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Welcome

to the August 2025 edition of Connected

This is a special copy of *Connected* for me - it is the 100th edition that I have produced. The first was in May 2017 when I had little idea that I would still be doing it over eight years later! Time flies.

This month we are short of articles, and I have had to lean heavily on my subscription to Parish Pump to fill these pages. However I am indebted to Revd. Roy for the supply of the Dear Friends text. Also, a massive thanks to Lauren Howley for writing about the Brayton

Bonanza that is due to be held on the Village Green on Sunday 24th August between 11am and 5pm. I am excited to see what the day will bring!

Artist Martin Pearson also helped out with the surreal and splendid cartoon *Bezza & Mave* on the inside back page. And thanks also to Jan Tetley and Margaret Seager for the pictures.

I am indebted to my regular contributors for the society updates in the Directory.

Everything else I took from Parish Pump.

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It is better to learn late than never

Publilius Syrus

#TheParishThis Month



Some pictures from the Fairburn Singers concert in St Wilfrid's held on the evening of Saturday 28th June. Once again The Singers entertained a full church with their blend of fabulous vocals combined with Janet Burns' hilarious introductions. £230 was raised for Church funds. Thanks to Margaret Seager for the pictures





Dear Friends

Back to church?

'Statistics for mission'- sounds dry and dusty, and it's possibly something every PCC dreads compiling each year as Diocesan House in York reminds us to count the numbers, fill in the forms, and send them off. We might wonder what it's all for. Are they just forgotten once they get to York? Well, no. They help, with the information from all the other dioceses in England, to form a national picture, and those national figures for 2024, just published, give us some reason for hope. All we seem to hear are stories of declining numbers, reduced numbers of clergy, churches closing or amalgamating, elderly congregations; but the 2024 figures show a slight increase in the numbers of worshippers in Anglican churches for 2024; 1.2% higher than 2023. Not yet back to pre-covid levels, but moving in that direction. Not a groundswell, but something to note, a whispered voice of optimism.

Other reports recently published also have an optimism about them which reflect the figures quoted above. But first a word of caution. The Bible Society's recent Quiet Revival report suggested 'explosive growth' led by the young is taking place in churches in the UK. But experts in church growth have argued that overstated claims and poor research methods mar this report, even though it is undeniably true that quieter, but still significant signs of renewal are genuinely taking place.

Those significant signs of renewal are seen in YouGov's



tracking of belief in God in the UK, which has risen from 26 to 35 percent. The other side of the coin is that the percentage of those who do not believe in God has fallen from 41% to 35% since 2019.

It's not just the Church of England seeing increased numbers. The Roman Catholic church reports an increase. Scotland has seen the number of 'diaspora churches'- largely African and Pentecostal- rise from 14 to 204 since 1999. And those churches are having an impact for good on the more 'mainstream' denominations.

Academia is helping churches to understand all this, from across many disciplines, from Moral and Social Theology to Anthropology. Studies in the UK, Europe and North America are evaluating the many reasons

people come to church, in order that within (as it were) 'gospel limits', the message of God's love for all may be proclaimed with relevance, scratching where people itch.

What's the connection between us in this benefice, and these reports? The message is 'keep praying, keep believing, keep witnessing to the goodness of God'. Be encouraged! And as we seek to be more intentional in how we grow church, reflecting the biblical understanding of family across generations, (we're a bit more like an old folks' home at the moment), let's do so in the confidence that it seems the wind of the Spirit is with us.

Revd. Roy Shaw ✝

Brayton Bonanza

First of all, can I say how privileged I feel to be given the opportunity to write to you all.

My name is Lauren and I am a mother to three beautiful—slightly wild—children. Jacob, my eldest, is soon to turn 8 in September, Reuben celebrated his fourth birthday at the start of July, and our precious Aubrey turned one on 17th July. She was Baptised and welcomed into God's family on 20th July at St Wilfrid's Church, with a beautiful intimate family service.

My husband, Liam, is a heating engineer and has his own business, local to the area.

We have both grown up in Brayton, and our family also remain local. We have lived in our current home for 5 years and our house overlooks the wonderful village green on Brayton Lane. In fact, it was from spending many mornings drinking coffee and looking at the beautiful green that Liam and I spoke about how wonderful it would be to bring the community together and enjoy that space.

My experience of being a mother, and running a business, has led me to really understand the pressure society nowadays places on families. Parents are expected to work like they don't have children, and raise children like they don't work. Life is so busy, and it saddens me to see the decline in community spirit and events, as a result of this. Folk don't know their neighbours like they used too. I love listening to my parents and grandparents talk about their friendship groups, and community groups. A time where everyone knew everyone, everyone looked out for everyone, and communities

loved being together.

