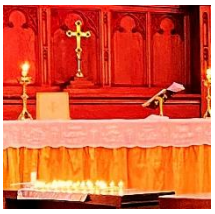
The 23rd Week after TRINITY – All Saints and All Souls NEWSLETTER
3rd -9th November 2024

'*The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, that shines brighter and brighter until the full light of day.*'
Proverbs 4:18



The Service of Commemoration of the Faithful Departed with Holy Communion was held in **Ingleton St John the Evangelist Church** last Sunday, and **Staindrop St Mary's** on Saturday 2nd November.

On Remembrance Sunday, with our nation, the Commonwealth, many countries across the world, Acts and Services of Remembrance will be held in our parishes. Gainford and Ingleton hold theirs outdoors at 10.30am and 10.45am respectively, and Staindrop's inside St Mary's Church at 10.45am. Winston's Act of Remembrance would be held in St Andrew's at 9.30am. Veterans at the Remembrance service in Staindrop are inviting everyone to join them for refreshments at Staindrop's Masonic Hall after the service.

The Poppy is now synonymous with Remembrance, but its particular significance is not as widely known as it ought. We wear the poppy on our right side. The red represents the blood of all who gave their lives, the black represents the mourning of those who didn't have their loved ones return home, and the green leaf represents the grass and crops growing and future prosperity after the war destroyed so much. The leaf should be positioned at 11 o'clock to represent the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the time that World War One formally ended.

And **we must not cease praying** for places as still today we are saddened by war and conflict around the world. In particular, we know God's love is poured out to those in anguish from the war in the Holy Land and surrounding area. We also pray for the long-suffering people of Ukraine.

Meanwhile, we are pleased to bring other news from our parishes.

† Our **Ordinand in Training, Claire Mead** has been invited to serve her **Title Post as Assistant Curate in Central Hartlepool Group of Parishes**, and will be serving alongside The Reverend John Bell, Priest in Charge of St Luke's Hartlepool and All Saints Stranton. She will leave us for Hartlepool in June as she prepares for her Ordination and Licensing during Petertide at the end of June 2025.

† **Gainford St Mary's Assistant Organist Llewelyn (Joshua) Blezard-Greenwell, now 17, has been appointed Organ Scholar at St David's Cathedral, Wales.** As a full scholar, Llewelyn will be relocating to St David's at the end of summer 2025. We are delighted and proud of him and wish him all the very best.

Staindrop and Gainford St Mary's Churches welcome Canon Charlie Allen from the Cathedral this Sunday.

Services on Sunday 3rd November 2024 on the Feast of All Saints

9.15am	Holy Communion	**Staindrop St Mary**	Rev'd Canon Charlie Allen
9.30am	Service of the Word	**Winston St Andrew**	Lay leaders
10.45am	Holy Communion	**Gainford St Mary**	Rev'd Canon Charlie Allen
5pm	All Saints Choral Evensong	Ordinand Claire Mead with St Mary's Quire	

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

Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

Bereavements

Please pray for the families and loved ones of:

- The late **John Robson of Staindrop**, whose funeral service will take place in Staindrop, St Mary's Church on Wednesday 6th November at 11am followed by a Service at Wear Valley Crematorium.
- The late **Violet Scurr of Ingleton**, whose funeral service will take place in Ingleton, St John the Evangelist's Church on Tuesday 12th November at noon followed by burial in the churchyard.

NOTICES

Come along to support our teams at these **fundraising events at WINSTON (Saturday 2nd November)** and **INGLETON (Friday 15th November).**

Do bring family, friends and neighbours to support our churches.

And come along to **INGLETON's COFFEE MORNING on Saturday 9th November 10.30 to 12 noon, which is raising funds for Ingleton St John the Evangelist Church** £2.

Come along also to **Staindrop St Mary's Autumn Fayre on Saturday 16th November!**

At 7.30pm on Saturday 23rd November in Staindrop Oliver's Garden, Sarah Fells is hosting a fundraising TEMPLESPA spa experience with Debbie Fletcher.

Come and enjoy 2 hours of relaxation; enjoy a beautiful facial using award winning products; learn skincare tips and advice on how to create your personal skincare routine; and take advantage of special offers and do some Christmas shopping whilst raising money for the Church and be rejuvenated. Spaces are limited so email sarah.fells@gmail.com or see Sarah by 16th November if you can make it.

And 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.

GAINFORD ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS MARKET is on 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!

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR SPAIN

With pupils, staff and families on half term holiday and prepare to return, we think of the people of Valencia, Spain – among the places enjoyed by many visitors and pilgrims, who have been sadly affected by the sudden rains and floods. Here is a prayer shared by the Diocese of Truro:

Merciful Father,

We come to You with hearts filled with grief, lifting up the people of Spain who have been devastated by severe flooding. We mourn for the lives lost, the over ninety-five souls taken too soon, and the countless families shattered by loss. We ask You to cradle those who grieve in Your arms; grant them comfort, peace, and strength as they try to cope with this unbearable sorrow.

Lord, we also hold in our prayers those who have lost their homes, their communities, and their sense of security. For those who now face a difficult path toward rebuilding, grant courage and resilience. Bring them hope in the kindness and generosity of others, and surround them with the resources they need to heal and recover.

We remember, too, the suffering of animals and wildlife affected by this catastrophe. For the animals lost or injured, and for the ecosystems damaged by the floods, we pray for Your mercy. Be with the animals seeking shelter, the birds displaced, and all creatures impacted by the rising waters. Guide efforts to protect and restore wildlife and habitats so that life can once again flourish.

Father, bless the first responders, volunteers, and all those who give of themselves to rescue, comfort, and rebuild. Grant them strength, wisdom, and safety as they work tirelessly in the face of such destruction.

May the people of Spain feel the support and love of the global community, united in compassion. Restore hope, bring healing, and allow renewal to touch all who suffer, human and animal alike. We place our trust in You, our source of peace and comfort, and ask You to carry them through this dark time.

In Your holy name, we pray, Amen.

COLLECT for the BIBLE SUNDAY

O almighty God,
who hast knit together thine elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
which thou hast prepared for them that
unfeignedly love thee;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O God,
the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
grant that we, who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth,
may with all thy saints
be welcomed to the heavenly feast
in the day of thy kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Revelation 21:1-6

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and
the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from
God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
'See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'
5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write
this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' 6 Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the
Omega, the beginning and the end.

John 11:32-44

32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had
been here, my brother would not have died.' 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came
with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34 He said, 'Where have you
laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' 35 Jesus began to weep. 36 So the Jews said, 'See how
he loved him!' 37 But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept
this man from dying?'

38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against
it. 39 Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already
there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' 40 Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if
you believed, you would see the glory of God?' 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked
upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I have
said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' 43 When
he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' 44 The dead man came out, his hands
and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and
let him go.'

At Choral Evensong: Psalm 148; 150; Revelation 7.2-12; Matthew 5.1-12