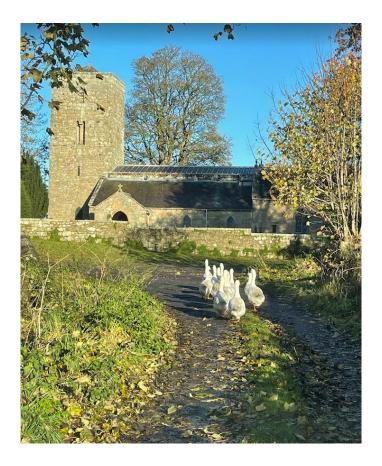


Benefice Newsletter Of St.Andrew's, Bolam, St.Andrew's Hartburn, St.John's Meldon, St.Giles's, Netherwitton St.Mary Magdalene, Whalton



November / December 2023

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Our page can be accessed via <u>https://www.facebook.com/upperwansbeck</u> 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 <u>https://upperwansbeckchurches.weebly.com</u> and is administered by Sadie Flanagan

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### Edítor's Note:



Hello,

I hope everyone is well.

I'm aware some of you have struggled to receive the newsletter via email as an attachment. I've spent a lot of time investigating this over the last few weeks and have learnt that particularly BT email seems to be the worst culprit for receiving my emails with attachments. I think (and I am no I/T expert) it's because I'm using a domestic email account and large attachments coming from me to a large number of users with a BT account is not even coming through at all.

So going forward I won't send the newsletter as an attachment but will send a link instead to the 'Church Website' Upper Wansbeck Churches. Sadie will upload the newsletter to the Church Website and by clicking the link in the email I will send you, it will take you straight to the newsletter and also copies of previous newsletters. Hopefully this will mean everyone will get access to the newsletter going forward.

https://upperwansbeckchurches.weebly.com/upper-wansbeck-newsletter.html

The picture on the front cover was taken last week when I was heading to Bolam Church to clean. The geese were walking down the road and I just thought it made such a lovely sight, the geese heading to church! So captured the moment to share.

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Hartburn with Meldon & Netherwitton St Andrew's, Hartburn

St John the St Giles, Netherwitton Baptist, Meldon

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

# What's On – November 2023

	10.00-11.00	Morning Praise & Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
Sun 5th	10.30-11.30	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Hartburn
	10.30-11.30	Family Service	St Andrew's, Bolam
	10.00-11.00	Remembrance Service	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
Sun 12th	10.00-11.00	Celtic Morning Prayer and Act of Remembrance	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
	10.30-11.30	Benefice Remembrance Service	St Giles, Netherwitton
	10.00-11.00	Morning Praise	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
Sun 19th	10.30-11.30	Holy Communion	St Giles, Netherwitton
	10.30-11.30	Morning Prayer	St Mary Magdalene, Whalton
Thur 23rd	14.00-15.00	Anna Chaplaincy	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
Fri 24th	19.00	The Teddy King Big Band Jazz Concert - fundraiser for West End Refugee Service	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
Sat 25th	16.00	Northumbrian Harps Concert	St Mary Magdalene, Whalton
	10.00-11.00	Café Church	Mitford Village Hall
	10.00-11.00	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
Sun 26th	10.30-11.30	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Bolam
	14.00-15.00	Service of Light and Hope	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
Thur 30th	13.00-16.00	Paper Crafts	Netherwitton Village Hall

If your event is not listed please email details for future events to <u>wansbeckvicarhelp@gmail.com</u> by **20<sup>th</sup>** of preceding month

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Bolam with Whalton St Andrew's, St Mary Madalene, Bolam Whalton

# What's On – December 2023

Sun 3rd	1000-1100	Morning Praise & Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	1030-1130	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Hartburn
	1600-1700	Christingle Service	St Andrew's Bolam
	1800-1900	Advent Carol Service	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
Thur 7th	1400-1500	Anna Chaplaincy	Foxton Court
	1000-1100	BCP Morning Prayer	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
Sun 10th	1000-1100	Celtic Morning Prayer	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
	1030-1130	Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Whalton
Fri 15th	1900-2100	Community Carols	St Giles, Netherwitton
_	1000-1100	Morning Praise	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	1030-1130	Family Service	St Mary Magdalene, Whalton
Sun 17th	1030-1130	Holy Communion	St Giles, Netherwitton
	1800-1930	Carols and Shenanigans	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	1900-2030	Dickensian Lessons and Carols	St Andrew's, Hartburn
Wed 20th	0900-1000	Christingle Service	Tritlington School
	1900-2000	Carols in the Plough	Plough Inn, Mitford
Thur 21st	0900-1000	Christingle Service	Whalton School

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Bolam with Whalton St Andrew's, St Mary Madalene, Bolam Whalton

