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Welcome

to the October 2025 edition of Connected

Well autumn has arrived. I've had to turn on the heater in my shed where I edit *Connected*; but please don't tell Mrs Clarke. We are not allowed to turn the heating on until October normally :)

We hear from Jackie Jackman this month with the Dear Friends article. Jackie ruminates on the sharing of meals and

Holy Communion.

I'm happy to report on Revd. Christine's final service that was held in Sherburn recently. The service included a hymn for Revd. Christine which, knowing the Methodist predilection with singing, was no doubt sung lustily!

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**There is no better proof of
friendship than to help our
friends with their burdens**
Augustine



St Wilfrid's invited the Weighon Waytes into church on the evening of 20th September. The group sing for the benefit of others, and through this derive great pleasure for themselves. Despite the awful weather the concert was well attended and '293 raised for Church funds.





Dear Friends

For personal reasons, over the last few months I've been asking all sorts of questions about Holy Communion. I've been talking to various people, asking them what its importance was to them and why. What they felt, if they felt anything at all, as they received the bread and wine; what they believed, or felt, they were receiving. These discussions and comments led me on to read around the subject. What an eye opener!!

When I was very young, as a family we ate most of our meals together, especially the main meal of the day, which in our case was lunch. We'd chat about all kinds of things, and I guess it was where I'd learn about life in general. Even then, Prime Ministers were mentioned on occasion!

Nowadays, as I understand it, this doesn't happen as often in many families - eating together, I'm referring to, not talking about Prime Ministers - and probably television is often blamed. When we finally bought a television I used to beg to watch Children's Hour and then have my tea afterwards on my own. (Children's Hour!!!!). Nowadays our society frequently uses meals to bring together friends and family to celebrate special occasions, but less frequently eat daily meals together.

Have you ever noticed how many times in the Gospels, meals and eating together is mentioned, and how often Jesus was able to use meal times to teach important lessons to his fellow Jews and, of course, to his disciples. It would seem much of his ministry took place at meal times. Quite a large portion of the four gospels report these meals, so they must have



been deemed important.

Being brought up as a devout Jew in a poor peasant family, Jesus knew how oppressive his beloved Jewish faith could be, especially to the underprivileged classes to which he belonged. At his baptism, and through his intimacy with God in prayer, (how many times in the gospels are we told that Jesus would withdraw to a mountainside to pray, often spending the whole night there?) he understood that God is a God of love not oppression, and excluded no one from his presence. Just imagine how this knowledge of God's love as taught by Jesus would draw the crowds of those, who similar to himself, were so oppressed and marginalised by their own spiritual leaders.

At the many meals that are reported in the gospels Jesus was able to share the contrast

between the exclusive God of the scribes and Pharisees, with the all loving God he so intimately knew and who was the subject of his ministry. Notice, Jesus never condemned the mistaken religious leaders, he just taught and encouraged and lived the freedom of this God of love within the context of the meals.

I'd love to have time to give some examples of these meals, but seeing all this began by my personal quest to understand more about Holy Communion, I must move on... except I can't resist the story of Zacchaeus, the small, dishonest and hated tax collector who had to climb a tree to be high enough above the crowd to catch a glimpse of this Jew he'd heard people enthusing about. Probably much to Zacchaeus' embarrassment, Jesus sensed where he was and

called him down, saying he wanted to dine with him that day. We don't know what was said at that meal; we do know that Zacchaeus was transformed by the presence of Jesus. It happens!

Probably the best known meal of all which was shared with Jesus was at the Passover meal which became known to Christians as the Last Supper, when Jesus took bread and wine and blessed them and handed them out saying that they were his body and blood and to eat and drink in remembrance of him.

None of the writers of the gospels were actually at this meal; what happened at the time was passed on by word of mouth. Paul was the first to write about it, about twenty years after the Last Supper occurred. After the Resurrection, groups of Christians would gather to eat together, often in secrecy because they were often persecuted, and include the remembrance in the

bread and wine.

