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Welcome

to the June 2022 edition of *Connected*.

This month we welcome the return of the Spring Fair to St Wilfrid's. What a great day that was, sunny, warm and the churchyard was full of people! Great work everyone.

Revd. Roy Shaw writes the dear friends article and looks at the subject of Christian Grace.

Evie and Molly Watson report from West Africa on their fabulous work in Gambia supplying safe, clean water to the mouths of children and their families as part of the Amor Europe pure water

filter initiative.

And Jill Clarke reports on Open the Book at Barlow school.

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Articles for *Connected* are always gratefully received, by the 11th of the month please.

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Be happy when God answers your prayer but be more thankful when he makes you the answer to someone else's prayers

#TheParishThisMonth



Brayton Explorer Scouts visited St Wilfrid's on 20th May 2022. Here they are with Revd. Pete. An educational aim of the Scout programme is to encourage the spiritual development of young people. Belief and its exploration help Scouts to learn and develop their personal beliefs and values.



Evie & Mollie in the Gambia. The plastic tub previously contained *Jeni's Splendid Gooley Buttercake Base* mixture. That's what I call a cake name!

Your Servant Elizabeth

Gracious God, we give You thanks for the reign of Your servant Elizabeth our Queen, and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown among us.

Help us to follow her example of dedication and to commit our lives to You and to one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O Lord, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, we give You thanks for Your servant Elizabeth our Queen.

May she ever be provided with all she may need for her ministry among us,

strengthened to meet every demand

which her office may make,

and in all things nourished by Your word and example,

who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign,

world without end.

Amen.

The Church of England offers this prayer for use during the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Dear Friends

Ramadan (the Muslim time of fasting between sunrise and sunset) has been hard for Farid and his wife this year. They came to England last summer in the exodus of citizens who were likely to be targeted when the Taliban took over Afghanistan. Kabul, whence they came, has a more equal day and night than the UK- its latitude is the equivalent of somewhere south of Gibraltar.

No surprise then that Eid, the festival which ends Ramadan, was greeted with more than usual enthusiasm this year. No more breakfast at 3 am, no more main meal at 9 pm! A much longer time of fasting from food and drink than they have been used to in Kabul's more equal split between day and night. As one of the few non-Muslims who know them (in my capacity as a befriender from the Refugee Council) I have been afforded the usual courtesies- fragrant green tea, some small delicacies to eat- in my weekly visits during Ramadan, and have wondered as I sip the tea how hard it must be for Farid (not his real name) to watch me eat and drink, when there are still five or six hours of fasting to get through.

The great feature of Islam is obedience – a contrast to Christianity's great feature of grace. I watch Farid, and we talk, while he tells me of dizziness and tiredness through the early days of Ramadan. Yet he kept to the demands of his faith. I wonder if I could do as he does. I rely on grace- that overwhelming reality which we take so much for granted. So much for granted that we often come to rely on the forgiveness, mercy and grace of God, and do little to seek 'amendment of

life'- a favourite phrase of the collects. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran pastor, opponent of the Nazis, and martyred by them, wrote about the cost of discipleship- it's the title of one of his books. He writes 'Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate...Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: "ye were bought at a price," and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of God.'

And I'm the first to own up to the attractiveness of cheap grace. I see it as a spectrum- cheap grace at one end, costly grace at the other, and all of us moving along the spectrum back and forth, throughout life. Lent and Advent help us move more to the costly end, as do our Baptism promises, Communion, deep prayer. They are magnets drawing us to the realities of costly grace, holy lives. Is the present parlous state of the western church connected to our commitment to cheap grace, with all those church

disciplines held too lightly? Lives not noticeably different from our neighbour? Seduced by the attractiveness of 'I'm worth it' and consumerism?

The month of June gives us Pentecost and the beginning of the long luxury of the Trinity season. I was taught at vicar school that one of the benefits of the Trinity season was to revisit the gospel narratives we have explored from Advent to Pentecost, and look at them with fresh eyes given us by the Spirit at Pentecost, and see again where we can be woven into God's story of costly grace, in mission and witness to a watching world.

