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St Wilfrid's **Connected**

**This Christmas each one of us
is an innkeeper, who decides if
there is room within for Jesus**



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Welcome

to the December 2025 edition of *Connected*.

There were lots of activities during October and early November, and it has been a squeeze to include everything.

Once again Revd. Glyn Diggins takes the lead in the Dear Friends article; this month the message is about generosity.

We hear about the first aid training that was held for the Parish recently at St Wilfrid's, the visit of Revd. Francis Loftus to the Mothers' Union (brave man...),

and a new memorial event for the Llanberis Mountain Rescue Team.

I report on Arthur Walker's Great War that was performed by the brilliant Chris Cade. And there are photographs of the St Francis Gentle Movement ladies celebrating Halloween with hotdogs, the recent Selby Textile Art Group Exhibition in Selby Abbey, and the St Wilfrid's Autumn Fair. Phew!

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**This most tremendous tale of all,
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue,
A Baby in an ox's stall.**

From John Betjeman *Christmas*



Scenes from the St Wilfrid's Autumn Fair held in Church on 8th November 2025. The event raised just over £1,100 for Church funds which was a good result for a wet & cold day. A highlight was the singing of the Vintage Vocalist, Paula Marie, who entertained everyone with songs from the 1940s and 1950s, including *Secret Heart* from *Calamity Jane*. It is hoped that Paula Marie will sing in St Wilfrid's more formally in 2026. One for the diary!



Wendolene Ramsbottom from Wallace & Gromit was there!



Ruth Breeze helped out on the tombola!



MU cake stall

Dear Friends

Stepping Into God's Promises Through Generosity

One of the beautiful threads running through Scripture is that God is, at His very core, a God of promise. Some of those promises depend solely on His faithfulness, and they reassure us that His character never changes. Others invite us to respond, to trust Him, and to step into the life He longs to give us. It is within the area of generosity that this invitation becomes particularly clear.

We begin with the promises that never shift. God's covenant with Noah, His promise to bless all nations through Abraham, and the gift of salvation through Jesus; these are unconditional. They are rooted not in what we do but in who God is: steadfast, generous, and full of grace. These promises form the foundation on which we stand.

Yet alongside these assurances, God also speaks promises that call for our participation. They are not demands, nor are they bargaining chips. Instead, they are invitations. Jesus expresses one of them gently but firmly: "Seek first the kingdom of God... and all these things will be added to you." When we place God at the centre, He shapes our lives in ways we could never achieve on our own.

This dynamic is especially evident when the Bible speaks about generosity. Scripture never treats giving as a loss. Instead, it describes giving as planting a seed, opening a window, or creating space for God's goodness to flow. The language is consistently hopeful and encouraging. Proverbs reminds

us that "a generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." Jesus adds His own promise: "Give, and it will be given to you... running over." Paul speaks of sowing generously and reaping generously, not as a formula

"We may not always feel naturally generous. Sometimes fear, uncertainty, or habit pulls our hands closed. But God gently encourages us to open our hands..."

but as a reflection of how God delights to work through open-hearted people.

And then comes that remarkable invitation in Malachi: "Test me in this... and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven." It is the only place in Scripture where God invites us to test His promise, and it reveals just how deeply generosity matters to Him. God blesses generosity, not to make us comfortable, but so that we may continue to be a blessing to others.

