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Welcome

to the February 2026 edition of *Connected*.

This month Revd. Roy Shaw, now a regular contributor to Parish Pump, provides the Dear Friends article. It includes references to Winnie the Pooh, so it should be good!

Jacqui Jenkins sent in a wonderful text about two of the most important role models in her life – Steph Cooke and Jesus Christ. There is also a link to Steph Cookes obituary in the

Times newspaper; I recommend it to you.

We also hear from Florence, a member of the Gentle Movement Group at St Francis (you know them - the ladies who always appear to be in the Fox pub), with a belated poem about Exercise at Christmas.

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

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The person who never makes a mistake must get tired of doing nothing

Anon



#TheParishLastYear



January: Martin addressed a haggis



February: The St Wilfrid's Wooden Spoon Quiz Team!



March: St Wilfrid's drainage uncovered



April: The UK Workforce – one doing and three watching



May: Barbara & Pat on the MU cake stall

January has been a particularly lean month for photographs. I haven't taken out my camera on Parish duties, and my usual contacts haven't sent me anything. So, to fill out the magazine I have trawled



June: Joan & David tucking in
through the pictures taken during 2025 that were not included for various reasons. I hope that you enjoy seeing them. **John Clarke**

Dear Friends



Remember the Winnie the Pooh stories? And Kanga's insistence on Baby Roo's taking his Strengthening Medicine? It's 'really quite a nice taste when you get used to it', she explained, although I'm not convinced Baby Roo always agreed.

It can be helpful to think of Lent as a sort of medicine; an opportunity to strengthen us in the things that are good, rein in other facets of our personality, and reset the compass to the true North of following Jesus. A Spring-clean of the soul, if you like.

Baby Roo (and Piglet on the one occasion he was subject to it) found Strengthening Medicine not to their liking, and we may groan inwardly at the thought of 'giving up something for Lent'. Think of what lies behind this 'giving up'. It's so that we may be strengthened, our character refined, our prejudices examined, our junk thrown overboard, and we may come to

Passiontide and Easter more fit to walk the way of the Cross, and rise in new life with Jesus at His Resurrection.

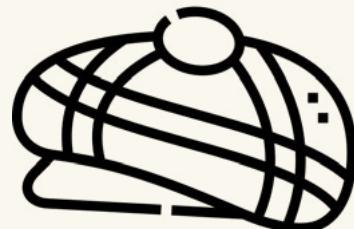
Nor is Lent just a case of giving up chocolate. One year I gave up Facebook for Lent, having spent far too much time scrolling through it each day. It freed me to do other, more constructive things. And instead of giving up, why not take up something you've been meaning to do but never got round to; something life-affirming, something good for God.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on 18th February. Many Christians go public with their intention to keep a good Lent by being 'ashed'- the sign of the Cross made on the forehead in a mixture of ash and holy oil at a special service that day. The ash is usually the burnt remains of the palm crosses from last year. Having been ashed, the intention of the 40 days of Lent is to

maintain a steady course closer to God, symbolised by the giving up of something - like chocolate - which has a hold on us. We walk with Jesus on the way to the Cross, mindful of the 'riches of God's kindness, forbearance and patience' as St Paul has it, and mindful too of Jesus' choice of the Cross as a way for us to enter those riches more fully.

And to face the immensity of that sacrifice, and the immensity of God's riches made available to us in Jesus, we need all the Strengthening Medicine we can get!

Revd. Roy Shaw 



Significant Role Models

My memories of my school days are mixed.

I grew up in a time when neuro divergence and different learning styles were not really understood let alone being incorporated into the curriculum. Corporal punishment was on the decline, not a bad thing, but all meaningful deterrents and effective punishments didn't seem to carry much weight from there onwards. School provided me with some relief from a chaotic and unsettled home life and so I chose to remain as long as I could. I began to enjoy some notoriety as the class clown and soon realized that my circle of friends increased. Rather than attending school for any academic benefit, I enjoyed the social outlet and spent much of my time messing around and generally being an annoyance to the teachers in the sixth form. I had little or no regard for the teachers and didn't bother to turn up to lessons, except for English Literature. The only reason I showed up for this lesson was Steph Cooke, a flamboyant and somewhat eccentric character I thought, who was passionate enough to stand on the desk and give a dramatic account of Macbeth. I would sit in awe at her confidence and extrovert nature. Obviously, she stood out from any teacher I had known, she was blunt and direct almost to the point of insult, but I liked her and looked forward to her lessons.

