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 2025

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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.

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Editor's Note:



Hello and Happy New Year to everyone,

I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and ready to embrace 2025. I'm always glad when January finally arrives, and I can get back to a routine and start to eat normally again after what feels like weeks of rich foods and no exercise.

You will see Sadie has provided the Events Diary up to early March and once the rest of the diary is finalised for March that will appear in the next edition of Upper Wansbeck News.

So looking forward, you will remember we had a newsletter in December and now another in January. The Newsletter remains bi-monthly but I wanted to get back on track after the later edition in December due to my holidays. Talking of holidays the front cover shows a picture I took while on holiday in November and it is of Lake Tekapo in Summer on the South Island of New Zealand.

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St Cuthberts, St Mary Magdalene, Hebron Mitford

Hartburn with Meldon & Netherwitton

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

St Giles, Netherwitton

Bolam with Whalton

St Andrew's, St Mary Magdalene,
Bolam Whalton

Events for January 2025

Sunday 5th January (First Sunday)	10.00 – 11.00	Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
(First Suriday)	10.00 – 11.00	Holy Communion	St Helen's, Longhorsley
	10.30 – 11.30	Holy Communion (Traditional)	St Andrew's, Hartburn
	10.30 – 11.30	Family Service	St Andrew's, Bolam
	16.00 – 17.00	Evensong	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
Sunday 12th January (Second Sunday)	10.00 – 11.00	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
(Second Sunday)	10.00 – 11.00	All Age Worship	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	10.00 – 11.00	Morning Prayer	St Helen's, Longhorsley
	10.30 – 11.30	Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Whalton
Wednesday 15th January	09.30 – 10.30	Morning Prayer & Coffee	St Giles, Netherwitton
Sunday 19th January (Third Sunday)	10.00 – 11.00	All Age Worship & Baptism	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
(Time Sunday)	10.30 – 11.30	Holy Communion Joint Longhorsley & Netherwitton	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 22nd January	09.30 - 10.30	Celtic Morning Prayer & Community Coffee	St Cuthbert's Hebron
Thursday 23rd January	14.00 – 15.00	Anna Chaplains	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
Friday 24th January	09.15 – 10.15	Whalton School All Age Worship	St Mary Magdalene, Whalton

St Cuthberts, St Mary Magdalene, Hebron Mitford

Hartburn with Meldon & Netherwitton

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

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Events for January 2025

Sunday 26th January (Fourth Sunday)	10.00 – 11.00 10.00 – 11.00	BCP Morning Prayer Café Church	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford Mitford Village Hall
	10.00 – 11.00 10.30 – 11.30	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	St Helen's, Longhorsley St Andrew's, Bolam

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

Events for February 2025

Saturday 1st February	09.30 – 11.30	Prayer Meeting	Stable Room, Mitford
Sunday 2nd February (First Sunday)	10.00 – 11.00	Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
(Trist Suriday)	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 5th February	09.30 – 10.30	Morning Prayer & Community Coffee	St Andrew's, Hartburn
Sunday 9th February (Second Sunday)	10.00 – 11.00	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
(Second Sanday)	10.00 – 11.00	All Age Worship	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	10.00 – 11.00	Morning Prayer	St Helen's, Longhorsley
	10.30 – 11.30	Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Whalton
Wednesday 12th February	09.30 – 10.30	Morning Prayer & Warm Hub	Mitford Village Hall

St Cuthberts, St Mary Magdalene,
Hebron Mitford

Hartburn with Meldon & Netherwitton

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Hartburn Baptist, Netherwitton
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Events for February 2025

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(Time sanday)	10.30 – 11.30	Holy Communion Joint Longhorsley & Netherwitton	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 19th February	09.30 – 10.30	Morning Prayer & Coffee	St Giles, Netherwitton
Sunday 23rd February (Fourth Sunday)	10.00 - 11.00	BCP Morning Prayer	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
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	10.00 – 11.00	Morning Prayer	St Helen's, Longhorsley
	10.30 – 11.30	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Bolam
Wednesday 26th February	09.30 – 10.30	Celtic Morning Prayer & Coffee	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
Thursday 27th February	14.00 – 15.00	Anna Chaplains	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
Friday 28th February	09.15 – 10.15	Whalton School & Community All Age Worship	St Mary Magdalene, Whalton

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Events for March 2025

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Saturday 1st March	09.30 – 11.30	Prayer Meeting	Stable Room, Mitford
Sunday 2nd March	10.00 – 11.00	Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
(First Sunday)	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 5th March	10.00 – 11.00	Morning Prayer & Ashing	St Andrew's, Hartburn
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Preparing a New Electoral Roll: Important Update for Parishioners

From Revd Elaine Jones

Every six years, we are required to prepare a brand-new electoral roll for our parishes, and 2025 is one of those years. This means that everyone who wishes to be included on the electoral roll will need to complete a new application form, even if you were on the previous roll.

