

7th – 13th September 2025 TRINITY 12 PROPER 18 NEWSLETTER

"Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here I am! Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)

Dear friends,

We have breaking news: Our Licensed Lay Minister in Training **Sarah Fells**, will not be licensed at Durham Cathedral on Saturday 13th September. She **has begun her training for Ordained Ministry!**



Sarah and I were informed of the Diocese's invitation for Sarah to be sponsored to join the pioneer cohort of the national Church of England pilot called 'The Elizabeth Pathway'. She had 48 hours to make a decision to stand down from her licensing in lay ministry, to accept this new sponsored provision for mature adults called to Ordained Ministry.

Sarah said: *"I am very excited over the opportunity to move to Ordained Ministry. The Elizabeth Pathway is being piloted at Lindisfarne College of Theology (one of the 3 places in England). My calling for ministry began over two years ago to serve in a Lay capacity. This new pathway gives me an opportunity to study towards ordination and continue to serve within these four parishes."* Pray for Sarah as she trains among us for a further 2 years for a life in Ordained Ministry.

The Camino de Santiago is among the most prominent and challenging pilgrimages and Gainford St Mary's is officially on the Camino Ingles. **Rosalind Salisbury**, a member of our church, is now on the Camino Francais route – on an extraordinary solo pilgrimage. Might she hear God speaking in a new and fresh way as she walks approximately 770-785 kilometers (478-487 miles), starting in Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port, France, and ending in Santiago de Compostela, Spain? Pray for Rosalind, who messaged me: *"I am fatigued after crossing the Pyrennes to Roncesvalles. Rest day today in rural alburgue to recuperate and refresh."* We look forward to hearing all about her experience on her return.



Staindrop St Mary's Worship Group and PCC spent last Saturday considering **God's Vision for our church and parish**. The venue of St Brandon's, Brancepeth, testified to new life rising from the ashes. The Victorian church's devastation by fire triggered visionary creativity to rebuild the church to the glory of God. **Our PCCs** are meeting on the 10th

(Gainford); 12th (Staindrop); 15th (Ingleson); and 22nd (Winston) of September. **We welcome new members!**

YOUTH SAINTS resumes 6.30pm on Thursday 11th in St Mary's, Gainford.

7-11 year old young people are welcome from all our parishes and neighbouring communities. **There's always room for new members!** Come along and bring friends for games, crafts, music, conversation, prayer and FOOD. Contact Sheila or Sarah: info@gainfordwinston.church



SERVICES THIS SUNDAY (7th September PROPER 18 Trinity 12)

9.15am Staindrop St Mary
9.30am Winston St Andrew
10.45am Gainford St Mary

Rev'd Susanne Jukes (**St Mary's Patronal Service**)
Lay Service of the Word: Chrissie Barnett, Lynne Loble
Rev'd Susanne Jukes (**St Mary's Patronal Service**)

I'm away this weekend as the Key Note Speaker at The UKME Ordinands and Curates Conference at Trinity College, Bristol, and delivering a Pilgrimage workshop at Carlisle Cathedral on Monday.

Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

NOTICES

- † Please pray for Alison, Luke and Peter Medd and their families at this very sad and difficult time on the death of **Alan MEDD** on 13th August. The funeral is at **Winston St Andrew's** on **Friday 12th September** at 1pm followed by a Private Burial and Committal at Whorlton Cemetery. The family welcomes everyone afterwards to the farm at West Whorley Hill.
- † Please pray for **Alastair and Sarah Fells** and their family, on the death **Alastair's father Ian Fells**. The funeral takes place on **Friday 19th September** 11.15am at The Woodlands Crematorium in Northumberland.
- † Our Centenarian **Enid Burdon** passed away almost 102 last **Friday 29th August**. Please pray for her nephew Stephen and family. Details of her service will be announced when known.

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



2pm
Saturday
6th September

GAINFORD VILLAGE SHOW

Gainford Village Hall

Tombola Raffle Teas Facepainting

Something for all to enter!

Find the schedule in the July Focus Magazine or at Gainford Horticultural Society facebook page
E-mail: sarah-heslop@sky.com for more information



In aid of
St. Mary's Church, Staindrop

Coffee Morning

Friday 12th September
in the
Scarth Hall, Staindrop

10.00am – 11.30am

Tea/coffee plus homemade goodies - £2.50

Raffle

All welcome!



Join us for a night of fun and dancing
with local band
JAKES IGUANA

Pie & Pea Supper

please advise when booking
for vegetarian or dietary options

Saturday 20th September 2025

Start at 7.30 pm
Winston Village Hall

Bring your own alcohol/drinks and glass

Tickets £15.00
Available from Joyce
07786072830

Bring cash for the raffle!

St Andrew's Fundraising Committee



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



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 (U.11 free)
treasurer.ingletonpac@gmail.com
Refreshments Available

www.foolsgoldacoustic.co.uk

COLLECT for 12th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to
pray
and to give more than either we desire or
deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience
is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading (Trinity 12): Philemon 1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ² to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸ For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

²² One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you.

²³ Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, ²⁴ and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow-workers.

²⁵ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

The Gospel (Trinity 12): Luke 14:25-33

²⁵ Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

COLLECT for St Mary’s Patronal

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of thy only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of thy eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading (St Mary’s Feast): Galatians 4:4-7

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶ And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’ ⁷ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Gospel (St Mary’s Feast): Luke 1:46-55

⁴⁶ And Mary said, ‘My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
⁴⁸ for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’