Sometimes it's costly for me to support Farid - by that I mean working through our grindingly bureaucratic and frustrating British systems (I am not a patient man); for example, in trying to get the family booster shots for covid. Two steps forward on this website, three backwards on that, a phone call here, and there... but not as costly for me as for him. I'm haunted by the knowledge of his colleagues murdered by the Taliban, and his longing to see his orchard of a hundred apples trees in blossom back in Afghanistan. He's committed to living without them, here in the strangeness of England. It's a lesson for me in costly grace, leaving all, even the most cherished. God grant me, indeed all of us, amendment of life, embracing the cost of discipleship.

Revd. Roy Shaw †

Out of Africa

As many of you know, and supported, Molly and I were set to travel to The Gambia last October on a trip with a charity called Amor Europe, providing water filters to families in the remote villages. Unfortunately, this initial trip was postponed but we are delighted to say that on April 24th we returned from a week in The Gambia full of love, joy, and blessings.

We would like to start this with a huge thank you: back in 2021, we prepared and delivered over 80 afternoon teas to many of you, raising over £2000 towards this trip. It is because of this and your support we were able to do any of this and make the huge impact on so many lives.

Throughout our 7 days in The Gambia, with the rest of the team, we went to 6 villages, delivered 190 water filters, and directly brought over 1300 people out of water poverty. Each day we would travel to a different village and deploy around 50 water filters. We would split into 5 groups and move around the houses setting them up and teaching each family how to use them. The teams were split with half a UK team and the other half the local Gambian team, which was incredible. We got to form such close relationships with them all whilst we were there, we were truly welcomed into their family, including minibus rides singing (with many of them hanging off the back and top!?) and spending the evenings dancing and laughing with them. On our first day, after a very late night, we got to experience an African Pentecostal church. It was so incredible, so vibrant, with so much movement. A truly unique and memorable moment. Jumping to our final day we were also blessed with a small celebration where they made up an awesome dance for us and then prayed for us in such a powerful way, something we will always cherish.

So much happened in such a small space of time, so we would like to share



some of the most special moments for each of us, there is so much more to express which we would be so happy to share at any point.

On the first day, and throughout our time, what many people were saying was that when someone brings in cleanliness to your home it shows they truly love you and that was so moving to hear. These water filters were not just something small, they were life changing, and the people were so moved by us being there. At the beginning of each village, a talk would be given to all the families where we would demonstrate the filter. Every time the open well water would pass through the filter, we would show the difference to the community and their reactions were always of shock and disbelief.

One of my favourite things from the whole trip was that each day as we headed from house to house a group of children would slowly grow bigger and bigger behind us...on the final day Molly and I started blowing bubbles and were bombarded by kids! They were all squealing for joy and calling Tubab me! Tubab me! (meaning 'white person, me'). We were also giving them turns at blowing the bubbles and eventually when the bottles were empty some of the older girls sat with us and we would chat.

Finally, I wanted to say another big thank you to everyone who supported us in making this happen, the lives impacted through your support have been incredible to experience. Amor Europe, the organisation we went out with, are organising another trip in October this year, if anyone is interested in supporting or participating, please let us know.

Evie & Mollie Watson †



St Wilf's Spring Fair

St Wilfrid's was able to open up the church & churchyard, and Rectory garden, for a Spring air in May this year. The weather was warm and sunny, and many people made an effort to come along to enjoy the stalls, games, and refreshments. In my opinion the church setting added something to the event.

One of the highlights of the day were the Bourn Theatre Arts children who entertained visitors with animated singing of selections from the Sound of Music - see below. I was also impressed by Brayton 6th Scouts who, under the control of Rusty and Sara, ran a 'soft play

archery' tent. Great fun! There was also a fully stocked cafe run by Cathy Rodgers and volunteers, dispensing tea, cake, and a chance for a sit down. And of course Vyv Griffiths fired up his hot dog stand in the Hall, on the hottest day of the year so far. Now that is dedication!

The Fair had been coordinated by Lis Middup, who commented at the close of the day,

"Thank you very much for all your hard work to make the Fair such a great success. The sun shone on us, which obviously helped, the atmosphere in church,

hall, grounds, and garden was wonderful: people chatting, laughing, and enjoying the day. And a fantastic mix of all ages.

All our efforts were also rewarded by making £1384.50.

Very well done everyone. Please pass this message onto anyone I have missed out and to your own helpers and supporters.

**Thank you all.
Lis"**

John Clarke †



Bourn Theatre Arts was delighted to have the opportunity to perform at Brayton Spring Fair. Students, aged 6 to 11 years old, came together to perform a *Sound Of Music* musical medley at the fair.

