

# *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*



THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITIES

Mitford and  
Hebron and the  
Upper Wansbeck  
Group of Churches

We have a new website! Visit us to see details of services  
and events in your local community!

[www.mitfordandwansbeckchurches.com](http://www.mitfordandwansbeckchurches.com)

*March / April 2024*

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Our page can be accessed via

<https://www.facebook.com/upperwansbeck>

You do not have to be a Facebook member to use this link. Service details, events and news can be found here, and reflections are posted daily.

**Website**

Contains service details news and events

[www.mitfordandwansbeckchurches.com](http://www.mitfordandwansbeckchurches.com)

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## *Our Ministry Team*

*Revd. Elaine Jones*



*Mrs Pam Walker -  
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## *Editor's Note:*



Hello and welcome to the next edition of Upper Wansbeck News.

You will notice the front page of this edition has a poster advertising the new church website. Going forward the 'Upper Wansbeck News' will be available to view and download from the website.

[www.mitfordandwansbeckchurches.com](http://www.mitfordandwansbeckchurches.com)

Please remember to check the website regularly, particularly just before attending a service, just in case there are any last minute changes.

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St Cuthberts, Hebron    St Mary Magdalene, Mitford

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

**Bolam with Whalton**  
St Andrew's, Bolam    St Mary Magdalene, Whalton

## 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

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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

Service types may be subject to change according to minister availability.

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St Cuthberts, Hebron      St Mary Magdalene, Mitford

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

**Bolam with Whalton**

St Andrew's, Bolam      St Mary Magdalene, Whalton

## What's on - April 2024

Saturday 6th	9.45-11.30	Church Family Prayer Gathering	Stable Room, Mitford
Sunday 7th	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	St Andrew's, Hartburn
	10.30-11.30	Family Service	St Andrew's, Bolam
	16.00-17.00	Evensong	St Cuthbert's Hebron
Wednesday 10th	9.30-10.30	Morning Prayer (BCP) & Community Coffee	St Andrew's, Hartburn
Sunday 14th	10.00-11.00	All Age Worship	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	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 Mary Magdalene, Whalton
Wednesday 17th	9.30-10.30	Morning Prayer & Community Café	St Giles, Netherwitton

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Sunday 21st	10.00-11.00	All Age Worship	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	Celtic Morning Prayer	St Mary Magdalene, Whalton
	16.00-17.00	Storytime Church	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
Wednesday 24th	9.30-10.30	Celtic Morning Prayer & Community Coffee	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
Thursday 25th	14.00-15.00	Anna Chaplains	St. Cuthbert's, Hebron
Sunday 28th	10.00-11.00	Café Church	Mitford Village Hall
	10.00-11.00	BCP Morning Prayer	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	10.00-11.00	Morning Prayer	St Helen's, Longhorsley
	10.30-11.30	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Bolam

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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



## *Beware of Scam Emails*

This is a general reminder to be on your guard. From time to time, many of us receive emails pretending to be from someone we know, or the sender is inviting us to click on a link or accept a gift, when in reality they may be attempting to steal our money.

If you have received an email that you are not quite sure about, or your interactions with the sender seem a little odd, please forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS): [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk).

Do not click on links or open attachments if you feel something is not right. Do not give bank details unless you are absolutely certain the transaction is genuine. Further information and advice about phishing (scam) emails can be found at: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/advice-guidance/all-topics?allTopics=true&topics=phishing&sort=date%2Bdesc>



Age UK Northumberland shares hints and tips on keeping warm till spring

It may be March, but it's still pretty chilly. Age UK Northumberland is on hand to share some hints and tips on keeping warm till spring and providing practical help and support to older people across Northumberland.

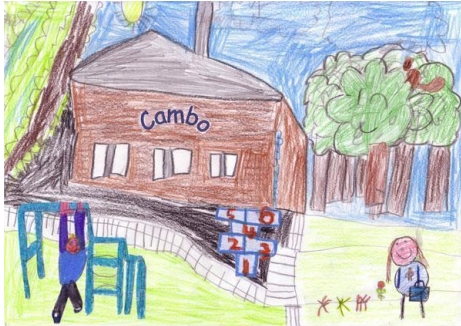
We are on hand to offer help, support, and advice to keep our older people warm, healthy and secure. We can offer benefit checks to increase finances, give practical advice on how to keep warm, provide much-needed friendship to combat isolation and loneliness, as well as exercises to improve health and wellbeing. The long winter months can feel extremely hard, especially if someone lives alone, struggling to pay their bills, or they are unable to heat their home.

