

## 5th LENT PASSIONTIDE NEWSLETTER

30<sup>th</sup> March – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025

*“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.” (Luke 10:27)*

### What is Passiontide?



This picture drew my attention because it asks a religious question about a season in our church life 'Passiontide', but the picture in reply would surprise most people today. The children is being drawn to Jesus – they love him and know he loves them. Perhaps we can take the opportunity this Sunday as Passiontide begins to renew our love for the Lord our God so passionately and fully that we may have faith to believe that children would again be drawn to know the love of Jesus.

**St John the Evangelist's Spring Fayre in Ingleton Village Hall last Saturday was a great success.** Many from the community brought cakes and gifts adding to the wonderful range of items to raise money for the church. The atmosphere was joyful and warm, with everyone enjoying refreshments and having lovely gift to take away for mums. £1,000 was raised Well done team!



As I write, we look forward to **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> when Staindrop St Mary's Church celebrates the Centenary of the Recasting, Casting, and Hanging of our eight Bells.**

*And it shall be on Aaron when he ministers, and its sound shall be heard when he goes into the Holy Place before the Lord. (Exodus 23:35a)*

We welcome **Assistant Bishop of Durham The Rt Rev'd Frank White** who will bless and rededicate our bells at a the **service at 10.30am**. Our Patron, Lord Barnard has sponsored a **Centenary Celebration Cake**, which he will cut for everyone to enjoy. Our schools and their families have been specially invited to try out hand bells after the service.

Our PCCs are busy preparing for our **Annual Parochial Church Meetings. Everyone is welcome.**

The meetings take place as follows: Sundays after service for Gainford: 4<sup>th</sup> May; Staindrop: 4<sup>th</sup> May; Winston: 11<sup>th</sup> May; and Ingleton on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 4.30pm in church.

Many parishioners, those who attend worship and those who reside in our communities, care about our parish churches. **We are presently in need of churchwardens and members for our PCCs.** The few PCC members of **Staindrop and Ingleton in particular** have been working hard to reboot and rebuild since the early retirement of their previous Vicar and the effects of the covid-pandemic and **are in great need of additional churchwardens and PCC members.** PCCs meet only about 8 times a year, so the commitment is not practically heavy when shared with others. Please come forward if you are willing to care for the church in this way. Speak to your churchwarden(s) or myself. Thank you.

### THIS SUNDAY's SERVICES

9.15 Staindrop St Mary Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

9.30 Winston St Andrew Rev'd Moji Jaiyesimi

10.45 Gainford St Mary Rev'd Moji Jaiyesimi

**5pm Gainford St Mary PASSIONTIDE CHORAL EVENSONG** Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

*Take away, Good Lord, the sin that corrupts us; give us the sorrow that heals; and the joy that praises. Amen*

Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

***Please pray for families recently bereaved and give thanks for the life of***

† **The Late Dr David Ormandy, of Ingleton Parish** who passed away on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025. David was a stalwart and faithful member of Ingleton St John the Evangelist Church and Parish. A private funeral service will be conducted by Rev'd Moji Jaiyesimi on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April, and a **Service of Thanksgiving will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 11am, Ingleton St John the Evangelist Church.**

† **The Late Mrs Beryl Porter of Stonehaven, Winston**, whose funeral took place in Winston St Andrew's Church on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### **Churchwardens needed!**

**Our churches in Ingleton, Staindrop, and Winston** each have a churchwarden, who would appreciate sharing this role with another churchwarden. Although we have 3 experienced and able churchwardens in Gainford, they would welcome interest to assist them and learn about the role.

It's wonderful to serve God in this way. The duties are fulfilling and not arduous when shared! Churchwardens Judith Pressley (Ingleton), Linda Hausmanis (Staindrop), and Lynne Lobley (Winston) would be glad to hear from you. And Geoff, Sue, and Peter would be glad to hear from you in Gainford.

### **SCHOOLS EASTER SERVICES**

We are delighted to have close and active relationships with our Church of England Primary Schools, who are also served by our Missioner Sarah Fells, sponsored by Gainford's, Ingleton's, and Staindrop's churches to know about the love of God in Jesus, and to engage with our churches. Each will be holding their Easter Services in our churches:

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 1.30pm Staindrop Primary School** will be in St Mary's, Staindrop

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2.15pm Ingleton Primary School** will be in St John the Evangelist's, Ingleton

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 9.15pm Gainford Primary School** will be in St Mary's, Gainford.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME** to sit in the congregation with parents and families who join in these services.

**Churches Together in Gainford's STATIONS OF THE CROSS SERVICE at St Osmund's on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm.** All welcome to this service led by Fr Thomas and Rev'd Canon Eileen

### **FORTHCOMING Fundraising Events**

**FOOL'S GOLD returns to Ingleton Village Hall to perform SIREN SONG on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7pm. £8 only with all proceeds from the entrance fee, raffle and refreshments go to St John the Evangelist Church.**



Our young organist Llewellyn Joshua Greenwell is giving an **ORGAN RECITAL** on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 3pm in Gainford St Mary's Church.** Come along to enjoy a **CREAM TEA** at this recital. Donations gratefully appreciated!

**GATHER's RETREAT WEEKEND** is open to all who would like to be renewed finding oneself in the fresh landscape of the Lake District. For **3 days Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May**, this **residential retreat in Buttermere** provides time for reflection, fellowship both indoors and outdoors including an evening around a firepit and by the lakeside, conversation, sharing in the cooking and gathering for meals, and worship during an outdoor Eucharist. For more information, to register your interest, or to sign up for it, contact [info@gatherchurchteesdale.com](mailto:info@gatherchurchteesdale.com)



## **COLLECT for 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son  
Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the  
cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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 Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and  
sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen

## **Isaiah 43:16-21**

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the Lord,  
    who makes a way in the sea,  
    a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse,  
    army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
    they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things,  
    or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing;  
    now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
    and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honour me,  
    the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
    rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

## **The Gospel according to John (12:1-8)**

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' <sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial.' <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

