

9th – 15th November 2025 REMEMBRANCE NEWSLETTER

Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream (Amos 5:24)

Dear friends,



O God of the nations,
as we look to that day when you will gather people
from north and south, east and west,
into the unity of your peaceable Kingdom,
guide with your just and gentle wisdom all who take
counsel
for the nations of the world,
that all your people may spend their days in security,
freedom, and peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

AMEN



Well done Allison PCC Secretary of Ingleton St John the Evangelist Church who called on members of the community to join her in creating a Poppy display For Remembrance on the church wall; and to Joyce our Treasurer for the display over the font.

Specific aspects of our **Remembrance Services** to note:

- † **Staindrop St Mary:** The service will begin at 10.45am with His Majesty's representative Deputy Lord Lieutenant Lord Barnard, service personnel, veterans, and uniformed groups in attendance. Ordinand Sarah Fells will be leading the service with churchwardens assisting.
- † **Winston St Andrew:** The Act of Remembrance will be led by Rev'd Susanne Jukes, taking the Service of Holy Communion at the usual time of 9.30am



- † **Ingleton St John the Evangelist:** The service will begin at 10.45am at the Memorial on Main Road, led by Rev'd Susanne Jukes assisted by members of the PCC.

- † **Gainford St Mary:** The service will be led by Churches Together in Gainford's ministers Fr Thomas Mason and Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop at 10.30am on Gainford's Green. Seats will be available to those who need to sit.



Professor Ian Neal, Deputy Lord Lieutenant, will lay the wreath on behalf of His Majesty the King at the cross on the Green. The wreaths will be taken to the memorial in St Mary's Churchyard at the end of the service before the Blessing at the end of the service. Everyone is welcome to the church for refreshments.

Collections will be received at all churches for the Royal British Legion.

Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

NOTICES

† **Please pray for:**

- **the family of Colleen Dunbar** – a faithful member of St Osmund's Gainford and of Gainford Churches Together, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 13th November at 1pm in St Osmund's Church.
- **the family of Robert Mills of South Cleathlam**, whose service will be at Staindrop St Mary's on Monday 17th November 11.30am.

† **We extend congratulations to His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for County Durham Dame Susan Snowden** who received her honour of Dame Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (DCVO) this week from His Majesty at Windsor Castle.

Dame Susan, Sue, was among the first to welcome me to the county, inviting me to Tea to offer her support, prayers and guidance on my appointment to the unprecedented role of Entrepreneur Priest in Bishop Auckland. She has been good to her word since, even after I relinquished that role to take responsibility for Staindrop and Ingleton. Her humility, kindness, steadfastness, and encouragement are truly marks of the Gospel. I wish her well in her retirement next year.

ADDITIONAL NOTICES

YOUTH SAINTS meet on Thursday 13th November 6.30-8pm in Gainford St Mary's for youth from all our parishes. For more information contact Sheila at stmarys@gainfordwinston.church

ORGANISTS WANTED! Entering a new season for several of our churches, we are looking for pianists and organists. This is such a precious, joyful, offering that has blessed us from one generation to the next. Have a chat with our churchwardens in **Winston, Ingleton, and Gainford**, if you or someone you know would welcome more information or wish to have a go on our organs (and in Gainford, the Clavinova).

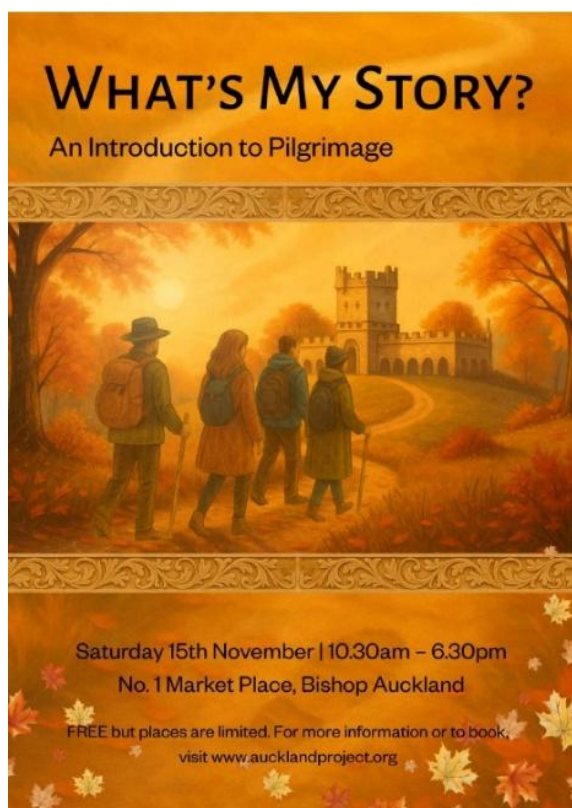


GATHER pilgrimage and retreat church is now partnered with **'THE HEARTH'**, The Auckland Project's community engagement team! Take a look at the link below our Pilgrimage event **WHAT'S MY STORY** on **Saturday 15th November 10.30am to 6pm** and share it with someone you know who would benefit from joining in.

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

The day of retreat and pilgrimage will be followed with an evening Friday 21st November 7-9pm at The Hearth (#1 Market Place, Bishop Auckland next to the Spanish Art Gallery) of sharing, music, poetry, and conversation. Everyone is welcome even if you are unable to join the Day of 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 3rd before Advent

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
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 peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

First Reading (Winston): 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-17

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The Gospel (Winston): Luke 20:27-38

²⁷ 'Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him ²⁸ and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

³⁴ Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'