To cut a long story short, by the time of the emperor Constantine 306-337AD, Christianity was becoming a dominant religion in Rome, even though many of its followers were in danger of persecution. Then in 312AD Constantine was baptised, and ordered his whole household to be baptised as well. The persecution of Christians ended, but this was the start of more trouble for the Church because it became dominated by power from the top, power spreading down through the rich and elite, rather than from the grassroots up, inclusive of all, as Jesus had taught. All kinds of arguments took place as to what was 'correct' teaching etc., and the powers that be discussed and argued what would be a correct creed, and which books and letters should be included in the Bible, and many other issues.

And so, down the centuries

trouble remained, and still does, although things today might slowly, oh so slowly, changing amidst much argument, always it seems to me, coming from the top down.

When I was very young, I'd be taken to church and my mum was allowed to go to the altar rail and take part in a meal (albeit ritualised) whilst I couldn't even go with her to see what was going on and receive a blessing. I was deemed unworthy to share in the Body of Christ, I wasn't confirmed. Didn't Jesus even sit a child on his knee to make a point!

A while ago at the altar rail I watched a mother take a crumb of wafer from her mouth and put it in the mouth of their tiny baby to share in the meal. Was the baby baptised? Worthy? Shock, horror! I think Jesus was thrilled!!

God bless.

Jackie Jackman ✝

The Humble Aster

A flower used by Victorians when they wanted to send a 'hidden message' of love is making a big comeback. It is the aster. It's popularity in bouquets has quadrupled in two years. Sales at Tesco alone have soared by nearly 350%.

And no wonder: asters are vivid, fast-growing British flowers with a good vase life. They come in blue, purple, pink, dark pink, red and white – all with a bright yellow centre. They originally came from Japan and are related to dahlias and chrysanthemums.

The Victorians believed that asters symbolised love, patience, wisdom, elegance and grace. That made asters a sure winner for bearing discreet messages of affection.

More than five million were grown in the UK this year, so there must be a lot of love about!

Parish Pump ✝



Farewell Revd. Christine

As many of you will know, Revd. Christine Gillespie retired recently. Christine has always been very supportive of *Connected*, for which I am in her debt, and I wish her every happiness for what I pray will be

a long retirement. The Goole & Selby Circuit had a Farewell Service for Christine on Sunday 10th August at Sherburn in Elmet Methodist Church at 3pm. The preacher was the Chair of District,

Rev Leslie Newton, and the service included a hymn written especially for the occasion *A Song for Revd. Christine* (See below).

A Song for Revd. Christine

(Sung to STF 407 – ***Hear the call of the Kingdom***)

Its now time for retirement, to sit down have a rest.
In your dedicated service you've been better than the best
Steering churches with wisdom, when they're put to the test
So, with you we have been truly blessed!

Chorus

Revd. Christine, you have answered your call
With compassion, bringing Jesus to all
Keeping churches on paths straight and true
With God's love always in view.

In your preaching you've taught us how to live a Godly life
That your call to the ministry was met with doubt and strife
But God knew of your talent and where best it was placed
So praise the Lord, you've here been based!

So, sit down with our thank yous and be held in our love
You've been friend, guide and counsellor, our link to God above
We are sad that this time has come, but know it is right
To let you stop and say good night!

To mark the end of my full time, circuit ministry, Sherburn hosted a service in August. Wistow Village choir sang, various church members read lessons and prayed and Rev Leslie Newton (Methodist Chair of District) preached from the gospel story

of the paralysed man who was lowered through the roof. (Mark 2)

I was asked to choose the hymns and, having been given no guidance about the theme of the service, chose some that had personal meaning for me. The

reasons for these choices were not given during the service so I thought you might be interested to read about them.

My church life began in Mirfield in a vibrant church. In 1968 we, along with the other local churches, broadcast '*Sunday*

Half Hour – a radio programme of hymn singing. The church was packed and as a nine year old, the excitement of being on the radio was enhanced by the opportunity to sit in the gallery. It is unlikely that I knew the hymn **'Ye servants of God your master proclaim'** before that occasion, but I was carried along with the stirring sound made by those who did. If Christianity is as much 'caught' as 'taught', it was good to be in a church where the afternoon Sunday School teachers were always at morning (and probably evening) worship and clearly committed to Christ and engaged in worship.