# What's On – December 2023

	1000-1100	Community Breakfast and Carols	Mitford Village Hall
Sun 24th	1000-1100	Short Said Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
	1030-1130	Family Service	St Andrew's, Bolam
	1500-1600	Family Drop-in and Christmas Crafts	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
	1600-1700	Nativity and Christingle	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
	1600-1700	Crib Service	St Mary Magdalene, Whalton
Mon 25th	1000-1100	Christmas Day Holy Communion and Family Celebration	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	1030-1130	Christmas Day Morning Prayer and Carols	St Andrew's, Hartburn
Thur 28th	1400-1500	Anna Chaplaincy	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
Sun 31st	1000-1100	Said Morning Prayer	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	1030-1130	Said Holy Communion	St Gile's, Netherwitton

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# Readings November - Upper Wansbeck Churches

Date	Readings
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-end
	Matthew 25:14-30
26 <sup>th</sup> November	CHRIST THE KING
	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
	Matthew 25:31 - end

### Open the Book - Article by Pam Walker

I recently attended an Open the Book event put on in Mitford, in the company of people from churches in Morpeth and the surrounding areas. Open the Book presents the Bible in primary schools in an accessible and enjoyable way, which helps schools meet their statutory collective worship obligations.

They equip, encourage and enable volunteers from churches to deliver good quality assemblies. It is a three-year rolling programme of themed and dramatised storytelling at no charge to primary schools.

Teams of volunteers throughout the country use drama, mime, props, costume – and even the children and staff themselves – to present the Bible stories in lively and informative ways. Open the Book is a project that brings bible stories to school, something of our religious and cultural heritage that many children now miss out on.

It is not about preaching or teaching but storytelling. We are looking for people who would be willing to join a team to go into our local schools and tell stories. If you want to know more, please look at the open the Book website;

https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/

If you are thinking of volunteering, please talk to Elaine or Pam



### Time Bandits at Hartburn - Article by Pam Walker

A big thank you to John Sadler and Bev Palin of the Time Bandits for two events they put on, free of charge, in Hartburn Church

On the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup> October they provided a fascinating interactive talk on the First World war, complete with artifacts and Reg the trench organ.

On 31<sup>st</sup> October, during half term, they again brought along artifacts and stories about the Vikings while Elaine and Pam provided "Viking Crafts". Children from several school's attended with their parents and grandparents, who were equally fascinated by the stories.









# Photo Puzzle From Jím Grant

Answer to the last photo puzzle is: "money trees" on the riverside walk.

No answers were received, so time to end the photo puzzle, I think! Thanks to all previous contributors. Jim.





### News from Belsay School

Belsay School



Autumn newsletter

A message from the headteacher: Welcome back after half term, I hope that you all had a wonderful break and found some time to relax and create positive memories with the children. As we embark on our 7 week half term we have lots of wonderful opportunities in school that we know the children will thoroughly enjoy, as well as one or two things that I am sure you will also enjoy! What a fantastic start to life at Belsay. I thoroughly enjoyed the first half term working with the staff, parents and students to find out what life at Belsay was like. This year we are looking to provide residential visits for our children again and we are very confident that the children will embrace the new challenges and have a wonderful time. Our aim for the next 7 weeks is to make lasting memories that the children will remember for years to come. Being in school at Christmas time really is a fantastic time of year and I would encourage everyone to find time to get into schools whenever they can. We have so much to look forward to and I can't wait to see the Belsay approach to Christmas!

**Value of the month:** This month our school value is Empathy; this is when we think about other people and how they are feeling. We are very good at this already at Belsay and I know this will only be developed further as the month progresses. Our first opportunity to engage with our value has occurred with Pam Walker coming into school to complete a Remembrance assembly with our children. It was a very special time to reflect on how lucky we are to live such peaceful lives free from harm. This week we have also been donating money towards our Poppy appeal. Our Year 6 children have taken ownership of this and it has been wonderful to see our small school making such a big contribution to a very worthwhile cause.

**What is happening this half term?** Last half term saw the classes establish new names. As we are in such a wonderful rural part of Northumberland we thought tree names would be the best option. The new class names are as follows: Willow (Reception), Maple (KS1), Alder (KS2) and Oak (UKS2). The children have loved the new class names. Over the next few weeks we have some very exciting plans that will take place in each of our classes.

**Reception**- During this half term we will continue to think about our families and what makes them special and unique. Our families are very important to us and it is always lovely to hear the children talking about special people in their lives. This half term we will put a face to the names when the



### News from Belsay School Cont.

children make their own family tree. This half term will see Willow class take part in their first school trip. We will visit the theatre to watch Peter Pan. We are all very excited to travel on the

bus and can't wait to see the Pantomime. We are already very excited about Christmas and we have one child who's birthday is on Christmas day. A very special time for that child.