One day, Miss Cooke approached me whilst I was alone in the social area, she asked me "why I didn't show up

to other lessons and informed me that the other teaching staff believed that I would be expelled before the end of the term". I shrugged not really knowing what to say, not caring about their opinion or about my possible demise.

"I don't understand" she went on to say, "you're a bright

"I carried her words with me throughout my career and used her as an example when I gave talks or wanted to encourage others.

girl, I tell you what, take this assignment, go home and do your best, let's just see what happens." I asked her why she was bothered, her reply was "I see potential in you, don't waste it, think about what you want in life and do your darndest to achieve it, I used to have a dream that I would own my own restaurant, I gave up on it and became a teacher"

I carried her words with me throughout my career and used her as an example when I gave talks or wanted to encourage others. One day, whilst walking through York City, I came across a restaurant, in bold letters across the door was a large sign 'Kooks', and there she was, bustling away. I later heard that she had expanded her business to Soho in London and became quite the entrepreneur!

Sadly, I recently found an

article relating to her passing in 2025, (click the red button below to read the obituary in the Times. If you do not already subscribe to the Times you will see a pop-up containing "Thank you for reading The Times and Sunday Times". Just cancel the pop-up and it will take you to the obituary.) but not before entertaining the likes of Freddie Mercury himself!

With this in mind, I thought I'd share the other Significant Role Model in my life. At the age of 21 I was invited to give my life to Jesus. As the scripture says "behold, I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears my voice, I will come in and eat with him and he with me". Revelation 3:20.

Deciding to follow Jesus and place Him at the centre of my life has been the best decision I ever made. As I grew to know Jesus, I understood that I could lean on Him in every aspect of my life, forever! He will never pass away. What a promise!

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end, they are new every morning" Lamentations 3:22

Jacqui Jenkins 

Dame Sarah Mullally

Introducing Dame Sarah Mullally - the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury

The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE officially became Archbishop of Canterbury on 28th January 2026, when she was legally confirmed at St Paul's Cathedral. Most people know that she had been Bishop of London for several years, and that she is the first woman to ever become Archbishop of Canterbury. But what else do you know about her?

She was born in Woking in 1962, and is one of four children, with two sisters and one brother.

She attended Winston Churchill Comprehensive School and Woking Sixth Form College. She went on to South Bank Polytechnic and Heythrop College, University of London

She worked as a nurse in the National Health Service, which she has described as "an opportunity to reflect the love of God". She specialised as a cancer nurse and became a ward sister at Westminster Hospital, before being made Director of Nursing at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.

In 1999, at the age of 37, she was appointed the Government's Chief Nursing Officer for England in the Department of Health. She was the youngest person ever to be appointed to the post. Bishop Sarah was made a Dame Commander of the British Empire in 2005 in recognition of her outstanding contribution to nursing.

She had become a Christian at the age of 16. While working as the Chief Nursing Officer

for England, she discerned a call to ordination and entered training ministry at the South East Institute for Theological Education.

She was ordained in 2001 and served her curacy in St Saviour's Battersea Fields, initially as a self-supporting minister, before leaving her government post in 2004, which she has described at the time as "the biggest decision I have ever made".

In 2012 she was installed as Canon Treasurer at Salisbury Cathedral and three years later took the role as Suffragan Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter, the fourth woman to become a Bishop in the Church of England.

On 12th May 2018, Bishop Sarah was installed as the 133rd Bishop of London at St Paul's Cathedral, the first woman to hold the role.

Bishop Sarah sits in the House of Lords as one of the Lords Spirituals, having been introduced on 24th May 2018. Her maiden speech paid tribute to the NHS on its 70th anniversary, telling the Lords: "I am the Bishop I am today because of that first vocation to nursing, and compassion and healing are constants at the heart of who I am."

She was sworn in as a member of the Privy Council in March 2018 and became Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal in July 2019.

As Bishop of London, she led the Church of England's Living in Love and Faith process from 2020 to 2023. This included the formative stages of discernment and decision making which saw the introduction of the Prayers

of Love and Faith for same-sex couples.

She has served on the Church's National Safeguarding Steering Group and is also Lead Bishop for Health and Social Care issues.