Shortly after this we moved to Leicester where I became a Girl Guide. The company met about a mile's walk away. I was probably about fourteen when a street of terraced houses was compulsorily purchased and, prior to demolition, boarded up. One winter's evening, walking home alone past these dark houses, some with gaping holes where the boards had been kicked in, I felt uncomfortable so I sang - not quietly and timidly, but with confidence. The hymn I sang was **'Come let us sing of a wonderful love'**. I don't know why I chose that, it had probably been sung in church the previous Sunday, but the words got me home safely.

*Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
why do they roam?
Love only waits to forgive
and forget;
home, weary wanderer, home!
Wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the
Father above.*

During the service at Sherburn thanks were expressed to me and generous gifts given, and I appreciated both, but the next hymn helped to ground us in the real purpose of worship. **'To God be the glory, great things he has done'**.

"Dad announced the hymn without saying it was my choice and a woman behind me tutted and muttered, 'ridiculous to choose that for a teenager'."

After Guides I became a Young Leader and on completion of the course, my certificate was to be presented in church at a service dad would conduct. He gave me the opportunity to choose the hymn to follow. I found the hymn-book, read all the hymns in the Dedication section and chose 'Give me the faith which can remove and sink the mountain to a plain'. I didn't know it and I had to pick out the tune on the piano but the words attracted me. Dad announced the hymn without saying it was my choice and a woman behind me tutted and muttered, 'ridiculous to choose that for a teenager'.

Do we, I wonder, underestimate our young people and give them so little substance that it is not surprising they see church as childish and leave soon after primary school? Just as parents used to buy a school blazer two sizes too big for the child so they could grow into it, this hymn has travelled with me and I still am growing into it.

*My talents, gifts, and graces, Lord,
into thy blessed hands receive;
and let me live to preach thy word,
and let me to thy glory live;
my every sacred moment spend
in publishing the sinners' friend.*

As a child, the best bit of a church service was the singing so I felt cheated if a hymn had less than five verses (I preferred seven). Despite this, I chose to close the Sherburn service with a short, but profound two verse hymn. **'Captain of Israel's host, and guide of all who seek the land above'**.

Sung at the close of every Methodist Conference, it holds the balance between our responsibility to use our free will wisely whilst also recognizing God's Sovereignty and providence. These words, I felt, were a fitting way to close the service and mark my transition into a new phase of ministry.

*By your unerring Spirit led,
we shall not in the desert stray;
we shall not full direction need,
nor miss our providential way;
as far from danger as from fear,
while love, almighty love, is near.*

Rev. Christine Gillespie



The Gates of the Kingdom

Give us, O God, the needs the body feels,
Give us, God, the need-things of the soul;
Give us, O God,
 the balm which body heals,
Give us, God, the soul-balm
 which makes whole.

O great God, thou who art
 upon the throne,
Give to us the heart repentance true,
Forgiveness give us of the sin we own, -
The sin inborn and the sin we do.

Give us, O God, a yearning that is strong,
And the crown of glory of the King;
Give us the safe home,
 God, for which we long
In thy kingdom's lovely gates to sing.

May Michael, archangel warrior white,
Keep down hostile demons of the fall;
May Jesus Christ
 MacDavid guide our flight
And give lodging in His
 peace-bright hall.

Ancient Celtic prayer

Hallowe'en

Some parents aren't sure quite what to feel about Hallowe'en – is it just harmless fun, or are there aspects of it that don't fit in with how we want to see the world?

A child's christening service is very honest about the reality of good and evil, and Hallowe'en can be a good time to talk about those things and how the love of Jesus can be a 'Light in the darkness' for everyone.

The word 'hallowe'en' actually means 'the eve of all hallows' day' – in other words, the night before the church's festival celebrating All Saints. A Saint is sometimes thought to be an exceptionally holy person – someone really special, who did extraordinary things because of their faith in God.

The famous saints are all amazing examples of what it's like to live God's way. But in the Bible, St Paul calls all Christians saints – a saint is simply a friend of God, who seeks to live their life according to God's purposes. When someone is christened, they truly become a Saint, so All Saints' Day is a celebration of the whole family of God.

If you'd like to mark Hallowe'en, these are some ideas that will bless others as well as being fun too.