It's so important to look out for one another, whether that be a relative, a friend or a neighbour. Our friendly teams are on hand from Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, to provide vital support. You can call us on 01670 784 800, or email [info.advice@ageuk-northumberland.org.uk](mailto:info.advice@ageuk-northumberland.org.uk)

You are not alone; we are here to help you stay warm and secure. Let's beat this winter together.



## News from Cambo School



Well, spring is just about here once again; although it is rather cold and frosty today. As I write the temperature is -2 degrees outside. Still the sun is shining, the birds are singing and the daffodils are swaying in the breeze... It makes you feel good to be alive! And good to be in school!

What makes 2024 even better? We have successfully completed our OFSTED. PHEW! What a relief to get it out of the way. A system which is not fit for purpose in small schools, with small primaries being five times more likely to be judged as inadequate compared to larger schools in 23-24. Statistically the one size fits all concept, along with many other things, has to change. I am especially pleased it was recognised that we are in the top 1% of the population for Attendance, Phonics at Year 1 and Reading, Writing and Maths at Year 2 . And, that we have been for many years, is a credit to the pupils, families and the staff. Well done everyone! Our children deserve the best and that is what they get at Cambo! In Northumberland we are so fortunate to have so many nurturing, small schools. As we say at Cambo... We are small in number only! In every other way we are HUGE! So now that the elephant in the room has gone, we can get back to what is important, what is happening at Cambo this term, rather than OFSTED!



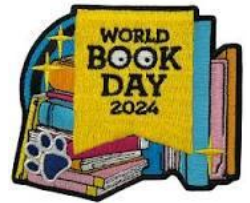
This term sees the return of our citizenship visits to London. In March the children in year 2,3,4 will be visiting parliament to develop their knowledge and understanding of the 'Rule of Law'. They will take part in a tour and a workshop on the making of laws. They will also have the opportunity to further develop their knowledge and understanding of London with real life experiences, which will incorporate a visit to the Natural History Museum, The Science Museum, The London Eye and a performance of Matilda at the theatre. It is going to

be a super 3 day visit. I am thankful to Raywind, the PTA and Hartburn Trust for supporting us in this endeavour!



## *News from Cambo School Cont.*

Evie, our Reading Dog, continues to visit school on Tuesdays with her owner Lesley. They read with Reception and Year 1 children. The children really enjoy reading with Evie and look forward to sharing their books, I think Evie loves it too! We celebrated our love of reading On March 7th 2024 with World Book Day. On this occasion we all dressed in our PJs and brought our favourite bedtime story into school to share! The staff had prepared lots of reading activities and we all had a fun day!



Debbie McAllister continues to work with the children on wellbeing and methods of relaxation through yoga.

Carol Flatman and Dawn Lewins continue to develop 'cooking skills' across the school. This support is carried out on a voluntary basis and we are eternally grateful. The children are really learning about healthy food, cooking preparation, skills and practice.



EVERYONE IS WARMLY INVITED TO...

# QUIZ NIGHT AT NETHERWITTON HALL

**WITH FAMOUS QUIZ MASTER DAVID SAYER!**

**Saturday 23rd March  
7pm for a 7.30pm start**

**Tickets are £10 and include a supper of Chilli  
& Dessert**

**To book your place contact Val Vaughan:  
vaughan@correslaw.co.uk**

**All proceeds towards repairing the bell at St Giles Church**

## LIMELIGHT

Middleton Village hall

**Thursday 18 April 7.30PM**



Limelight is a funny, heart-warming new play by Janet Plater (Haddock & Chips) based on historical events.

Julia St George was born in Newcastle upon Tyne and became a household name in the mid-19th Century. At the height of her fame, October 1854, Julia St George returns to make a guest star appearance at the Theatre Royal on Grey Street.

How will the local actresses respond to her? And what calamitous event changes everything? Capturing life through the eyes of three actresses, Limelight is based on true events and characters. Moving and relatable, it's a comic piece that resonates today. This production with songs from the time, promises to capture hearts and minds and transport you to the Victorian era for a night of feel-good entertainment.

Tickets: Adults £12 under 18s £6

Bookings Tel: 07855 444719 or email: [georgecourtice@btinternet.com](mailto:georgecourtice@btinternet.com) to pay on the night.

To book & pay on line: <https://highlightsnorth.co.uk/event/limelight/>



## Diary Dates



### BOLAM CHURCH GROUNDS TIDY UP, BONFIRE, SOCIAL, CHILDREN'S EVENT.



The next date is Saturday May 18th All welcome from **2pm** to help cut back, chop down, pull up and generally tidy our beautiful church yard. Bring your gloves and tools.

