The 6th Week after TRINITY – NEWSLETTER 7th – 13th July 2024

Greetings from Eileen

The sun has got his hat on! We have enjoyed another week of being blessed in our ministry across our churches and there is more throughout the summer.

This weekend's highlight is at **Winston St Andrew's Church**. Whether you've chosen to enjoy Friday's Preview Evening or be there on Saturday and Sunday, I'm sure you'll have a wonderful time. Photographs are permitted, and perhaps you'd write to let us know what you've particularly enjoyed!





Ingleton St John the Evangelist Church has a new Noticeboard! It comes at an appropriate time when we look forward to doing more with our school and in our parish. Only a year ago, we were close to being unable to continue without a churchwarden and viable church council. We are still appealing for support from the community knowing that our church and the work we do is appreciated.

Staindrop CE Primary School celebrated their first Communion Collective Worship with many in Years 5 and 5 choosing to experience the bread and wine or to receive a Blessing. The whole school spent a day in St Mary's Church, Staindrop, engaging with Prayer Spaces that deepened their understanding of what it means to be in Communion with Christ. Rev'd Moji administered Communion with Ordinand Jess while I presided at the service, all prepared by Missioner Sarah.



GATHER CHURCH convenes outdoors on Winston's Millennium Green with Durham Wildlife Trust on Saturday 13th July 2-5pm. ALL ARE WELCOME. Themed to explore wildlife and engage creatively with nature, everyone can look forward to fun and adventure whatever age. There will be food and refreshments as well as a time of Worship. We pray that God favours us with perfect weather to welcome many to this event.

Services on the 6th Sunday after TRINITY 7th July 2024

9.15am Holy Communion
 9.30am Holy Communion
 10.45am Holy Communion
 Staindrop St Mary Rev'd Moji Jaiyesimi
 Winston St Andrew Rev'd Susanne Jukes
 Gainford St Mary Rev'd Susanne Jukes

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

Brian and I will be abroad to be with family until the first week in August. Your prayers are greatly appreciated, and I am very grateful to colleagues and church leaders for continuing to lead and extend care in my absence.

GATHER leaders, Tom, Claire, and Sheila will write our Newsletters for the rest of July.

SPECIAL FEATURE



Eleven years ago, I was ordained Priest in Canterbury Cathedral by Archbishop Justin Welby.

Last Saturday, one of our Ordinands on Placement was ordained Deacon by Bishop Nick Baines in Ripon Cathedral. Faith marks our journeys in response to

God's call to this vocation, not knowing where we will be led but trusting in God's purposes. We wish **Rev'd Simon Edens** all God's blessings, now curate of the **Masham group of parishes in the Diocese of Leeds**.



NOTICES



St Mary's Church, Gainford
Sunday 21st July
3.30 - 5.30pm
All are welcome
creative crafts food. Bible stories - worship songs
A fresh new style of family worship
For more information contact. Sarah Fells
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YOUTH SAINTS, an evening for 7 to 12 year olds from all our parishes and beyond, meets on **Thursday I I**th **July at St Mary's, Gainford.** New members are always welcome. For more information contact Missioner Sarah Fells.

ADVANCE NOTICE

MESSY CHURCH is for all the family! Sunday 21st July at Gainford St Mary's Church. Everyone

We Love our Animals in Gainford!



from all our parishes is welcome. From 3.30pm to 5.30pm enjoy crafts, actions songs, Bible stories, and food together. Invite your neighbours and friends.

HYMNS FOR HIM & HER returns to Staindrop St Mary's Church on Monday 15th July 2pm. Come along to choose your favourites and enjoy a great sing! Refreshments afterwards, and everyone is welcome. Contact Sarah Fells for information.



REGULAR EVENTS

TODDLERS at Staindrop continues every Thursdays 9am – to find out more contact Kath or Pat c/o contact@stmarysstaindrop.org.uk

Warm and Welcome continues every Friday I 0am to I 2noon 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.

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COLLECT for 6th after TRINITY

Merciful God,

you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things,

may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

² I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³ And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— ⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat.

⁵ On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷ even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸ Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹ but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Mark 6:1-13

¹ He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. ² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.