

## The Week of TRINITY SUNDAY – NEWSLETTER

26<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024

### Greetings from Eileen

10 were blessed to be at our **Pentecost Bring and Share Supper** in Gainford being nourished by food and fellowship as well as our experiences of the Spirit's blessings as we prayed Thy Kingdom Come.



### We concluded our season of Annual Parochial Church Meetings

last week as we reviewed our work, ministry and mission in 2023, and acknowledged how God has continued in 2024 to favour us with rescue, renewal, restoration, and reassurance of our future as parish churches. We thanked several long-serving and faithful members of our PCCs including our churchwarden Joan Harrison of Staindrop, and PCC and electoral roll officer June Heslop of Ingleton.

As the schools commenced their half-terms, the Prime Minister announced that the **UK General Election would take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July**. Although stoic with British reserve and 'keeping calm and carrying on' for longer than we care to recount, we know that this has been an unsettled time in this country and around the world. It is unhelpful and wasteful to cast blame and recriminations on anyone, individuals or agencies, and instead we must look to what hope there is and to contribute towards realising that hope. The Church of England has invited us to 'pray our part':

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/topics/pray-your-part-general-election-2024>

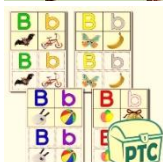
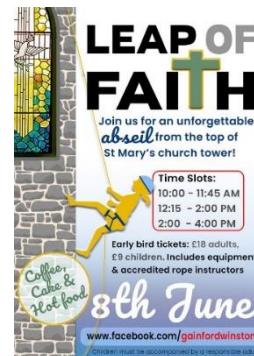
It is my intention to host **'a hustings with a difference'** in one of our larger churches. The brief for our constituency Parliamentary Candidates is to set out their vision and plans without making any comparisons or reference to what the other candidates and/or parties have or have not done, would or would not do – conveying only their own intentions. Furthermore, our brief would also be premised on Biblical principles – we shall offer a scripture passage that defines an issue and ask each candidate to speak to that issue with reference to those principles. Take a look at this Bible Society link <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/about-us/our-work/england-and-wales/britain-and-the-bible/> **'Touring through the Bible' 66 Politics**. The date and time is still being determined as we await candidates' availability.



Meanwhile our **forthcoming exciting events** need your support and prayers:

On **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June, St Andrew's, Winston** are raising funds for the Great North Air Ambulance with a **Coffee and Cake Afternoon** in the Village Hall.

The **Leap of Faith** returns to **St Mary's Church Tower** on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June**. Tickets are available from Geoff and Sue Taylor 01325 730379. We hope everyone leaping would have supporters, who would support this church fundraiser.



On **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, at Ingleton's Village Fayre** our church, **St John the Evangelist**, is **launching the BB Lotto** – an imaginative way to raise much needed funds at our table **on the recreation ground**. Everyone is welcome to along. Find out what this is and sign up to join the fun!

### Services on TRINITY SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**9.15am** Service of the Word

**9.30am** Holy Communion

**10.45am** Holy Communion

**11am** Holy Communion

**12.30pm** Holy Baptism

**Staindrop St Mary**

**Winston St Andrew**

**Gainford St Mary**

**Ingleton St John the Evangelist**

**Staindrop St Mary**

**LAY Worship Group-led Service of the Word**

Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop with Geoff Taylor (Homily)

Rev'd Moji Jaiyesimi

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*May the Holy Spirit, ignite in us God's holy fire; strengthen us with the gift of faith, and revive The Church with the breath of love.*

*Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop*

## NOTICES

**BAPTISMS at Staindrop St Mary on TRINITY SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> May: Please pray for Leia Jane and Jasmine Louise MERRITT.** Please pray for their Parents, Godparents, and families.

**WEDDING:** Our warmest congratulations to Sandy and Charlotte Gray who were married on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May at St John the Evangelist Church, Ingleton. We are delighted for them and their families and wish them God's richest blessings.

**TODDLERS at Staindrop take a rest during school holidays, otherwise are normally on Thursdays 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.

## ADVANCED NOTICE

**Save the dates 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July when St Andrew's Winston invites everyone to their 'Celebration of Wedding Dresses and Flowers'.** To find out more get in touch with Paula or Chrissie.



ST. ANDREW'S, WINSTON  
PRESENTS  
**A CELEBRATION OF  
WEDDING DRESSES & FLOWERS**

Come and join us at St. Andrews,  
for a magical display of wedding dresses and  
floral arrangements.

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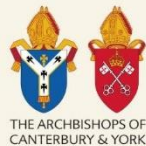
Preview Evening  
with Refreshments & Entertainment  
Friday 5th July 7.00pm - 9.00pm  
Tickets £15 from Joyce 07786072830

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Saturday 6th July - Sunday 7th July  
11.00am - 4.00pm  
Entrance on the door £5.00 - children free  
Grand Raffle  
Refreshments served at Winston Village Hall



## As we approach our nation's General Elections:



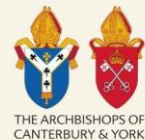
### Statement from the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York

The coming General Election is a critical moment in the life of our nation, which will shape our future by electing those who will make decisions affecting generations to come.

It is a time for us all – people of all faiths and of none – to ask important questions about what kind of country we want to be.

We are facing epic challenges both in our country and our world: from questions of war and peace to poverty and injustice, and the very future of the Earth God has given us.

Faced with such huge questions, our instinct as Christians is to turn to God in prayer and so we want to put prayer at the very heart of this campaign.



We are therefore inviting everyone who is willing to dedicate the next few weeks as a time not just to think about the big questions, but to pray for our nation and our world. And we want to invite everyone to think about how we all can play our part both as voters and, more broadly, as citizens.

We would add a plea that no matter how big the issues at stake over the next few weeks, this will be a time marked by respect for one another, for good grace and a commitment to truth and integrity.

It is our prayer that, even in the heat of the debate, we will treat each other with respect and kindness.

And we give thanks for the dedication of all who stand for public office in service of our communities – often at great personal cost – and those who support the process.

*The Most Revd Justin Welby*  
Archbishop of Canterbury

*The Most Revd Stephen Cottrell*  
Archbishop of York

**Let us continue to hold our troubled world in prayer, especially remembering the people caught in conflict and whose homes are being destroyed by aggression including The Ukraine and Palestine.**

O God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world.

Our hearts are breaking with images of lives lost and torn apart by grief in The Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Palestine.

We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging work of rebuilding may begin.

Help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so that in our differences we may build together for justice and peace.

In Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

## **COLLECT for TRINITY**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty to  
worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore be defended from all  
adversities;  
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

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and  
Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever. Amen

## **TRINITY SUNDAY Readings**

### **Romans 8:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— <sup>13</sup> for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

### **John 3:1-17**

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup> ‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.