We may not always feel naturally generous. Sometimes fear, uncertainty, or habit pulls our hands closed. But God

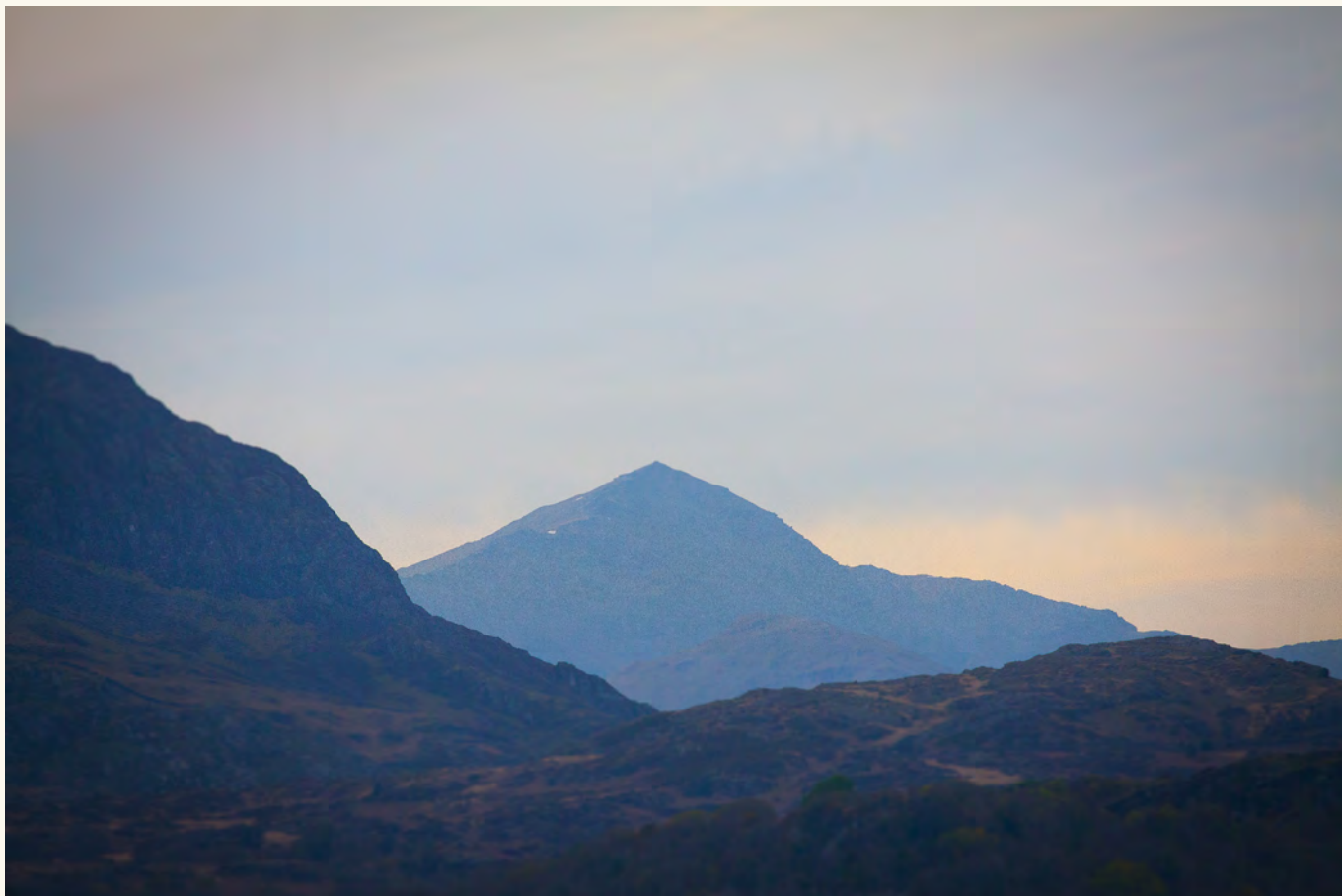
gently encourages us to open our hands, trusting that He will meet us in that step of faith. When we give willingly and joyfully, when we give regularly, consistently, even sacrificially, we find that something begins to change within us. Our confidence grows. Our faith strengthens. Our perspective widens. And in many ways, we discover that God's blessing flows more freely when we live with open hands rather than closed fists.