As a Lord Spiritual, she has drawn from both her pastoral experience and her background in nursing and healthcare and has played a key role in the ongoing debates on assisted dying.

This year, she chaired the Triennium Funding Working Group that developed the Church of England's three-year spending plan that led to significant investments in local churches and parish clergy.

Archbishop Sarah is married to Eamonn, an Irish-born IT and Enterprise Architect who enjoys beekeeping and volunteering as a London tourist guide.

The couple have two grown-up children, Liam and Grace.

Archbishop Sarah has continued her interest in the health service having been a non-executive director at the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust then at Salisbury NHS Foundation Hospital.

She is Chair of Christian Aid.

She has spoken openly about her dyslexia, describing her difficulties with writing and reading.

In her spare time, she loves cooking, walking and pottery.

Parish Pump 

Exercise Christmas 2025

It's here again this Christmas time
The exercisers are feeling fine
For months they worked with ball,
weight and band – so they can keep fit
and be able to stand.

They come to enjoy a social chatter
It feels nice on a Monday to have a good natter.
Certain days in the year we try to
have fun, Easter bonnets, Halloween and
good food for everyone.

Helen at last can move freely with right leg with right arm,
It's the end of relaxation we are all feeling calm.

Our thanks go again to Jan H and Jan T
For hard work each week of the year
And for 2026 we wish them good cheer.
So enjoy this Christmas with family
and friends, and may your New Year
Be good to its end.

Merry Christmas and a Happy
2026 to you all

Florence

My idea of exercise is a good brisk sit
Phyllis Diller

**Saved by grace lest any should boast
Such is His gift obtained at great cost,
God's Son was given to set men free,
Redemption made ours as
He hung on the tree.**

*Gift
of
the
world*

**In wonder the angels saw Him go
From the glories of heaven
to our world below,
This earth once fair now corrupt
from the fall,
Fellowship broken and lost to all.**

**Bought back with a price
that we could not pay
The taint of our sin by
His blood washed away,
Reconciled to the Father,
all this we have gained
Salvation His gift
if we call on His Name.**

Megan Carter

What Ever Happened in February?

February . What is it good for? January is the month of change; of throwing out the old and welcoming in the new. A month to plan and dream about the year. March is the month of anticipation, the emergence of spring and the inspiration of nature in every flower and the lengthening of days. Renewal and the salvation of Easter.

February is the bit in the middle. A squeezed month to fit in with the rest. A time of marketing stunts; a day to focus on love on the 14th through overpriced chocolate and meals out, when we should be concentrating on love every day.

At least I'm not being a misery...and to prove it, here is a list of dull things that happened in February.

300 years ago, on 20th February 1726 that William Prescott, an American colonel in American Revolutionary War was born. Famous for giving the order: "Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes."

200 years ago, on 4th February 1826 that James Fenimore Cooper's historical romance novel The Last of the Mohicans was published.

175 years ago, on 1st February 1851 that novelist Mary Shelley died, aged 53. Best known for her Gothic novel Frankenstein.

125 years ago, on 2nd February 1901 that the funeral of Queen Victoria took place.

80 years ago, on 11th February 1946, that the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament was published. It was the first major English-language update of the Bible since the King James version was

published in 1611.

Also 80 years ago, on 14th February 1946 that the Bank of England was nationalised.

Also 80 years ago, on 19th February 1946 that mathematician and cryptanalyst Alan Turing presented a detailed paper for the national Physical Laboratory that gave the first reasonably complete design of a stored-programme computer.

70 years ago, on 11th February 1956 that two members of the Cambridge spy ring, British diplomats Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean, announced that they had defected to the Soviet Union. They had both vanished in mysterious circumstances in 1951.

65 years ago, on 9th February 1961 that the Beatles played at the Cavern Club in Liverpool for the first time.

50 years ago, on 11th February 1976 that John Curry won Britain's first-ever Olympic gold medal in figure skating.

Also 50 years ago, on 23rd February 1976 that the artist L S Lowry died. Known for his bleak industrial landscapes of north-west England, populated with matchstick men.

40 years ago, on 12th February 1986 that the Treaty of Canterbury was signed by Britain and France. It was the agreement to construct the Channel Tunnel linking the two countries. The tunnel opened in 1994.