So here I am; on a mission to bring Brayton together again.

I don't know about you, but I love this village. I love the surroundings, the people, and what it has to offer. There is so much talent in this little village, so much generosity and kindness, and I want to shout about it! I know that not that long ago, fairs on the village green were a common occurrence and were loved by

"Let's spread the word and bring this community together to celebrate what a fabulous place it is and what wonderful people live here!"

all! I've heard such positivity about these events, and I would love my children to grow up enjoying summers on the green and look back on these days with fond memories.

Hence the Brayton Bonanza was born!

What is the Brayton Bonanza I hear you ask? Well, this is a day of fun put on by the people of Brayton, to celebrate the people of Brayton! There will be craft stalls showcasing amazing handmade products, there will be live performances from local singers, bands, and also dance and performing arts schools. Let's not forget the delicious food that will be on offer from local food vendors, as well as a fantastic dog show and entertainment for all!


I am super excited though to have you wonderful people there representing St Wilfrid's Church community and showcasing all the

amazing work you do and support you have to offer. You really are an amazing family and I couldn't be prouder to be a part of it. Let's show that you are so much more than just a building!

The Brayton Bonanza, although it started as an idea of putting on a day of fun, will hopefully grow to become much more than just that. We are in the process of registering as a charity and aim to continue to provide wonderful village events throughout the year. The primary aim of these events is really to bring the people of Brayton together; welcoming new families to the area, and also encouraging those perhaps with little or no family, to join in the fun and develop new connections and new friendships. However, if in the process we raise some money, then this money can be put back into the community in various ways – with the aim to continue to develop this wonderful place.

The Brayton Bonanza will take place on Sunday 24th August between 11am and 5pm. We would love for you to come along, bring a blanket and some chairs, and fully immerse yourself in the day. There will be a raffle and a tombola with fantastic prizes to be won – including a Christmas turkey kindly donated by Dawson's butchers.

I'm confident it will be a wonderful day, and if I see smiles on people's faces then I will know it was all worth it! Let's spread the word and bring this community together to celebrate what a fabulous place it is and what wonderful people live here!

Lauren Howley 

A Prayer from the Belly of a Whale

Praying with the Prayers of the Bible - the Prayer from the Depth of Despair

Jonah 2:2-9 [New King James Version]

- [2] And he said:
“I cried out to the Lord
because of my affliction,
And He answered me.
“Out of the belly of Sheol
I cried, And You heard
my voice.
- [3] For You cast me into
the deep,
Into the heart of the seas,
And the floods
surrounded me;
All Your billows and Your
waves passed over me.
- [4] Then I said, ‘I have been
cast out of Your sight;
Yet I will look again toward
Your holy temple.’
- [5] The waters surrounded me,
even to my soul;
The deep closed around me;
Weeds were wrapped
around my head.
- [6] I went down to the [a]
moorings of the mountains;
The earth with its bars
closed behind me forever;
Yet You have brought up my
life from the pit,
O Lord, my God.
- [7] “When my soul fainted
within me,
I remembered the Lord;
And my prayer went up
to You,
Into Your holy temple.
- [8] “Those who regard
worthless idols
Forsake their own [b]Mercy.
- [9] But I will sacrifice to You
With the voice
of thanksgiving;
I will pay what I have vowed.
Salvation is of the Lord.”

Twice in the Bible there is a record of prayers prayed in hell. In Jesus’ parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, the former prayed for both release from his torment and that a warning would be sent to his family (Luke 16:24-31).

Here in the book of Jonah this chapter opens with the words, ‘Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God’ (v.1) The prophet prayed from what he described as ‘the belly of hell’ (KJV), or ‘from the depth of Sheol’ (v.2).

The first chapter of the book tells how Jonah was commissioned by God to go and preach in Ninevah, the capital city of the great Assyrian Empire. Instead, Jonah ran away from his home country, from (he thought) the presence of God and from hearing God’s command. The Assyrians had long been the all-conquering enemies of Israel and Jonah was either afraid to go to Ninevah, or he did not want them to hear God’s word – or both.

So, he ran away and took ship for Tarshish (i.e. Spain). During a violent storm he confessed to the sailors that he had disobeyed God and reluctantly they threw him overboard (1:12-14). The Lord had ‘appointed a great fish’ which swallowed the prophet and from deep inside its belly, he prayed to the Lord. God heard Jonah’s prayer, the fish spewed him out and his life was spared (2:10).