So perhaps this season offers an opportunity, a gentle nudge from God, to take a small step forward in generosity. Not out of pressure, but out of hope. Not to earn anything, but to align ourselves more fully with the generous heart of God. Imagine what God might do through us, and through our church, if each of us were to open our hands just a little wider. Imagine the lives touched, the needs met, the joy shared, the blessings multiplied.

Generosity has a way of drawing us deeper into God's promises. As we give, we don't become emptier, we become more aware of the God who fills, sustains, and provides. May we be people who trust His promises, who give with grace, and who discover the joy that comes from living generously under the open windows of heaven.

Rev. Glyn Diggins 

Mountain Memorial Service



Yr Wyddfa from Porthmadog

As a young man I was employed as a student engineer at Dinorwic Pumped Storage scheme in Llanberis, North Wales. Living in the village, most weekends in the winter months saw the Mountain Rescue Team take to the mountains - Snowden (now called Yr Wyddfa), Crib Goch, and Glyder Fawr - to rescue people who had fallen or succumbed to the cold. The outcome was often very sad.

Recently a new memorial event has taken place in Snowdonia to remember those who have died on Yr Wyddfa and the surrounding peaks.

The gathering, titled Cysgod yr Wyddfa ('In Yr Wyddfa's Shadow'), was held at Nant Peris Church. It had been organised by the Revd. Naomi Starkey, Ministry Area Leader for Bro

Eryri, following a series of recent mountain fatalities.

"Having lived in Bro Eryri for over a year, I've come to realise the dangers as well as the beauty of the amazing landscape," said Revd Naomi. "It's so poignant to hear of people coming for an adventure in the mountains and how that adventure sometimes ends in serious injury or death."

Recent months have seen several fatalities on Yr Wyddfa and nearby routes, including incidents on Crib Goch, which is above Nant Peris Church, and in the foothills and rivers around the mountain.

The bilingual gathering was an open space for quiet reflection rather than a formal church service. It included gentle music, readings, and the opportunity to light a candle.

Those attending included families of those who have died and members of the mountain rescue community. A collection was taken for Llanberis Mountain Rescue Team, the UK's busiest rescue team, which responded to over 300 call-outs so far this year.

This is the first time such a memorial has been held, and it may become an annual event.

**John Clarke
& Parish Pump**



Arthur Walker's Great War

On a night of horrible weather, the parish hall was filled to capacity to hear Chris Cade relate the story of Arthur Walker and his part in the Great War.

Arthur was not a special lad. Like many of his generation, he joined up early, in his case aged only 16, as a Wolds Wagoner, based initially at Sledmere House, in the Army Service Corps. After some service in Belgium, transferring supplies along the Menie Road connecting the city of Ypres to the front line, he transferred to the 15th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment, "the Leeds Pals". Armed with a Lee-Enfield rifle fitted with a massive 17" bayonet, he was sent to the Somme in France.

Chris related how Arthur, whilst in the trenches, received a gift from his mother of lice powder – he was hoping for chocolate! – and the advice "change your socks every week whether they need it or not".

Arthur was part of the big push that started on the 1st July 1916. In the early part of the campaign the chances of survival were fairly high at five in six, but towards the end the odds had shortened to only one in two. To illustrate the point Chris gave each member of the audience an old penny. We were asked to toss the coin; everyone with tails was killed. Mrs. Clarke and I drew tales, and our daughter Katy, a head. A sobering experience.

Arthur was still fighting at the Somme in March 1918 when the Germans captured their line. They were herded into cattle trucks and sent to a prisoner of



war camp in Germany. Arthur noted with approval that the accommodation huts, although rough and ready, had roofs! So unlike the trenches. He was put to work creating explosives made from straw using a Schneider machine.

On 11th November 1918 the camp guards went missing - the war was over. The prisoners decided to walk to France, since one of their number claimed to know the way, and thence to England, but after marching for several hours, they arrived back in the camp having completed a large circular route.