What's happening in church? Some churches hold special events around this time of year. There might be a 'Light Party' with fun activities for children and young people – these events are a lovely way to focus on all that's life-giving and positive around All Hallows.

Some churches also have a special service for All Souls Day – a time when we remember our loved ones who have died. There might be an opportunity to go

and light a candle to remember someone – even small children grieve in their own way and may find comfort in this simple action.

Why not pop into our local church, or look up on their website, to find out what's happening in our local area?

"But Christians believe that you can't fight evil with evil – you can only fight evil with good, and that good will always win in the end."

Carve a pumpkin. Did you know that gargoyles (the scary looking faces carved in stone on churches) were originally made in medieval times to scare away evil spirits? The pumpkins with scary faces carved into them at Hallowe'en are a bit like that.

But Christians believe that you can't fight evil with evil – you can only fight evil with good, and that good will always win in the end. So why not see if you can carve a friendly looking pumpkin this year, as a sign that you and your family are going to be a force for good this Hallowe'en? (And you can always use the offcuts from your pumpkin to make delicious soup!)

You can do the same with Hallowe'en costumes. Superheroes make a great, positive alternative to scary witches and ghosts.

Give a treat. Not everyone is comfortable with the idea of children going round to neighbours' and just asking for treats. But if you don't want them to miss out on something their friends are doing, why not have a family baking session, and take a tray of cookies with you if you go out with them? Even little children

can help stick a smiley face on an iced biscuit. That way, you have something lovely to give away to your neighbours, too!

Safety first. Many children's fancy dress costumes are highly flammable. Please, don't ever use real candles around your front door or in your pumpkins; use the small battery-powered candles instead. If you can afford to buy a multi-pack of these electric candles, you could lend them to your friends and neighbours.

Say a goodnight prayer. Even if you've steered clear of scary costumes, and even if your child has loved the evening, it can be reassuring to have a goodnight prayer that reminds them that love, and light, and good, are always going to be stronger than fear and evil.

The ancient service of Compline (Night Prayer) has been used as this reminder for centuries, and many of its prayers are still well known today: 'Visit this place, O Lord, we pray and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be upon us always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

Or, in a simpler children's version: 'Be with us, Lord, and take away all fear, may your angels protect us and give us peace. And bless us always. Amen.' You can use these lovely prayers any time when you need a reminder that God is with you – especially at the end of a difficult day, or when something sad has happened, or when your family is worried about something.

Parish Pump 

The Nicene Creed - The Person of the Holy Spirit



We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

This month we are considering what the Nicene Creed says about the Holy Spirit.

'We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life': The original version of the Nicene Creed ended simply 'We believe in the Holy Spirit.' However, the phrase 'the Lord, the giver of life' was added to counter the teachings of Macedonius (Bishop of Constantinople), who viewed the Holy Spirit as a creation of the Son. The Holy Spirit is part of the Trinity who shapes us, according to Christ's image, through His fruit and gifts: 'the Spirit gives life...we are being transformed into His image with

ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.' (2 Corinthians 3:6,18).

'...who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified': In the late 6th century the Latin churches added the phrase 'and the Son' (the Filioque Clause), which was rejected by the Orthodox Churches. Augustine described the Spirit as 'love proceeding' from the Father and the Son, so we can know God: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, He will testify about me.' (John 15:26).

The Creed is clear that the Holy Spirit is due equal status and worship with the Father and the Son, as a distinct divine person: 'May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.' (2

Corinthians 13:14).

'He has spoken through the Prophets': Why does the Creed include this activity of the Spirit? It is not just referring to the Old Testament prophets, but the whole of Scripture. He has inspired Scripture, so that we have God's word communicated by human writers: 'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness' (2 Timothy 3:16). When we read the Bible, the Spirit enables us to hear what God is saying to us.

In what areas of life have you felt the Holy Spirit at work in you?

Canon Paul Hardingham



Arts and Crafts



For the last few months we've been looking at the way that church services are put together.

Last time we looked at how we begin by recognising how great and amazing God is, and therefore apologise for all the things we've done wrong – or should have done and haven't – in the light of His 'perfection'.

We then receive God's forgiveness.

