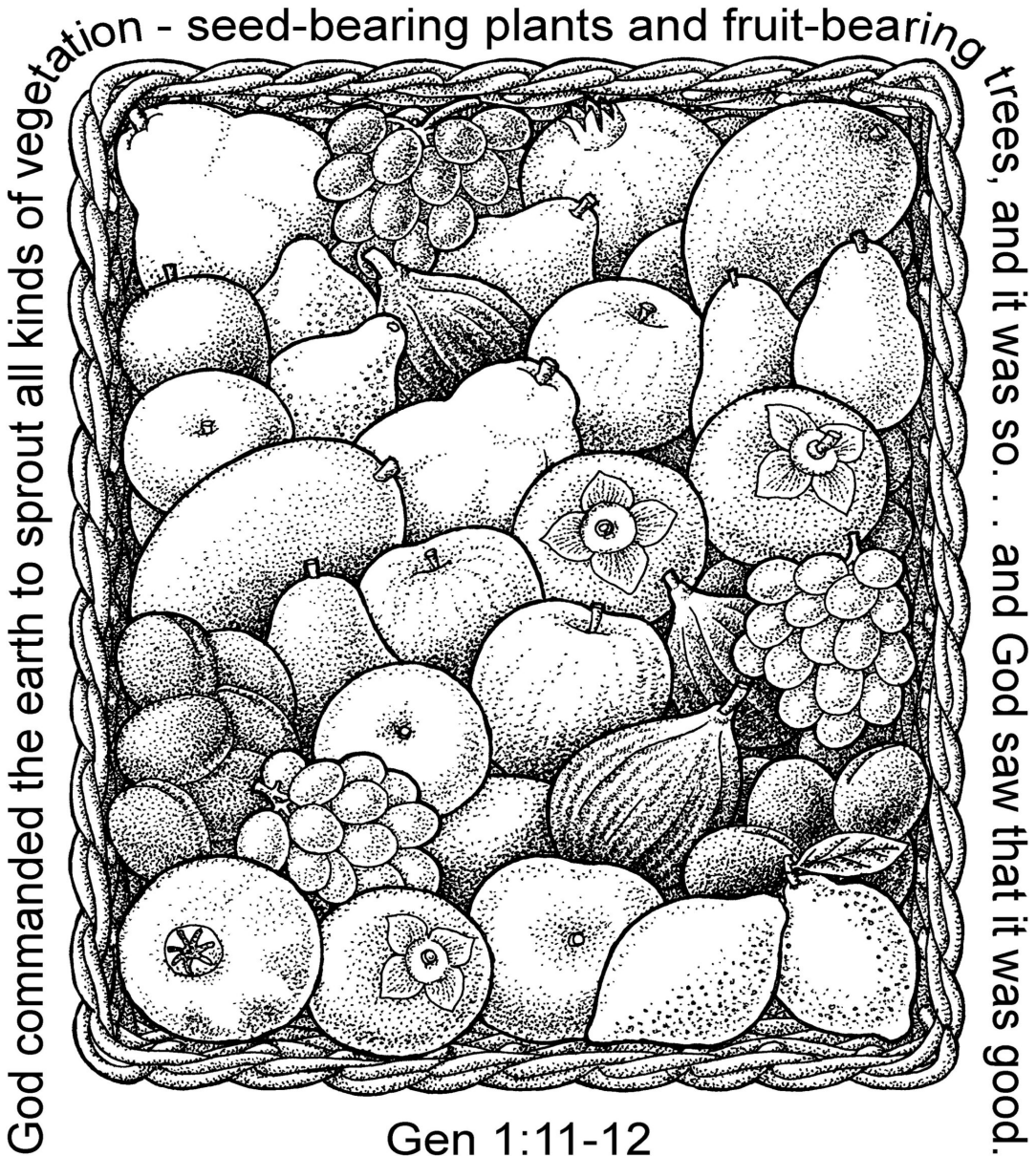


THE RIVERSIDE PARISHES

All Saints Hurworth Newsletter Oct 2026

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

Are you one of those people who read the instructions cover to cover every time you get a new gadget, or are you like me and press lots of buttons until something happens? Every time we have a power cut the clock on my oven needs resetting and I inevitably lock the whole system up until I eventually turn to the manual which, by the way is in easy reach, on the shelf just above the cooker.

It reminds me of a time a few years ago when we were on a camp-site and watched a family drive up with what looked like the latest, state of the art camping equipment. While the mum and children unloaded the car, the dad attempted to put up the tent. There were poles and ropes everywhere and every time he looked like he was making some headway the whole lot collapsed and he had to start again. After much head scratching and what seemed to be an age I watched him open the glove compartment of his car and bring out an instruction booklet (which clearly had been there all the time) and hey presto the tent was up in no time at all.

