

Upper Wansbeck News

*Benefice Newsletter
Of
St. Andrew's, Bolam,
St. Andrew's Hartburn,
St. John's Meldon,
St. Giles's, Netherwitton
St. Mary Magdalene, Whalton*



January / February 2024

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Contains service details news and events

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Editor's Note:



Roisel

Hello and a Happy New Year to everyone.

Hasn't the weather just turned really cold this week after a relatively mild winter so far. As a little tip that I've adopted in the cold, is to bring my hot water bottle with me to church and it sits on my lap and makes a big difference, as I find even when the heating is on when you get a cold snap Church is a cold place to sit. At Bolam we also have a few blankets that we hand out for use during a service.

In this edition Sadie has kindly provided a full service list that takes us right up to Easter.

Mitford & Hebron
St Cuthberts, Hebron St Mary Magdalene, Mitford

Hartburn with Meldon & Netherwitton
St Andrew's, Hartburn St John the Baptist, Meldon St Giles, Netherwitton

Bolam with Whalton
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What's On – January 2024

Sat 6th	0945-1130	Church Family Prayer Gathering	Stable Room, Mitford
Sun 7th	1000-1100	Morning Praise & Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	1030-1130	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Hartburn
	1030-1130	Family Service	St Andrew's Bolam
Sun 14th	1000-1100	BCP Morning Prayer	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	1000-1100	Celtic Morning Prayer	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
	1000-1100	Morning Prayer	St Helen's, Longhorsley
	1030-1130	Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Whalton
Sat 20th	1000-1200	Church Vision Day Gathering	Stable Room, Mitford
Sun 21st	1000-1100	Morning Praise & Baptism	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	1000-1100	Holy Communion	St Helen's, Longhorsley
	1030-1130	Holy Communion	St Giles, Netherwitton
	1030-1130	Morning Prayer	St Mary Magdalene, Whalton
Thur 25th	1400-1500	Anna chaplaincy	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
Sun 28th	1000-1100	Café Church	Mitford Village Hall
	1000-1100	Holy Communion - Candlemas	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
	1000-1100	Morning Prayer	St Helen's, Longhorsley
	1030-1130	Holy Communion - Candlemas	St Andrew's, Bolam

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What's On - February 2024

Sat 3	0945-1130	Church Family Prayer Gathering	Stable Room, Mitford
	1830-2230	Burns Night	St. Cuthbert's, Hebron
Sun 4	1000-1100	Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	1000-1100	Holy Communion	St Helen's, Longhorsley
	1030-1130	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Hartburn
	1030-1130	Family Service	St Andrew's, Bolam
Sun 11	1000-1100	Wedding Vow Renewal	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	1000-1100	BCP Morning Prayer	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
	1000-1100	Morning Prayer	St Helen's, Longhorsley
	1030-1130	Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Whalton
Wed 14 Ash Wednesday	1000-1100	Holy Communion with Ashing	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
	1800-1900	Holy Communion with Ashing	St Mary Magdalene, Whalton
	1900-2000	Non-Eucharist Ashing	St Helen's, Longhorsley
Sun 18	1000-1100	Morning Praise	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	1000-1100	Holy Communion	St Helen's, Longhorsley
	1030-1130	Holy Communion	St Giles, Netherwitton
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What's On - February 2024 Cont.

Thur 22	1400-1500	Anna Chaplaincy	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
Sat 24	0930-1630	Celtic Spirituality Day	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
Sun 25	1000-1100	Café Church	Mitford Village Hall
	1000-1100	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
	1000-1100	Morning Prayer	St Helen's, Longhorsley
	1030-1100	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Bolam

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Services in March 2024

Sun 3rd Lent 3	10.00-11.00	Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	10.00-11.00	Holy Communion	St Helen's, Longhorsley
	10.30-11.30	Holy Communion (Trad)	St Andrew's, Hartburn
	10.30-11.30	Family Service	St Andrew's, Bolam
Sun 10th Mothering Sunday	10.00-11.00	BCP Morning Prayer	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	10.00-11.00	Celtic Morning Prayer	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
	10.00-11.00	Morning Prayer	St Helen's, Longhorsley
	10.30-11.30	Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Whalton
Sun 17th Lent 5	10.00-11.00	Morning Praise	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	10.00-11.00	Holy Communion	St Helen's, Longhorsley
	10.30-11.30	Holy Communion	St Giles, Netherwitton
	10.30-11.30	Morning Prayer	St Mary Magdalene, Whalton
Sun 24th Palm Sunday	10.00-11.00	Café Church	Mitford Village Hall
	10.00-11.00	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
	10.00-11.00	Morning Prayer	St Helen's, Longhorsley
	10.30-11.30	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Bolam
Thurs 28th Maundy Thursday	10.00-11.00	Holy Communion	St Giles, Netherwitton
	18.00-19.00	Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	19.00-20.00	Holy Communion	St Helen's, Longhorsley

Services in March 2024 Cont.

