

19th – 25th October 2025 TRINITY 18 ST LUKE'S HEALING NEWSLETTER

"He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3)

Dear friends,

Even as autumn holds our thanksgiving of Harvest, this week we remember that God holds us in our brokenness and binds up our wounds. As parishes, who share an Incumbent Priest, lay ministers and ministers in training, we hold one another in the grieving of bereaved parishioners and we hold in prayer those we ask for God's healing and restoration to health.



By faith in God's divine gift of our eternal future, we ask for comfort in our loss: on Monday we give thanks for *George, husband of Chrissie (Winston St Andrew's Lay Chair and former Churchwarden)*; the following week, we give thanks for *Gemma Hunt, much loved Gainford Nurse whose remission from cancer was short-lived*; and we shall also say farewell to dearest *Dottie (Dorothy Morris), organist every Sunday at Winston St Andrew for more than 40 years*. In recent weeks we had commended and committed to God many dearly loved members of our parishes and congregations. We are in such need of God's assurance, comfort and peace, and ask for more as we move towards the profound commemorative feasts of All Saints and All Souls.

Friends, pray for one another. World affairs dominate the news, and we continue to pray for real peace and recovery for the maimed and traumatised. But at home, we have need to pray in faith for ourselves.

We thank our flower teams, churchwardens and all who have helped bless our churches, and who have brought our harvest gifts to foodbanks, hospices, and overseas places of need. More photos on page 2.



We were blessed with spiritual harvest as **Bishop John confirmed Louise, Elsie, Ethan, Austen, and Eva Rose from Staindrop** at a wonderfully moving service in St Mary's, Barnard Castle last Saturday. They will come for their first Communion as Confirmed members at the 9.15am service in St Mary's, Staindrop on Sunday 26th October. Thank you Paula and Sarah, who prepared them for their Confirmation.



SERVICES THIS SUNDAY (19th October Trinity 16)

9.15am **Staindrop St Mary HEALING SERVICE with Communion** led by Priest on Placement Rev'd Mary Yasini from Darlington St Cuthberts, assisted by Sarah Fells and The Worship Group

9.30am **Winston St Andrew HEALING SERVICE with Communion** Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

10.45am **Gainford St Mary HEALING SERVICE with Communion** Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

Peter Craig, LLM in Training preaching

Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

NOTICES

- † **The funeral of George, dear husband of Chrissie Barnett, will take place on 2pm Monday 20th October 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.
- † **On Tuesday 14th October, Winston St Andrew's beloved organist for more than 40 years Dorothy Morris ('Dottie') died peacefully in Darlington with family beside her.** Her funeral and service of thanksgiving will take place in church, the date and time to be confirmed. Please pray for Dottie's family.

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

ADVANCED NOTICES



Come along to WINSTON ST ANDREW'S CHRISTMAS MARKET on Saturday 1st November in the Village Hall

10am to 4pm

From Christmas Cake to Wreathes, Flowers, and personalised gifts from local crafts persons and businesses, you'd enjoy a delightful day. There are our renown homemade seasonal treats and refreshments all day, a raffle and tombola to add to your enjoyment!

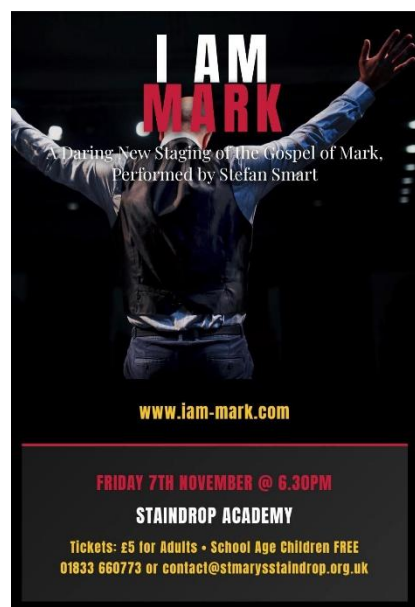
Announcing an exciting MISSION EVENING at Staindrop Academy sponsored by Staindrop St Mary's Church on Friday 7th November at 6.30pm

– open to everyone. It's a dramatic narrative performance of the Gospel according to Mark.

Do invite friends, family, and neighbours for only £5 for adults and FREE for school age young people.

For more information, contact our Ordinand in Discernment and Training Sarah Fells 01833 660773

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GATHER pilgrimage and retreat church is now partnered with 'THE HEARTH', The Auckland Project's community engagement team! Take a look at the link below our Pilgrimage event **WHAT'S MY STORY** on **Saturday 15th November** and share it with someone you know who would benefit from joining in. More detail in weeks to come!

<https://aucklandproject.org/event/whats-my-story-an-introduction-to-pilgrimage/>

COLLECT for St Luke's and Healing

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
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 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

First Reading (Winston and Gainford): Hebrews 11:29-12:2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Gospel (Winston and Gainford): Luke 12:49-56

⁴⁹ 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?