30 years ago, on 1st February 1996 that US President Bill Clinton met Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams at the White House, to discuss the Northern Ireland Peace Process.

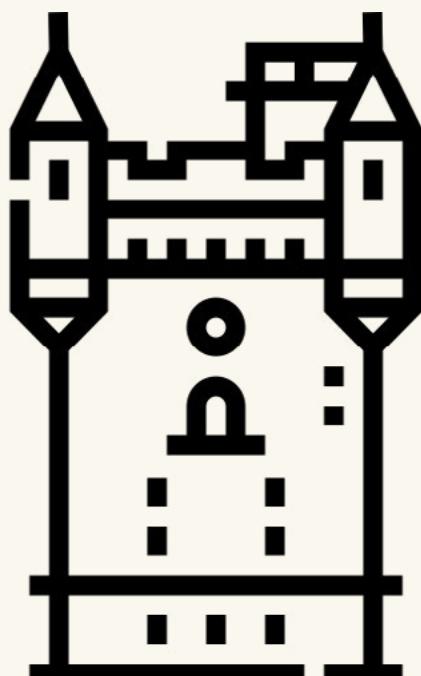
Also 30 years ago, on 15th February 1996 that the oil tanker Sea Empress ran aground near Milford Haven in Wales, causing a major oil spill along the coastlines of Wales and Ireland.

25 years ago, on 12th February 2001 that the Human Genome Project announced the publication of the first complete working draft of the human genome.

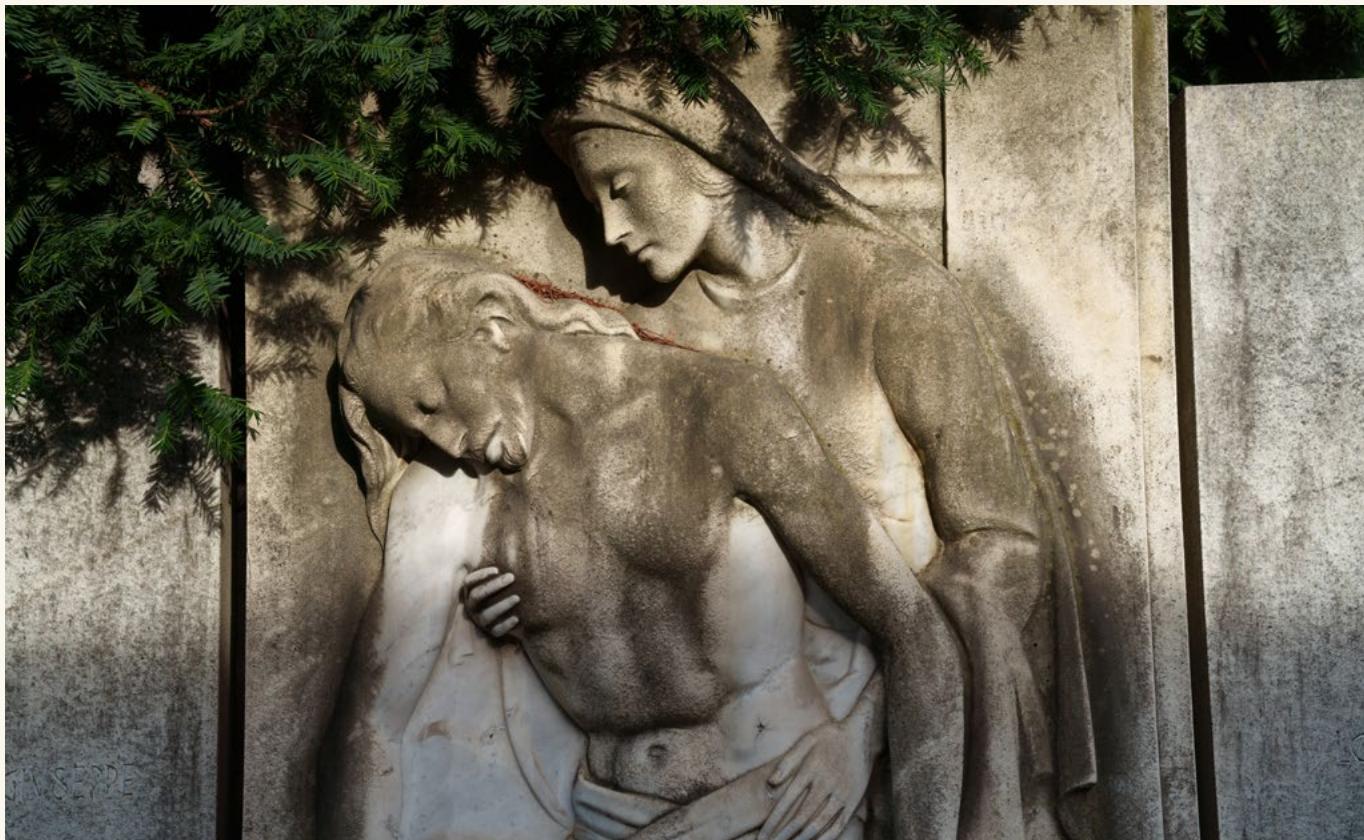
Also 25 years ago, on 19th February 2001 that the first case of foot-and-mouth disease in the 2001 UK outbreak was detected at an abattoir in Essex.

