

## 29<sup>th</sup> June – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025 **ST PETER & ST PAUL, TRINITY 2 NEWSLETTER**

*In the day when I cried out, You answered me, and made me bold with strength in my soul. (Psalm 138:3)*

Dear friends,



**It's been a week of such lows in our parishes and thankful highs.** In the extended warm sunny summer days, tragedy befell in our endearing River Tees. We are saddened at the drowning of a young man in the river near the former St Peter's in Gainford. Less than a week after, a Langton resident has died from injuries inflicted by his own car while he worked on it in his garage. Life cannot be taken lightly nor for granted. *'The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away'*. As we pray for them and their loved ones, we must surely give thanks for each day with all enjoyment that we have.

Amidst the lows, was a special joy to share services with ecumenical colleagues. At the wedding service of Alice Hodgson to James McGonagle, family friend and priest of the McGonagles **Fr Canon Eugene McGillyCuddy, joined me in Gainford St Mary** on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June.



**The Ordination of Claire Mead as Deacon takes place this Sunday** in Durham Cathedral. Claire brought her stole to Gainford Primary School to show them the designs that the children created on the stole she will wear. I joined Claire and others to be ordained at Auckland Palace, where they signed documents in advance of their Ordination retreat.

An appeal for people to open their gardens **in Gainford to raise funds for St Mary's Church** was a great success with people contacting Church members eager to help. We are very grateful to their generosity.

**Twelve gardens will be open on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

**between 2pm and 5pm.** There are all kinds of gardens open, riverside garden, surprising gardens, courtyards with fishponds, a tiny garden with raised beds full of flowers and a quirky garden with a wildflower meadow. Some have vegetable beds and there are lots of ideas for your own garden. There's a **plant stall by Lowfield Nuseries on the green**. Admire the Jubilee community herb garden in the church yard when you go for **tea and delicious cake in the church**. The doctor's wellness garden is also open. **Tickets with a garden map will be on sale at a gazebo on the Green. £5 children free.**



### **SERVICES THIS SUNDAY (PROPER 8 Feast of St Peter & St Paul)**

**9.30am Winston St Andrew (with Gainford St Mary)**

**Rev'd David Spokes**

**11am Ingleton St John the Evangelist (with Staindrop St Mary)**

**Rev'd David Spokes**

**5pm Festal Choral Evensong**

**Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop**

**Festal CHORAL EVENSONG at Gainford St Mary.** This is the only sung Prayer Book service in our parishes, supported by our St Mary's Choral Evensong Quire.

*Those who are right with God will live by faith. (Galatians 3:11b)*

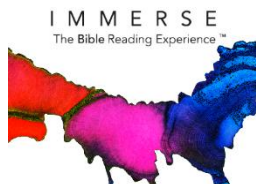
*Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop*

## **NOTICES**

- † **Pray for our CHURCHWARDENS** who pledge to serve their churches and parishes at the **VISITATION SERVICE Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 7pm All Saints Church, Blackwell, Darlington:** Everyone is welcome to support our churchwardens by coming along to our Archdeaconry's Visitation Service.
- † **NEWLY WEDS:** Pray for **James McGonagle and Alice Hodgson** who were married on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 1pm at Gainford St Mary's.**
- † **CONFIRMATIONS:** Are you baptised and would like to be confirmed? Do you feel prompted to receive Communion? Teenagers and Adults are welcome to be Baptised and Confirmed at the same service. Paula has arranged 4 preparation sessions in September for pupils in Years 5,6, and 7. Please speak to her to sign up. Sarah with Tom is arranging 2 Confirmation sessions for older teenagers and adults in late July and early September. Please see her for information and to sign up.



## **DISCIPLESHIP AND FELLOWSHIP**



**GATHER LIFEGROUP** meets fortnightly on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 7pm** usually at **32 North Green, STAINDROP** [info@gatherchurchteesdale.com](mailto:info@gatherchurchteesdale.com). Transport is available from Gainford, Winston, and Ingleton. New members, most welcome. **EXPLORE FAITH THROUGH SHARING & BIBLE READING** with **GATHER**



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### **COLLECT for Sts Peter & Paul**

Almighty God,  
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul  
glorified thee in their death as in their life:  
grant that thy Church,  
inspired by their teaching and example,  
and made one by thy Spirit,  
may ever stand firm on the one foundation  
which is thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

### **COLLECT for TRINITY 2**

O Lord, who hast taught us  
that all our doings without charity are nothing  
worth:  
send thy Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent  
gift of charity,  
the very bond of peace and of all virtues  
without which whosoever liveth is counted  
dead before thee;  
grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's  
sake,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (Apostles & Evangelists)**

O Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and  
fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (T2)**

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee,  
that the course of this world may be so  
peaceably ordered  
by thy governance  
that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all  
godly quietness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **First Reading (Sts Peter & Sts Paul): 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17-18**

<sup>6</sup> As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup> The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Gospel (St Peter & Sts Paul): Matthew 16.13-19**

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' <sup>14</sup> And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' <sup>15</sup> He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'