

5th – 11th October 2025 TRINITY 16 HARVEST NEWSLETTER

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

Dear friends,



We have been **in the season of Creationtide** and **this week we begin OUR HARVEST CELEBRATIONS** and services across our parishes. Our church congregations give thanks for God's generosity by inviting gifts of food and produce for those in need around

us. Please bring gifts to Winston St Andrews, whose Harvest Service takes place this Sunday 5th October, and to Staindrop, Gainford, and Ingleton whose Harvest Services take place on Sunday 12th October. We are at the heart of God's providing, being blessed with generations of agricultural and farming communities in our rural parishes. We lift our prayers to God for our farmers and those who support them and bring their harvests to shops and our tables.



In the week, **EVERYONE IS WELCOME** to join parents and families at our **SCHOOLS' HARVEST SERVICES**: **Gainford Primary** will be in Gainford St Mary's Church at **9.30am on Tuesday 7th October**, and **Ingleton Primary** will be in Ingleton St John's Church at **9.30am on Wednesday 8th October**. The class names of Ingleton Primary, Acorn, Oak, and Chestnut, remind us of the trees changing their hue in the Autumn. (Staindrop Primary's Harvest Service is later on Friday 17th October 1.30pm in Staindrop St Mary's).

On **Friday 10th October**, Gainford St Mary's invites everyone to a **HARVEST SUPPER** in the company of the Barney Barbershop Quartet. Get in touch with Geoff and Sue Taylor (01325 730379 or Geoffandsue379@gmail.com) for tickets, **a great price at £12 including a sumptuous 2 course supper and live entertainment!**

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



In recent weeks **GATHER** ventured to Upper Teesdale on Pilgrimage and picked litter around Gainford.

GATHER also welcomes everyone to Discipleship Study and Fellowship gatherings at **GATHER LIFEGROUP on THURSDAY EVENINGS**. Get in touch with Sheila: info@gatherchurchteesdale.com

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY (5th October Trinity 16)

9.15am Staindrop St Mary Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop *with Peter Craig preaching*
9.30am Winston St Andrew **HARVEST SERVICE** lay led by Churchwardens
10.45am Gainford St Mary Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop *with Peter Craig preaching*

YOUTH SAINTS meet **this Thursday evening 6.30pm 9th October in Gainford St Mary's** for youth 7 and 12. They can look forward to a meal, meeting new and familiar friends, games, crafts, sharing, and prayer.

STAINDROP'S COFFEE MORNING is at Scarth Hall **Saturday 11th October 10-12noon**. All welcome!

Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

NOTICES

- † **Our Centenarian Enid Burdon's funeral service with Committal took place on Thursday 2nd October at St Mary's Church, Gainford.**
- † **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 overnight on 1st October.** Please pray for her husband Dave; parents Gordon and Jean Grieve; sister Rhona and her family. We will provide information of her service at St Mary's, Gainford and Darlington Crematorium when known.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE on Saturday 11th October 6pm at St Mary's, Barnard Castle

We are delighted that we have **5 young candidates from Staindrop Primary School and 1 adult from Staindrop St Mary's Church being confirmed** this month. Everyone is welcome to attend the service. Our candidates and their families would be thankful for your support. Please pray for: Eva-Rose, Ethan, Austen, Elsie, and Sophie; and Louise Hieron. They have been prepared for Confirmation by Paula Harrison, our Licensed Authorised Children's Minister, and Sarah Fells, Ordinand in Discernment and Training.

Announcing an exciting development at Staindrop St Mary's and Staindrop Primary School

From Friday 3rd October, **Staindrop Primary School** have begun their monthly Act of Worship in St Mary's, Staindrop on the Fridays at 1.30pm. Children and families who are unable to attend Sunday services now have this **regular 1st Friday monthly service in church**. For more information, contact our Ordinand in Discernment and Training Sarah Fells contact@stmarysstaindrop.co.uk

ADVANCED NOTICES

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

How about treat your friends and family with these as innovative birthday gifts? Instead of an invitation to supper at your home or out to a restaurant, how about inviting them to 'party' at these events?

Tickets for INGLETON ST JOHN'S SOCIAL FUNDRAISING PERFORMANCE 'SIREN SONG' are available at the door at **Ingleton Village Hall on Friday 17th October from 6.30pm**. Tickets at **£10 each** are also available sooner from **Treasurer Joyce Mead**, email her to secure your tickets: treasurer.ingletonpcc@gmail.com

A MISSION EVENT with a difference
I AM MARK is being **hosted at STAINDROP ACADEMY** on **Friday 7th November at 6.30pm** is open to everyone. It's a dramatic narrative performance of the Gospel according to Mark. **For more information, contact Sarah Fells** contact@stmarysstaindrop.co.uk



COLLECT for 16th Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading (Trinity 16): 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Gospel (Trinity 16): Luke 17:5-10

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' ⁶ The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.'

⁷ 'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'