20 years ago, on 18th February 2006 that the Rolling Stones played the world's largest free rock concert on Copacabana beach, Rio de Janeiro. An estimated 2 million people attended.

John Clarke 



Introduction to the Old Testament: Isaiah



Isaiah is often regarded as the greatest of the prophets. His name means 'The Lord saves' and he began his 50-year ministry in 740 BC when King Uzziah died (6:1). Many scholars challenge the claim that Isaiah wrote the entire book, however there are striking verbal parallels between chapters 1–39 and 40–66.

Isaiah spoke during the stormy period marking the expansion of the Assyrian empire and the decline of Israel. The Assyrians destroyed the northern kingdom in 721. Judah was left to decide whether they would make alliances with other kingdoms or rely on God to protect them. Isaiah warns Judah that her sin would bring captivity in Babylon, which eventually took place in 586.

Isaiah sees the Messiah coming from the line of David. He speaks of a new temple being established (ch2); a child born with a new kingdom (ch9) and judging differently to other kings (ch11) as well as the nature of His suffering (ch53). The 'suffering servant' (chapters 42–53) also applies to Israel as a nation, who are called to be a 'light for the Gentiles' (42:6). Not surprisingly Jesus applies Isaiah's words to His own life and ministry. eg Is 61:1 quoted in Luke 4:18. Throughout his book Isaiah presents the full dimensions of God's judgment and salvation as 'the Holy One of Israel' (6:1), as well as the 'Sovereign Lord' far above all nations (40:15–24).

Isaiah looks forward to the promise of a new city of Zion (chs 60–66), in which the people offer praise to the

Holy One of Israel. 'Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. 'The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.' (65:17).

Canon Paul Hardingham 



Reflecting Faith: 'Breaking' the Word



For the last few months, we've been looking at the way that church services are put together. Last time we looked at the reading of the gospel, and how we honour that in our own body language (by standing up).

This month we will move on to 'The Sermon' which is often known as 'Breaking the Word'. This parallels if you like, the 'Breaking of the Bread' which follows later in the service.

The Sermon is intended to be an expansion and perhaps an explanation of the Bible readings that have been used in the service. Often it sets the scene and context for the verses which are set at what often seems quite random and disconnected.

This is particularly true of the Old Testament reading,

where not only the verses may be unconnected to readings from previous services, but often they are taken from totally different books; Isaiah one week and Jeremiah another.

So what is the preacher's task here? It was once described to me as: to comfort the disturbed and to disturb the comfortable! That sounds a bit harsh, but when you think about it, isn't that what we really need from our God? When we are in difficulties, whatever the cause, we need to know He's there, and that He has our back, so to speak.

When things are going well for us, then that's a good time to be working on recognising another weakness in ourselves and working towards lessening it.

There's no sitting back on our laurels when we work for the Lord.

The Revd Dr Jo White

This Month

As we start Lent this month, have a good listen to a few sermons. You can catch them in a church service or even on your computer. Most cathedrals have a website where they record their Sunday service in whole or in part, which you can listen to and take part wherever you are.

How were you before the sermon started and how did you feel at the end – was there something in it that you will think about over the coming week, or was it lovely comfort food? Whichever it was, may it bless you as you prepare for Lent.

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we have dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when
With the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst
For the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision
Of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wider seas
Where storms will show your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.
We ask You to push back
The horizons of our hopes;
And to push into the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love.

