

26th October – 1st November 2025 TRINITY 19 NEWSLETTER

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding (Proverbs 3:5)

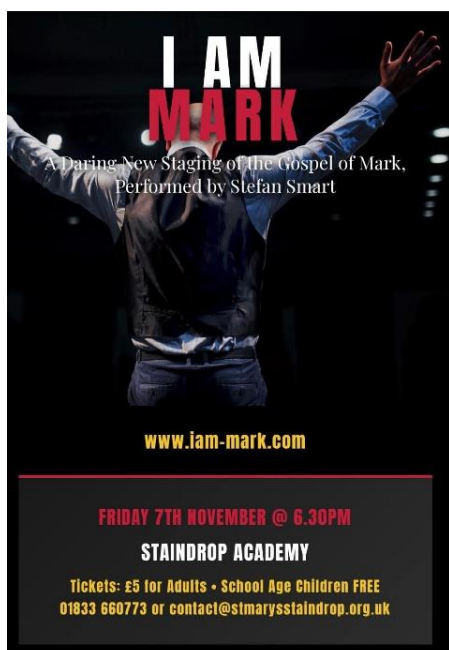
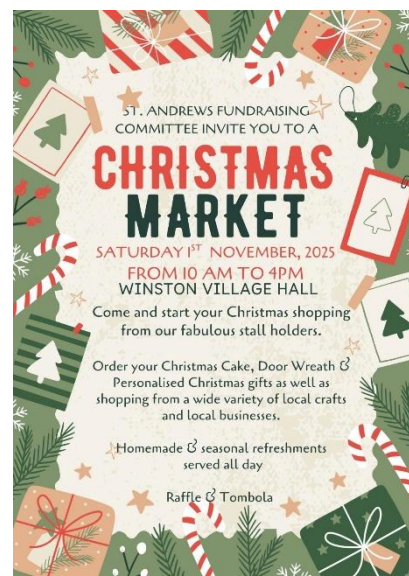
Dear friends,

It's been a historic week as King Charles III, Supreme Governor of the Church of England, has been in prayer with Pope Leo XIV at a service in the Vatican. The Pope was flanked by our Archbishop of York and the King. This historic occasion is remarkable most especially because it brings hope for unity in the overriding of past issues to enable this shared service.



It is particularly joyous as it comes in the week when the Anglican Communion is being 'fought over' by the collection of Churches who have chosen to use the announcement of The Bishop of London, The Rt Rev'd Sarah Mullally as the Archbishop of Canterbury designate, to denounce the Church of England's leadership. God's Kingdom of the Good News of Christ is not bound nor limited by institutional leaders who wrangle over their theological positions.

Two events, although different in nature, encourage us to be Christ's disciples in the world. Winston St Andrew's is often visible in the heart of the village, our members not remaining inside the church. **WINSTON ST ANDREW'S CHRISTMAS MARKET on Saturday 1st November in the Village Hall 10am to 4pm** will bring hundreds to inspire one another, bringing joy with Christmas Cake to Wreathes, Flowers, and personalised gifts from local crafts persons and businesses. Our church team's renown homemade seasonal treats and refreshments, raffle and tombola somehow always exceeds expectations!



I AM MARK is a dramatic monologue performance of the Gospel according to Mark. It is extraordinary that Staindrop Academy has offered to host this production production sponsored by St Mary's, Staindrop. This exciting production was performed in The Edinburgh Festival Fringe programme.

Pray for this MISSION EVENING at Staindrop Academy Friday 7th November at 6.30pm – open to everyone.

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

For information, contact our Ordinand in Discernment and Training Sarah Fells 01833 660773 contact@stmarysstaindrop.co.uk

A big well done to our team in St John's, Ingleton for the most enjoyable fundraising social evening of Sirens Song, which netted the church £500. Thank you!

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY (26th October Trinity 19)

9.15am	Staindrop St Mary	Holy Communion	Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop
9.30am	Winston St Andrew	Holy Communion	Rev'd David Spokes
10.45am	Gainford St Mary	Holy Communion	Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop
11am	Ingleton St John	Holy Communion	Rev'd David Spokes

Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

NOTICES

- † **Please pray for Chrissie Barnett and family, who said farewell to George Monday 20th October in Darlington Crematorium.** Chrissie greatly appreciates the many cards and prayers.
- † **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 Service of Thanksgiving will be in St Andrew's Church, Winston, on Friday 31st October at 1pm.** Donations, gratefully received, will be shared between the British Heart Foundation and Winston, St Andrew's Church. Please pray for Dottie's family.
- † **Please also pray for the families of Colleen Dunbar – a faithful member of St Osmund's Gainford and of Gainford Churches Together; and of Robert Mills of South Cleathlam.** There services will be announced when known.

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

ADVANCED NOTICES

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/>

This event especially welcomes Caregivers and those seeking peace from emotional and mental struggles. Please contact Sheila or Tom on gatherchurchteesdale@gmail.com

COLLECT for Trinity 19

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

First Reading: 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. **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.

¹⁶ At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." ¹³ But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

Our Primary School children have set up prayer stations in our churches for remembrance for the All Saints and All Souls weekend. Everyone is welcome to visit the stations, reflect, remember, and pray.

Old empty chairs are not empty in reality; memories always sit there

For those experiencing loss, the empty chair is a poignant symbol. It can mean so many things but always stands as a physical reminder of changed circumstances- whether due to death, divorce or other life changes. Our hearts feel the weight of it all. The person who once was 'ours' is no longer here.

Take a moment to rest your heart

Write a prayer

Know you are loved

"And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Matthew 28:20).