It made me think that we are all a bit like that. We think that we can manage our lives without any help and that we know what's best for ourselves. But sometimes we have to admit that we don't have all the answers, hence the popularity of all those self-help books, or we tune into one of the podcasts that are flooding the internet that tell us how to be happier, healthier, more successful.

But there is one book that you might try that beats the rest. The bible might not tell you how to get rich quick, or how to be better than anyone else at the gym, but it will give you hope where there is despair, strength when you are feeling weak and peace when all around you is in turmoil. It teaches the joy of loving and being loved. Of forgiving and being forgiven. If you aren't familiar with the bible you might be surprised how much of it is as relevant to our lives today and the challenges of living in 2026.

Jill Bramwell

HURWORTH GRANGE ACTIVITIES

Hobbies and Recreation

We are preparing for the winter months, and wish to know what our village community would like to participate in.

Suggestions being considered include:-

Night classes covering

Artificial Intelligence and APPS

Career preparation, discussion and CV preparation

Hobbies

Chess, Dress making

Stamp collecting

Book Club

Holiday options

Wine making or tasting

Please tell us what YOU would like.

Email: peter.allan45@btinternet.com

Or drop a note at Hurworth Grange, attention Peter Allan

ALL SAINTS AUTUMN FAIR

Sat 31 Oct 26

10.30 to 12.30

Hurworth Grange

Entry by donation

Attractions include:

RAFFLE, TOMBOLA, XMAS STALL

CAKES, PLANTS, BOOKS, GAMES,

BRAN TUB, BRIC A BRAC

GAMES, TEA & COFFEE



Darlington Lions Club



**A Cabaret afternoon with
2's Company**

**All Saints Church Hurworth
Sunday 4th October 2026**

2.30pm start

Tickets £10 to include
tea/coffee and cakes

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Pat De Martino 07791 193299

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The Hurworth Rogers Charitable Trust

The Trust was founded to give grants to Hurworth community projects, groups and individual Hurworth residents in need of funds.

The Trust gives special consideration to the elderly, those with mental illness, those in need of equipment to improve quality of life and young people wishing to acquire skills or to achieve their physical, intellectual or spiritual potential.

If you know of an organisation or someone who would benefit from the Trust's support, or a project that would be for the common good of people in the village please consider making an application.

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 October 2026

Sun 4 th	MSG Academy	9.15AM	Morning Worship
	Hurworth	11.00AM	Holy Communion
Tues 6 th	Hurworth	8.15AM	Morning Prayer
Thurs 8 th	Girsby	7.00PM	Harvest Festival
Sun 11 th	MSG Academy	9.15AM	Harvest Festival
	Hurworth	11.00AM	Morning Worship
	Girsby	11.15AM	Holy Communion
Tues 13 th	Hurworth	8.15AM	Morning Prayer
Sun 18 th	MSG Academy	9.15AM	Morning Worship
	Low Dinsdale	9.30AM	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	11.00AM	All Age Worship
Tues 20 th	Hurworth	8.15AM	Morning Prayer
Sun 25 th	MSG Academy	9.15AM	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	11.00AM	Morning Worship
Tues 27 th	Hurworth	8.15AM	Morning Prayer

ZOOM WORSHIP

The 11.00 Services at All Saints Hurworth are available on Zoom. For joining instructions contact:
juliahclarke@aol.com

BOOKS

Books wanted for Church fete

Phone 07791193218

Any unsold will be taken to the Lions bookshop in Darlington

Link to Hope Shoe Box Appeal 2026

Every year our shoe boxes bring hope, love and a smile to struggling families and the elderly in Eastern Europe .

This year boxes will be sent to Ukraine, Moldova,Romania and Bulgaria.

Please support us as we support those less fortunate than ourselves.

The boxes will be collected after the Remembrance Service at 10am on November 8th.

For information please contact Jill Bramwell 07818418499 or Pat de Martino on 07791193299

Thank you for your support.

From the Parish Records

Wedding

15th Aug 26

Olivia Wilson to Jared Walsh



Prayer for Harvest

Dear Lord,

As we give thanks for the harvest and pray for the farmers who have struggled through the summer's drought and heatwaves, we also give thanks and pray for those who work to share the good news of Your kingdom, to bring in Your harvest of people who are searching for You.