Attributed to Sir Francis Drake, 16th Century

From the Parish Registers

Funerals

We offer our love and sympathy to the relatives of:

14th January

George Anthony Halford (Tony) (77)
at St Wilfrid's
Richard Grassam (77) at St Wilfrid's

Church Floodlights

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

24th January

In Loving Birthday Memories of David
McBirnie

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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Upcoming Dates for the Diary

The Social Committee at St Wilfrid's has already started to plan out a programme of events for 2026. Alongside the usual Spring and Autumn Fairs, there will be auctions, bingo, Tea@Two, return visits by Chris Cade and the Fairburn Singers, and a Pims & Pastries afternoon in July. For now, those activities for which planning has advanced include:

Tea@Two

The Tea@Two dates for 2026 are Thursday 2pm, 26th February, 16th April, 18th June, 17th September, and 19th November. Note that tickets are now priced at £8.

Auction of Talents.

Friday, 24th April, 7pm in the parish hall. Tickets will be limited and priced at £8. Refreshments will include a licensed bar.

We need promises to be auctioned, and some physical items that would be of a better quality than normal raffle prizes. There will be a list at the back of Church shortly where donors can sign up. Some promises have already been received, including dinners out, and dancing lessons!

Events at St Francis were still be be decided at the time of the Events Meeting and these will be advised in the coming weeks and months.

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(The Revd. Roy Shaw has the Archbishop's permission to officiate and we are very grateful for his help in the parish)

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Service Roster for February

St Wilfrid's

Sunday 1st February
Fourth Sunday in Epiphany
10:30am Morning Prayer
Tuesday 3rd February
10:30am Holy Communion at Fernbank Court
Wednesday 4th February
9:30am Holy Communion
Sunday 8th February
Second Sunday before Lent
10:30am Holy Communion
Monday 9th February
10:30am Holy Communion at St Wilfrid's Court
Wednesday 11th February
9:30am Holy Communion
Sunday 15th February
First Sunday before Lent
10:30am Joint Celtic Holy Communion at St Wilfrid's
Wednesday 18th February
Ash Wednesday
7pm Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd February
First Sunday of Lent
10:30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 25th February
9:30am Holy Communion

St Francis

Sunday 1st February
Fourth Sunday in Epiphany
10:30am Holy Communion
Thursday 5th February
10am Holy Communion
Sunday 8th February
Second Sunday before Lent
10:30am Methodist led Holy Communion
Thursday 12th February
10am Holy Communion
Sunday 15th February
First Sunday before Lent
10:30am Joint Celtic Holy Communion at St Wilfrid's
Thursday 19th February
10am Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd February
First Sunday of Lent
10:30am Morning Prayer
Thursday 26th February
10am Methodist led Holy Communion

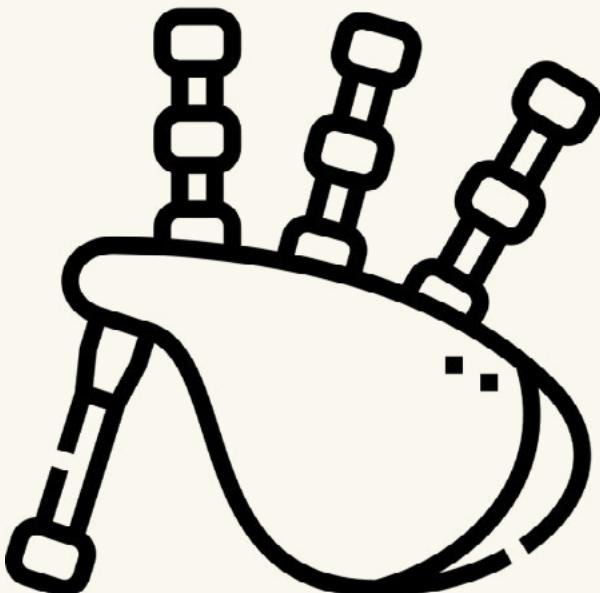
Methodists

Brayton
Sunday 1st February
10:30am Morning Worship
Sunday 8th February
10:30am Morning Worship
Sunday 15th February
10:30am United Service with Burn and Hambleton
Sunday 22nd February
10:30am Morning Worship

Burn
Sunday 1st February
10:30am Morning Worship
Sunday 8th February
10:30am United Service with Hambleton
Sunday 15th February
10:30am United Service at Brayton
Sunday 22nd February
10:30am United Service at Hambleton

Thorpe Willoughby

Sunday 8th February
10:30am Holy Communion
Thursday 26th February
10am Holy Communion



Selby Food Bank

Selby & District Food Bank relies on the support of the local community for food donations, volunteering and finances.

