

28th September – 4th October 2025 TRINITY 15 MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS NEWSLETTER

"For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways."

(Psalm 91:11)

Dear friends,

It has been a full and fruitful week – an emotional farewell and blessing of Rev'd Moji with 4 thankful parishes; a wonderful **Baptism Christening Service** of 5 month-old Arabella supported by 80 family and friends (photograph from 5 year old George using his birthday modern Polaroid); and Collective Worship Communion Services at **Ingleton and Gainford Primary Schools**, who had enjoyed our churches' Open The Book team enacting stories from the Bible the week before. Photographs attest to the joy at all these occasions.



MORE TO COME in next week's newsletter **Warm and Welcome's MacMillan Coffee Morning** this Friday; **GATHER's first pilgrimage in Middleton in Upper Teesdale**; and **Staindrop Primary School's first monthly Service in Church** next Friday.

We give thanks for our special natural landscape in the changing seasons, and **here is an INGLETON autumn day**.

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY (28th September Trinity 15)

9.15am Staindrop St Mary **Lay Worship Group**
9.30am Winston St Andrew **Rev'd David Spokes**
10.45am Gainford St Mary **Rev'd David Spokes**
11am Ingleton St John **Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop**
5pm Gainford St Mary **CHORAL EVENSONG**
Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop with Sarah Fells preaching



FOCUS October magazine for **Gainford and Winston**: A wise man said, to err is human. The Bible Readings published were September's. I shall ensure the correct notice is available in our churches.

Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

NOTICES

- † **Our Centenarian Enid Burdon passed away almost 102 on Friday 29th August.** Please pray for her nephew Stephen and family. **The Funeral service with Committal will be on Thursday 2nd October 1.30pm at St Mary's Church, Gainford,** with refreshments at Headlam Hall after the service.
- † **We are deeply saddened by the death of George, dear husband of Chrissie Barnett (former churchwarden and presently Lay Chair of Winston St Andrew's PCC).** George passed away on Saturday 13th September 2025. Please pray for Chrissie and George's family. Information of funeral arrangements will be communicated when confirmed.

ADVANCED NOTICES

HARVEST SERVICES: Share these dates and invite family and neighbours. Please bring harvest gifts that we offer food banks and local hospices

Sunday 5th October at Winston St Andrew 9.30am

Sunday 12th October Staindrop St Mary 9.15am; Gainford St Mary 10.45am; and Ingleton St John the Evangelist 11am

SCHOOL HARVEST SERVICES – ALL WELCOME

Tuesday 7th October 9.30am Gainford Primary

Wednesday 8th October 9.30am Ingleton Primary

Friday 17th October 1.30pm Staindrop Primary



SOCIALS & FUNDRAISERS: Great fun for family, friends & neighbours!

Our church teams work hard to bless our churches and communities by bringing people together to eat and have fun together, and to raise funds for the ministry and work in our churches and for needy causes. **How about treat your friends and family with these as innovative birthday gifts?**

HARVEST SUPPER
with
The Barney Barbershop Quartet
Friday 10th October
7.00pm
Gainford Village Hall
BAR and RAFFLE
Tickets £12
Incl. two course supper
Ring Sue Taylor for tickets:
01325 730379
Proceeds for St Mary's Church

Instead of an invitation to supper at your home or out to a restaurant, how about inviting them to 'party' at these events?

Ingleton Village Hall
Ingleton, Darlington, DL2 3HL
presents
FOOL'S GOLD
SIREN SONG
songs and stories of the sea
17 Oct 2025
7.00pm (doors 6.30pm)
All proceeds to St. John's Church
Tickets £10 (U11 free)
treasurer.ingletonpec@gmail.com
Refreshments Available

www.foolsgoldacoustic.co.uk

COLLECT for 15th Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in
service;
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

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual
mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot
but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading (Trinity 15): 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Gospel (Trinity 15): Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹ 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames."

²⁵ But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." ²⁷ He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." ²⁹ Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." ³⁰ He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." ³¹ He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."