After the war Arthur returned to England but was unable to find work. Eventually he became a miner at Grimethorpe Colliery, before returning to North Yorkshire to be with his beloved horses. He married Dorothy in Malton and they lived in Foston, near to Thornton-le-Clay. Their daughter Elsie was born the day

before World War II broke out.

Arthur wouldn't wear his medals at the Armistice Day parades; they were for the Leeds Pals that didn't make it through the war. The role of honour at St Michael's Church, Crambe, records Arthur along with his siblings Fred, Ivy, Lily and Tom.

As always with Chris this was an immersive and engaging performance and I doubt that many in the audience didn't feel some connection with Arthur.

If you would like to see Chris perform in the near future, he is to deliver his interpretation of Dicken's *A Christmas Carol* in St Francis Church for the Thorpe Willoughby WI on Thursday 11th December from 7:30pm

John Clarke ✝

Emergency Stations @ St Wilf's!

A one-day Emergency First Aid Training course took place in St Wilfrid's Parish Hall Saturday 15th November 2025. This was delivered by Liz from Fast (First Aid Services and Training). Attendees from St Francis were Rosemary Finlinson, Shirley Croft, Jan Hunt and Ian Ross, and from St Wilfrid's Sue Beevers, Hilary Putman, Ruth Breeze, Vyv Griffiths and Graham Murray.

The focus of the course was what to do in an emergency medical situation: assessment, the importance of keeping yourself safe, getting help, and any follow up action you could take. This included CPR, using a defibrillator, getting the person into the recovery position, and dealing with minor injuries, burns, broken bones and seizures. We also learnt a lot about how to deal with poisoning, choking, bleeding, shock, diabetes, epilepsy and anaphylactic situations.

There was lots of group and individual involvement: questions and discussion, and activities which included getting up close with 'Little Anne' (the CPR manikin), placing colleagues in the 'Recovery Position', learning how to apply a variety of bandages and operate the recently acquired Parish Hall Defibrillator.

It was a very informative course. Liz has an excellent knowledge base, her delivery was easy to follow, she responded to all our questions and concerns, and was very patient and encouraging during the practical sessions.

Hopefully, we will not have to put this training into practice but if so, we have a good understanding of the procedure to follow in Emergency First Aid situations and could carry out the necessary steps

Ruth Breeze ✝

Images by Ruth Breeze



"This is all very well, but it's my other hand that is poorly!"



Rosemary and Jan practicing applying bandages.

I heard the Bells on Christmas Day

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head:
'There is no peace on earth, ' I said
'For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.'

Then pealed the bells more
loud and deep:
'God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail,
the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men.'

Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, written in 1863

At our November meeting we had a very interesting talk from Rev Francis Loftus about Mary Ward, 'A Woman of Faith and Courage'. Mary was born in Mulwith, near Ripon in 1585. She had a vision that women could make lives better through nursing, education etc. She reportedly said, "I hope in God it will be seen that women in time to come will do much". In conflict to her Catholic faith, she came to believe that nuns should not be closed off to the outside world and as well as founding her own Order in 1609 she travelled throughout Europe in extreme poverty founding girls' schools. In 1631 the Pope passed a law closing the schools and Mary Ward was sent to prison for a few weeks. She was subsequently released and several of the schools were allowed to reopen. In 1639 Mary returned to Yorkshire and lived just outside York. She died in 1645 and is buried in Osbaldwick Church but the precise site is unknown as at that time it was illegal for Catholics to be buried in a Church of England graveyard. Some years later a school was set up in York following Mary's ideas and this was known as Bar Convent. The current day Bar Convent at Blossom Street in York has an exhibition about Mary Ward and the convent.

(Note from Jill – the BBC Sounds 'Secrets of North Yorkshire' on 16th November was about the clock in the Bar Convent.)

Mothers' Union will again take part in the 16 days of activism from 25th November to 10th December. "Throughout this



Picture of Revd. Francis by Jill Clarke

campaign, we join with over 6,000 organisations from over 185 countries to raise awareness of and call for an end to gender-based violence and abuse in all forms and in all societies." At the 10.30 service on Sunday 23rd we were invited to pledge our parish's support for the campaign and sang a hymn written for the Mothers Union in support of those affected.