The audience enjoyed a wonderful rendition of *Do-Re-Mi* and *So Long Farewell*, bringing one of Hollywood's greatest musicals to life. The performance even included puppets as we watched the children sing A

Lonely Goatherd... Brayton was most certainly alive with the Sound Of Music!

Rebecca Shelbourn †

www.BournTheatreArts.com

Here are some pictures of the day







Prayer for June 2022

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for the beauty of the world you created, so evident in this lovely month of June.
We bring before you, in prayer, those events going on in the world which are so difficult to understand. We pray for all your children who are suffering in any way, especially those affected by war. Please, Lord, comfort them, assure them of your presence - and deliver them from evil.
May we appreciate each day which you have made. Help us to rejoice and be glad in the gift of each new day - and to trust you for all our tomorrows, knowing that in you alone is our security.
In Jesus' name. Amen

By Daphne Kitching

Open the Book

It was great to be back at Barlow School with "Open the Book" this half-term. Our small team from St Wilfrid's, Brayton, acted out bible stories, and were helped by the children either as members of the cast and/or with audience participation. As always the children were enthusiastic, and the staff very supportive.

Each story has its own message - a recent Bible story was about Abraham learning to trust God, reminding us that it is good to have a friend with whom we can share things, laugh with, and trust.

We look forward to visiting Barlow School in the future

**Jill, Lynn, Helen, Martin,
and Gordon, The Open the
Book Team** †



I recognise that tea towel! Picture by Barlow School

Spring Fair Update

The Spring Fair was a great success. However, in discussions with Mrs Clarke I commented that the plant stall was much reduced in size this year - indeed it fitted into a shoe box.

To my surprise, herself replied that there wasn't a plant stall this year. However I have photographic evidence that there **was** a plant stall, and further that it contained several excellent plants all identified with wooden lolly sticks.

So there! I-0 to me! Just don't say anything to Mrs Clarke...

John Clarke †



Look at the quality of those Magnum lolly sticks!

God in the Arts

The Thread of God's love

In 563 an Irish monk was forced to leave his homeland because of a conflict that had led to a misuse of power and even bloodshed. On Pentecost Sunday he arrived on the island of Iona off the north-west coast of Scotland with twelve companions. There he began a new way of life, founded on Christ's mercy and forgiveness of the past, and so created one of the great centres of faith and mission in the Christian Church. His name was Columba, and we keep his feast day on 9th June.

His monastery on Iona started as a small cluster of wooden buildings with a church and a guest house. Around were fields of crops and cattle and bees. But under Columba's guidance, it grew, and from Iona monks were sent into Scotland as one arm of a missionary advance that reached down through England to France and across Europe.

That outreach was an amazing achievement. But just as amazing was the consolidation of monastic life on Iona that resulted two centuries later in the Book of Kells. This text of the four Gospels was begun by scribes and artists in the library of Iona. It grew into one of the masterpieces of Celtic art that was taken to Kells in Ireland to escape the Viking invaders who ravaged the island.

Along with the text of the Gospels, there are illustrations of Jesus, Mary and the four evangelists, together with decorations at once intricate and fantastic: patterns that interweave and interlace across the page with an odd face here and a weird creature there. The



Image by Herry Lawford at Flickr

design is in brilliant detail, and you can follow the lines as they weave in and out. This delight in patterns is evident in lots of Celtic art.

It is good to imagine Columba on Iona meditating on the thread of God's grace woven into his life as he looked back to his years in Ireland and his pilgrimage to Iona. It might have seemed at one glance a complicated interweaving of events and experiences, and then perhaps as he looked again, he would see God's love threading its way through that history and redeeming both it and him.

It is the same for us. As we look at our lives, they may seem

complex and involved patterns of events and circumstances taking us here and there. As we ponder those patterns, then we can begin to see a thread woven into the patterns that guides and leads us on. And as we stand back, all the patterns and threads seem to make sense as we spot that guiding thread. Just as we can stand back from the designs of this page and see God's love spelling out the name of Christ, our Lord.

Revd. Michael Burgess †

God in the Sciences

Help, my kids just asked me a science question!

Why aren't dinosaurs in the Bible?

The Bible wasn't written to list all the animals on earth or tell us about science. It was written a long time before people started to use science to learn about the world.