The electoral roll is a vital part of parish life. It allows you to have a say in important decisions about the church's future, including the election of Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Being on the roll also reflects your commitment to our parish and its mission.

What You Need to Do

Forms will be available from 2nd February and can be collected at the church or downloaded from www.mitfordandwansbeckchurches.com

Please ensure you fill out your form and return it by 6th April.

If you have any questions or need assistance completing the form, our parish office team will be happy to help. You can contact Sadie at wansbeckvicarhelp@gmail.com or Email Revd Elaine at revelainejones@gmail.com

Let's work together to ensure our electoral roll reflects the vibrant and committed community we are proud to be a part of. Thank you for your attention to this important process.

We look forward to your continued involvement in our parish life and encourage everyone to take part in shaping the future of our church.

Revd Elaine Jones



News from Cambo First School

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



And what a start to the new year. Snow, snow, snow! None at Christmas but lots on the 5th/6th January 2025! Enough to make a snowman, create snow art and make snow angels on the field! With frozen fingers and frozen toes, it was good to get back into school for a

warm drink!

January 2025 started with a change in the topical areas being covered!

This term in class 2, the children are focusing much of their work on the theme ''Stone age to Iron Age'' via our history enquiry question: Was Stone Age Man, simply a hunter gatherer, concerned only with survival? The children will be learning about factors that led to Stone Age hunter-gatherers settling into early farming communities and how these settlements in turn developed into hillforts in the iron age. The children will also be learning about the changes in materials, tools, culture and the way of life in communities! visits, visitors and creatives... to be confirmed!

Our younger children are also finding out about Florence Nightingale, who she was, what she did, who she helped, why she was known as the lady with the lamp and the impact she had on nursing and medicine historically and today! Richard Stevenson, also known as, 'That History Bloke'. Came into school to begin our topic in a very creative way, beginning with... If you could ask Florence a question, what would it be?

Kathy Anderson and Anne Hedley continue to work with us once again. This term we will be learning songs linked to the seasons and extreme weather which is part of our Geography focus. We will also be fine tuning our whole school music playing through percussion, recorder, ukulele and Violins, even at lunch times! Hopefully all of the children will gain their music award at the end of the year.



News from Cambo First School Cont.



In PE this term we are focusing on gymnastics, dancing and swimming skills with Liz Armstrong, Michelle Hankinson and Ponteland Leisure Centre staff. In February we will once again be hosting our Class 2 gymnastic festival for our parents! We are currently putting together our routines in readiness! We can hardly wait! This term we also welcomed 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 and the snow stays away!





The Federation of Longhorsley and Whalton C of E Schools

Love your Neighbour as yourself so we can all aspire, believe and achieve to be the very best that we can be...

Hope - Honesty - Forgiveness - Friendship - Trust - Love

News From Whalton C of E Primary School

Happy New Year from everyone here at Whalton C of E Primary School.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Last term the R.E. Ambassadors voted to support the Wansbeck Food Bank and joined in their Reverse Advent Calendar, and donated gifts for an Advent Box. Each box had 24 items including toiletries, food staples, small gifts for children and some Christmas-based items like mince pies and other treats. We were able to create two full boxes and donated additional items to go towards a third. Thank you so much to all of our children and parents for supporting such a worthy cause.







The Federation of Longhorsley and Whalton C of E Schools cont.

Eco-Team

Our Eco-Team have been identifying the recycling challenges they want to set school for this year and have created posters to remind us what we can do. They chose four areas that they wanted to focus on, both at school and at home.

In school, they would specifically like teachers and children to think about the amount of paper they use, to reduce paper use and to recycle where possible. We are



collecting ring-pulls (from cans and tins) which can be melted down by a charity to help repair wheelchairs.

We use a lot of whiteboard pens and felt pens and we are collecting the rigid plastic outer shells to recycle them, rather than throw them away as landfill. Finally, we are promoting the recycling of batteries through the Big Battery Hunt, where all children were given boxes to take home to encourage recycling. If anyone would like to donate any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact the school to arrange this on 01670 775216.

Fire Engine Visit

We all enjoyed a visit from the Fire Service linked to our safety curriculum. The fire fighters brought the Fire Engine onto the school yard and we were able to try the big hose. It was just the best!





The Federation of Longhorsley and Whalton C of E Schools Cont.



Whalton Village

In Class 1, we have also loved exploring our village and what it has to offer. We were very pleased to meet Stephen from Ringtons who has a travelling shop. He is in the village every fortnight selling tea, coffee and sweet treats.

