

12th – 18th October 2025 TRINITY 17 HARVEST (continued) NEWSLETTER

"I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest" (John 4:35b)

Dear friends,

Our **Harvest Services** at **Staindrop St Mary's**; **Gainford St Mary's**; and **Ingleton St John the Evangelist**, continue this **Sunday**. At lively services, our Primary Schools in Ingleton and Gainford, showcased children's narratives and songs giving thanks for our Harvest in our churches, which have been lovingly decorated by parishioners.



St Mary's Harvest Supper
Friday 17th October at 6.30pm
in the Scarth Hall
Soup and a bread roll followed by
a choice of delicious desserts!
Adults £5 each – children free
Numbers and payment
required by October 12th
Please contact Sarah
for further details on
07974 881026
ALL WELCOME

Next Friay 17th October, tickets are still available for Staindrop St Mary's **HARVEST SUPPER** in the **Scarth Hall** only **£5 per person** and free for children at **6.30pm**.

On **Friday 17th October** at 7pm, come along to **FOOLS GOLD** by **Siren Song** our **INGLETON ST JOHN'S SOCIAL FUNDRAISING EVENING** at 7pm in the Village Hall. **Tickets £10** at the door or reserve your seats by contacting Joyce: treasurer.ingletonpcc@gmail.com



As Canon of **Durham Cathedral**, I was invited to the **Magna Carta** exhibition located in the cathedral's Open Treasures Museum. I was moved by the profound impact of this agreement established by the Sovereign and the Church.

To no one will we sell, to no one will we deny or delay, right or justice.

No freeman shall be taken, imprisoned, disseised, outlawed, banished, or in any way destroyed, nor will we proceed against or prosecute him, except by the lawful judgment of his peers or by the law of the land.

...the English church shall be free and shall have all its rights undiminished and its liberties unimpaired.
Magna Carta 1225, Clause 1

I also had the opportunity to see historic items from Gainford St Mary's Church, and Cuthbert's gold stole embroidered with apostles including St John, among the permanent exhibits.

4. Part of a grave slab
early-10th century
Gainford, County Durham

5. Part of a cross
late-10th to early-11th century
Gainford, County Durham

1. Part of a standing cross
early to mid-10th century
Gainford, County Durham

2. Part of a cross shaft
mid-10th to early-11th century
Hexham, Northumberland

3. Part of a cross shaft
early-10th century
Gainford, County Durham

4. Part of The Acca Cross (cast)
early to mid-8th century
Hexham, Northumberland

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY (12th October Trinity 16)

9.15am **Staindrop St Mary** **HARVEST SERVICE** lay led by **Sarah Fells** and **The Worship Group**
9.30am **Winston St Andrew** **Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop**
10.45am **Gainford St Mary** **HARVEST SERVICE** lay led by **Churchwardens & Sarah Fells**
11am **Ingleton St John** **HARVEST SERVICE**
led by **Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop** with **Peter Craig** preaching

After two years of unimaginable death and destruction now is the time for all parties to turn away from war and commit to peace.

Let us pray that Peace has arrived and will prevail in Israel and Gaza.

Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

NOTICES

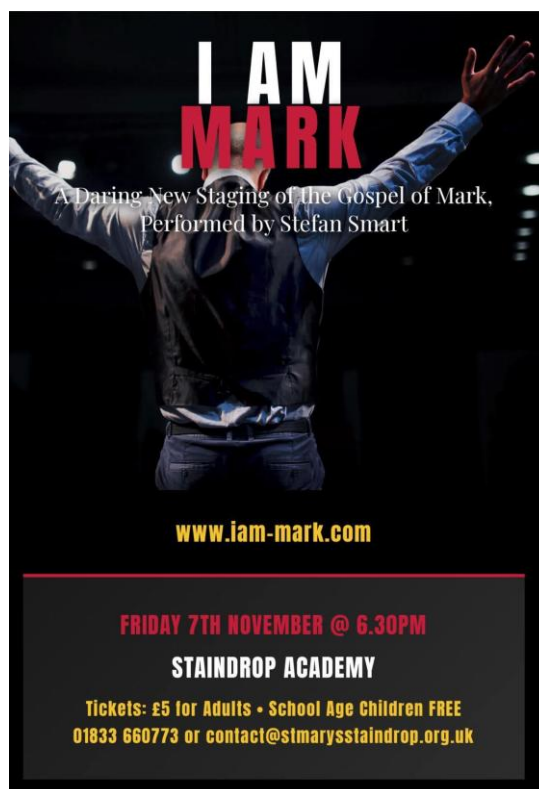
- † **The funeral of George, dear husband of Chrissie Barnett, will take place on Monday 20th October 2pm Darlington Crematorium, with refreshments afterwards in Winston Village Hall.** Everyone is welcome. Chrissie greatly appreciates the many cards and prayers. Although George suffered ill health, it was a shock to Chrissie when he passed so suddenly.
- † **We are sad to inform of the death of Gemma Hunter on 1st October.** Please pray for her husband Dave; parents Gordon and Jean Grieve; sister Rhona, Keith and Gabriel. **At 11.30am on Thursday 30th October there will be a Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's, Gainford** followed by a Private Service of Committal at Darlington Crematorium.

Eileen is away at events and national conferences on 14th – 15th and 28th October, and 5th – 7th November.

ADVANCED NOTICES

Announcing an exciting MISSION EVENING at Staindrop Academy sponsored by Staindrop St Mary's Church on **Friday 7th November at 6.30pm – open to everyone.** It's a dramatic narrative performance of the Gospel according to Mark.

For more information, contact our Ordinand in Discernment and Training Sarah Fells
contact@stmarysstaindrop.co.uk



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STAINDROP ACADEMY

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Here are scenes of rural life in our communities:

A Harvest and Creationtide Wedding in Gainford



COLLECT for 17th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their
rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to
yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good
works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading (Trinity 17): 2 Timothy 2:8-15

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The Gospel (Trinity 17): Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!'

¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean.

¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹ Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'