When the Bible was written, people didn't even have a word for dinosaurs yet! But it's not just dinosaurs that aren't mentioned in the Bible,

The Bible says that God made everything, and loves everything He made, so that includes dinosaurs. It also encourages people to explore and find out all about the wonderful things it says God has made. Science is a part of this exploration.

Did God make the dinosaurs?

The Bible (the holy book that Christians read) says that God made everything. All the stars, the Earth and all the amazing plants and animals that have

for many Christians, science is one of the fun things we can use to learn all about how God made everything, including all of the dinosaurs!

Were humans and dinosaurs ever living on earth at the same time?

Yes! But probably not the kind of dinosaur you're thinking of! Most of the dinosaurs died out a very, very long time ago, way before humans first lived. But some of the smaller, feathery dinosaurs survived and over a



Just another excuse to print a picture of a dinosaur!

it doesn't talk about armadillos, kangaroos, sabre-toothed cats or penguins either!

That doesn't mean that the Bible is out of date or wrong, or that these animals aren't important. Rather than teaching us science, many Christians believe that the Bible was written to tell people about God, how much He loves them, and all the amazing things He has done.

ever lived here. So yes, most Christians believe that God made the dinosaurs!

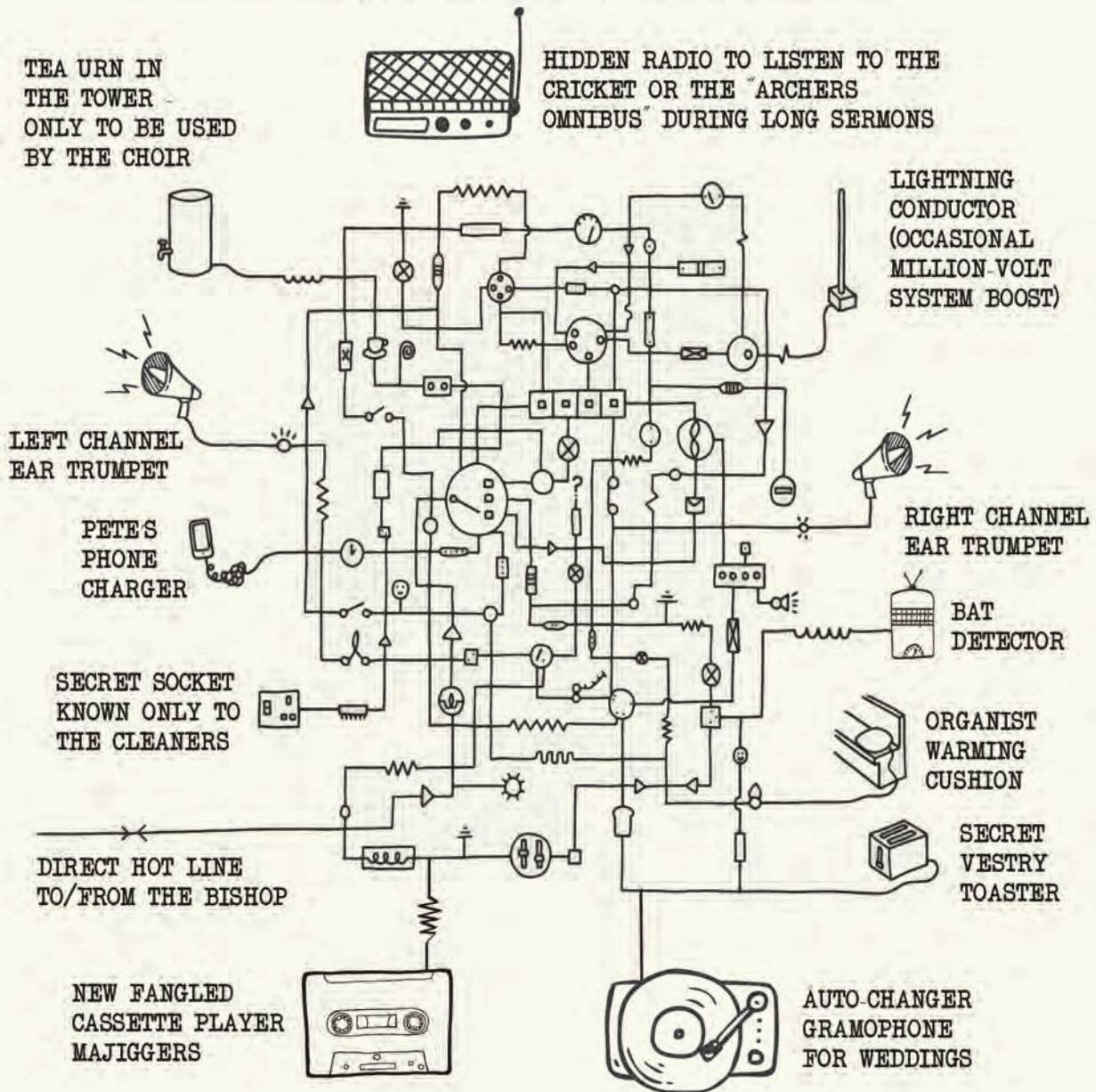
The Bible also teaches that God loves it when people explore His creation, and science is a great way of doing that. So,