It would be great if you can support him too.

Places In School

We still have some remaining places in a couple of our year groups at Whalton. If you know of anyone interested in finding out more about our "hidden gem" of a school, please contact the school office for further information (01670 775216) or our website: https://www.whalton.northumberland.sch.uk/



News from Belsay School

Happy New Year!

After a very busy run up to Christmas we are back and raring to go here at Belsay. We have welcomed new students and teachers to kick off 2025, it's great to see new faces here, the children are great at showing off what makes Belsay brilliant and what it truly means to be part of the Belsay team.

The next couple of months are set to be as busy as ever...

Our Reception Class will be looking to explore farms and rural backgrounds. This is always a favourite topic for our youngest children with some from farming backgrounds and some not, they are however all excited to share what they know and share this knowledge with each other. The children will look at animals and what they produce and how the machinery farmers use help us with food production.



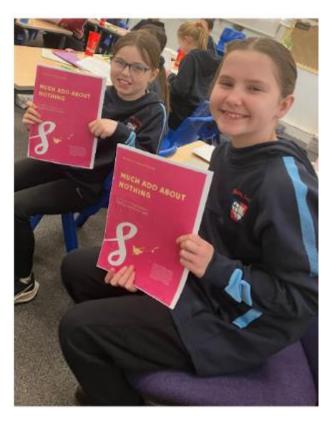


News from Belsay School Cont.

Year 1 and 2 will be focusing on Inventors in the first part of Spring term. Cragside will of course be in the forefront of our minds which luckily for us is right on our doorstep. The children will look at how significant inventions have impacted the world that we live in as well as what period of time these significant events took place in.

Our Year 3 and 4 children are excited to get stuck into their new topic of Castles. We are very lucky in Northumberland to have many castles to explore and learn about, who lived in castles, battles that took place and how do we know all this?...a trip may be on the cards but which one do we choose? Is Belsay Castle too obvious?

In March, our Year 5 and 6 class will be performing Shakespeare's 'Much Ado About Nothing' at the Northern Stage in Newcastle in front of a packed audience, so preparation for this will be commencing in the coming weeks! We can't wait to see them showcase their excellent drama skills outside of the classroom...we may have some Hollywood stars in the making here!



Finally, we have our KS2 residential to look forward to in March to Dukeshouse Wood in Hexham. The 2 night and 3 day residential is always a highlight of the year and will be attended by our children in Years 3, 4 and 5!



News from Belsay School Cont.

We love to get out and about at Belsay and we were very lucky to have a fantastic orienteering map professionally installed on our site in Autumn term and can't wait to continue to enjoy this come rain or shine in the coming months! As well as this, Forest School will be part of the curriculum with the children finding their inner Bear Grylls, we will be encouraging them to explore and develop their curiosity whilst building self confidence and teamwork, if you are wandering past the school you may spot us exploring our wooded area or huddled around the fire pit making soup so please give us a wave!

As if that wasn't going to keep us busy enough, we have been lucky to select 15 of our children to take part in a Trust wide Kaleidoscope Workshop at the Laing Art Gallery working in partnership with Newcastle University. The children will take a fine art tour as well as taking part in two workshops and two ensemble performances all while working collaboratively with other children from the Pele Trust Primary Schools. This is a fantastic opportunity for a rural school and we can't wait to see and hear what the children take away from it.

We have many more activities and outings in the planning stages which we look forward to reporting back on in the next issue.





WHAT'S ON AT THE HALL Jan-Feb 2025

MONDAY

NEW CLASS - Chair Yoga, starting Monday 20th January 2025 at 9.30 am. Come and join this 45 min class and enjoy yoga movement to strengthen, mobilise and relax the body. Suitable for those with limited mobility and physical impairments.

For more details contact Barbara Swan, email <u>barb swan@hotmail.co.uk</u> or call 07535631387.

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

TUESDAY

Morpeth Art Group 10.00 am-2.00 pm. For further details on joining this group visit the Morpeth Art Group Website on: www.magart.org.uk

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

WEDNESDAY

Seniors keep fit 9.00 am. Just turn up on the day, no booking required.

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

Carpet Bowls 7.30 pm. Just turn up to find out more and give it a try.





THURSDAY

Post Office 9:15 am – 10:15 am – 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 9.30 am till 11.30 am. *Term time only*. Visit facebook @whaltontoddlers for more information or just turn up on the day.

Kirkley Carvers 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm. 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

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

Women of Whalton WI 7.00 pm (3rd Thursday of the month) For more information and details on joining email WhaltonWI@hotmail.com or just turn up on the night.

