17th Week after Trinity: 9th – 15th October 2022

Greetings from Eileen

Dear Friends,

I wonder how you are. I've been thinking of some of you who have been unable to come to church and some I've not seen for quite a long time. I hope you've been receiving my newsletters and that they are comforting to you in some way. I've not emailed you in case it's mistaken as putting pressure. But you are missed. If you live in our parishes, I shall try to visit you in the coming weeks. If not, you are in my prayers. If you get in touch or return to a service, I shall be overjoyed and you will be most welcome.



Last week members of St Andrew's, Winston lived as Jesus invited us to live. Paula, Chrissie, and Mary organised a coffee morning in support of Alzheimer's Society and inspired generosity to raise more than £830.

Harvest produce was picked and donations were delivered to Shildon Alive, who help many struggling with food and material poverty.





Returns on: Thursday 13 October 7pm start St Mary's Church, Gainford

> Enjoy singing? Play a musical instrument? Perform circus skills? Tell great jokes?

Children aged 7-12 years old are welcome to take part at this family friendly event.

OUR YOUTH TALENT SHOW RETURNS this week!

7pm on Thursday 13th October, come along to St Mary's Church, Gainford, a venue transformed to showcase the energy and creativity of our young people. Our previous winner mesmerized us with his hula hoops! Come, support and encourage our young people.

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY: Everyone is welcome.

9.30am St Andrew's, Winston – Holy Communion 10.45am St Mary's, Gainford – Holy Communion

with commissioning of Wendy Broderick, Lay Pastoral Minister

God, the most holy and glorious Trinity is with us, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

NOTICES:

Congratulations to Millie, who turns one this week! Very prematurely born we thank God for her - a great gift and blessing to Anna and Michael England and our church family at St Andrew's, Winston.

Luke Turner and Sophie Millington will be married this Saturday 15th October 2022 at St Andrew's, Winston.



Thank you, Paula. **Discover our Creation Walk** between our two churches at St Andrews at Winston and St Marys at Gainford as part of our ethos to get people to enjoy God's creation while taking the time to look for surprises along the route. We have painted stones, painted wood, willow stars, toadstools and lots more.

Collect for the 17th week after Trinity

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

First Reading: 2 Timothy 2.8-15

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹ Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'