long time they have evolved into the animals we call birds.

So, from chickens and robins to penguins and ostriches, there are dinosaurs living all over our world today!

These questions and answers are taken from The Faraday Kids website (www.faradaykids.com). For even more science-faith Q&A's, check out *101 Great Big Questions About God and Science*, Edited by L Henderson & S Bryant (Lion, 2022)

ST WILF'S - THE PROPOSED AUDIO SYSTEM EXPLAINED (APPROXIMATE)



WARNING: DO NOT ATTEMPT TO USE THIS DIAGRAM EVEN IF ACCOMPANIED BY A COMPETENT PERSON

Now then. I have been asked several times how is the new audio system to work in church?

I'm delighted to share the full audio diagram which explains, in great detail, how the system will operate. Note the new fangled, and up-to-the-minute, right and

left electrical ear trumpets that will relay the sound from the cassette player, auto-changer gramophone, and battery operated radio! It's the future - you can't fight it!

Bishop John also has a direct ecclesiastical whiffy link to

keep an eye on the quality of the sermons!

The only thing missing is a clergy operated microphone, but you can't have everything...

Jack Plug †

From the Parish Registers

Weddings

We offer our congratulations to:

30th April

Laura King & James Perkins

12th May

Amy Williams & Darryl Schofield

Funerals

We offer our love and sympathy to the relatives of:

23rd May

Elaine Spooner (62) at St Wilfrid's

Church Floodlights

St Wilfrid's Church was, or will be, illuminated on:

24th April

In Loving Birthday Memories of Charlotte Ablitt

Baptisms

We welcome into the Christian family:

1st May

Joshua Kenny May

8th May

David Thomas Farrow

15th May

Rory Leo Rampling

If you would like the church illuminated to celebrate a birth, baptism, birthday marriage, anniversary, or the life of a loved one please contact Pat Griffiths on 01757 705793

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Church is a bit like being a member of a gym. Some people like the idea of going but don't. Others go, but aren't really training for anything. And some actually use it to help them with the race they are running.

Milton Jones

From *10 Second Sermons*

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Service Roster

You are more than welcome to join us in any of the Services in June below

St Wilfrid's

Wednesday 1st

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 5th Pentecost

10:30am Lay-led Morning Prayer

12:30pm Baptisms

5pm Alive@5 in St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

Tuesday 7th

10:30am Holy Communion at Fernbank

Wednesday 8th

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 12th Trinity

8:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Family Communion

Monday 13th

10:30am Holy Communion at St Wilfrid's Court

Wednesday 15th

9:30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 19th Trinity I

10:30am Joint Parish Celtic Communion with St Francis

12:30pm Baptisms

5pm Alive@5 in St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

Wednesday 22nd

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th Trinity 2

8:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Joint Parish Morning Worship at St Francis