Jonah’s prayer, prayed when he was sure he was about to die, has much to reach us about praying. First, even in our disobedience, God hears us when we pray humbly and sincerely. Jonah’s terrible calamity was directly the result of his running away from God. It wasn’t because of circumstances, it wasn’t inevitable,

it wasn’t fate or just ‘one of those things,’ it was his disobedience that brought about the disaster. How gracious God is! Even in our running away from Him, He still loves us and hears our prayers.

Second, we can pray anywhere. If Jonah could cry to the Lord when, in his own words, ‘in the heart of the seas,’ when ‘all the waves and billows’ passed over him (v.3), how many places may we not find to come before the Lord in prayer? There is the quiet time at the day’s beginning, a moment of reflection in a busy schedule, between meetings, as we drive the car or travel in the bus, or plane or ship – so many places where we can ‘lift up our hearts’ to the Lord.

Third, no situation is too difficult for God. The God who ‘hurled a great wind upon the sea’ (1:4), who ‘appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah’ (1:17); who prepared ‘a plant’ and ‘a worm’ to bring about His purposes (4:6,7), is the Sovereign Lord of earth and heaven. He can hear us and help us in our deepest distress, in the hours when life seems to be tumbling in all round us.

Fourth, the Lord can deliver! Jonah’s prayer from the depth of hell ends with the ringing assurance, ‘Deliverance belongs to the Lord’ (2:9). We all need to hear that! Today, whatever our need, our pain, our disappointment, our fear, our weakness, our besetting sin – with the Lord there is deliverance.

Dr Herbert McGonigle ✝

How Big was the Flood?

A Mesopotamian disaster,
or a world catastrophe?
The Flood continues to fuel
speculation worldwide.

That is the precise point –
we don't even have to explain
which flood we're talking about;
Noah's Flood is firmly embedded
in the human memory on
every continent.

There is a Hindu tradition
about a great flood, and a ship
of safety finally landing on a
northern mountain. In China,
Fa-he, the reputed founder
of Chinese civilisation, is
represented as escaping from
the waters of a deluge – and
reappears as the first man in
a new world, accompanied by
his wife, three sons and three
daughters: eight people in all.

There is the famous
Babylonian Epic of Gilgamesh
with its detailed myth-legend of
a great flood. The Fiji islanders
have accounts of a flood, in
which a family of eight was saved.
In South America, paintings have
been discovered, representing
a flood, a man and his wife on a
raft, with a mountain featuring in
the story, as well as a dove. Even
the Cherokee Indians have a
similar story. Only Africa seems
to be without a traditional
flood story.

I believe that the book of
Genesis gives us the original,
inspired and definitive account
of this mega event. It could have
been Shem, one of Noah's sons,
who later told his children of
this great epic of his life, and, as
people fanned outwards from
Mesopotamia, so the story
travelled outwards as well –
inevitably becoming garbled in
the process, and mixed up with
legend and folklore.



How big was the Flood, then?
The right answer is that it was
of all-time, universal dimension
and significance. Certainly we
can make out a strong case
for a literal worldwide flood –
with the release of the great
waters both from below and
above (Genesis 7:11,12) But
we may also observe that the
phrase of Genesis 7:19 – that
'all the high mountains under
the entire heavens were
covered' can be paralleled by
Acts 2:5, where – on the Day
of Pentecost – those who were
present were 'from every nation
under heaven'. Those nations
are then listed out in detail,
and they are all from the then
known world of Luke the writer
– around the Mediterranean
basin. So, the Flood itself need
not have extended across the
entire world.

Can we respect the differing
views among reverent students
of Scripture? If we cannot, we

are in deep trouble. Once we
get into lengthy and heated
debates as to whether the flood
covered every dot of land-space
on the world, we are in danger
of exhausting ourselves and
diverting people from hearing
the real message of the Flood.
And what is that?

First, it widens the problem
– from a garden to the whole
world. The Flood conveys a
universal warning. Second, it
produces a model – for our
entire understanding of judgment
and grace, for ultimately the
safety of the ark is found in
Christ. Third, it sets the stage –
for the drama of salvation that
is to be unfolded from Genesis
12 onwards.

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When I say I am a Christian

When I say, "I am a Christian,"
I'm not shouting, "I am saved!"
I'm whispering, "I get lost;
that is why I chose this way."

When I say, "I am a Christian,"
I don't speak of this with pride.
I'm confessing that I stumble
and need Someone to be my Guide.

When I say, "I am a Christian,"
I'm not bragging I am strong.
I'm professing that I'm weak,
and I pray for strength to carry on.

When I say, "I am a Christian,"
I'm not bragging of success.
I'm admitting I have failed
and cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say, "I am a Christian,"
I'm not claiming to be perfect.
My flaws are all too visible,
but God believes I'm worth it.

