

The 16th Week after TRINITY – NEWSLETTER

15th – 21st September 2024

Greetings from Eileen

'From the end of the earth I will cry to You, when my heart is overwhelmed; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.' Psalm 61:2

"FINDING YOURSELF"
IS NOT REALLY HOW IT WORKS.
YOU AREN'T A TEN-DOLLAR BILL
IN LAST WINTER'S COAT POCKET.
YOU ARE ALSO NOT LOST.
YOUR TRUE SELF IS RIGHT THERE, BURIED
UNDER CULTURAL CONDITIONING, OTHER
PEOPLE'S OPINIONS, AND INACCURATE
CONCLUSIONS YOU DREW AS A KID THAT
BECAME YOUR BELIEFS ABOUT WHO YOU ARE.
"FINDING YOURSELF" IS ACTUALLY
RETURNING TO YOURSELF.
AN UNLEARNING, AN EXCAVATION,
A REMEMBERING WHO YOU WERE
BEFORE THE WORLD GOT ITS HANDS ON YOU.
EMILY McDOWELL

I saw these 2 reflections, both using monetary analogies (a \$10 bill and \$86,400 in an account). I suspect people can relate to these, those who have faith in Christ or those who do not. **'Finding Yourself'** calls out the conditioning from the world that shapes us: our thoughts, values, behaviours, and judgement of ourselves, others, and the world. That conditioning could involve hard knocks that harden us, or hard knocks that compel us to seek answers in God and to find in Christ our salvation, hope, life, and truth. In Christ, the world's conditioning that condemns us and others is confronted and broken.

The other: **'Imagine this'**, offers a reality check of how wasteful it is to spend our thoughts, feelings, energy,

Imagine this: If you had \$86,400 in your account
and someone stole \$10 from you, would you be upset and throw all of the remaining \$86,390 away in hopes of getting back at the person? Or move on and live? Right, move on and live. We all have 86,400 seconds each day. Don't let someone's negative 10 seconds ruin the remaining 86,390. Don't sweat the small stuff, life is bigger than that.

and actions on those occasions when someone has been unkind, unjust, and destructive towards us. We deplete the person whom God fashioned by His handiwork, our lives, and our blessings, when we look back or dwell on those times and events that belittle the person God loves. Those who continue in their destructive ways that hurt and harm others will find their ultimate reckoning before the throne of God Almighty.

Food for thought, Food for our bodies and our souls!

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.

Place: Gainford Village Hall
Date: Friday September 27th
Time: 10.30am - 12.30 pm
Contact: Wendy Broderick
01325 730665

Simply scan this QR code with your phone to donate to your nearest Coffee Morning. It's easy, quick and secure. Thank you.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

The **Warm & Welcome** members and volunteers have planned a **special coffee morning** to raise money for Macmillan cancer support. Coffee mornings like ours will be happening across the country on **Friday September 27th**. Come along anytime from 10.30am to 12.30am to Gainford Village Hall and bring your friends. You're also welcome to donate on our Just Giving page

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/wendy-broderick-1725032471791>.

If anyone would like to bake cakes or donate to our raffle prizes please get in touch, it would be greatly appreciated. Let's do something amazing and raise money to help people living with cancer. Thank you. Wendy Broderick

HUNDRED FOR HARVEST on **Sunday 29th September, 11am**, in Gainford. The **Harvest Service** is followed by a **free Ploughman's Lunch** in the village hall. **Church and School are joining together to challenge everyone to collect 100 bags of food so we can help more people in need**. Contact Geoff and Sue for free lunch tickets, call 01325 730379 or email geoffandsue379@gmail.com **Your harvest gifts will be collected during the week beginning the 22nd of September**. Leave them in church, open 10am to 4pm or at the Village Hall when the post office is open or children could bring them to school.

Services on Sunday 15th September 2024

9.15am	Holy Communion	Staindrop St Mary	Lay-Led by the Worship Group
9.30am	Holy Communion	Winston St Andrew	Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop
10.45am	Holy Communion with Baptism	Gainford St Mary	Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

Next service on Sunday 22nd September at Ingleton St John the Evangelist

Disappointing news: There was a break-in at Staindrop St Mary's Church earlier this week. The Vestry door and a stained glass window in the chancel were damaged. One the same day, St Osmund's R C Church in Gainford was also broken into, with a little money taken and a window broken.

Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

NOTICES

Baptism: Please pray for Edward Challen, his parents and Godparents, as he is brought for baptism this Sunday at Gainford. We are delighted to welcome Edward into our church family and celebrate God's love for him.

Funerals: Please pray for the families and loved ones of:

- † Joan Wooff, whose funeral will take place on Friday 27th September at 1pm in Staindrop St Mary, followed by burial in Staindrop Cemetery
- † Michael Madgwick, whose funeral will take place on Wednesday 2nd October at 2pm in Gainford St Mary.

Ingleton St John's Church PCC have launched BB Lotto an innovative and fun way to invite contribution towards perennial funds for the church's future. **Less than £9 per month offers the winning prospect of £20 each week, to increase your giving to any good causes as you wish.** God blesses our efforts that complement his provision. **To find out about BB Lotto, contact Joyce Mead**
treasurer.ingletonpcc@gmail.com

Other advance notices:

- † **Every Tuesday lunchtime prayer gathering for our parishes' ministry and mission** hosted by Jen Hindhaugh in Gainford.
- † **GATHER LIFE GROUP Discipleship Fellowship and Bible Study** hosted in Staindrop by Linda Hausmanis
- † **Suspension of Staindrop's Thursday TODDLER GROUP – we are pausing our offering and, God willing, we hope it would be resumed soon**
- † **Every 2nd THURSDAY evening 6.30-8pm is YOUTH SAINTS** hosted at Gainford St Mary's
- † **Every FRIDAY morning WARM & WELCOME** meets 10.30 -12.30 in Gainford Village Hall

LICENSING OF LAY MINISTERS

Congratulations to **PAULA HARRISON KIRKUP**, PCC member of Winston St Andrew and Chair of Governors at Staindrop Church of England Primary School **being 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, **being licensed as a LAY MINISTER OF THE WORD**, on **Saturday 14th September I am at Durham Cathedral**.

COLLECT for the 16th after TRINITY

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READINGS for the 16th after TRINITY

James 3:1-12

¹ Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴ Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸ but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Mark 7:24-37

³⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’ ²⁸ And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ ²⁹ He asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’ ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

A prayer for any day

Blessed and holy God,
 ever merciful and forgiving,
 may we turn from what is evil
 and do what is good in your sight,
 for you have saved us by the cross of your Son,
 our Saviour Jesus Christ.
 Amen