5pm Inspire in St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

Wednesday 29th 9:30am Holy Communion

St Francis

Thursday 2nd

10:00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 5th

10:30am Holy Communion with Prayer and Anointing for Healing

Thursday 9th

10:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 12th Trinity

10:30am Morning Worship

Thursday 16th

10:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 19th

10:30am Joint Parish Celtic Communion at St Wilfrid's

Thursday 23rd

10:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th

10:30am Lay-led Joint Parish Morning Worship with St Wilfrid's

Thursday 30th

10:00am Morning Prayer

Methodists

Brayton

Sunday 5th

10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 12th

10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 19th

10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 26th

10:30am Morning Worship

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Sunday 5th

10:00am Morning Worship

Sunday 12th

10:00am Morning Worship

Sunday 19th

10:00am Holy Communion

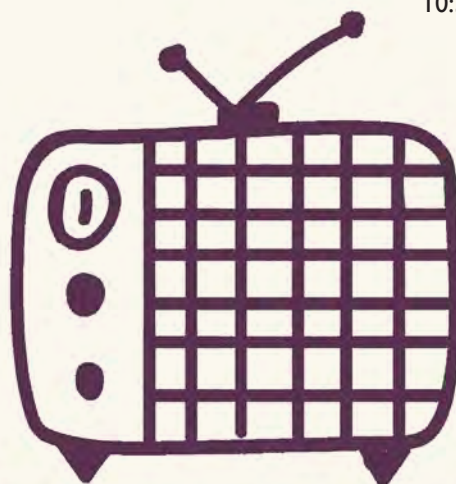
Sunday 26th

10:30am at Hambleton Methodist Church

Thorpe Willoughby

Sunday 12th

10:30am Morning Worship



Dum de dum, de dum, de dum,
dum de dum, de dum dum.
Dum de dum, de dum, de dum,
dum de diddly dum...

The Directory

Wellbeing

Gentle Movement

Every Monday
2:00pm–3:45pm
St Francis' Church

Sitting down exercises for all ages; free but donations accepted for Church funds. We are a warm friendly group, so why not come and join us; or come for company, coffee and cake! More information from me on 07821 257923. **Jean**

Soup and a Song

Friday 24th June
10:30am–1pm
St Francis Church

Memory letting you down? Caring for someone with memory problems? Do you enjoy a good sing-song? Why not join our happy group for an hour of song & fun, then share a meal of soup, butties and cake. For more information contact me on 07921255988. **Rosemary**

Churchyard Tidying

Saturday 25th June
9:30am–12noon
St Wilfrid's Churchyard

Come and help maintain the flower borders, cut back the brambles, and empty the rubbish bins! You might even get to climb a ladder! Sense of humour essential. **John**

One Lump or Two?

Community Lunch

Wednesday 1st June
12noon-1:30pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

Come along for a chat with a simple lunch of soup & dessert for only £4. **Pat**

Coffee Corner

Saturday 2nd July
10:00am-11:15am
St Francis Church

No Coffee Corner on 4th June - there seems to be something BIG being celebrated by everyone! See you again in July! **Pat**

Craft Group Coffee Morning

Saturday 11th June
10:00am-11:30am
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

Come along to the Craft Group Coffee Morning - coffee, hand crafted gifts and cards, raffle, and cakes. And of course good company! See you there! **Linda**

Coffeemates

Wednesday 29th June
10:00am - 12noon
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

Why not come along for coffee, tea, and homemade cakes, and great company! **Lynn**

Coffee for All

Tuesdays
10:00am–11:30am
St Francis Church

Come along for coffee, tea and a chat. Everyone is welcome. **Pauline**

Methodist Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 30th July
10:00am–11:30am
Brayton Methodist Chapel

No coffee morning in June. The next is in July in aid of **Yorkshire Cancer Research**. Thanks to all who support these charity Coffee mornings. More information from me on 01757 228925 **Lorraine**

Crafty Folks

St Wilfrid's Craft Group

Tuesday 14th & 28th June
1:30pm–4:00pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

If anyone wants to join us they are welcome to come along with their latest project, join in the chatter and enjoy a cuppa from 1:30pm.

Linda

St Francis Crafters

Every Wednesday
2:00pm-4:00pm
St Francis Church

We meet every Wednesday to knit, sew, crochet, craft and natter. Everyone is welcome! Or come along if you just want to chat! Contact me for more information on 01757 703892.

Margaret

Open Church

Wednesday 1st & 15th June
2:00pm-4:00pm
St Wilfrid's Church

St Wilfrid's will be open for sketching, painting, stitching, writing, taking photographs or just soaking up the atmosphere.

Martin & Karl

Women Matters

Mothers' Union

Thursday 9th June
2:00pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

Come along for a cream tea, tickets £5 in aid of the Jubilee Summer of Hope Appeal. **Lynn**

Thorpe WI

Thursday 9th June
7:30pm
St Francis Church

At our next meeting we will have a talk about something or another. Probably. And we will definitely be having some tea and also a biscuit if funds allow.