When I say, "I am a Christian,"
I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartaches,
which is why I cry His name.

When I say, "I am a Christian,"
I do not wish to judge.
I have no authority;
I only know I'm loved.

Author Unknown

A Diamond Couple!

Congratulations to Sheila and Brian Newsome who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 7th August.

Sheila, the St Wilfrid's Sacristan, does so much for church - indeed it is difficult to image St Wilfrid's without her! - and Brian did a lot of maintenance work until ill health curtailed his activities

We are thankful for their contribution to church life, their support, and their hard work, and we wish them a happy and memorable day

John Clarke ✝



St Francis Workshop

A flower arranging workshop took place at St Francis on the morning of Saturday 12th July.

Attended by six 'flos ordinators' the arrangements consisted of pink and salmon

dianthus, gypsophila, and ivy, offset by greenery. Difficult to show on a photograph, but I expect that they smelt lovely.

Filter coffee and cake was also consumed! Thanks to Jan

Tetley for the photograph.

John Clarke ✝



What's the Big Idea - The Nicene Creed Pt 3



*For us men and for our salvation
He came down from heaven; by the
power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and was made man. For
our sake He was crucified under
Pontius Pilate; He suffered death
and was buried.*

In this study we are looking at what the Nicene Creed says about the ministry of Jesus on earth.

‘For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven’: Jesus came down to earth to save us all. Salvation involves healing and rescuing us from the wrong things in our lives, which result in death itself. The Creed demonstrates the importance of having a proper understanding of Christ that safeguards the gospel of salvation. ‘For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.’ (Luke 19:10).

‘by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man’:

Although the word ‘incarnate’ doesn’t appear in the New Testament, it expresses the meaning of Jesus’ birth. Heresies of the time included Adoptionism (i.e. Jesus became God’s Son only at His baptism) and Docetism (i.e. Jesus appeared to be human, as a fully divine being). The incarnation affirms that the divine son, was conceived in Mary’s womb by the power of the Spirit and born in time as a human being: ‘The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy One to be born will be called the Son of God.’ (Luke 1:35). If Jesus was not conceived both fully divine and human, the Christian understanding of salvation is lost.

‘For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried’:

In the Creed we move straight from Jesus’ birth to His death, which is the climax of His ministry. Jesus dying for our sins on the cross lies at the heart of God’s plan of salvation. The mention of Pontius Pilate roots our faith in history and reminds us of the important part people played in God’s plan. ‘He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed.’ (1 Peter 2:24).

What is the place of the incarnation in your understanding of the Christian Faith?

Canon Paul Hardingham ✝

Reflections on the Nicene Creed

New reflections released to mark 1700 years of the Nicene Creed

A new booklet of biblical reflections and prayers, *We Believe: Exploring the Nicene Creed*, has been recently released to support churches, small groups and individuals as Christians around the world mark the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea.

Commissioned to mark 1700 years since the Nicene Creed's original development, and published by Church House Publishing, the booklet explores the theological depth and contemporary relevance of the Nicene Creed – one of the most enduring and universal expressions of Christian faith.

The Nicene Creed is one of the foundational statements of Christian belief, shared across most Christian traditions. It was first agreed at the Council of Nicaea in AD 325, a gathering of bishops from across the Christian world convened by the Emperor Constantine. The Council sought to resolve disputes about the identity of Jesus Christ and affirmed that he is “of one being with the Father”. The Creed was expanded in its present form at the First Council of Constantinople in AD 381. It sets out the Church's faith in the Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - and has been recited in Christian worship down the centuries as a shared declaration of belief, unity and hope.

Structured as a 24-day devotional, *We Believe: Exploring the Nicene Creed*

We Believe

invites readers to engage prayerfully with each phrase of the Creed. Through daily Scripture passages, thoughtful commentary, prayers and prompts for reflection, the booklet encourages individuals and communities to explore what it means to say “we believe” in the context of today's world.

Printed copies are available as single booklets or in packs of ten for use in parishes. Downloadable resources, including social media graphics, logos, posters and a parish resource pack are now live at AChurchNearYou.com (please let me know if you would like a copy - John). Churches are invited to make use of these at any other suitable time during 2025.

Dr Michael Ipgrave, Bishop of Lichfield and Chair of the Liturgical Commission, said: “The Nicene Creed has

been a cornerstone of Christian belief for 1700 years – a statement of faith that connects us not only to one another, but also to generations before us as well as to Christians across the world today. *We Believe* is a timely and beautifully written resource that will help churches explore this historic creed afresh, inviting reflection, deepening discipleship, and opening space for theological discovery. I warmly commend it to parishes, groups and individuals across the Church.”

