



St Wilfrid's Church Brayton

Sunday 8th February 2026

Second Sunday before Lent

Holy 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.

Great Heck Train Disaster: 25th Anniversary. Saturday 28th February, 2pm, Selby Abbey. Service open to all. We remember those who were affected by this tragic event and especially to Mary, and family on the loss of Steve Dunn. **Ruth**

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**



Headstart Baby and Toddler Group. Mondays in term time, 9:30am - 11am, St Wilfrid's Parish Hall. Join our Headstart parent/carers baby and toddler group! **Martin**

York Minster Parish Pass. The 2026 passes are now available to regular worshippers in the Diocese of York. Need a Pass? Speak to me in church, or email ruthie5611@hotmail.com, or call 01757 701911. Please give ample notice so that I have a chance to get a pass to you. Note I am not available mid-March to mid-April. Shirley Croft manages the passes for St Francis. **Ruth**

Mothers' Union. Thursday 12th February, from 2pm, St Wilfrid's Parish Hall. This month Clare Meadley will be telling us about the St Leonard's Hospice. **Jill**

Craft Group Coffee Morning. Saturday 14th February, 10am - 11:30am St Wilfrid's Parish Hall. A warm welcome awaits you with company, teas & coffee, and cakes. **June**

Electoral Roll Update. If you want to be added to the roll please complete one of the forms you'll find at the back of church and give it to me in March. You must have attended St Wilfrid's for at least six months. **Margaret Seager**

Coffeemates. Wednesday 25th February 10am - 11.30, in St Wilfrid's Parish Hall. Enjoy Coffee, Tea and Home Baking while meeting friends and making new ones while raising funds for St Wilfrid's. **Lynn**

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

Tea@Two. Thursday 26th February, 2pm-4pm, St Wilfrid's Parish Hall. An afternoon of coffee, tea, cake and chat. Tickets only £8. **Pat**

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 direct debits via Parish Giving Scheme, online bank donations, and legacies. Use of the Parish Giving Scheme is preferred as this reduces the administration for Welcomers, the banking team, and our gift aid administrator. Speak to treasurer Jill Clarke if you need more information. **Revd Glyn**

Services from Monday 9th February:

Monday 9th February
10:30am Holy Communion
at St Wilfrid's Court
Wednesday 11th February
9:30am Holy Communion
Sunday 15th February
First Sunday before Lent
10:30am Joint Celtic Holy Communion
at St Wilfrid's

Contributions. to magazine@stwilfridsparish.com please.
John Clarke

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns
supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

FIRST READING Genesis 1:1 – 2:3

A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind."

And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

PSALM Psalm 136:1-9. 23-end

R For his mercy endures for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, **R**
Give thanks to the God of gods, **R**
Give thanks to the Lord of lords, **R**
Who alone does great wonders, **R**
Who by wisdom made the heavens, **R**
Who laid out the earth upon the waters, **R**
Who made the great lights, **R**
The sun to rule the day, **R**
The moon and the stars to govern the night, **R**
Who smote the firstborn of Egypt, **R**
And brought out Israel from among them, **R**
With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, **R**
Who divided the Red Sea in two, **R**
And made Israel to pass through the midst
of it, **R**
But Pharaoh and his host he overthrew in the
Red Sea, **R**
Who led his people through the wilderness, **R**
Who smote great kings, **R**
And slew mighty kings, **R**
Sihon, king of the Amorites, **R**
And Og, the king of Bashan, **R**
And gave away their land for a heritage, **R**
A heritage for Israel his servant, **R**
Who remembered us when we were in
trouble, **R**
And delivered us from our enemies, **R**

Who gives food to all creatures, **R**
Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his mercy endures for ever. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 8:18-25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL Matthew 6:25-end

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

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

POST COMMUNION

God our creator, by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the
earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your
Church:
may we who have been nourished at your
table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's
cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



For his mer-cy en - dures for ev-er.