May we, who know You, join those workers and share the good news that Jesus brings. So many people are lost and without hope or direction. Help us to reach out to them, maybe with an invitation, or simply a smile, or an act of kindness. May they see Your love reflected in us and turn to You.

May they put their trust in Jesus, who alone is the answer to all life's great questions.

Lord, may we be workers in the harvest field where You have placed us, for Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Be thankful for grandparents

Everyone seems to have their 'special day' these days, and this month brings us Grandparents' Day, on the 4th October.

If your grandchildren are still young, why not keep at your house:

1. A dressing up box – of fairytale clothes, plastic crowns and cardboard swords. These will keep them busy for hours. Charity shops can be a great source of cheap costumes – and also tablecloths/sheets that can be turned into costumes. (Or you can help the church by getting to work on some early nativity costumes!)

2. A craft supply box – egg boxes, old magazines full of pictures, cardboard, cardboard tubes, a bit of glue, bits of ribbon and wool, some paper and scissors can work wonders.

3. Colouring supplies - crayons and any kind of paper – even the back of envelopes – will do fine.

If all else fails, you can always sit down for a rest and let them play 'musical statues', where the only rule is that whenever the music stops, they must 'freeze' in position.

There are lots of resources you can download for the special day – just go to:

<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/grandparents-day>

WHY IT IS EASY TO BREAK THE LAW IN YOUR OWN GARDEN

You would be forgiven for thinking that tidying up your own garden is about the most harmless thing you can do. But – beware – there are a few things which may bite back!

Pruning trees is a necessary job. But any tree with a TPO (Tree Preservation Order) on it can be downright scary: legally, you need permission from your local council to carry out any work on one, or you may face fines up to £20,000.

Then there is the tree that grows in your neighbour's garden, but which has branches jutting into your garden. What do you do with it? What can you do it? The law says you are not allowed to cross into their garden to take any action. But if their overhanging branches are causing an issue in your garden, you are allowed to cut them back to the point at which they cross your boundary line. But – wait for it – the branches that you have cut off are not yours – they must be given to the neighbour, if they want them. Otherwise, it is your responsibility to dispose of them.

As for any fallen fruit from the overhanging branches from the tree in your neighbour's garden? The law says that it is still their fruit, and you must offer to bring it around to them if they want it. But bizarrely, you cannot simply throw it over the fence, or they could 'do' you for littering or even fly-tipping! And without their permission, you must not eat the fruit of their tree, because it is a criminal offence under the Theft Act 1968, Sections 1–6.

As for your hedge? Be careful of it between March and August, as the RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) warns that "It is an offence under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981 to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built, or to intentionally kill, injure or take chicks or adults, or intentionally take or destroy any eggs."

After all that, you may decide it is safest to sit in the shade with a drink and a good book...

Time for a Smile

Shampoo

Why I didn't realise this sooner? It's the shampoo I use in the shower that is my problem. When I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body, and printed very clearly on the shampoo label is this warning: 'FOR EXTRA VOLUME AND BODY.' No wonder I have been gaining weight

Hurworth Village Diary

OCT 26

Sun 4th

Cinema on your Doorstep

“A Star is Born ” starring Lady GaGa

Village Hall

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

Sun 11th

Craft Fair

Village Hall

11am -3pm ring 07749 120716 for more details

Sat 17th

Tribute Night with Keyscape

The Grange

Tickets £15 inc pie and peas from Grange Bar

Ring 01325 720840

Doors 7pm

Sun 18th

Ceramics & Pottery Workshop

Village Hall

Ring 07715 115835 for details

10am-3pm

Sat 31st

All Saints Autumn Fair

10.30 - 12.30

The Grange

Sat 31st

Halloween Spooktacular

Village Hall

For more info ring Dave Swift on 07510 746508

NOV 26

Sun 1st

Cinema on your Doorstep

“Mothers Pride ” starring Martin Clunes

Village Hall

Entry by donation

3.00pm

Soup and friendly company prior to film 2.00pm

Fri 6th

Remembrance Concert - Hurworth Concert Band

The Grange

Tickets from the Grange Office doors 7pm

Sat 7th

Tribute Night with The Beer Mats

The Grange

Tickets £15 inc pie and peas from Grange Bar

Sun 29th

Hurworth Grange Christmas Fair

The Grange

10am - 2pm

Sun 29th

Childrens Lantern Parade

All Saints Church

Parade to village green for the Christmas lights switch on

Music and refreshments afterwards

4.30pm

Children are encouraged to bring a bauble to hang on the tree

Hurworth Churches Working Together



HURWORTH
METHODIST CHURCH



OPENING HOURS

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

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