Frid 29th Good Friday	10.00-12.00	Family Drop-in and Crafts	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
	14.00-15.00	An Hour at the Cross	St Mary Magdalene, Whalton
	18.00-19.00	Tenebrae Service	St Helen's, Longhorsley
Sat 30th Easter Saturday	All Day	Quiet Space and Prayer	Mitford Chapel
Sun 31st Easter Day	06.30-07.30	Sunrise Service and Breakfast	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	10.00-11.00	Easter Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	10.00-11.00	Easter Holy Communion	St Helen's, Longhorsley
	10.30-11.30	Easter Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Hartburn
	16.00-17.00	Evensong	St Cuthbert's, Hebron

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Easter Day

Sunday 31st March

6.30am - Sunrise Service and Breakfast

St Mary Magdalene, Mitford

10am - Holy Communion

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10am - Holy Communion

St Helen's, Longhorsley

10.30am - Holy Communion

St Andrews, Hartburn

4pm - Evensong

St Cuthbert's, Hebron



Lent and Holy Week

Ash Wednesday 14th February

10am - Holy Communion with Ashing - St Cuthbert's, Hebron

6pm - Holy Communion with Ashing - St Mary Magdalene, Whalton

7pm - Service of Ashing - St Helen's, Longhorsley

Palm Sunday 24th March

10am - Café Church - Mitford Village Hall

10am - Holy Communion - St Cuthbert's, Hebron

10am - Morning Prayer - St Helen's, Longhorsley

10.30am - Holy Communion - St Andrew's, Bolam

Maundy Thursday 28th March

10am - Holy Communion - St Giles, Netherwitton

6pm - Holy Communion - St Mary Magdalene, Mitford

7pm - Holy Communion - St Helen's, Longhorsley

Good Friday 29th March

10am - 12pm - Family Drop in and Crafts - St Cuthbert's, Hebron

2pm - An Hour at the Cross - St Mary Magdalene, Whalton

6pm - Tenebrae - St Helen's, Longhorsley

Easter Saturday 30th March

10-4pm - Quiet Space and Prayer Stations, St Mary Magdalene,
Mitford

Mini Retreat Day - St.Cuthbert's Church, Hebron

Saturday 24th February 2024

St.Cuthbert's Church, Hebron

*10:00 am - 4:00 pm
(coffee and pastries from 09:30 am)*

*£10.00 per person
(which includes lunch, refreshments and resources)*

The day will include some teaching and reflection drawing on the Celtic Tradition of prayer and contemplation and a choice of activity for personal reflection and contemplation.

A flyer will follow soon with more details. **Open to all.** Book by emailing Sadie (wansbeckvicarhelp@gmail.com) and please include any dietary requirements and accessibility requests.

Hartburn Christmas Concert with the Ravenswood Singers - article by David Moon (Meldon Church Warden)

This was a 'touch and go' affair that thankfully worked out thanks to the cheerful resilience of both performers and audience, and of course the quality of both the performance and the hospitality of the Hartburn Community Project team.

Hartburn has been wrestling with the heat-pump for its its ground source underfloor heating system for over a year – trying to identify if a cost effective repair could be made or if the bullet would have to be bitten and multi-thousand pound sum found to replace it. This diagnosis (in the negative...) was not made until the week after the concert.....

So on the Wednesday before the Sunday, with a very cold spell in store, I was sorely tempted to cancel – but after testing this with both colleagues on the PCC and the choir leader we decided. To push ahead – basically as everyone – those who have attended before and enjoy the music and ambience so much and the choir who enjoy the both the church's wonderful acoustic and the HCPs hospitality!

As the weekend dawned the cold spell turned into a weather warning – new audience members started to call off....would the choir make it (from as far afield as Teeside) was this going to come off....!?

Well ... the choir made it – less snow in Hartburn than in Newcastle- an audience did brave the conditions probably 40 -50 people - the church WAS freezing; at one point the electric heaters, endeavouring vainly to overcome the arctic temperatures tripped the mains and the accompanying electronic keyboard was rendered silent.... But the welcome was warm, the Glühwein hot, the canapés delicious and the music a Christmas treat!!!

As well as the Ravenswood's medley's of Broadway, 'Ratpack' style Christmas songs, Carols (medleys and otherwise) there were John Rutter's 'Deck the halls' and 'What sweeter music', and some outstanding Solo performances – including by Teeside based Soprano Susan Robertson who treated us to the Alleluja from Mozarts "Exultate Jubilate".