At this point, recognising how gracious and forgiving God is, we are asked to rise from our knees and stand together to give 'Glory to God'.

Known in Latin as 'The Gloria'.

You will recognise those words from those spoken by the angels announcing the birth of Christ to the shepherds on the hills over Bethlehem:

"Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to people of good will" (Luke 2:15)

Traditionally this 'angelic hymn' has been sung and begins with praise to God the Father. It then asks for the mercy from God the Son, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

The final lines soar into the blinding mystery of the Trinity: 'Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father'. Because it is so full of joy it is not included in worship during Advent and Lent.

This hymn dates back to the third century of the Church. Tradition holds that it was first composed as a prayer in the East, and then translated to Latin by Saint Hilary of Poitiers around the year 360.

Because this hymn is so special over the years there have been limitations on who was allowed to sing or recite it. At first it was only bishops and then in the 11th century priests were allowed to do so.

Now we all sing or say it together. That means we take our place in our Christian heritage alongside those angels singing or saying it each week. What a privilege!

Rev'd Dr Jo White ✝



This month

Next time you go to a Sunday church service think about those angels as you stand to say or sing 'The Gloria'. Can you feel their wings alongside you?

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all His words most wonderful,
Most sure in all His ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came...**

**And in the garden secretly,
And on the cross on high,
Should teach His brethren, and inspire
To suffer and to die.**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all His words most wonderful,
Most sure in all His ways....**

**The feast day of John Henry Newman is 9th October.
His great work 'The Dream of Gerontius' has
become a very well-loved hymn...**

From the Parish Registers

Funerals

We offer our love and sympathy to the relatives of:

2nd September

Joan Kathleen Moran (95) at St Wilfrid's

22nd September

Gordon Tute (91) at St Wilfrid's

Church Floodlights

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

5th September

Wedding Anniversary Memories of Bob & June Chappell

19th September.

In Loving Memory of Ann Margaret Hind

21st September

In Loving Birthday Memories of John Moore

Weddings

We offer our congratulations to:

2nd September

David Pink & Linda Doughty

Baptisms

We welcome into the Christian Family:

21st September

Ella Marie Newham

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

Methodist Clergy

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Dear Lord,

So far today, I am doing all right. I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, or cursed. I have not spent on my credit card, or eaten any chocolate. However, I am going to get out of bed in a few minutes, and I will need a lot more help after that!

Amen.

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Service Roster for October

St Wilfrid's

Wednesday 1st October

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 5th October

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 7th October

10:30am Holy Communion at

Fernbank Court

Wednesday 8th October

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 12th October

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Holy Communion and

Joyce's Baptism

Monday 13th October

10:30am Holy Communion at St

Wilfrid's Court

Wednesday 15th October

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 19th October

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Joint Celtic Holy

Communion at **St Wilfrid's**

Wednesday 22nd October

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th October

Last Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 29th October

9:30am Holy Communion

St Francis

Thursday 2nd October

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 5th October

Harvest Festival

10:30am Holy Communion

Thursday 9th October

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 12th October

Seventeenth Sunday after

Trinity

10:30am Methodist Holy

Communion

Thursday 16th October

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 19th October

Eighteenth Sunday after

Trinity

10:30am Joint Celtic Holy

Communion at **St Wilfrid's**

Thursday 23rd October

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th October

Last Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Morning Prayer

Thursday 30th October

10am Holy Communion

Methodists

Brayton

Sunday 5th October

10.30 am Morning Worship

Sunday 12th October

10.30 am United Service with

Burn and Hambleton

Sunday 19th October

United Service at **Burn** with

Hambleton

Sunday 26th October

10.30 am Holy Communion

Burn

Sunday 5th October

10.30 am Harvest Festival

Sunday 12th October

10.30 am United Service at

Brayton

Sunday 19th October

10.30 am United Service with

Brayton and Hambleton

Sunday 26th October

10.30 am United Service at

Hambleton

Thorpe Willoughby

Sunday 12th October

10.30 am Holy Communion

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Thank you to all who contributed to the coffee morning on 13th September. There was a good attendance and we made £188 for MU.

On Thursday 9th October we will meet at 1pm for our Harvest Lunch, a bring and share event.

