

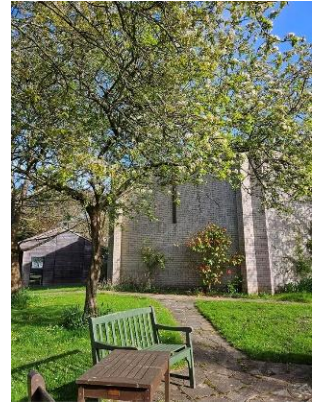
**3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of EASTER NEWSLETTER**  
**14<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Greetings from Eileen**

This is another double issue newsletter!



I'm grateful to Staindrop St Mary's Patron who has continued to offer financial support for their vicar to attend events including taking time out for Spiritual replenishment and to be attentive to God afresh. This week, despite the disruption of rail strikes, I was able to attend the 5 days 'Healing Space' retreat at Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre.



Blessed with fine weather that matched the kindness, generosity, and prayerful companionship of staff, I thought I'd share some photographs.

I was reminded that Jesus came that we may meet God personally, that God who breathed life into me did that to bless me, this specific person by name. That each time I find it difficult to think of myself worthily, that I am to be reminded that my worth is in the One who gave me life. I may well be able now to look into the face in the mirror differently!

A verse has come to mind. **John 10:10 (Jesus said) "I came that they might have life and have it abundantly"**. And so, to paraphrase: (Jesus said) "I have come that you may have life and have it to the full". That's you, me, and everyone.

Next week, Brian and I will be taking a flight to a place of warmer clime. I look forward to putting aside my mobile and laptop because it's '*Brian and me time*', to enjoy just us together. All being well we will return refreshed with renewed energy.

For those who are returning from your Easter holidays, I hope you've enjoyed your break.

**On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, our roaming church on the move GATHER invites everyone to A WELL-BEING WALK PILGRIMAGE** from St Mary's, Gainford at 9.30am to St Mary's, Barnard Castle around 4pm. There's minibus transport back to Gainford. **Please register on the sign up sheets in our 4 churches.** To find out more, contact Sheila on [gatherchurchteesdale@gmail.com](mailto:gatherchurchteesdale@gmail.com) Poster on page 2.

**Services on SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

|                |                |                                        |                           |
|----------------|----------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>9.15am</b>  | Holy Communion | <b>Staindrop St Mary</b>               | Rev'd Moji Jaiyesimi      |
| <b>9.30am</b>  | Holy Communion | <b>Winston St Andrew</b>               | Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop |
| <b>10.45am</b> | Holy Communion | <b>Gainford St Mary</b>                | Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop |
| <b>11am</b>    | Holy Communion | <b>Ingleton St John the Evangelist</b> | Rev'd Moji Jaiyesimi      |

*Our Ordinand in Training Claire Mead is co-presiding alongside Eileen and preaching at Winston and Gainford*

**Services on SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

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|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>9.15am</b>  | Service of the Word | <b>Staindrop St Mary</b> | Worship Group            |
| <b>9.30am</b>  | Holy Communion      | <b>Winston St Andrew</b> | Rev'd Moji Jaiyesimi     |
| <b>10.45am</b> | Holy Communion      | <b>Gainford St Mary</b>  | Rev'd Moji Jaiyesimi     |
| <b>3.30pm</b>  | <b>Messy Church</b> | <b>Gainford St Mary</b>  | <b>Messy Church Team</b> |

**No Service at Ingleton St John the Evangelist**

*Eileen is on annual leave from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April inclusive. In her absence, please contact churchwardens 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*

## NOTICES

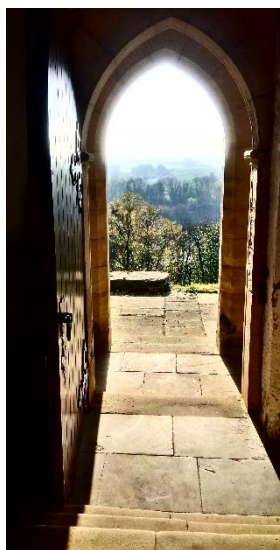
**THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL** our **YOUTH SAINTS** return: new members 7 to 12 year olds **always welcome**. Always a time to relax, have fun, meet new friends, exchange news, share prayer requests, and enjoy drinks and snacks together. **Meet at St Mary's, Gainford 6.30-8pm** New members must be accompanied by an adult and register.