Brayton Mother's Union continue to collect items for IDAS (Independent Domestic Abuse Service) 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/>. We are hoping that a representative from Selby IDAS will attend our next meeting on 11th December to collect items and join our bring and share Christmas Tea Party. We will also have Christmas carols and readings.

Jill Clarke ✝

For Brayton Mothers' Union



Extended Online Version

The Nicene Creed - Trinitarian Faith



In the last of our series on the Nicene Creed, we want to ask about its significance today.

The original Creed dates from 325 AD, but was expanded at the Council of Constantinople in 381. Over the last months we have seen how the Creed provides a 'big picture' of who God is and challenges our commitment to him. Its value can be seen in three main areas:

The Nicene Creed stresses the need to believe the right thing:

Sadly, we often hear Christian leaders and churches denying the essential articles of the Christian Faith. To be a part of orthodox Christianity, we must believe in what is affirmed in the Nicene Creed. *'For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures'* (1 Corinthians 15:3-5).

The Nicene Creed affirms the importance of the Trinity:

Generally, Christians give little thought to the Trinity, and many churches rarely teach on the subject. However, by regularly reciting the Nicene Creed, people are reminded of the doctrine about the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It protects the truth about the Trinity, especially in opposition to Arianism, which sees Jesus as the first and greatest of God's creatures, but not the same as God the Father.

To be a Christian is to be baptised in the triune name and to worship God, who is three persons in one Godhead: *'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'* (Matthew 28:19).

The Nicene Creed focuses on God's salvation:

At the heart of the Nicene Creed is the good news that Jesus came down from heaven 'for our salvation'. It understands Christianity as essentially being about sin and salvation, judgment and forgiveness, and new life in Jesus Christ.

This theme is very relevant at Christmas, when we celebrate the baby born in Bethlehem as our Saviour. As the angels said to the shepherds: *'Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'* (Luke 2:11,12).

Canon Paul Hardingham †

Arts and Crafts



Reflecting Faith: Listening to the gospel

One of the highlights of the Christmas services is the reading of the opening passage from John's Gospel, *'In the beginning was the Word ...'*

I love the poetry of the words and sentences, as well as their very meaning. In most churches everyone will stand for that reading, which emphasises its importance. But what makes it important?

Most gospel passages that are read in church include the words of Jesus Himself, handed down to us over the centuries, but here there are none. Rather, this is the defining statement of who Jesus is and where He came from.

The way that the gospel readings are valued by the Church can be seen in our church buildings over the years. In older churches you will find two lecterns, one either side of the central

altar. The right-hand side is for the Old Testament and epistle readings, and the left-hand side lectern (as the congregation faces the altar) is for the gospel reading.

On the altar, the holder for the priest's book was physically moved to that side, so that as he read out the gospel he would be facing the northern side of the church. Traditionally that was the colder, darker side, thought to be 'least' holy and therefore in need of the gospel most.

Nowadays all readings may be given from the same place at the front of church, though in some churches the gospel book will be processed with or without candles, into the centre of the congregation, to bring us all gathering around Christ's words.

It is because of this absolute importance of the gospels that people face the gospel, so as it is processed, they move their

body and heads towards it. This will leave some people with their backs to the altar for that time, but it is the 'Word made flesh' that we honour.

Revd. **Dr Jo White** ✝



This month

This year during the Christmas season, listen out for that wonderful passage from John chapter 1 and consider how and where from it is being read and how that reflects the faith of the congregation you are within.

What Does Christmas Mean To You?

When you prepare for Christmas
What matters spring to mind?
The coming of the Saviour
Or the gifts that you can't find?

Do you think of baby Jesus
As you deck the halls with holly?
Or are your thoughts preoccupied
With piling high your shopping trolley.