I think all who attended felt it was more than worth it!!!

Next year there WILL be new heating installed – so no repeat of that. What we can promise is joyous music and a warm welcome!!!

*Hartburn Christmas Concert with the Ravenswood Singers
- article by David Moon (Meldon Church Warden) - Cont.*





News from Cambo School



'Happy New Year to everyone from all your friends at Cambo First School'.

And what a start to the new year. Rain, wind and temperatures above average for this time of year! But it was, and is, good to be back in school once again! And the weather forecast for this term? well they are promising ice and snow and arctic blasts and.... but we will wait and

see as in December the weather was forecasted to be the same and look what weather we did have! Extreme winds, Rain and flooding.... Not the white Christmas I had hoped for!

Anyway...



This term in class 2 we are focussing much of our work on 'The Ancient Greeks' - Our children will be researching lots of key areas to find out who they were, their country, beliefs, customs and way of life. They will also be thinking about how the Ancient Greeks impacted upon the modern world we live in! I have no doubt that visits and visitors to inform our learning will be inherent to this subject, although a trip to Greece may just exceed our curriculum limits and our budget! Such is the shame! This term will be a busy term for Class 2 as we are also developing our Citizenship themes with a residential to London!

Our younger children in Class 1 are finding out about the 'Great Fire of London', ascertaining why it was called a 'Great Fire', how the fire was started and the damage that it incurred. Using different clues, they will compare and contrast the outcomes and link this to the rebuilding of London to make it a safer place.



Kathy Anderson and Anne Hedley continue to work with us once again. This term we will be learning songs linked to our topical areas. We will also be fine tuning our whole school music playing through percussion, recorder, ukulele and Violins, even at lunch times! Which will support all of the children in Y2,3,4 to gain their music award by the end of the year.



News from Cambo School Cont.



In PE this term we are focussing on Dancing, gymnastics and swimming skills with Liz Armstrong, Michelle Hankinson and Ponteland Leisure Centre staff. Children in class 2 will also be taking part in our Cambo annual Gymnastic festival and hopefully other festivals will follow in the spring term. We also welcome Debbie MaCallister back into school, as we continue to support the social and emotional elements of learning through yoga and story!

Phew what a term with lots, lots, more to come! How fabulous it is to be back at school again! Fingers crossed it remains that way!



News from Whalton C of E Primary School

A very Happy New Year from us all at Whalton C of E Primary School



We had a fabulous end to our Autumn term with a wonderful visit to Alnwick Playhouse to see Snow White. It was incredible, there were only two actors and the show was marvelous, all of the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed it. Our PTA were so generous in funding our transport too!

St Mary Magdalene Church

Reverend Elaine, alongside some lovely ladies, also made a fantastic 'Experiencing Christmas' event for us in our Church. We were thankful for the journey through Christmas; the opportunity to be different characters along the way, with a mixture of story telling with costumes and props, active listening, music and singing and a craft activity, all of which made the morning truly memorable.

So what's next?

We are looking forward to the term ahead, learning new skills with Mrs Lee-Turner in Gymnastics, and our older children are going to be doing some 'Bikeability' too, so they can cycle safely!



We are also very excited that one of our parents is starting and trialling a deaf awareness choir at lunchtimes at Whalton (and with our Federated school Longhorsley in March). It is a fantastic opportunity where children will be coming together, to build their confidence through British sign language and singing. The sessions will include fun pop songs to promote the children's emotional wellbeing and friendships. A performance will then take place in May as part of Deaf Awareness Week - we will keep you updated!



News from Whalton C of E Primary School Cont.



Deaf Awareness Week 2024 will take place from the 1st to the 7th of May: <https://www.deafcouncil.org.uk/deaf-awareness-week/>

We are also looking forward to teaching our children more about online safety and we also have some parent work-shops in February too, as we all know how quickly the online world is changing! Safer Internet Day takes place in February of each year to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all and especially for children and young people.