**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2pm**  
**COME ALONG to HYMNS FOR HIM & HER**  
**in Staindrop St Mary's Church**

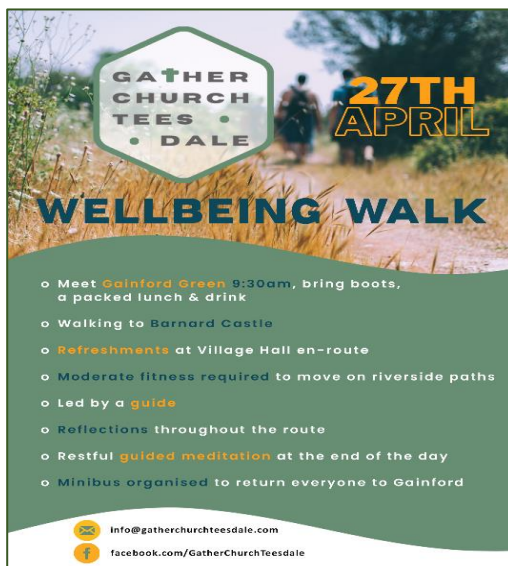
**TODDLERS** at Staindrop resumes this Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 9am – to find out more contact Kath or Pat c/o [contact@stmarysstaindrop.org.uk](mailto:contact@stmarysstaindrop.org.uk)

**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.



**Winston St Andrew's PCC will meet on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm in Winston Village Hall.** The PCC welcomes new members, who help at Services, look after the Church, assist with fundraising and social events, and care for the ministry in our parish in a variety of ways. We welcome interest from anyone in the role of churchwarden. Do get in touch with Lynne (churchwarden 01325 730844) or Chrissie (lay chair 01325 730112) for more information.

Winston St Andrew's legendary **Artisan WINE & CHEESE TASTING Evening** takes place on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm in Winston Village Hall**. With wine connoisseurs and our very own artisan cheesemaker, this promises to be a tasty and jolly evening. **Tickets £17 per person are available from Joyce 07786072830**. Funds will support repairs and fabric needs of our beautiful Grade I listed church building.



**COLLECT for 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Almighty Father,  
 who in your great mercy gladdened the  
 disciples  
 with the sight of the risen Lord:  
 give us such knowledge of his presence with  
 us,  
 that we may be strengthened and sustained by  
 his risen life  
 and serve you continually in righteousness and  
 truth;  
 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

**COLLECT for 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Almighty God,  
 whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and  
 the life:  
 raise us, who trust in him,  
 from the death of sin to the life of  
 righteousness,  
 that we may seek those things which are  
 above,  
 where he reigns with you  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever. Amen

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER Readings****Acts 3.12-19**

<sup>12</sup> When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup> But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup> and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup> And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup> 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup> In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Living God,  
 your Son made himself known to his  
 disciples  
 in the breaking of bread:  
 open the eyes of our faith,  
 that we may see him in all his redeeming  
 work;  
 who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
 Amen

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Merciful Father,  
 you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the  
 good shepherd,  
 and in his love for us to lay down his life and  
 rise again:  
 keep us always under his protection,  
 and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Luke 24:36-48**

<sup>36</sup> Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

<sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER Readings****Acts 4:5-12**

<sup>5</sup> The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup> with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup> When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup> if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

<sup>11</sup> This Jesus is  
"the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone."

<sup>12</sup> There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

**John 10:11-18**

<sup>11</sup> 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

<sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'