Brayton Mother's union continue to collect items for IDAS e.g. toiletries, towels etc. which can be

given to their clients who have often escaped from domestic abuse with very little. Further details can be found at the IDAS website <https://idas.org.uk/>.

Jill Clarke ✝

For Brayton Mothers' Union

The Directory

Tea Up!

Coffee Corner

Saturday 4th October
10am - 11:15am
St Francis Church

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

Community Lunch

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

A simple lunch of soup and dessert **with custard** for only £5
Pat

Tea@Two

Thursday 16th October
2pm-4pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

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

Coffeemates

Wednesday 29th October
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 11th October
10am - 11:30pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

A warm welcome awaits you with good company, coffee and cakes. We hope to see you there! **June**

Wellbeing

Methodist Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 25th October
10am-11:30am
Brayton Methodist Chapel

Proceeds this month will go to the The Royal National Lifeboat Institution. All are welcome to join us for a cuppa and a chat
Lorraine

Soup and a Song

Friday 31st October
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 25th October
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 14th October
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 27th October
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

Thursday 9th October
From 1pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

This month we have a 'Bring and Share' Harvest Supper beginning at 1pm. **Lynn**

Brayton WI

Monday 13th October
From 2pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

The speakers this month will be Clive and Kath Richardson with "I don't believe a word of it". A likely story! 01757 702209 for more information. **Jean**

Thorpe WI

Thursday 9th October
7:30pm
St Francis' Church

This month we welcome Kate Peters. Kate is the leader of the Rock Choirs in Selby and York. **Jan**

Camera, Action!

Cake, Coffee, Movie

Friday 17th October
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

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

St Wilfrid's Autumn Fair

Saturday 8th November, 10am to 1pm. Details are still being finalised, so just make a note in the diary for now.

Chris Cade at St Wilfrid's

Saturday 15th November, from 7pm in St Wilfrid's Church.

The amazing Chris Cade returns to St Wilfrid's to present *Arthur Walker's Great War*. It is little comfort to Mrs Walker to receive a letter describing her son as 'a credit to his mother,' when it also reports him missing,

Tickets only £8 to include light refreshments.

Pat Griffiths

St Francis' Notices

Workshops at St Francis

A number of workshops are planned for the coming months:

Christmas Card Making with Margaret

Saturday 18th October, 10am to 12noon

If you have been to a St Francis coffee morning you will have seen the beautiful examples of her work.

Table Decoration - foliage & candle table piece - for Christmas

Saturday 20th December, 10am to 12noon

To book all or any workshop contact Jan Tetley on 01757 707987.

Coffee, Cake and Movie @ St Francis

3rd Friday in each month: next showing 17th October. 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

Choose a Favourite Hymn!

Saturday 8th November in St Francis Church. An opportunity for church attenders to choose their favourite hymns. Coffee, and cake available, to oil the vocals chords! More details to follow

