

MOTHERING SUNDAY and 4th LENT NEWSLETTER

30th March – 5th April 2025

Her children rise up and call her blessed (Proverbs 31:28a)



We learn a great deal from observing the natural world. On this **Mothering Sunday** weekend, when we remember and give thanks for all of God's mothering goodness and for mothers, here is a photograph shared by a colleague. This hen knows her chicks and they know her! She has them in the shelter of her wings and she claims them as her own. *'He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.'* Psalm 91.4

Come along to our Mothering Sunday Services (see below).

I hope you'd made your way to **St John the Evangelist's Spring Fayre in Ingleton Village Hall on Saturday 29th March between 10am and 12noon**. There are a great many gifts for mothers and refreshments including cake that can be enjoyed there or to take away for mums!

Everyone welcome!

Video showing of the hugely successful 'The Chosen' about the life of Jesus

Followed by discussion with tea & cake

*St Osmunds Centre, Gainford
Monday 31 March, 2.30-4.30pm*

*Free. Donations welcome to cover cost of refreshments.
Supported and hosted by Churches Together in Gainford.*

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ON MONDAY 31st March 2.30pm we have our **Lent Study** for everyone in all 4 parishes. **Claire Mead** our **Ordinand in Training** is leading including excerpts of a film and conversation:

All welcome to this Lent gathering in Gainford's St Osmund's Centre. There's a large free car park if you're coming from outside Gainford. The drive way is on the opposite side of the Village Hall off the main road. Refreshments are provided.

At the end of the week on **Saturday 5th April** is our special celebration of **Staindrop St Mary's Church 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)

Ringin in and out will be our Tower Team of Change Ringers, with **Assistant Bishop of Durham The Rt Rev'd Frank White** coming to 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. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**



MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICES this Sunday

9.15	Staindrop St Mary	Rev'd Moji Jaiyesimi – joint service for Staindrop and Ingleton
9.30	Winston St Andrew	Rev'd Canon Eileen Harrop
10.45	Gainford St Mary	Ordinand Claire Mead with Lay Leaders and 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

CLOCKS FALL BACK this Sunday so services will feel an hour earlier! Don't get caught out.

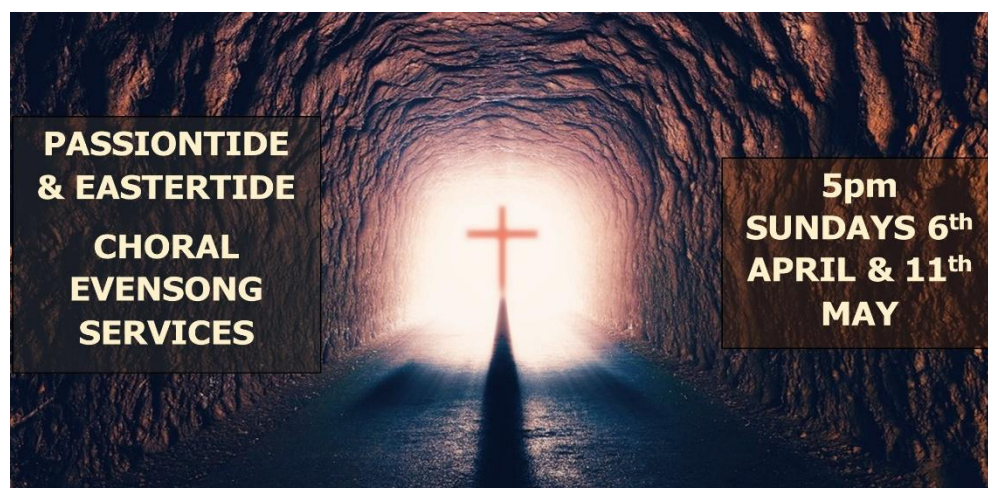
Please pray for families recently bereaved and give thanks for the life of

- † **The Late Dr David Ormandy, of Ingleton Parish** who passed away on Saturday 8th 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 8th April, and a Service of Thanksgiving when we celebrate his life will take place on Wednesday 9th April in Ingleton St John the Evangelist Church. More details in next week's newsletter.
- † **The Late Mrs Beryl Porter of Stonehaven, Winston**, whose funeral will take place in Winston St Andrew's Church on Tuesday 1st April at 1.45pm. A private committal will follow at Darlington Crematorium.

Churchwardens needed!

Our churches in Ingleton, Staindrop, and Winston each have a churchwarden, who would appreciate sharing this role with another churchwarden. We'd be glad to hear from anyone who may be open to being an Assistant Churchwarden in the first instance too. 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.

PASSIONTIDE begins next Sunday 6th April



AFTER EASTER enjoyable fundraising events



FOOL'S GOLD returns to Ingleton Village Hall to perform **SIREN SONG** on Friday 2nd 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 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@gatherchurcheesdale.com



COLLECT for MOTHERING SUNDAY

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family
to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and
drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Exodus 2:1-10

¹ Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said.

⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' ⁸ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it.

¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

The Gospel according to Luke (2:33-35)

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'