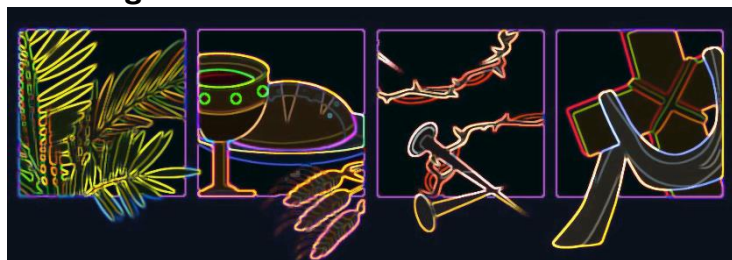


HOLY WEEK and EASTER NEWSLETTER

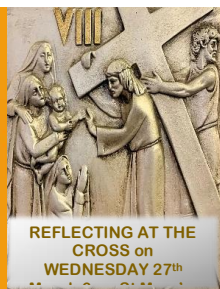
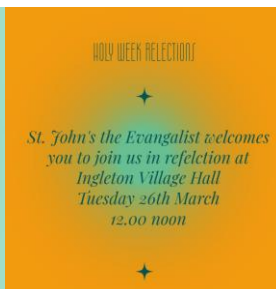
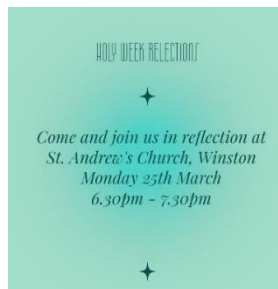
24th – 31st March 2024

Greetings from Eileen



This is a time of hope; of light at the end of the tunnel: from Palm Sunday through Holy Week, pausing at Gethsamane and at the Cross; silent the next day in deepest darkness, which turns into glorious light as the day of Resurrection arrives: Easter!

We gather for Palm Sunday in all our churches at 9.15am in Staindrop; 9.30am in Winston; 10.45am in Gainford; and at 11am in Ingleton; and at **Passion Choral Evensong Service at an earlier time 4pm in Gainford.**



During Holy Week, join our **guided Reflections** at St Andrew's, Winston (**6.30pm Monday** with Claire Mead, our Ordinand in Training); at St John the Evangelist's, Ingleton (**12nn Tuesday** with Rev'd Moji Jaiesimi, our Curate); and at St Mary's, Staindrop (**6pm Wednesday** with Sarah Fells, our Lay Minister in Training).



On **Thursday 28th March 7pm**, come to our **Last Supper Communion Service** with Washing of Feet, which concludes with the Stripping of the Altar. At **Gainford St Mary's**, we join Jesus at his last meal, acknowledge in symbolism Jesus stripped on the bare altar where his body emptied was laid. We

have a **service at every church on Good Friday***, and on **Holy Saturday GATHER church** invites us on a **Riverside Pilgrimage**, from 11am at **St Mary's, Gainford.**



***GOOD FRIDAY: 9.15am Staindrop, 9.30am Winston; 11am Gainford; 2pm Ingleton**

Then on Easter Day, we come with joy to meet our Lord, who invites us to **come into His resurrected presence**. Easter is not prescriptive: enjoy your specially chosen Easter Egg(s), or hunt for them with the children; put on that colourful dress or coat that would draw a smile from others too, and I hope you'd fill our churches with voices raised singing with gusto the Alleluias of our Easter hymns.

Services on PALM SUNDAY 24th March 2024

9.15am Service of the Word
9.30am Service of the Word
10.45am Holy Communion
11am Holy Communion
4pm Choral Evensong

Staindrop St Mary
Winston St Andrew
Gainford St Mary
Ingleton St John the Evangelist
Gainford St Mary

The Worship Group
Lay Leaders
Rev'd Moji Jaiesimi
Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop
Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

EASTER SUNDAY 31st March 2024

9.30am Easter Communion
10am Easter Communion
10.45am Easter Communion

Winston St Andrew
Staindrop St Mary joint service with Ingleton
Gainford St Mary

Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop
Rev'd Moji Jaiesimi
Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

May the glory of Jesus's resurrection fill us with all joy, knowing that with God, nothing is impossible or without hope.

Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

EVENTS

On **EASTER MONDAY** why not enjoy **a walk through Raby Park** by kind permission of Lord Barnard? Staindrop St Mary's have sponsor forms for some light fundraising for the church for those walking. Obtain your forms either after the Palm Sunday service in Staindrop or pick up a form from the church any day before that. **Meet at 2pm at the church.**



Gather at the **Scarth Hall 4pm** for an **Easter Tea with Easter Bonnet, Easter Gardens, and Easter Eggs Competitions.**

NOTICES

FUNERAL: The Service for our late Ingleton PCC member **CHRISTY MATSON** will take place at 11am in St John The Evangelist Church, Ingleton on Wednesday 27th March, and therefore the family will proceed to Staindrop Cemetery for a private committal and burial. Please continue to pray for Terry and their family during this sad time.

Warm and Welcome continues every Friday 10am to 12noon in Gainford Village Hall, with hot drinks, cake or other comfort food! A warm space to enjoy company, share or listen, and enjoy new activity proposed by regulars who have enjoyed this weekly time together.

Ingleton St John the Evangelist's LENT LUNCH includes a time of reflection led by Rev'd Moji Jaiyesimi at **Ingleton Village Hall on Tuesday 26th March at 12 noon**, during which will be a Lent quiz with an Easter Egg for the winner.

Our Youth and Youth Leaders spent last Sunday evening at THE PULSE in Durham Cathedral with others from across the diocese. You might say, it's an alternative way of approaching Holy Week.



A Prayer for the Afflicted

O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible, in Thine ineffable goodness, help us and defend us in this day of affliction.

Thou knowest our weakness.

Thou hearest our cry in repentance and contrition of heart.

O Lord who lovest mankind deliver us from the threats that surround us.

Send Thine angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those who are suffering.

Guide the hands of physicians, and preserve those who are healthy that we may continue to serve thee in peace and glorify Thy most honourable and majestic name

of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

COLLECT for PALM Sunday

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.
Amen

COLLECT for MAUNDY THURSDAY

God our Father,
your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end
and drank the cup prepared for him:
may we who share his table
watch with him through the night of suffering
and be faithful.
Amen

COLLECT for EASTER SUNDAY

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

PALM SUNDAY READINGS

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴ The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the
beard;

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament
you have given us the memorial of your passion:
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries
of your body and blood
that we may know within ourselves
and show forth in our lives
the fruit of your redemption,
for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.
Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his
risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
⁷ The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸ he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
⁹ It is the Lord God who helps me

THE PALM GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-11

¹ When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

THE PASSION GOSPEL

Mark 15:1-39

¹ As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ² Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' ³ Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴ Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' ⁵ But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶ Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷ Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸ So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹ Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' ¹⁰ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹² Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' ¹³ They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' ¹⁴ Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' ¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

¹⁶ Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷ And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸ And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' ¹⁹ They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰ After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

²¹ They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²² Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³ And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

²⁵ It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶ The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' ²⁷ And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰ save yourself, and come down from the cross!' ³¹ In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³² Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' ³⁵ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' ³⁶ And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' ³⁷ Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

EASTER SUNDAY Readings

Acts 10.34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Mark 16.1-8

¹ When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.