**UKS2** - During this half-term the children will continue to study more about our Global Themes of Peace and Conflict across the world. We will be reading our new novel, *The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis*. Parvana, her mother, and sisters are prisoners in their own home. With no man to go out to buy food, they face starvation.

Oak Class will also be studying all about light during our science lessons, how the eye works, how light travels and how shadows are created. In our history lessons, we will continue to focus on the Second World War and the causes of the atrocities. We will look at how a country prepares for war, how propaganda posters were used to send messages to the population and why Dunkirk and the Battle of Britain were so important to winning the war.





### News from Cambo School

### Cambo December 2023

In school we are nearing the end of our history and geography projects. Visits and visitors have been fantastic offering the children a wide variety of experiences to support learning and build memories! And now we have to concede Christmas is on the horizon! We can hardly believe it, where has this year gone? Any way at Cambo



On Wednesdays this term we welcomed Michelle Hankinson back into school to teach dance. The children have learnt lots of moves and have thoroughly enjoyed all elements of the routines developed with our topical theme!

On the 10th November 23 we held our Remembrance Service at Cambo Church War Memorial. Our children thought about remembrance and created poppy crosses in commemoration of those who died to keep us free and safe. Our service was led by Rev Janet Parker and lots of the community came to join us.





In November we held our annual Anti-Bullying week. The theme this year was 'Make a Noise About Bullying'! The children thought about the small changes we could make in our lives which could create the greatest difference in breaking the cycle of bullying. We also thought about how we create a safe environment at Cambo for everyone. We agreed that together, we can

challenge bullying if we work together.

As part of Anti-bullying week, we also held an 'Odd Sock Day', oh dear it did drive some of the staff mad!





Autumn also heralded 'Children In Need'. The theme for dressing up was... 'SPOTtastic; We had some fabulous individuals! What photographs they made! We decorated biscuits, made wristbands and completed many, many more activities e.g. creating our very own Pudsey and Blush bears using the autumn leaves. We concluded our event with a Children in Need 'Pants Parade' and refreshments for all! More importantly we raised funds for a very worthy cause, helping those less fortunate than ourselves!

A trip to Gibside kick started our Christmas season for class 1, Y2 and our Preschool children. What fun they had walking on the Christmas trail and seeing Santa! A lovely day for all. We have lots more activities lined up for Christmas including our annual visit to Wallington where we will be sharing in the Trevelyan family's history of Christmas. We will also be visiting the theatre Royal to watch the pantomime, Pinocchio. I have no doubt the children will have a lot of fun booing and hissing as the story unfolds! A visit to the Discovery Museum will take place along with lots, lots more!





# <u>News from Cambo School cont..</u>



than at Christmas!

Speaking of Christmas, you will be glad to know that our performance this year will be: 'Christmas with The Aliens'. We will be performing at Cambo Village Hall on Thursday 14th December at 6pm. The children work very hard in rehearsals and love an appreciative audience, so we hope to see you there! There will be refreshments and a raffle in the village hall afterwards.

The Christmas service will take place in Cambo church at 2.30pm on Monday the 18th December this year; Weather Permitting! As always, we welcome everyone to join us; we do like a good sing and when better to do this,



Dawn will be cooking another delicious Christmas lunch on Wednesday the 20th of December with puddings a plenty!



School closes at 1pm on Friday 22nd December for the Christmas holidays; so it only remains for us to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at Cambo! And to pray for little or no snow, except on Christmas Day [of course]!



# News from Whalton C of E Primary School

Wow, what an amazing start to after half term, despite the weather. Over half term, the children collected gifts to fit into a shoebox, as part of The Samaritan's Purse Project, Operation Christmas Child and they have been collected, we are very thankful for the marvellous effort of our families.



In Key Stage 2, the children have started their new Art topic on the Renaissance period. The first artist focus was Michelangelo, who was famous for painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. They had their own attempt at painting on the ceiling by painting on the underside of their desks!



All of the children read or sang, in Church, as part of our service of Remembrance. The children showed their respect and laid their own poppies and a collective Remembrance cross, in St Mary Magdalene's Church, Whalton.





### News from Whalton C of E Prímary School Cont.

As part of a national Anti-bullying week, we have also welcomed Clennell Education into school, to deliver some workshops to our children in Key Stage 1 and 2 and they also delivered a session for parents. As part of this week, the children also wore 'odd socks' to celebrate our difference, a great way to start the children thinking about their own similarities and differences and how each and everyone of them can make a difference.







