SUNDAY 14TH JULY to
SATURDAY 20th JULY 2024

NEWSLETTER

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GATHER Celebrates its 1st birthday!

This time last year GATHER was launched at Alwent Mill as we worshipped in God's Creation. It was a wonderful beginning.

We give thanks to God for each member of our Lay Leadership Team:- over the past year, each member of the team supported by Eileen has continued to listen to God's vision for this new expression of church, supported by the Cultivate (church planting) team at the diocese. It has been a joy to meet new people along the way and to build relationships with those in our communities. Most recently with our community litter picks!

As a team we continue to be thankful for the generous support of our friends in the parish churches who are journeying with. It was great to support the 'Leap of Faith' last month at St Mary's.

We have a special outdoor all-age event at *Millennium Green, Winston* this Saturday at 2pm in partnership with Durham Wildlife Trust and look forward to sharing with you more about this next week!

AT A GLANCE

GATHER'S BIRTHDAY

CELEBERATION
WEDDING FESTIVAL

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

SCHOOL LEAVERS

YOUTH SAINTS

Winston's Wedding and Flower Celebration

Winston was abuzz with wedding festivity over the weekend of 5-7 July, as it hosted the delightful Wedding and Flower Celebration. The village hall was transformed into a cosy haven where tea and cakes were enjoyed as neighbours were offered a perfect spot to catch up. Meanwhile, the church was adorned with stunning wedding dresses, creating a breathtaking display that captured just how special marriage truly is.

A huge thank you goes out to the dedicated Winston team for orchestrating such a spectacular event, ensuring everything was perfect down to the last detail. Their hard work and creativity made this weekend one to remember, filling our hearts with warmth and leaving us eagerly anticipating the next village celebration.

School Leavers

As July ends, we're gearing up for the School Leavers Services, a chance to celebrate our students' journey and achievements. It's a good time to reflect on all the learning they've completed for the year, sharing laughs, making friends, and being supported by both the excellent teaching staff, family and their fellow students.

While it's a bit of a goodbye to some familiar faces, it's just the start of something new and do pray for them as they head into their next adventure.

BLESSING of Animals service SUNDAY 14th JULY GAINFORD GREEN

Do you happen to have a furry friend, or know someone who does?

Gainford St Mary's invites you to come along with them – small and large, lively and calm, noisy and quiet – to their Blessing Service on Sunday 10:45am on Gainford Green!