

Churchwarden's Letter

I suppose every teacher sometime or another, in their career, must have come across some exam howlers. In fact some have published books on the subject. However one that sticks in my memory, and seems to be appropriate at the present time, was a question set in a R E exam. The question was "Who was St. Augustine?". Not setting the question myself, I'm not sure what the answer was supposed to be. One of the answers that did come back was "St Augustine was the man who looked after the church when the Rector was away"

During the forthcoming interregnum all of us may have to be St. Augustine's, working together as a team so that the churches will continue to run smoothly.

We've had some good years with Michelle as our Rector, but now the time has come for us to move on. The future, for the time being is in our hands. We must each take the responsibility of looking after the churches until a new Rector is appointed. Groups of people already have specific tasks, but there's always the need for new volunteers.

Michelle has left the three churches on firm foundations, and it is very unlikely that any are going to be closed, nor is it likely they are going to be put into "administration". We all have a duty to maintain our village heritage and as churchwardens, in each parish, have special responsibility for the upkeep of the churches. "Business as usual" are the watchwords. There will be the normal services as well as baptisms, weddings and funerals.

One of the questions that is already being asked is "When are we going to get a new Rector?" It will be sometime, nobody as yet knows how long we will remain without a Rector. However, like many other parishes in the country, we will have to share either with another parish or with some Diocesan Office.

Let us all determine that, until a new appointment is made, each in our own way will be a "St Augustine", making sure that all the churches do run smoothly "when the Rector is away"

Sincerely yours,

Brian Johnson

Newsletter

September 2009



All Saints Church, Hurworth on Tees with
St. John The Baptist, Dinsdale and All Saints Sockburn and Girsby

Thank you Michelle, for all you have done over the
past 5½ years - God Bless

Area Dean Rev. Canon John Dobson, Tel 469891

Church Services September

Sunday 6th	Hurworth	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	Dinsdale	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 8th	Girsby	7.00 pm	Harvest Service
Sunday 13th	Hurworth	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	Girsby	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	10.30 am	Morning Worship
	Dinsdale	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 16th	Hurworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20th	Hurworth	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	Dinsdale	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	10.30 am	Family Service
Sunday 27th	Hurworth	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	Dinsdale	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	Hurworth	10.30 am	Morning Worship - Harvest Service

Special Harvest Services

Dinsdale	6.00 pm	Sunday	To be arranged
Girsby	7.00 pm	Thursday	8th October
Hurworth	10.30 am	Sunday	27th September



Parish Records

Baptisms

Aug 16 Freya Mae Geaney
Martha Grace Bainbridge
Aug 23 Olivia Grace Murray
Charlie William Van Loon

Church Wedding

Aug 21 Jason Neil Howe
to Helen Marie Little

Parish Walk

Regrettably the parish walk had to be postponed from 19th July because of the weather. We may be able to re-arrange this for sometime in September. Please contact Brian Johnson (Tel 720055) for details. All welcome.

Youth Club Café

Friday evenings 7.00 pm onwards.

The facilities include electronic games (computer and games console), snooker and air hockey, table football, traditional games (bagatelle, backgammon, table skittles etc) music, food etc.

Begins again on 4th September

Church Fellowship

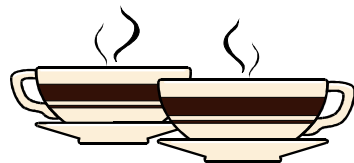
The new season begins on September 8th with a service in All Saints Church at 2.15.

Further details of the programme will be published in due course.

New members are always welcome.

Coffee Morning

at 6 The Green
Thursday 3rd September
10.00 - 11.30 am
All welcome



Church Wardens & Telephone Numbers

Dinsdale	Bill Hodgson	01325 721737
	Reuben Robson	01325 332439
Girsby	William Alderson	01609 881204
	Alan Harrison	01609 881534
Hurworth	John De Martino	01325 720335
	Brian Johnson	01325 720055
	Jeremy Norminton (Deputy)	01325 721353



Royal Heavy Cavalry & Cambrai Band



All Saints Church, Hurworth

Tuesday 6th October at 7.30 pm

Tickets £5.00 (including light refreshments) from :-
Fred Thompson Tel 720746, Brian Johnson 720055
or Barry Wetherill 07857049926

This is a band of international renown, playing music to suit all tastes - an excellent evening's entertainment is promised.

Please come along and support this event.

Tickets are also available at the door. Children under 15 accompanied by their parents come in free.

All proceeds are for charity -
50% to the War Homes Charity, (nominated by the band)
and 50% to church funds

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This month's Newsletter has been sponsored by a donation of £20 (which was "Gift Aided" effectively increasing it to £25.60).

We are very grateful for help given in this way - if you would like to contribute please contact a Church Warden.

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"The Shack" by William Young

This book has become a runaway bestseller.

Have you ever had a conversation about this book, whether with an enthusiast or a critic?

Are you interested in meeting over coffee to discuss this controversial book?

If you are, I hope to arrange a meeting in late October, date to be announced in the October Newsletter.

Paul Mallett - Lay Reader.