# Bolam

PCC Meeting – 7pm – 9pm	29 <sup>th</sup> January 2024

# Whalton

# **Netherwitton**

PCC Meeting – 6pm – 8pm	26 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	

# Hartburn and Meldon

# Mitford & Hebron





St. Andrew's Church, Bolam Family service, all welcome

# Christingles will be provided

# **ST MARY MAGDALENE WHALTON**

# There will be a concert in church on

Saturday 25 November 2023 at 4pm

# HARPS NORTHUMBRIA

Playing on Clarsachs (the small Scottish harp) with music from Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Northumberland and some Christmas music to finish

Harps Northumbria played in church during the Show in September and are back by popular request

Tickets £10 (to include refreshments)

Available from PCC Members and

Lucy Bird 07808 490 004 lucy.bird18@gmail.com Wendy Sheldon 01670 775 385 wendysheldon2@gmail.com

(A wee tip - Bring a cushion and a torch!)





01670 775528 OR 07854 322424





### Hayley's Little Big Band comes to Middleton

When: Saturday 9 December 7.30pm

Where: Middleton Village hall NE61 4RA

### Tickets: phone or text 07855 444719 £12/adult, £6/child

The North based trio breathe new life into classic jazz and blues numbers, bringing you a lively evening of music celebrating such legends as Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday. The trio features Hayley Doherty on vocals, Geoff Nemec on guitar and Persia Babayan-Taylor on double bass.

Dancing will be encouraged!





# FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 7.00pm

Wannie Liners Choir Paul Rushton - Singer Jim Grant - Story Teller

# MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES



**Contributions to the Bell Fund gratefully received** 

Any Carol requests to Val Windle 01670 772352









Basket & Co

Kirkharle's 'Brown's Larder' Robson & Cowan Country Store Half and Hedgerow - wrought iron garden ornaments Lottie McAteer Fine Art Handmade by Tink - children's soaps, etc Amelia Anderson - cards and homeware Bellingham's 'Natural Northumberland' The Alnwick Soap Company Meraki Cacao - handmade stone ground cacao bars Northumbrian Waves - seaglass art, jewellery and gifts Christmas cards in aid of 'The Air Ambulance' ..... and many more



Pop-up Hartburn Coffee Shop





# FILM NIGHTS



### Middleton Village Hall - 7.30pm Refreshments available

Donations at the door





# Sounds of ChristmasIII HARTBURN CHURCH, NEG1 4JB



Sun. Dec. 3rd 3.00pm

The Ravenswood Singers present a concert of favourite Christmas songs and Carols. The singers have a wide following across the region and regularly perform throughout the North-Last.



This is the 5th Hartburn Concert in memory of our late Organist and Benefactor, Margaret Elliot. Entrance by Donation to the Hartburn Community Project. Refreshments available. Please reserve seats,call 01670 772636. or email davidmoonmeldon@gmail.com





# l<mark>let's do</mark>

# Hartburn Community Lunches Hartburn Church

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – 12:30 pm at Hartburn Church - £6.00 Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – 12:30 pm at Hartburn Church - £6.00

Contact Pooh Stafford to book – <u>poohstafford@btinternet.com</u> Phone: 01670 772313

# WHALTON VILLAGE HALL - WHAT'S ON December and January 2023/24

### 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: <u>www.magart.org.uk</u>

**Gardening Club (1**<sup>st</sup> **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 2**<sup>nd</sup> **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 (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 you Díary

17<sup>th</sup> December 7-8pm, 28<sup>th</sup> January Sound Bath. For further information and to book a place visit <u>www.soundroomhealing.co.uk</u>

**19••-21• January. Retreat. Weekend of singing and yoga.** To book a place or find out more contact <u>hellobodysong@gmail.com</u>

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 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 commencing at 7:30 pm in Middleton Village Hall.

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

# **Mitford and Hebron News**





# CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER – WITH RAFFLE, CAKES AND CRAFTS

Proceeds will go to our 3 Nominated Charities – Children's Vision: Wansbeck Valley Food Bank and West End Refugee Service

Please put the date in your diary and bring along family and friends.



Wansbeck Valley Food Bank - Are looking for volunteer drivers

Do you have a few spare hours a week?

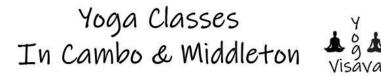
Then consider driving for the Food Bank

Drivers carry out a variety of roles such as collecting donations, delivering parcels to the YMCA and home deliveries. This does involve heavy lifting.

For further details please contact admin@wansbeckvalleyfoodbank.org







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Monday Evenings 7:00pm Middleton Village Hall Thursday Evenings 7:00pm Cambo Village Hall All classes £8.00 P.A.Y.G



For more information or to book a place contact John Moat Mobile:- 07864076923 Email:- yogavisava@gmail.com



# Come and Play

**Come and play** ..... can you tinkle the ivories on piano, keyboard or organ, or know someone who can? We hope more people would like to play for services regularly or occasionally in church. If you might be interested, please contact Pam Walker 01670 772301, Lucy Bird (07808 490004) or Wendy Sheldon (01670 775385).

Deadline for the next Newsletter Submissions is 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024

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