



St Wilfrid's Church Brayton

Sunday 23rd November 2025

Christ the King

Welcome to Holy Communion at St Wilfrid's

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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.



If you would like to receive email copies of the St Wilfrid's Pew & Reading sheets, the Parish Magazine Connected, and more, follow the QR code!

Coffeemates. Wednesday 26th November, 10am - 12noon, St Wilfrid's Parish Hall. Join us for tea, coffee and cakes! **Lynn**

Churchyard Tidying. Saturday 29th November, 9:30am-12noon, St Wilfrid's Churchyard. Come and help maintain the Churchyard. **John**

Beer and Banter. Monday 1st December, from 7:30pm in the Swan Pub. Men! Join us for chat over a pint. **John C**

Community Lunch. Wednesday 3rd December, 12noon-1:30pm, St Wilfrid's Parish Hall. A lunch of soup, & pudding for only £5. **Pat**

Mince Pies & Mulled Wine. Sunday 7th December, 2-4pm, St Wilfrid's Parish Hall. A change of venue this year! Tickets only £8 **Pat**

Tea@Two. Thursday 18th December, 2pm-4pm, St Wilfrid's Parish Hall. An afternoon of coffee, tea, cake and chat. Tickets only £7. **Pat**

Arthur Walker's Great War. Thank you to everyone who helped, or attended, Chris Cade's latest visit to St Wilfrid's. It was a really moving and successful event. We raised £249 for church funds. We hope to see you all again at the next event. **Pat**

Brayton Backgammon. Interested in playing or learning Backgammon? I'm starting a backgammon club in Brayton and looking for people who'd like to join in. All levels welcome, especially beginners! Venue, day & time to be arranged. Interested? Contact me on 07966 596256 or dermot.jenkins@btinternet.com. **Dermot**

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**

Help support St Wilfrid's!

There are many ways to support the work of St Wilfrid's: cash/cheques on the plate, envelopes, card machine in church, regular standing order, online bank donations, and legacies. We prefer regular monthly standing orders as these reduce the administration for Welcomers and the banking team. They also make reclaiming gift aid easier. Speak to treasurer Jill Clarke if you need more information. **Revd Glyn**

Services in St Wilfrid's Church from 24th November:

Wednesday 26th November
9:30am Holy Communion
Sunday 30th November
First Sunday of Advent & Generosity Sunday
10:30am Joint Celtic Holy Communion at St Wilfrid's

Contributions. Sent notes to magazine@stwilfridsparish.com by Tuesday please. **John C**

COLLECT

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to
the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as
Lord and King;
keep the Church in the unity of the
Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to
worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

PSALM Psalm 46

R *The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble;

Therefore we will not fear, though the
earth be moved,
and though the mountains tremble in
the heart of the sea; **R**

Though the waters rage and swell,
and though the mountains quake at the
towering seas.

There is a river whose streams make
glad the city of God,
the holy place of the dwelling of the
Most High. **R**

God is in the midst of her;
therefore shall she not be removed;
God shall help her at the break of day.
The nations are in uproar and the
kingdoms are shaken,
but God utters his voice and the earth
shall melt away. **R**

Come and behold the works of the
Lord,
what destruction he has wrought upon
the earth.
He makes wars to cease in all the
world;
he shatters the bow and snaps the
spear
and burns the chariots in the fire.
"Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth." **R**

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:11-20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He 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.

GOSPEL Luke 23:33-43

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

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. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 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!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

POST COMMUNION

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth
the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