Brayton WI

Monday 13th June
2:00pm
Brayton Bowling Club

Our 20th anniversary afternoon tea (delayed from 2020) and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Best dresses please! **Please note the change of venue. Jean**

Sunday Evening Services

Alive@5

Sunday 5th & 19th June
5:00pm–6:00pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

Cake, chat, Bible stories, God chat, songs and craft, for all the family. Have you ever found church a bit stuffy? Well, why not come and enjoy church with a difference in this very chilled, short, fun time for families! **Pete**

Inspire!

Sunday 26th June
5:00pm–6:00pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

Contemporary informal Christian fellowship and relaxed café style worship. It would be lovely to see you there! **Pete**

Drama Workshop

Monday 6th June
7pm+
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Drama

St Francis' Notices

The Great St Francis Beetle Drive! 11th June at 6pm in St Francis Church. Silly fun for all ages! Tickets £4, £1 for under 16s. Refreshments in the form of a jacket potato supper will be provided! Everyone is welcome. Contact me to reserve a place 01757 707987. *Jan*

St Wilfrid's Notices

Update on Lent Giving

We are very pleased to say that in the last month further donations have been made for the sound system, including a very generous donation of £1,000, bringing the total to almost £3,000 and to this gift aid will be added.

The expected cost is in the region of £8,000 to £10,000 but we understand that grants are available to fund some of the work, especially to stream online services.

Donations can still be made – by cash on the plate at the back of church, by contactless giving using the Goodbox device, by direct giving into our bank account (sort code 05-07-62, account 25126061) or by online giving through A Church Near You website. *Jill Clarke*

Play Reading

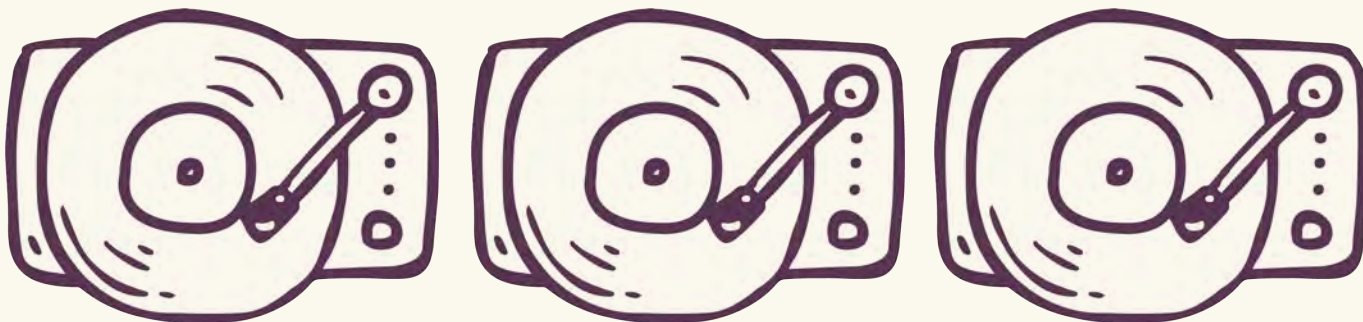
Monday 6th June, from 7pm in the Parish Hall. This month we turn from the spoken word to the implied gesture - yes, it's time to learn how to pretend getting out of a glass box! We will be looking at body language through the medium of mime with reference to the Italian medieval comedies "commedia dell'arte". All are welcome, and a splendid time is guaranteed for all! *Martin Marceau*



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When We Were Very, Very, Young



Recently, I came across this picture taken by Fred Harland in 1939. Fred worked for the Selby Times, and he was a member of the Selby Camera Club when

I knew him in the early 1980s. The inscription on the back of the print reads "Brayton Parish Church Garden Fete 22nd July 1939. The Sweet Stall (in more

ways than one)". I wonder if anyone can identify the ladies who managed the sweet stall that year?



Tony Williams has very kindly shared the rest of his St Wilfrid's archive, and to balance Fred's picture from 1939, I found two

more images of Sweet Stalls taken at Summer Fairs - in June 2004, and June 2007. It is clear that sweeties have



retained their popularity down the ages!

John Clarke †



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at St Francis

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Call Rosemary for more information 07921255988

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