FRIDAY

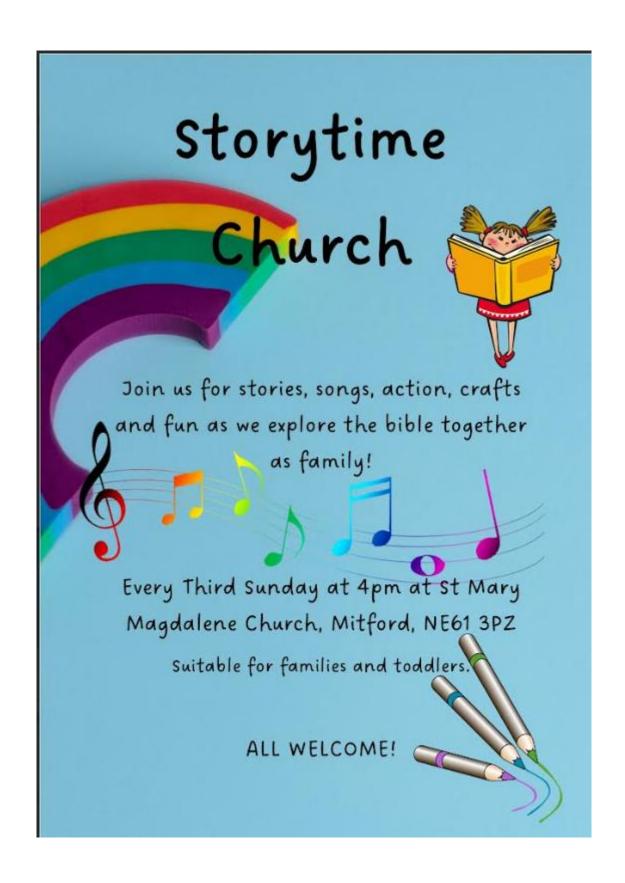
Jewel in the Lotus Yoga 9.00 -10.30 am. Booking required & please bring your own Yoga mat. Contact Debbie on: Tel: 07812 124888

EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

25th January. Burns Supper. To book tickets contact Julie Potter on 07854322424

16th **January and 23**rd **February.** Sound Bath. To book a slot visit soundroomhealing.co.uk/shop

If you require further information, please phone 07856 176358 or Email: bookings@whaltonvillage.org.uk







Middleton Village Hall

Lovely Assistant Saturday 8 March 7.30pm Adults £12.00



Lovely Assistant's members originally hail from Newcastle, Northumberland, Leeds and London but were brought together by the Newcastle music scene - meeting at gigs and venues before deciding to work together to explore the sounds of Laurel Canyon in the '70s alongside bygone bits of College Rock and the New Wave.

Working out of a community centre in the North-East of England, their debut album greetings from the pre-wave captured tender vocals and shimmering instrumentation on limited 12" vinyl in 2020, influenced by the torch-songs of the fifties through to J.J. Cale, Arthur Russell, Little Feat and Angel Olsen.

For their second album they have collaborated with Thom Lewis (producer of Sam Fender) and are currently supported by The Glasshouse, HELP Musicians And Generator North-East. Every promoter says this is one not to miss ... an awe-inspiring night of music.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-qB1kXXQGE

Hear and see them in action on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/@foolsgold552

Bookings: 07855 444719 or email: georgecourtice@btinternet.com

Diary Dates





Hartburn Community Lunches St. Andrews Church Hartburn

Tuesday 14th January – 12:00 – 12:30 at Hartburn Church - £6.00 Tuesday 11th February – 12:00 – 12:30 at Hartburn Church - £6.00 Tuesday 11th March – 12:00 – 12:30 at Hartburn Church - £6.00

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





WICKED LITTLE LETTERS

Friday 31st January 2025 (7.00-7.30pm) Middleton Village Hall



Refreshments Available Entry by donation



CONCLAVE

Friday 28th February 2025 (7.00-7.30pm) Middleton Village Hall



Refreshments Available Entry by donation







Wallington Demesne Parish Council

The next meeting will be held on Monday 27th January 2025 commencing at 7:30 pm in Middleton Village Hall.

The following meeting will be held on Monday 24th March 2025 commencing at 7:30 pm in Cambo Village Hall

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

Diary Dates



Whalton Parish Council

The next meeting will be Wednesday 15th January commencing at 7:30 pm in Whalton Village Hall.

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

Link to Whalton Parish Council





Bolam

PCC Meeting – 7pm – 9pm	3 rd February 2025

Whalton

PCC Meeting – 7:00 pm	28th January 2025
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Netherwitton

Hartburn and Meldon

Longhorsley

PCC Meeting – 7.00 pm	22 nd January 2025
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Mitford & Hebron