How can we help them to stop UK hunger? Contributions of money are always gratefully received. Also donations are welcome of tinned meats, UHT milk, cereal, fruit juice, biscuits, tea/coffee, tinned fruit & vegetables, jam, custard, rice pudding, shower gel, pasta & rice. Washing up liquid most welcome! Leave donations at your favourite supermarket.

Jill Clarke

The Directory

Tea Up!

Coffee Corner

Saturday 7th February
10am - 11:15am
St Francis Church

Join us for top-notch refreshments, cake stall, books, and convivial company! **Pat**

Community Lunch

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

A simple lunch of soup, bread roll, and a dessert **with custard** for only £5 **Pat**

Craft Group Coffee Morning

Saturday 14th February
10am - 11:30pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

A get together with good company, coffee and cakes. We hope to see you there! **June**

Coffeemates

Wednesday 25th February
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

Methodist Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 28th February
10am-11:30am
Brayton Methodist Chapel

Proceeds this month will go to Selby and District Talking News. All are welcome to join us for a coffee and a chat
Lorraine

Wellbeing

Tea@Two

Thursday 26th February
2pm-4pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

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

Soup and a Song

Friday 27th February
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 28th February
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 10th February
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 23rd February
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 12th February
From 2pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

This month Clare Meadley will be telling us about St Leonard's Hospice. *Jill*

Brayton WI

Monday 9th February
From 2pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

Our talk is Home Start , presented by Zoe Schafer. I have no idea what it will be about!! Could be useful for car drivers, house insurance or home births....
Jean 07840 750844 for more information. *Jean*

Thorpe WI

Thursday 12th February
7:30pm
St Francis' Church

This month we are having a meeting about something or another. Should be great! *Jan*

Camera, Action!

Cake, Coffee, Movie

Friday 20th February
10am - 12noon
St Francis Church

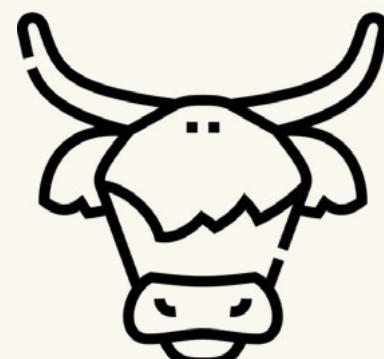
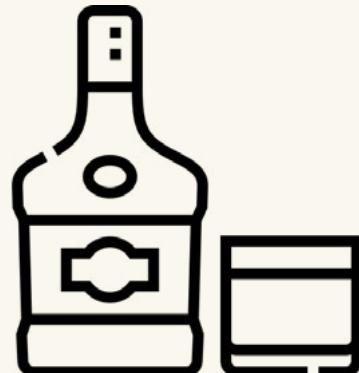
We encourage people to come along and socialise over coffee & cake. Doors open at 10am with lots of refreshments followed by the film starting at 10.30am. *Jan*

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

Giving Tree Toy Appeal

Dear Pat, can you please pass on our thanks to everyone at St. Wilfrid's and St Francis Churches who donated to our charity via our Giving Tree Toy Appeal.

The donations received were excellent.

We managed to cater for 2264 children across all of our projects, and could never achieve this without your help. Thank you

Ronnie and Diane

Mothers' Union

In January we had our Annual General Meeting. Lynn was warmly thanked for leading the group even though she stepped down as leader some time ago. A round up of 2025 activities was given summarised as 'Interesting talks punctuated by good food'. We are expecting a similar array this year beginning with a talk by Clare Meadley on 12th February at 2pm about St Leonards Hospice. 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/>. As always, meetings are open to everyone, please come along and try us out.

Jill Clarke

For Brayton Mothers' Union

Generous Giving

Following Reverend Glyn's sermon about generosity St Wilfrid's has been registered with the Parish Giving Scheme. Thank you to those households who have already completed direct debit forms and increased their monthly giving.

Further details about the Parish Giving Scheme can be found at <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/> I have also printed copies of the forms for setting up a direct debit.

