

## 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025 TRINITY 4 NEWSLETTER

*Taste and see that the Lord is good. (Psalm 34:8)*

**For the young in age among us, another school year is concluding.**

We wish all school children, students, teachers and staff a good rest as they look forward to their summer holiday. And we offer a double dose of good wishes to those who are transitioning from primary to secondary school, from secondary into sixth forms or colleges, from colleges to universities, and out of formal education institutions to take up whatever opportunity they choose. I hope our young friends would feel assured by the constancy of church, and being part of the church family, amidst these changes.



### A BIG THANK YOU

to the **Gainford St Mary's OPEN GARDENS** team.

We are grateful to Geoff and Sue our organisers, those who offered their 12 gardens, the nursery with plants for sale, our tea and cake team, and Peter and Sheila in the reception gazebo, who together enabled St Mary's Church to receive more than £960 on an afternoon when God answered prayers for rain!



**This Sunday STAINDROP ST MARY'S invites everyone to their first CARNIVAL PRAISE SERVICE!** At 2pm, outdoors on our churchyard, we shall lift our thanks to God for community and celebration in song.



For the 9<sup>th</sup> year, **Gainford St Mary's** invites everyone to come along at **10.45am** to the **BLESSING OF ANIMALS SERVICE** on **Gainford's Green**. Refreshments will follow the service inside the church.



**GREAT NEWS and answer to prayer!** We look forward to the election of 2 nominated PCC members to be **Churchwardens of Staindrop St Mary's Church**. Linda Hausmanis, our recent churchwarden has decided to be elected for another term; and Helen Gourley hopes to be elected to the role for the first time. **Their elections will take place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July immediately following the 9.15am Service.**

### SERVICES THIS SUNDAY (PROPER 10 Trinity 4)

9.30am Winston St Andrew  
10.45am Gainford St Mary – **BLESSING OF ANIMALS**  
11am Ingleton St John the Evangelist  
2pm Staindrop St Mary – **CARNIVAL PRAISE**

Rev'd Moji Jaiyesimi  
Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop  
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*Rejoice in the Lord, always; and again I say rejoice!*  
Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

## **NOTICES**

- † **Please pray for the family of the late Maureen Thompson** whose funeral service will take place on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 11am in Gainford St Mary and thereafter for committal at Wear Valley Crematorium, followed by refreshments in Headlam Hall.
- † **Please pray for Mandy, family and friends of the late John Waterson of Langton**, whose funeral service will take place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 11am in Gainford St Mary and thereafter for committal at Darlington Crematorium Chapel, followed by refreshments in Headlam Hall.
- † **BAPTISM:** We are delighted that **Lauren Louise Fallows** was baptised on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July at Staindrop St Mary, and will be among the Godparents of **Etta Mitchell**, who is to be baptised **on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July in Staindrop St Mary.**
- † **Pray for Ingleton PCC** who meets on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

Places are still available with **GATHER AT THE SILL, Northumberland**, for both residential retreatants (Friday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July) and day retreatants/pilgrims on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July. **Please contact Sheila** [info@gatherchurchteesdale.com](mailto:info@gatherchurchteesdale.com)



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## **COLLECT for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Eternal God,  
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the  
broken,  
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,  
that all the world may acknowledge  
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## **First Reading: Colossians 1.1-14**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup> To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup> In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup> for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup> because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup> that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup> This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup> and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup> For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup> so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## **The Gospel: Luke 10:25-37**

<sup>25</sup> Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' <sup>26</sup> He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' <sup>27</sup> He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

<sup>29</sup> But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' <sup>37</sup> He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'