

The 10th Week after TRINITY – NEWSLETTER
4th – 10th August 2024

Greetings from Eileen

I hope this finds you well. In particular that summer's warmth and sunshine have lifted your spirits with opportunities to do summery things!

As Brian and I return to England (with jet lag that has journeyed with us), **I want to especially thank our parish and church teams at Gainford, Ingleton, Staindrop and Winston**, for serving our parishioners and communities so visibly with such joy and care. Thanks especially to my colleagues Reverends Moji, Susanne, and David, for presiding at services, including the Blessing of Animals, weddings, baptisms and funerals – July turning out to be a particularly busy month. Thank you GATHER church leaders, Tom, Claire, and Sheila, who provided our newsletters in my absence sharing their distinctive expression of church; and thanks also to Missioner Sarah Fells and Rev'd Moji with school governors from our churches and churchwardens for blessing our close relationships at the Leavers' Services.

I was delighted and very thankful to follow reports of the Wedding Dresses and Floral Celebration at Winston St Andrew's and the many heartening responses to fundraising requests for Ingleton St John the Evangelist Church – congratulations and well done to our event team and PCCs.

Here is a collage of photographs that tell a little of Brian and my month away that began in Kent before flying across the Atlantic to Toronto, Canada, then eastwards to Singapore – intense yet blessed. I wish to thank you all for your prayers especially for my parents – my mum was able to engage selectively to bless us all, and my father despite frail strength is upheld by his devoted care for my mum. Their time is near, but they have peace in the knowledge of God's sovereign promise of eternal life. That is a great comfort to us as we left.



Services on the 10th Sunday after TRINITY 4th August 2024

9.15am Service of the Word **Staindrop St Mary** Worship Group
9.30am Holy Communion **Winston St Andrew** Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop
10.45am Holy Communion **Gainford St Mary** Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

No Service this Sunday at Ingleton St John the Evangelist Church. Rev'd Moji Jayeisi is resting these 2 Sundays.

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens, cleanse you by his holiness, and send you to proclaim his word.

Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

Announcements

Let us **continue to pray for the bereaved** loved ones of Dorothy Jean Walton (Staindrop), and Vera Featherstone (Winston); whose funerals took place recently, and David Harrison, whose funeral will be held next Wednesday 7th August at St Mary's Church, Gainford.

Congratulations to Gainford St Mary's parishioners Charlotte and Liam Hutton who were married last Saturday. We pray every blessing on their marriage.



NOTICES

Warm and Welcome are on summer break resuming in September.

Summer Holiday Club: We are inviting Primary-aged children and youth to a great day of fun at our Youth Saints and Messy Church HOLIDAY CLUB on **THURSDAY 29th August** – meeting at St Mary's Church, Gainford for outdoor and indoor activities. **Contact our Missioner Sarah Fells using the email address: StMary's@gainfordwinston.church**



Summer Holiday Club
Thursday 29th August at St Mary's Church, Gainford

Games		Bible stories
Craft		Drama

10.00-3.00pm
£2 per child *Picnic lunch provided*
Open to all primary school aged children
Completed consent form needed to take part

To book in or for more info:
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Holiday Club Celebration

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE CHILDREN & TEAM IN A SHORT ACT OF WORSHIP LED BY CLAIRE, OUR ORDINAND -IN -TRAINING.

THU 29th AUG, 2.30-3pm
ST MARY'S CHURCH, GAINFORD

We'd love to see you then!

COLLECT for 10th after TRINITY

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS

Ephesians 4:1-16

¹ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' ⁹ (When it says, 'He

ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)

¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

John 6:24-35

²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' ²⁶ Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.' ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.'

²⁸ Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' ²⁹ Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.'

³⁰ So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ³² Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' ³⁴ They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

³⁵ Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'