

The 20th Week after TRINITY – NEWSLETTER

13th – 19th October 2024

“Teach us your way, O Lord, that we may walk in your truth; unite our hearts to fear your name.” Psalm 86:1 | adapted



A PRAYER FOR WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Compassionate God,
as you know each star you have created,
so you know the secrets of every heart;
in your loving mercy bring to your table
all who are fearful and broken,
all who are wounded and needy,
that our hungers may be satisfied
in the city of your peace;
through Christ who is our peace. Amen.

It was God's timing that our planned focus on mental health and well-being for the 4-days Pilgrimage of Hope coincided with the designated '**World Mental Health Day**'.

On Thursday, dignitaries and pilgrims from Spain joined us to formalise the **Camino Ingles on the Camino de Santiago at Gainford**. Signs – symbols of our shared intentions and affirmed relationships



– were blessed, and prayers were said for Simon Blake, a co-designer of the Camino Ingles route who died last week. A commemorative plaque was sited by Camino Ingles Presidente Keith Taylor on the signpost.

Our season of **Harvest Thanksgiving continues with Ingleton and Winston celebrating with Rev'd Susanne Jukes and Ordinand Claire Mead this Sunday**. Meanwhile well done to Gainford St Mary's



and Primary School 100 for HARVEST teams, who exceeded their target to deliver 100 bags of food to The Well and Butterwick Hospice. While many of us may enjoy the fruit and vegetables from our gardens, orchards, and allotments, we specially thank our farmers whose work is non-stop every day of the year.

HUNDRED FOR HARVEST

WE DID IT! ----- 100 bags of food was the challenge and you donated 116. So THANK YOU GAINFORD



SCHOOL and all the donors from the community.



Gifts from the school Bags from the community



Cooks delighted with the food for the Butterwick Hospice.

Your gifts have been much appreciated by the Butterwick Hospice at Stockton and the Well Food Bank.

SO, THANK YOU and God Bless You All.



Our churches' PCCs and teams are working hard as good stewards of our churches. There are **2 fundraising events at INGLETON (Friday 15th November) and WINSTON (Saturday 2nd November)** for our diaries. It's not too early to commit to inviting family and friends to support our churches. They're most enjoyable occasions too. And yes, our first mention of Christmas!

We're very grateful to Rev'd David Spokes for offering to lead our service in Staindrop and Gainford, and Rev'd Susanne Jukes in Winston and Ingleton at short notice.

Services on Sunday 13th October 2024

9.15am Holy Communion

9.30am HARVEST Communion

10.45am Holy Communion

11am HARVEST Communion

Staindrop St Mary Rev'd David Spokes

Winston St Andrew Rev'd Susanne Jukes with Claire Mead

Gainford St Mary Rev'd David Spokes

Ingleton St John Rev'd Susanne Jukes with Claire Mead



Nurture us in fellowship, Lord, that as brothers and sisters we may journey in peace to your blessed kingdom.

Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop



Our parishes were bathed in the mystical canopy of the Aurora Borealis Northern Lights – a shared blessing of wonder for those who slept and those who saw! Here is **Ingleton St John the Evangelist's Church** and **Staindrop St Mary's Church** in this special night sky.

Meanwhile, we are delighted that **Staindrop St Mary's new Tower Team of Bellringers** are determined to grow from strength to strength with Tower Captain Mark Palmer with the help

from Helen Scott, who has been supporting us from the team in Barnard Castle, and of Alex Johnston, Tower Captain at Gainford. Anyone interested to learn how to ring at Staindrop is invited to get in touch with Mark. The **new training begins with a session on 2nd November 10.30 to 11.0.30am** in Staindrop St Mary's Church: mark@palmerfrost.plus.com

NOTICES

SUSPENSION of Staindrop's Thursday TODDLER GROUP – God willing, we hope to resume soon

MESSY CHURCH WELCOMES FAMILIES particularly with children on **Sunday 20th October 3.30pm** in St Mary's, Gainford. **Everyone welcome from all our parishes!**

Warm & Welcome at Gainford Village Hall continues on Friday at 10am to 12noon. Delicious cake is assured as are hot drinks with their warm and jolly welcome.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October is also designated by The Church of England as Black History Month. As part of Black History Month, we are invited to watch a selection of films on Racial Justice.

Here are links to each of the films:

Visitor: cofe.io/visitor-film

Chocolate Digestive: cofe.io/chocolate-digestive-film

After the Flood: cofe.io/after-the-flood

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Among the Jewish holiest festivals is Yom Kippur – from the evening of Friday 11th October to Saturday 12th October. We know that peace is sorely needed in the Holy Land this day. Amidst escalating conflict and animosity is human inflicted devastation and destruction, and people are maimed and killed. Let us neither descend into apathy nor into hopelessness. Let us pray in faith to God whose love and mercy exceeds our understanding.

**O God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world.
Our hearts are breaking with images of lives lost and torn apart by grief in Israel and Palestine.
We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging work of rebuilding may begin.
Help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so that in our differences we may build together for justice and peace.
In Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

COLLECT for the 20th after TRINITY

God, the giver of life,
 whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
 by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of
 Christ
 and make us eager to do your will,
 that we may share with the whole creation
 the joys of eternal life;
 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 our Father,
 whose Son, the light unfailing,
 has come from heaven to deliver the world
 from the darkness of ignorance:
 let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our
 understanding
 that we may know the way of life,
 and walk in it without stumbling;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings (For Staindrop and Ingleton)***Hebrews 4: 12 – end***

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Mark 10: 17 – 31

¹⁷ As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'