

The 21st Week after TRINITY – NEWSLETTER

20th – 26th October 2024

'When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.' Isaiah 43:2



Children from Year 1 of Staindrop Primary School came into Staindrop St Mary's Church to learn about what it means to be Baptised or Christened. In baptism, we are invited to 'pass through the waters' – a symbol of being cleansed from our sins, of rising from the water of baptism into new life in Christ our Lord and Saviour. These young ones were eager and attentive, and we pray that even in that hour the seed of Faith may be sown in them that they would know that God is with them throughout their lives, led through the dark to come securely through their storms and valleys.

FAITH is when
YOU praise God in the storm,
YOU trust Him in the valley, and
YOU follow Him in the dark.

Staindrop St Mary's celebrates their Harvest Thanksgiving this Sunday!

I am thankful for clergy colleagues from the diocese taking our services at short notice this month. The Rev'd Steve Muneza, Lead Tutor of Contextual Learning for Ordinands in Cranmer Hall, St John's College, University of Durham, will be at Staindrop to lead their Harvest Service. He will find a familiar face in Ordinand Claire Mead, who will be at that service, and Missioner Sarah Fells will be joined by seWorship Leaders and Mini-Disciples from Staindrop Primary School. They will be reading the Gospel and enacting a Harvest sketch.



GATHER church is LITTER PICKING again! Do join them on THURSDAY 24th October 10.30-11.30am outside Scarth Hall, STAINDROP. All equipment would be provided.



I repeat last week's invitation to the **2 fundraising events at INGLETON (Friday 15th November) and WINSTON (Saturday 2nd November)**. Do bring family, friends and neighbours to support our churches.

2 of our Parish Churches are commemorating All Souls: Ingleton St John the Evangelist Church invites names of departed loved ones to be remembered at their All Souls Communion Service on Sunday 27th October 11am. Staindrop St Mary's All Souls Evening Prayer will be held on Saturday 2nd November at 3.30pm. The books for names are available in both churches, open daily during daylight hours.



Services on Sunday 20th October 2024

9.15am HARVEST Communion **Staindrop St Mary**
9.30am Holy Communion **Winston St Andrew**
10.45am Holy Communion **Gainford St Mary**
3.30pm **MESSY CHURCH** **Gainford St Mary**

Rev'd Steve Muneza
 Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop
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 Sheila Jones, Sarah Fells, and Team

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

Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

NOTICES

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

Are you interested to offer a couple of hours once or twice a month to help with **Staindrop's Thursday TODDLER GROUP**? Please get in touch with Sarah Fells. We hope to resume our provision soon.



Our Churches provide Christian foundation and support our Primary Schools in Gainford and Ingleton through the voluntary roles of Foundation Councillors (Governors). We have several vacancies for this important role.



Please speak to Judith Pressley, Churchwarden at Ingleton St John the Evangelist Church, or Vicar Eileen to find out more or to express your interest.

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.



ADVANCED NOTICE

Gainford St Mary's Christmas Market Saturday 30th November.
Please get in touch with Sue Taylor 01325 730379 if you would like a stall or know of someone who would like a stall at £5 each. Raffle prizes are also always appreciated!

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

**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 21st after TRINITY

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord,
to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that they may be cleansed from all their sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
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

Father of light,
in whom is no change or shadow of turning,
you give us every good and perfect gift
and have brought us to birth by your word of
truth:
may we be a living sign of that kingdom
where your whole creation will be made perfect
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings (For Winston and Gainford)***Hebrews 5.1-10***

¹ Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³ and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴ And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son,

today I have begotten you';

⁶ as he says also in another place,

'You are a priest for ever,

according to the order of Melchizedek.'

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Mark 10:35-45

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' ³⁶ And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' ³⁷ And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' ³⁹ They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'