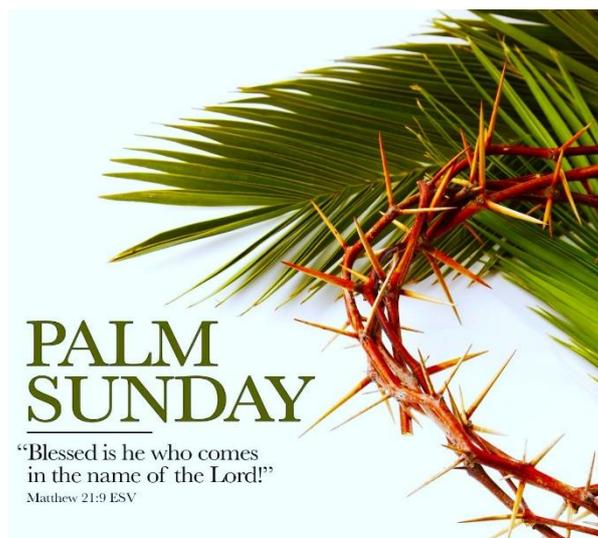


HOLY WEEK NEWSLETTER

13th – 19th April 2025



We have arrived at the most holy time among our Church seasons. From the season of anticipation through the lively celebration of Christmas and enlightening encounter in Epiphany, we have been called to reflective contemplation through Lent to renew and deepen our life of faith in and with Jesus Christ. Now on Palm Sunday we recall how the people of God rejoiced in discovering Jesus their Messiah with loud hosannas and the symbolic acknowledgement of his majesty with palms. But this loud acclaim is suddenly displaced by the clamour for Jesus to be crucified. I wonder if people actually believed they were betrayed in believing this Jesus whom they called Blessed and the Lord. How is it that the conviction of so many turned so dramatically? Was Pilate and were the Chief Priests really so persuasive?

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY:

9.15am Staindrop St Mary
9.30am Winston St Andrew
10.45am Gainford St Mary
11am Ingleton St John

Rev'd Moji Jaiyesimi
Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop with Tom Deakin
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Is your Lenten journey culminating in dedicating time with God? In addition to our Palm Sunday services in all our churches, we invite you to join us each day including Good Friday to sit with Jesus in his final earthly moments. **Times of Reflection (about 40 minutes each) are led from Monday to Wednesday.**

Monday: 6.30pm St Andrew's Church, Winston, join Tom Deakin (Lay Minister of the Word)

Tuesday: 12 noon St John the Evangelist's Church, Ingleton, join Rev'd Moji Jaiyesimi (Assistant Curate)

Wednesday: 6pm St Mary's Church, Staindrop, join Ordinand in Training Claire Mead

On Thursday, **7pm at St Mary's Church, Gainford**, join me as I lead the **Maundy Thursday Last Supper Eucharist** with Washing of Feet and Stripping of the Altar.

Please note the different times for our **Good Friday services:**

9.30am Staindrop St Mary led by Rev'd Moji Jaiyesimi

9.30am Winston St Andrew led by Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

11am Churches Together in Gainford in St Mary's' led by Rev'd Moji Jaiyesimi

2pm Ingleton St John the Evangelist led by Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop



For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)

Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop

NOTICES

GATHER LITTER PICKING THIS SUNDAY Meet at 12.30 at Little Newsham Hall. All Welcome!



EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB: For a day of fun for children & young people **come along on Monday 14th April to GAINFORD ST MARY'S** and on the green. **Sign up with Sheila or Sarah**
stmarys@gainfordwinston.church

PCC MEMBERS NEEDED!

PCC members of **Staindrop and Ingleton** have been working hard to reboot and rebuild our stewardship of our churches, 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.

CHURCHWARDENS NEEDED!

Our churchwardens in **Ingleton and Staindrop** appreciate sharing this role with another churchwarden. Staindrop has vacancies for 2 churchwardens to be shared among 3 posts. 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. Churchwardens Judith Pressley (Ingleton), Linda Hausmanis (Staindrop), and Geoff, Sue, and Peter (Gainford) would be glad to hear from you.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Please see attached separately the poster for **STAINDROP'S EASTER WALK ON MONDAY 21st APRIL 2pm** through Raby Park with refreshments at Scarth Hall.

Please also see attached separately posters for **WINSTON ST ANDREW'S COFFEE AND CAKE MORNING** on **26th APRIL** in the Village Hall

INGLETON'S FOOL'S GOLD SIREN SONG is being POSTPONED

COME TO SUPPORT AND ENJOY our young organist **Llewellyn Joshua Greenwell** is giving an **ORGAN RECITAL** on **Saturday 10th 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 16th – Sunday 18th 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



The renewal of the church will come from a new type of monasticism, which has only one thing in common with the old. It is a life lived without compromise in accordance with the Sermon on the Mount. ✠
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

COLLECT for PALM SUNDAY

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his
patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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 humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Liturgy of the Palms: Luke 19.28-40

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' ³⁴ They said, 'The Lord needs it.' ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

'Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!'

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' ⁴⁰ He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Liturgy of the Passion: Luke 23.1-49

¹ Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ² They began to accuse him, saying, 'We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.' ³ Then Pilate asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' He answered, 'You say so.' ⁴ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, 'I find no basis for an accusation against this man.' ⁵ But they were insistent and said, 'He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.'

⁶ When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷ And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹ He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹ Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. ¹² That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

¹³ Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, 'You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have

not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵ Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶ I will therefore have him flogged and release him.'

¹⁸ Then they all shouted out together, 'Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!' ¹⁹ (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰ Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹ but they kept shouting, 'Crucify, crucify him!' ²² A third time he said to them, 'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.' ²³ But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴ So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵ He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

²⁶ As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸ But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." ³¹ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?'

³² Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[³⁴ Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' ⁴² Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³ He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, 'Certainly this man was innocent.' ⁴⁸ And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts.

⁴⁹ But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.