

The 14th Week after TRINITY – NEWSLETTER

1st – 7th September 2024

Greetings from Eileen

'Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them'

Psalm 127:3-4



The children and families had a great time. A child remarked: *"When does it end because I don't want to go home"*! Together with our church teams everyone had a **great day at our Summer Holiday Club.**

Our churches are blessed when our quiver is full of joy-filled children and families, blessed by our church teams prayerfully planning and leading in faith and hope. We thank Scripture Union for being with us too.



We pray for our children as they start a **new school year.** Our Parish Churches contribute towards governance of our 3 church primary schools, Gainford, Ingleton, and Staindrop. We have **vacancies for foundation governors.** If you'd love our children's education to be grounded in faith and introduce them to the love of Christ, do consider taking up this role.

A new development: our church plant GATHER is sponsoring Sarah, our Missioner, to Staindrop Academy and to older youth from our parishes including former Youth Saints. The Academy has welcomed us in to develop Christian discipleship and to help students to explore 'the big questions'.



We have **Baptisms/Christenings during our Sunday morning services** soon. This Sunday, Huxley Campbell will be baptised at Staindrop St Mary at 9.15am; and on Sunday 15th September, Edward Challen will be baptised at Gainford St Mary's 10.45am service.

Services on the 14th Sunday after TRINITY 1st September 2024

9.15am Holy Communion With Baptism	Staindrop St Mary	Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop
9.30am Holy Communion	Winston St Andrew	Rev'd Moji Jaiyesimi
10.45am Holy Communion	Gainford St Mary	Rev'd Moji Jaiyesimi

No service at Ingleton St John the Evangelist this week.

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

NOTICES

BIG FAITH FEAST
INGLETON PAVILION
EVERYONE WELCOME
Family Scavenger Hunt & Fun Crafts

GATHER
CHURCH
TEES •
DALE

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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NEXT SATURDAY 7th September 3-5pm is the GATHER Church and MESSY CHURCH 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

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

† **Discipleship Fellowship and Bible Study** hosted in Staindrop by Linda Hausmanis

† **Every THURSDAY mornings TODDLER GROUP** hosted at Staindrop St Mary's

† **Every FRIDAY mornings WARM & WELCOME** in Gainford Village Hall

LICENSING OF LAY MINISTERS

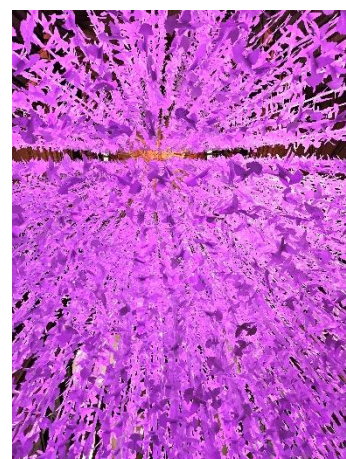
We are delighted that **PAULA HARRISON KIRKUP**, PCC member of Winston St Andrew and Chair of Governors at Staindrop Church of England Primary School **will be licensed as an AUTHORISED LAY CHILDREN'S MINISTER**; and **TOM DEAKIN**, Co-Lead of our church plant GATHER, Pilgrimage Lead and Technology Lead for our 4 parishes, PCC member of Winston St Andrew, and Gainford Parishioner, **will be licensed as a LAY MINISTER OF THE WORD, on Saturday 14th September I am at Durham Cathedral**. Everyone is most welcome to attend their licensing service to bless them with your support.



PEACE at Durham Cathedral

I was glad to make space for prayer in the cathedral beneath the Peace Doves, joining the thousands who had written their heartfelt prayers for peace:

Peace for our troubled world; peace within our troubled hearts; peace amongst our friends and communities; and peace in our families.



COLLECT for the 14th after TRINITY

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in 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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and
fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS

James 1.17-27

¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of light, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹ You must understand this my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word but not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in the mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶ If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Mark 7.1-8,14,15,21-23

¹ Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ² they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' ⁶ He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honour me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
⁷ in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines."

¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.'

²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'