Parish Pump 

Arts and Crafts



Reflecting Faith: Saying 'Farewell'

Last month we considered how we are welcomed at the beginning of a church service, as we come together to enter into the real presence of God.

This month let's consider how we say 'goodbye' at the end of the service.

For the leader of the service doesn't just say something like, "Thanks for coming, lovely to see you - have a great week." Rather, there's a promise and a blessing for each of us as we take what we have 'received' from the service into the world.

So the crunch question is: what do you get out of coming to a church service?

The ideal is: You have been met with a friendly welcome followed by music you love, played at the perfect speed with no squeaky singers in

the congregation. Then, an inspiring sermon which gives you something to think about for the coming week. After that, prayers that speak of what is on your heart and what you have heard on the news that week. Finally, good fellowship and a cuppa after the service, where you can feel part of 'them', rather than ignored because you are only visiting.

Following all that good stuff, you go out of the church with a spring in your step!

Of course, in the real world not all those boxes get ticked.

But still we can go to church with hope, and ideally, we leave it in peace. The time that we spend together is the 'easy' bit. The real challenge begins when we go out the door and back into the daily round of home life and work. But we can be sure that we do not leave God

at the church door. He always comes home with us, and He is there to help us throughout the coming week. That is why we can indeed 'go in peace'.

Rev. Dr Jo White ✝



This month

When you next go to a church service take note of the leader's closing words and your expected responses to them. How heartily can you agree with them? How do they make you feel?

The Lord's Prayer is the Tops!

The Lord's Prayer beats Shakespeare, Dickens, Churchill and National Anthem in public recognition poll.

People in the UK are more likely to identify correctly a short extract from the Lord's Prayer – also known as the Our Father – than one from the National Anthem and other sources chosen for their deep cultural resonance, a new poll has found.

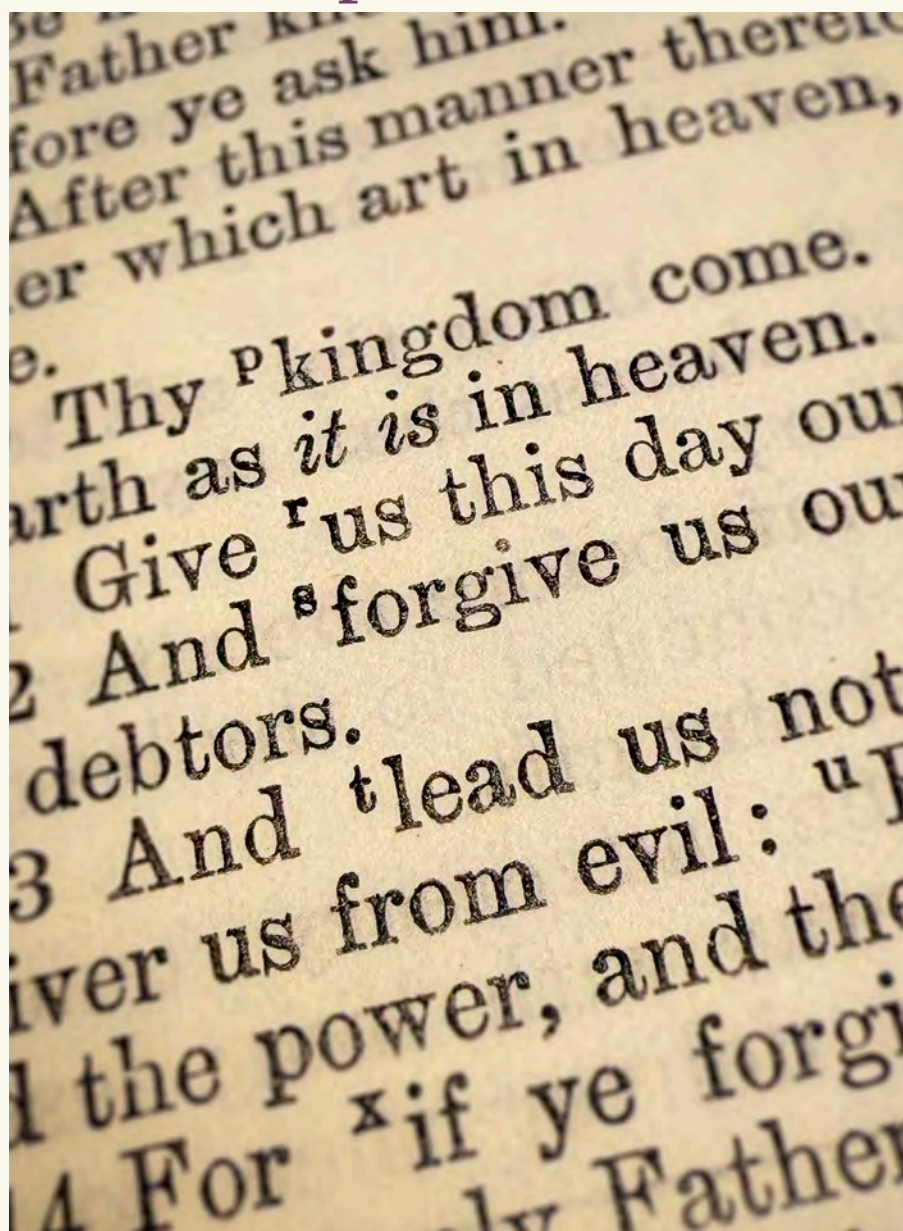
The polling, carried out for the Church of England, also found the reference in the prayer to being forgiven and forgiving others was the element people found most meaningful to them.