There will be a fun activity for children about 3pm for 45 minutes. The theme this time is "The air we breathe". This natural world experience has been developed for children aged 8 to 11, but younger people are welcome too!

Bring your favourite refreshments to share at the fire from about **4pm**. Children welcome to help with their adults, as always. We usually finish by **6pm**. Any questions to Jim Grant 01670 772302 or email [storiesfromjim@gmail.com](mailto:storiesfromjim@gmail.com)

Diary Dates



*Stanton Fence Garden - Owner Sir David Kelly*

[Link to National Garden Scheme](#)



**Open Day**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 - 13:00 – 17:00

Home-made teas

Adult - £8.00, Child – Free

Wheelchair access for chairs that can use mown paths as well as hard paving.

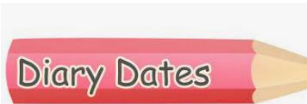
A contemporary 4.7-acre country garden designed by Chelsea Gold Medal winner, Arabella Lennox-Boyd, in keeping with its rural setting. A strong underlying design unites the different areas from formal parterre and courtyard garden to orchard, wildflower meadows and woodland. Romantically planted rose covered arbours and long clematis draped pergola walk. Nuttery, greenhouse and greenhouse garden.

A donation from this garden will go to St.Giles Church, Netherwitton.

Location:

Stanton Fence  
Stanton  
Morpeth  
Northumberland  
NE65 8PP

5m NW of Morpeth Nr Stanton on the c144 between Pigdon and Netherwitton.



## *PCC Meeting Dates*

### **Bolam**

APCM and PCC Meeting – 7pm – 9pm	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
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### **Whalton**

PCC Meeting – 7pm	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
APCM – 7 pm	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2024

### **Netherwitton**

PCC Meeting – 6pm – 8pm	26 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
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### **Hartburn and Meldon**

APCM Meeting – 7pm	23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2024
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### **Mitford & Hebron**

APCM Meeting 7pm	16 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
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**Presents**

## **Whatever happened to our shipbuilding industry?**

The story of the rise and fall of an industry that is central to our cultural identity in NE England

*A talk by Dr Paul Stott, Newcastle University*



Friday 15th March 2024

Doors open 7pm, talk 7.30pm

Middleton Village Hall (NE61 4RA)

£10 to include welcome drink

Contact [annamcgowan@btinternet.com](mailto:annamcgowan@btinternet.com) to reserve a place

Diary Dates



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

## *FILM NIGHTS*

**Middleton Village Hall - 7.30pm Refreshments available**

**Donations at the door**

Diary Dates



let's do  
lunch

*Hartburn Community Lunches*  
*St. Andrews Church Hartburn*

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – 12:00 for 12:30 at Hartburn Church - £6.00**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – 12:00 for 12:30 at Hartburn Church - £6.00**

**Contact Pooh Stafford to book – [poohstafford@btinternet.com](mailto:poohstafford@btinternet.com)**

**Phone: 01670 772313**

*(Please note the lunch clubs are now back at Hartburn Church as the heating is now back on.)*

## *WHALTON VILLAGE HALL - WHAT'S ON*

### *April & May 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](http://www.magart.org.uk)

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

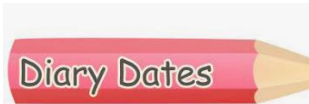
**Ringcraft training and socialisation for dogs. 6.30pm -8.30pm.** For more information contact Joanne Graham on 07771616144

#### **WEDNESDAY**

**Total Body Workout, 9.00 am – 10:00 am** Contact Olaronke Ashiru-Gbadebo at [tokunbogbadebo@gmail.com](mailto:tokunbogbadebo@gmail.com) or just turn up on the day

**Chiropodist (Every 2<sup>nd</sup> month)** - To book an appointment call Joanne Leiper on 07890322719

**Carpet Bowls 7.30pm till 24<sup>th</sup> April.** 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**21<sup>st</sup> April 7-8pm, 26<sup>th</sup> May 7- 8pm Sound Bath.** For further information and to book a place visit [www.soundroomhealing.co.uk](http://www.soundroomhealing.co.uk)

**21<sup>st</sup> April Morpeth Art Group Exhibition**

**If you require any further information please contact Linda Willis on 07856 176358 or Email: [bookings@whaltonvillage.org.uk](mailto:bookings@whaltonvillage.org.uk)**





## Wallington Demesne Parish Council

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 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 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024,  
with publication planned for 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

All future newsletter articles please email to:

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