Rosemary Finlinson

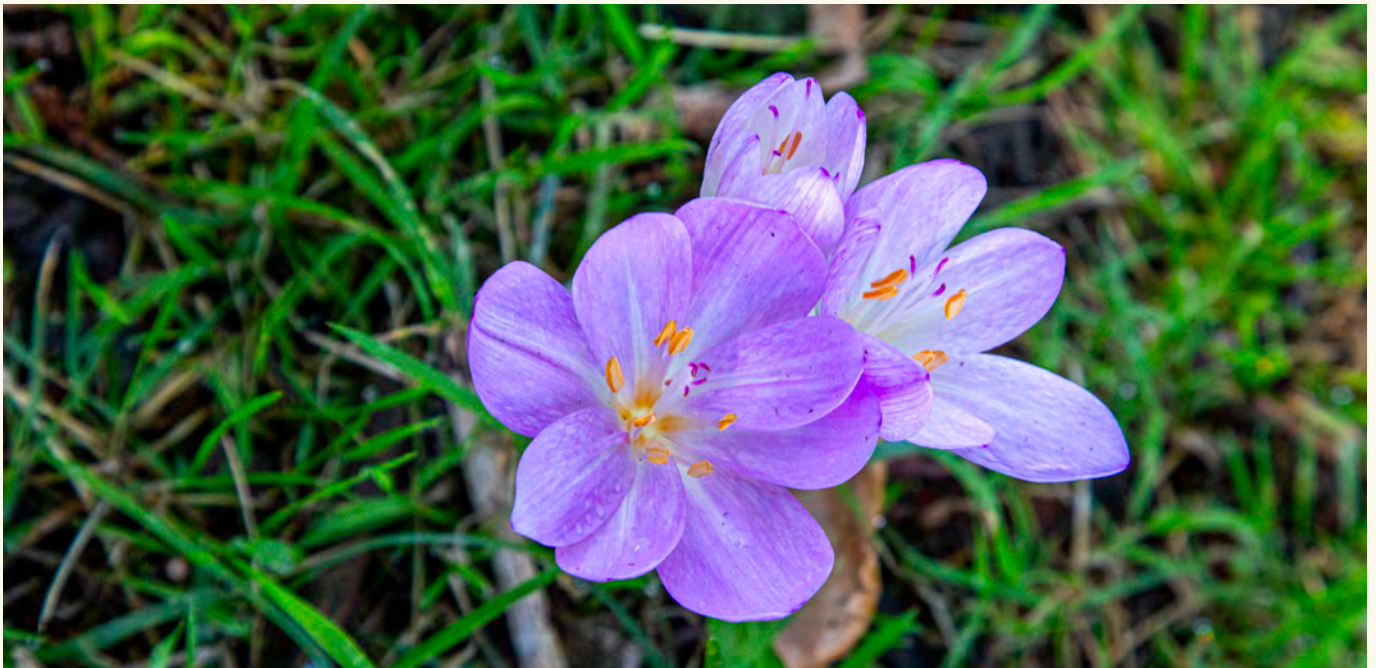
#TheParishThisMonth (Continued)



Many thanks to Jan Tetley for these pictures of the recent Ragged Wreath workshop that took place in St Francis. The wreaths are multi-purpose; hang them on the wall, on the front door, or use them as funky necklaces!



Several more workshops are planned between now and Christmas; see the item on the St Francis News page. Contact Jan on 01757 707987 if you would like try any of the activities. **John**



The colchicum bulbs next to the south path at St Wilfrid's have started to flower this month. Sometimes known as autumn crocuses, or more descriptively 'naked ladies' because they flower

without showing any leaves, they are members of the lily family. Their flowers range in colour from purple to pale pink or white. Look out for them in the borders at St Wilfrid's!

FOLLOW ALBERT! THE GREAT ST FRANCIS QUIZ NIGHT & SUPPER!

**SAT 18TH OCT
7PM, FOX LANE, THORPE
TEAMS OF 6 PEOPLE
£8 PER PERSON
BOOKING ESSENTIAL
CALL SHIRLEY (707380)
OR JOAN (708128)!**



Tea@Two

THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER AT 2PM
ST WILFRID'S PARISH HALL

FIXED **£7** MENU

TEA

WITH OR WITHOUT MILK!

COFFEE

GOES WELL WITH CAKE!

CAKE

GREAT WITH TEA & COFFEE!

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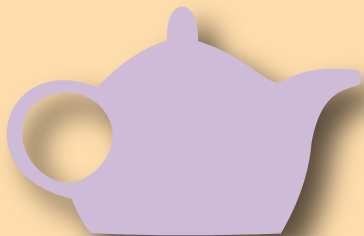
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ESSENTIAL TO HEALTH!

SOLD OUT!

NOW WE ARE TALKING!



AMAZING TASTE GUARANTEED!

St Wilfrid's Church presents Chris Cade's

Arthur Walker's Great War



Deployment
15th Nov 2025
19:00hrs in
St Wilfrid's
Parish Hall

Access chitty
only £8 - inc
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rations - from
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Pat Griffiths
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ALL THAT GLITTERS SELBY TEXTILE ART GROUP EXHIBITION

**This diverse exhibition
celebrates the latest
textile art by the Selby
Textile Arts Group. It
features traditional &
contemporary pieces,
mixed media, and
countless techniques and
skills...all with glitz!**

**Selby Abbey
10am to 4pm
Sat 25th October
to Fri 2th November**

COME AND BE INSPIRED!