



St Wilfrid's Church Brayton

Sunday 20th July 2025

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Joint Parish Celtic Communion at St Wilfrid's

Welcome to St Wilfrid's!

Before our Service begins you are invited to join in a short time of quietness and reflection in preparation for worship. After the Service please join us for coffee and chat in the Parish Hall.



Churchyard Tidying.

Saturday, 26th July, 9:30am to 12noon, St Wilfrid's Churchyard. Help maintain the churchyard! **John**

Drama Reading. Tuesday 29th July, from 7pm St Wilfrid's Parish Hall. The final reding of the 24/25 season will be **The Last Bread Pudding** by Nick Warburton. A one act play floating between the surreal and the slapstick set in the wonderful world of amateur dramatics! **Helen**

Coffeemates. Wednesday 30th July, 10am to 12noon, St Wilfrid's Parish Hall. Enjoy good company plus coffee and cake! **Lynn**

Craft Group Coffee Morning. Saturday 9th August 10am to 11:30am St Wilfrid's Parish Hall. A warm welcome awaits you with company, tea, coffee and cakes. **June**

Brayton Bonanza. Sunday 24th August, Brayton Village Green. Save the date! An event that aims to bring together the different groups, people, and activities, that make up the community and social fabric of Brayton. **John**

Volunteers to Welcome at Funerals. I would be very grateful for volunteers to help me with funeral services in church. Most funerals take up around an hour and a half, with setting up then clearing away after the service. Please have a word with me if you can spare some time. **Pat**

St Wilfrid's Pastoral Care. Contact Sue Beevers 01757 229515 (susan.beevers1@btinternet.com) if you know of anyone who is sick, in hospital, or in other need, or who would benefit from being visited by a member of the clergy or others in the Pastoral Team. **Sue**

Safeguarding children and adults. We will take seriously any issues that arise, notifying & seeking advice from the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor where necessary. The Parish Safeguarding Representative is Linda Bunn, telephone 07711 384003, email safeguarding@stwilfridsparish.com. **Linda**

Services to be held in St Wilfrid's Church from Monday 21st July:

Wednesday 23rd July
9:30am Holy Communion
Sunday 27th July
Sixth Sunday after Trinity
10:30am Holy Communion

Contributions. Send your contributions to me at magazine@stwilfridsparish.com by 9pm on the Tuesday before the Sunday in question please. **John**



COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the
Church is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all
your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and
truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1-10a

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

Or **Amos 8:1-12**

PSALM Psalm 15

R *Through the greatness of your mercy, I will come into your house.*

Lord, who may dwell in your
tabernacle?
Who may rest upon your holy hill?
Whoever leads an uncorrupt life
and does the thing that is right;
Who speaks the truth from the heart
and bears no deceit on the tongue;
Who does no evil to a friend
and pours no scorn on a neighbour; **R**

In whose sight the wicked are not
esteemed,
but who honours those who fear the
Lord.

Whoever has sworn to a neighbour
and never goes back on that word;
Who does not lend money in hope of
gain,
nor takes a bribe against the innocent;
Whoever does these things
shall never fall. **R**

SECOND READING Colossians 1:15-28

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without

shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

GOSPEL Luke 10:38-end

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

POST COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be
so peaceably ordered by your
governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve
you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