Pollsters Savanta surveyed more than 2,000 people across the UK. They asked them to match seven famous lines - spanning areas ranging from literature and history to popular culture – with their source, from a list of correct answers.

Overall, the phrase from the Lord's Prayer was recognised correctly by the largest number of people (80.3 per cent), just ahead of Star Wars (79.9 per cent).

They were followed by Hamlet's "To be or not to be" (73 per cent) the extract from the National Anthem (63 per cent); the line from Churchill's 'The Few' speech (61 per cent); and You'll Never Walk Alone (58 per cent).

Overall, 89 per cent of those surveyed said that they had previously heard of the Lord's Prayer or the Our Father. This was highest among those who described themselves as Christian (95 per cent), but



also by 88 per cent of those who said they had no religion.

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, is currently leading a 'Lord's Prayer Tour' of events at churches and cathedrals across the north of England attended by thousands of people, as part of his Faith In The North initiative.

He said: "In a world of shifting cultures and changing circumstances, the Lord's Prayer remains a steady guide - perhaps never more so than now.

"Lines like 'Give us this day our daily bread' speak powerfully to today's challenges, reminding us to seek sufficiency, not excess, and to consider what 'enough' truly means."

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The Old Woman of the Roads

O, to have a little house!
To own the hearth and stool and all!
The heaped-up sods upon the fire
The pile of turf against the wall!
I could be quiet there at night
Beside the fire and by myself
Sure of a bed, and loth to leave
The ticking clock and
the shining delph
Oh! But I'm weary of mist and dark
And roads where there's
never a house or bush
And tired I am of the bog,
and the road
And the crying wind
and the lonesome hush!
And I am praying to God on high
And I am praying Him night and day
For a little house – a house of my own
Out of the wind's and the rain's way.

From a poem by Padraic Colum

From the Parish Registers

Funerals

We offer our love and sympathy to the relatives of:

26th June

David Harry Campey (83) at St Wilfrids

10th July

Susan Frances Haywood (59) at York Crematorium

Baptisms

We welcome into the Christian Family:

6th July

Nellee Bleu Hurrell

20th July

Aubrey Sylvia Howley

Church Floodlights

St Wilfrid's Church was illuminated on:

14th August

In Loving Birthday and Anniversary

Memories of Ann Margaret Hind

21st August

In Loving Birthday Memories of Graham Postles

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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**We should all swap problems;
everyone knows how to solve
the other person's**

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Service Roster for August

St Wilfrid's

Sunday 3rd August

Seventh Sunday after Trinity
10:30am Joint Holy Communion
at **St Wilfrid's**

Wednesday 6th August

The Transfiguration
9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 10th August

Eighth Sunday after Trinity
10:30am Joint Holy Communion
at **St Francis'**

Monday 11th August

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

Wednesday 13th August

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 17th August

Ninth Sunday after Trinity
10:30am Joint Celtic Holy
Communion at **St Wilfrid's**

Wednesday 20th August

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 24th August

Brayton Bonanza
Time to be advised
Morning Prayer
on **Brayton Village Green**

Wednesday 27th August

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 31st August

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
10:30am Joint Celtic Holy
Communion at **St Wilfrid's**

St Francis

Sunday 3rd August

Seventh Sunday after Trinity
10:30am Joint Holy Communion
at **St Wilfrid's**

Thursday 7th August

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 10th August

Eighth Sunday after Trinity
10:30am Methodist led Joint Holy
Communion at **St Francis'**

Thursday 14th August

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 17th August

Ninth Sunday after Trinity
10:30am Joint Celtic Holy
Communion at **St Wilfrid's**

Thursday 21st August

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 24th August

Bartholomew The Apostle
10:30am Holy Communion

Thursday 28th August

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 31st August

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
10:30am Joint Celtic Holy
Communion at **St Wilfrid's**