The Parish Giving Scheme supports our ministry of giving, safely and simply. Gifts made through the scheme use a Direct Debit. With your permission, we are able to reclaim the Gift Aid. It is also easy to protect your donation from inflation if you choose; you will be notified in advance to ask if you are happy to increase your gift by the cost of living.

Please speak to me if you want more information including other ways to give.

Jill Clarke

Treasurer, Brayton PCC

St Francis' Notices

Coffee, Cake and Movie @ St Francis

3rd Friday in each month: next showing 20th February 2026. 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

#TheParishLastYear (Continued)



July: Paddington Bear was spotted!



August: Lynn & Sheila at the Bonanza



September: Martin became an Authorised Lay Minister



October: No caption needed!

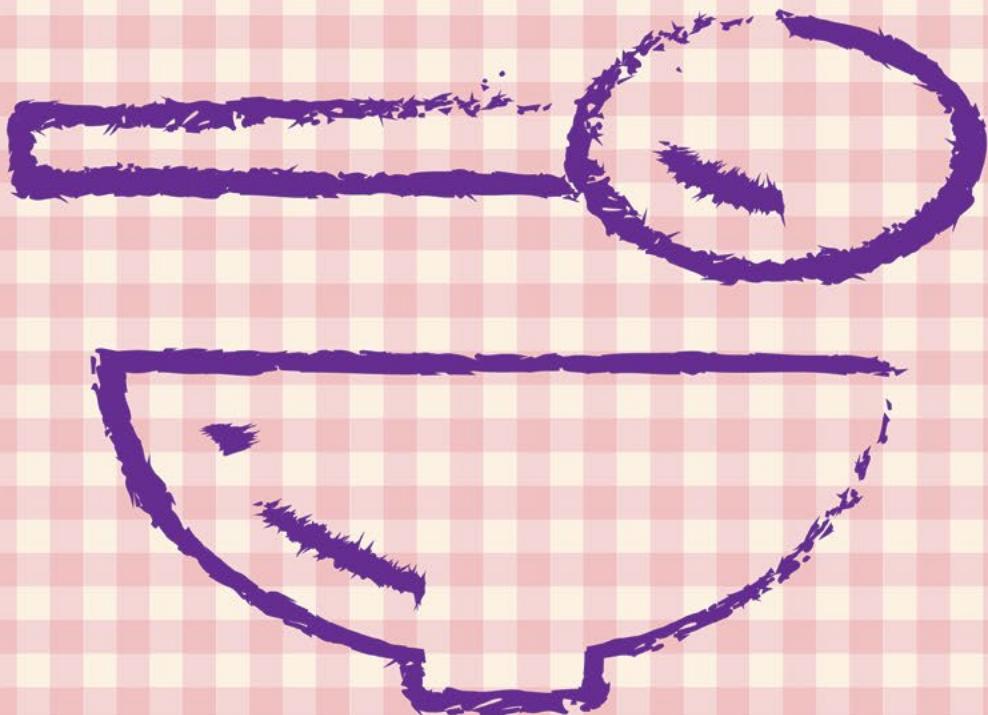


November: The St Wilf's Arm-Wrestling Team in training



December: Kate playing at the Crib Service

Community Lunch!



**Wednesday 4th February
12noon to 1:30pm in the
Parish Hall. Enjoy good
company plus soup and
dessert for only £5**



STARTING 3RD OF
NOVEMBER
EVERY MONDAY
TERM TIME ONLY

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
HEADSTART PARENT/CARERS
BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST WILFRID'S CHURCH

9:30AM - 11AM

**£3 VOLUNTARY
PAYMENT VIA CARD
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

**BABY SCALES
AVAILABLE FOR
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Located in the Parish Hall
behind St Wilfrid's Church

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Tea@Two

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ST WILFRID'S PARISH HALL

FIXED £8 MENU

TEA

WITH OR WITHOUT MILK!

COFFEE

GOES WELL WITH CAKE!

CAKE

GREAT WITH TEA & COFFEE!

BISCUITS

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NOW WE ARE TALKING!



AMAZING TASTE GUARANTEED!

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WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY
FROM 10AM TILL 12NOON
IN ST WILFRID'S PARISH HALL,

CÔFFEE, CAKE &
GRÈAT COMPANY!