SAVE the DATE

Safer Internet Day

2024 | Tuesday
6 February

www.saferinternetday.org





PCC Meeting Dates

Bolam

PCC Meeting – 7pm – 9pm	29 th January 2024
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Whalton

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Netherwitton

PCC Meeting – 6pm – 8pm	26 th March 2024
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Hartburn and Meldon

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Mitford & Hebron

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WHALTON BURNS NIGHT

SATURDAY 27 JANUARY
7.00 p.m. - MIDNIGHT


WHALTON
VILLAGE HALL

SUPPER & CEILIDH

Tickets £22.50

Dancing and Music from
REAL TO REEL

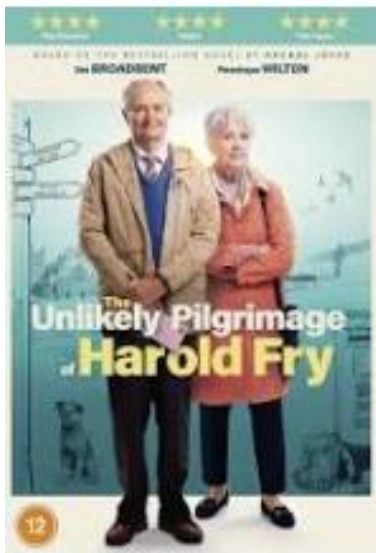
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And some wad eat that want it,
But we hae meat and we can eat,
And sae the Lord be thankit.”*

The Selkirk Grace
ROBERT BURNS

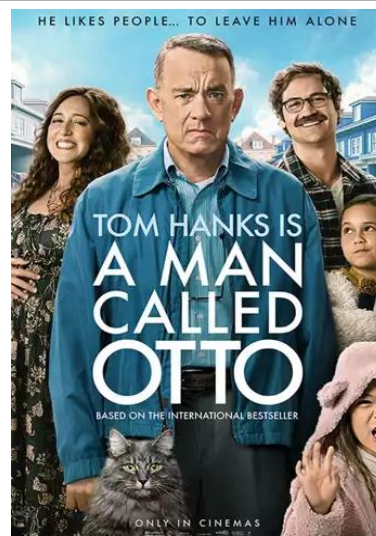
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FILM NIGHTS



Friday 26th January 2024



Friday 23rd February 2024



Friday 22nd March 2024

Middleton Village Hall - 7.30pm Refreshments available

Donations at the door

Diary Dates



let's do
lunch

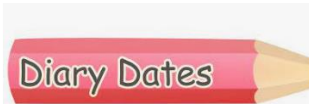
Hartburn Community Lunches
Middleton Village Hall

Tuesday 13th February 2024 – 1.00 pm at **Middleton Village Hall** - £6.00

Tuesday 12th March 2024 – 1:00 pm at **Middleton Village Hall** - £6.00

Contact Pooh Stafford to book – poohstafford@btinternet.com

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WHALTON VILLAGE HALL - WHAT'S ON February & March 2024

MONDAY

Jewel in the Lotus Yoga (Evening) Open to everyone. For all classes, booking required, please bring your own Yoga mat. Contact Debbie on 07812 124888.

Whist 7.00pm – Everyone welcome, just turn up on the night to have some fun or contact Karen on 07974405178 for more information.

TUESDAY

Morpeth Art Group 10am-2pm For further details visit the Morpeth Art Group Website on: www.magart.org.uk

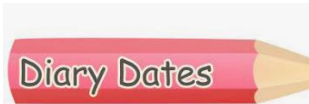
Gardening Club (1st Tuesday of the month) Mixture of external visits, practical sessions and speakers – contact Anna Sill 01670 775375

WEDNESDAY

Seniors keep fit 9.30am Contact Olaronke Ashiru-Gbadebo at tokunbogbadebo@gmail.com or just turn up on the day

Chiropodist (Every 2nd month) - To book an appointment call Joanne Leiper on 07890322719

Carpet Bowls 7.30pm Just turn up on the night or contact Karen on 07974405178 for more information.



THURSDAY

Post Office 9:15am – 10:45am – In the Bar Room. Post parcels and letters, withdraw cash, pay bills and all the usual things that you do in a Post Office.

Whalton Toddlers 9.30am till 11.30am. Term time only. Visit facebook @whaltontoddlers for more information or just turn up on the day.

Kirkley Carvers 1pm – 3pm. Join this mixed gender group of self-taught hand tool woodwork enthusiasts always happy to welcome anyone interested in fashioning something out of a piece of timber. Please contact Bob 01912671930

Women of Whalton WI 7pm (3rd Thursday of the month) - For more information and details on joining email WhaltonWI@hotmail.com or just turn up on the night.

FRIDAY

Jewel in the Lotus Yoga 9:00am – 10:30am Booking required & please bring your own Yoga mat. Contact Debbie on: Tel: 07812 124888

EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

25th February 7-8pm, 24th March. Sound Bath. For further information and to book a place visit www.soundroomhealing.co.uk

If you require any further information please contact Linda Willis on 07856 176358 or Email: bookings@whaltonvillage.org.uk



Wallington Demesne Parish Council

The next meeting will be held on Monday 22nd January 2024 commencing at 7:30 pm in Middleton Village Hall.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and participate under Public Questions.

Deadline for the next Newsletter Submissions is 10th March
2024

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