NAHS North Tyne Valley 31st August 2024 - Programme:-

Simonburn Church and Rectory from a drawing by the Rector, the Rev. David Evans, published 1825

Travel in cars

Lunch – own arrangements picnics, nosebags or forage at Humshaugh

10.30am Meet at **St John Lee Church**, north off A69 opposite Hexham. Ample car parking beyond church

11.05 leave – six miles to

11.20 **St Giles, Chollerton**

12.00 leave – four miles - over Robert Mylne's Bridge at Chollerford to

12.15 **Humshaugh village with St Peter's Church** – parking beside road near church – again care needed

12.45pm Lunch at will (picnic – or village community shop if open) or at pub: The Crown - award-winning, traditional county *pub*; large beer garden serving local cask ales & good food. [01434 681231]

1.45pm Leave – by B6320 – 8 miles to

2.15pm **Wark village and square** (parking with luck) and Town Hall (former Mechanics Institute)

2.35pm leave – one mile north to

2.45pm **St. Michael's Church** and Old Rectory (exterior only – seen over a wall) – Ample parking north of church by former Rector's trap house

3.20pm leave – five miles south on B6320 again, then west to

3.35 **Simonburn 18thC and gothic revival village** – parking in 'square' by church

4.00pm Tea at Simonburn

4.45pm **St. Mungo's Church, and Parsonage, Simonburn**

5.30pm leave (Newcastle about an hour away)

An east-of-the-North-Tyne, home-going option for the resilient (via Wark Bridge – 5 miles) could include **St. Christopher's, Gunnerton**, 1899, designed by its own curate, the Rev. J C Hawes.

Two of the churches in the main programme occupy ancient sites and have ancient fabric; a third was the third on a less certain site. The other two are late-Georgian churches built by Greenwich Hospital on new parishes excised from 'the Great Parish' of Simondburn which originally extended to Carter Bar on the Scottish border and covered over 260 square miles, the largest parish in England.

St Giles, Chollerton, with hearse house on left, and War Memorial on the right.   HD 27.08..2024