Will you be moved this Christmas
By the sound of carol singing
Or are you more in tune with
The sound of shop tills ringing?

On that family occasion
When you choose your Christmas tree
Do you think of how that tiny babe
Came to die for you and me?

Christmas to you could mean much more
If you're prepared to see
The reasons why each Christmastime
Just mean so much to me,

So as you celebrate this Christmas
Why not resolve to start anew?
And change your whole perspective
Of what Christmas means to you.

Colin Hammacott

From the Parish Registers

Funerals

We offer our love and sympathy to the relatives of:

13th November

Ruth Wastell (92) at St Wilfrid's

17th November

Judith Chilvers (77) at St Wilfrid's

20th November

Elizabeth Campey (85) at St Wilfrid's

Church Floodlights

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

6th November

In loving Memory of Eric Chilvers

19th November

In Loving Memory of Joseph Thompson

21st November

In Loving 25th Birthday Memories for Jamie Norton

27th November

In Loving Memory of Milly Paterson

Baptisms

We welcome into the Christian Family:

9th November

Hallie Belle Alexander

Henry Alexander

Jack Jarvis

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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**This world is all a fleeting show, For
man's illusion given; The smiles of joy, the
tears of woe, Deceitful shine, deceitful
flow, There's nothing true but Heaven.**

Thomas More

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Service Roster for December

St Wilfrid's

Tuesday 2nd December

10:30am Holy Communion
at Fernbank Court

Wednesday 3rd December

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 7th December

Second Sunday of Advent

10:30am Morning Prayer

Monday 8th December

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

Wednesday 10th December

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 14th December

Third Sunday of Advent

10:30am Holy Communion
6pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Wednesday 17th December

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 21st December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:30am Joint Celtic Holy
Communion at St Francis

Wednesday 24th December

Christmas Eve

3pm Crib Service
11:30pm Midnight Eucharist

Thursday 25th December

Christmas Day

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

Sunday 28th December

The Holy Innocents

10:30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 31st December

NO SERVICE



St Francis

Thursday 4th December

10am Methodist Led Service

Sunday 7th December

Second Sunday of Advent

10:30am Holy Communion

Thursday 11th December

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 14th December

Third Sunday of Advent

10:30am Methodist Led Service
3pm Christingle Service

Thursday 18th December

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 21st December

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Communion at St Francis
6pm Six Lessons and Carols

Wednesday 24th December

Christmas Eve

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Thursday 25th December

Christmas Day,

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

Sunday 28th December

The Holy Innocents

10:30am Morning Prayer

Thursday 1st January

NO SERVICE



Methodists

Brayton

Sunday 7th December

10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 14th December

10:30am United Service

Burn and Hambleton

Sunday 21st December

6pm Carol Service

Wednesday 24th December

7pm Holy Communion

Sunday 28th December

10:30am Songs of Praise

Burn

Sunday 7th December

10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 14th December

10:30am United Service at

Brayton

Sunday 21st December

10:30am Morning Worship

Wednesday 24th December

4:30pm Carol Service

Thorpe Willoughby

Sunday 14th December

10:30am Holy Communion



The Directory

Tea Up!

Coffee Corner

Saturday 6th December
10am - 11:15am
St Francis Church

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

Community Lunch

Wednesday 3rd December
12noon-1:30pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

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

Tea@Two at Christmas

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

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

Coffeemates

Wednesday 26th November
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 13th December
10am - 11:30pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

Get ready for Christmas, with good company, coffee and cakes. We hope to see you there! **June**

Wellbeing

Soup and a Song

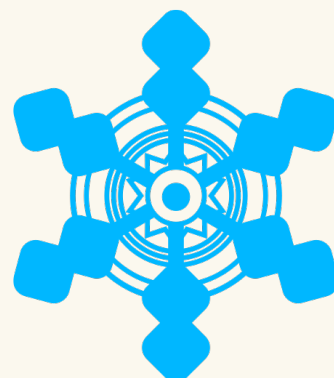
Friday 28th November
10:30am-1pm
St Francis Church