Methodists

Brayton

Sunday 3rd August

10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 10th August

10:30am Holy Communion,
united service with Burn and
Hambleton

Sunday 17th August

10:30am United service at **Burn**

Sunday 24th August

10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 31st August

10:30am United service with
Burn and Hambleton
6:00pm Evening Worship

Burn

Sunday 3rd August

10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 10th August

10:30am United service
at **Brayton**, with Holy
Communion

Sunday 17th August

10:30am United service with
Hambleton and Brayton

Sunday 24th August

10:30am United service at
Hambleton

Sunday 31st August United
service at Brayton

Thorpe Willoughby

Sunday 10th August

10:30am Holy Communion



The Directory

Tea Up!

Coffee Corner

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

Everyone is welcome to join us for Coffee, Cake and Convivial Company. **Pat**

Community Lunch

Wednesday 4th September
12noon-1:30pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

The Community Lunch team may be found on the beach at Bridlington, playing volleyball, building sandcastles, and eating ice-creams until they are sick! But they will be back in September after their holidays to make some soup and stuff! **Pat**

Tea@Two

Thursday 18th September
2pm-4pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

An afternoon of coffee, tea, cake and chat. Tickets only £7. **Pat**

Coffeemates

Wednesday 27th August
10am - 12noon
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

Join us for tea, coffee and fantastic homemade cakes! **Lynn**

Coffee for All

Every Tuesday
10am-11:30am
St Francis Church

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

Craft Group Coffee Morning

Saturday 9th August
10am - 11:30pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

Enjoy cakes, crafts, and a raffle! We hope to see you there! **June**

Wellbeing

Methodist Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 30th August
10am-12noon
Brayton Methodist Chapel

Proceeds to Methodist Homes for the Aged. Anyone who enjoys coffee and chatter is welcome to join us.
Lorraine

Soup and a Song

Friday 29th August
10:30am-1pm
St Francis Church

Memory letting you down? Caring for someone with memory problems? Lonely or know someone who is? Enjoy a good sing-song? Join our happy group for an hour of song & fun, then share a meal of soup, butties and cake. 07921255988. **Rosemary**

Churchyard Tidying

Saturday 30th August
9:30am-12noon
St Wilfrid's Churchyard

Come and help maintain the flower borders, cut back the brambles, and empty the rubbish bins! Live the dream! **John**

Crafty Folks

St Wilfrid's Craft Group

Tuesday 12th August
2pm–4pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

Everyone welcome, come along for good company and a cuppa. You may learn a new craft! **June**

St Wilfrid's Stitchers Group

Monday 25th August
1:30pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

We meet on the last Monday in the Month. We enjoy any type of sewing, cross stitch, and embroidery of any kind, as well as patchwork. All welcome, further details from 01757 705793. **Pat**

St Francis Crafters

Every Wednesday
2pm-4pm
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**

Women Matters

Mothers' Union

Saturday 13th September
From 2pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

On Saturday 13th September MU members will host a coffee morning with plenty of cake available. **Lynn**

Brayton WI

Monday 11th August
From 2pm
Marion's Garden

There will be no meeting in the Hall in August. We will have a 'Bring your own Picnic Lunch' in Marion's garden at 12.30 on Monday 11th August. Please note the time and hope the weather stays fine. 01757 702209 for more information. **Jean**

Thorpe WI

Thursday 14th August
7:30pm
St Francis' Church

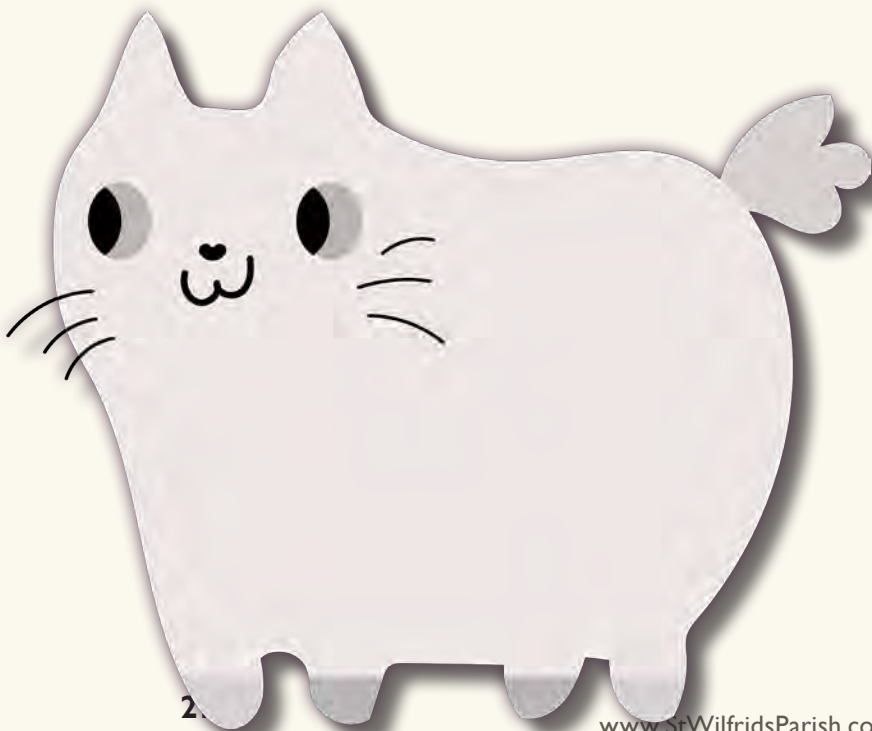
At our next meeting we shall have wine & cheese! **Jan**

