

The 13th Week after TRINITY – NEWSLETTER
25th – 31st August 2024

Greetings from Eileen

'Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.' Psalm 136:1

The many translations of this familiar and memorable verse all express the Psalmist's view that **THE LORD 'IS GOOD'**. It occurs to me that we do not always feel that the Lord is good when we find ourselves in a time of trial. But the Psalmist goes on to explain what it is about the Lord that is good: *'His faithful love endures forever'*; *'His steadfast love endures forever'*; *'His loving devotion endures forever'*; *'his mercy endures for ever'*; *'His lovingkindness is everlasting'*; among the descriptions of the Lord's goodness. We may indeed not find ourselves filled with the Lord's goodness of love, devotion, mercy, and lovingkindness, that is so faithful, secure, steadfast, enduring, everlasting, and forever, if we choose to distance ourselves from God just at the very moment we need Him.

Unlike those who do not know the Lord, or who have determined in their hearts that there is no God, we know we can choose to seek the Lord and ask for His goodness especially when our hearts and minds are shaken by human troubles. The world is a trying place both near and far. Let us choose God, choose His gift of kindness, mercy, love, and peace with others and within ourselves.



The team leaders of **GATHER Church Teesdale** took time out **on retreat in Buttermere** in the Lake District to seek God's continuing guidance and vision as we journey on into our second year of this new church plant. What a joy it was to join together in the most beautiful and awe inspiring place, where God's hand is revealed in every detail of His amazing creation. We worshipped, we sang, we prayed, we walked, we ate together and shared our thoughts and stories. We now press on to share the love of God in all the places and lives where God continues to lead us.

As I write, gathered at their secondary schools, **students are receiving their GCSE results**. Our young people, wherever they are in their life journeys, are very much part of our mission and ministry. They are both the church's present and future because only with them are we able to shape our lives sustainably and wholly as churches in Christ's body. Let us pray for them, whether they are rejoicing or disappointed at this time.

Summertime has another couple of weeks to be enjoyed whatever the weather and wherever you may be! But **look at the next page for our SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB for all our children on Thursday 29th August** in Gainford, and more dates for your diaries of other gatherings in the coming weeks.

Services on the 13th Sunday after TRINITY 25th August 2024

9.15am	Holy Communion	Staindrop St Mary	Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop Tom Deakin preaching
9.30am	Holy Communion	Winston St Andrew	Rev'd Moji Jaiyesimi
10.45am	Holy Communion	Gainford St Mary*	Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop Tom Deakin preaching
11am	Holy Communion	Ingleton St John the Evangelist	Rev'd Moji Jaiyesimi

* We are delighted to welcome Angus 14 and Amelia 12, nephew and niece of Lord Barnard, to Gainford St Mary, who will be our organists this Sunday. Their grandmother Rosemary (Gore-Booth), sister to the late John, Lord Barnard, had been a churchwarden at St Mary's, and their great grandmother the Dowager Lady Barnard was an active congregant and parishioner, who lived at The White House, Gainford.

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

Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

NOTICES



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

Games

Craft



Bible stories

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!

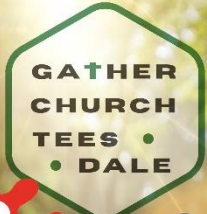
Summer Holiday Club: We are inviting **Primary-aged children and youth** to a great day of fun at our Youth Saints and Messy Church HOLIDAY CLUB on **THURSDAY 29th August** – meeting at St Mary's Church, Gainford for outdoor and indoor activities. **Contact our Missioner Sarah Fells using the email address: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

BIG FAITH FEAST

INGLETON PAVILION

EVERYONE WELCOME

Family Scavenger Hunt & Fun Crafts



JOINING WITH
Messy Church

7th September
3-5 PM

BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC AND BLANKET
Drinks provided



Car access via Gainford Rd, DL2 3HQ

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An exciting collaboration of **GATHER Church** with **MESSY CHURCH** is their welcome to **THE BIG FAITH FEAST!**

Everyone has the opportunity of stretching out the summer at this **picnic with a difference**.

Come along for **a time of fun with God's glorious blessing** with games, a scavenger hunt, crosswords, crafts, music, prayer, and praise.

For more information contact Sheila
info@gatherchurchteesdale.com

Other advance notices: From September – get in touch with me to find out more.

† **Weekly Tuesday lunchtime prayer gathering for our parishes' ministry and mission** hosted by Jen Hindhaugh in Gainford.

† **Discipleship Fellowship and Bible Study hosted in Staindrop.**

COLLECT for 13th after TRINITY

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to
yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly
pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵ As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

John 6:59-69

⁵⁹ He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' ⁶¹ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵ And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Personal prayers for difficult times

Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices. *St Teresa of Avila*

O Blessed Jesus, give me stillness of soul in You. Let Your mighty calmness reign in me. Rule me, O King of Gentleness, King of Peace. *St John of the Cross*

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. And for all your love's sake. Amen. *Attributed to St Augustine*