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 31st January
9:30am-12noon
St Wilfrid's Churchyard

No tidying in December, but we'll empty the bins! Next proper tidy day will be in January - 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 9th December
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 26th January
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 11th December
From 2pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

This month we hold our 'Bring and Share' Christmas Tea Party with carols and Christmas readings. **Jill**

Brayton WI

Monday 10th November
From 2pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

The November meeting will be the Annual meeting and Christmas crafts, 07840 750844 for more information. **Jean**

Thorpe WI

Thursday 11th December
7:30pm
St Francis' Church

This month we welcome Chris Cade with his fantastic interpretation of 'A Christmas Carol'. **Jan**

Camera, Action!

Cake, Coffee, Movie

Friday 19th December
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**

Services

Headstart

Mondays in Term Time
9:30am - 11am
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

Headstart Baby and Toddler Group, Mondays in term time in the church hall, 9.30 - 11am. Voluntary contribution. **Martin**



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

Dear All

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Autumn Fair; it was great to see you in church. I'm pleased to announce that we raised just over £1100 for church funds. A big thank you to the stall holders, to those who donate their time to making craft items and cakes and to the WI who provided refreshments that were enjoyed by many. And of course, thank you to those who came out and supported us. All of you contributed to make the fair so successful and enjoyable.

Lis Middup

Spirit of Christmas

take a label/bauble from the small Christmas Trees (St Wilfrid's and St Francis) if you would like to purchase a gift for a Selby child who would otherwise go without a present.

Jill Clarke

Bible Study in Advent

four sessions to be held to discuss the four chapters of Philippians. See the sign up sheet at the back of Church.

Revd Glyn

Brayton Backgammon

Interested in playing or learning Backgammon? I'm starting a new local backgammon club in Brayton and looking for people who'd like to join in. All levels welcome—especially beginners! Friendly games, relaxed atmosphere, and plenty of laughs guaranteed. Venue, day & time to be arranged (once enough interest is gathered). Contact me if interested: 07966 596256 or dermot.jenkins@btinternet.com

Dermot Jenkins

St Francis' Notices

Workshops at St Francis

Table Decoration - foliage & candle table piece - for Christmas

The final workshop of 2025 is planned for Saturday 20th December, 10am to 12noon
To book a place contact Jan Tetley on 01757 707987.

Jan Tetley

Coffee, Cake and Movie @ St Francis

3rd Friday in each month: next showing 21st November. 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

#TheParishThisMonth (Continued)



The St Francis Gentle Movement group held its Halloween party on 28th October 2025. Hot dogs, and special gluten free Halloween buns, were



eaten followed by a quiz. Everyone had a great time! **Jan Tetley**



Selby Textile Art Group held its biannual exhibition in Selby Abby during late October. As usual the quality of the exhibits was very high. I



particularly liked the illuminated candle holders that had been made by Irene Earl and modelled here by Helen Billington. **John Clarke**

Community Lunch!



Wednesday 3rd December
12noon to 1:30pm in the
Parish Hall. Enjoy good
company plus soup and
dessert for only £5

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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST WILFRID'S CHURCH

9:30AM - 11AM

£3 VOLUNTARY
PAYMENT VIA CARD
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Located in the Parish Hall
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PARKING AVAILABLE BEHIND THE CHURCH

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Tea@Two **AT CHRISTMAS!**

THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER AT 2PM
ST WILFRID'S PARISH HALL

FIXED £7 MENU

TEA

WITH OR WITHOUT MILK!

CAKE

GREAT WITH TEA & COFFEE!

COMPANY

ESSENTIAL TO HEALTH!

COFFEE

GOES WELL WITH CAKE!

BISCUITS

DUNKABLE!

SOLD OUT!



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