Camera, Action!

Cake, Coffee, Movie

Friday 15th August
10am - 12noon
St Francis Church

We encourage people to come along and socialise over coffee & cake. Doors open at 10am with lots of refreshments followed by the film starting at 10.30am. **Jan**



St Wilfrid's Notices

Brayton Bonanza (more information on page 7)

The first Brayton Bonanza will take place throughout Sunday 24th August 2025. Located on Brayton Village Green, the event aims to bring together the different groups, people, activities, pursuits, and interests that make up the community and social fabric of Brayton.

The brainchild of Lauren Howley and friends, the day will form a showcase of the village. There will be displays, activities, and live music. St Wilfrid's will be represented, based in a large marquee. We shall hold the Morning Prayer Service during the morning, and afterwards the tent will be used to display many of the activities associated with St Wilfrid's. Volunteers needed to move tables, chairs etc. to and from the Parish Hall to the Green.

John Clarke

St Francis' Notices

Dorset Button Workshop

Tuesday 12th August, 10am to 12noon, St Francis' Church, Thorpe Willoughby. Dorset buttons started in Dorset in the 18th century. Made originally from part of a sheep's horn, they are a popular button craft that you can make using a ring, some thread, and a needle. They make beautiful embellishments for clothing, purses, bags, and even furniture.

The workshop costs £5 including coffee. Contact me beforehand so that I can obtain the correct amount of materials - 01757 707987.

Jan Tetley

Coffee, Cake and Movie @ St Francis

3rd Friday in each month: next showing 15th August. Doors open at 10am with lots of refreshments followed by the film starting at 10.30am. We encourage people to come along and socialise over coffee & cake. Contact me on (01757) 707987, or tetleyjan@gmail.com for more details.

Jan Tetley

Soup and a Song at St Francis

Last Friday in the month. The next Soup and a Song will be on Friday 29th August, 10:30am–1pm in St Francis Church. Is your memory letting you down? Or do you care for someone with memory problems? Enjoy singing? Join our happy group for an hour of song & fun, then share a meal of soup, butties and cake. Telephone me for more information on 07921 255988.

Rosemary Finlinson

Methodist Notices

Your Old Tools Can Transform Lives

Gordon and Lorraine McGlone from Brayton Methodist Church are members of the Rotary Club of Pontefract and are supporting their Club project to collect tools that will be forwarded to 'Tools with a Mission' in Rugby who will refurbish them and send off to Africa.

Tools for Builders, Carpenters, Electricians, Mechanics, Plumbers and Gardeners, once refurbished, will be sent out to help people set up their own businesses in communities across Africa. Sewing machines and haberdashery items are also welcomed.

If you have any tools you are no longer using just call Gordon on 07802 175373 to arrange to have them collected.

Lorraine McGlone

BEZZA 'n' MAYE

DRAWN BY CATS-Y



#1 Nature table



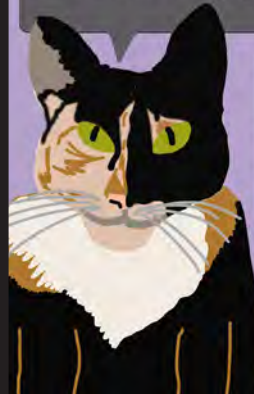
This is my Nature table. Soon, I'll have enough for a whole bird!



Ok one of these was bought in a shop... but it's my favourite thing!



I've got more things, so mine's better!



Yours are all the same, so mine's better!



There's only one way to sort it out...





JOIN US FOR OUR

BRAYTON
BONANZA

SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST
ALL DAY



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