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Welcome

to the March 2026 edition of *Connected*.

Revd. Glyn Diggins encourages us all to strive for harmony, even when our perspectives and opinions differ. His words serve as a timely reminder of the value of unity and mutual respect within Christianity. We also gain thoughtful insight from Revd. Roy Shaw, who shares his reflections on Mothering Sunday through Parish Pump.

Jacqui Jenkins returns with a heartfelt poem that evokes memories of days gone by,

encouraging us to reflect on the past and cherish the moments that have shaped who we are today.

Jill Clarke, with the support of Barbara Richardson, provides an update on Mothers' Union activities, as well as information on the upcoming World Day of Prayer.

Finally, Mrs Miggins cleans out her compost bin; about time, some say.

Something for everyone this month!

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There will always be death and taxes; however, death doesn't get worse every year.

Anon

Thoughts for Mothering Sunday...

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#TheParishLastMonth

On 24th January, St Wilfrid's marked Burns Night with a memorable celebration in the Parish Hall. The venue was packed to capacity, with guests relishing a splendid dinner and the delightful musical talents of Emily and Jake. The evening was further enlivened by attempts at some incomprehensible Scottish poetry. Hoots Mon! An impressive £537 was raised for Church Funds, thanks to the generosity of all those in attendance. Sincere appreciation is extended to everyone who dedicated their time and efforts to ensure the event's success

Ruth in action in the kitchen - great work Mrs Breeze!





The haggis being addressed by Martin



"No word of a lie - it was this long!"



Emily and Jake entertained
the gathering

Dear Friends

Living Together in Love When We Disagree

One of the most beautiful, and at the same time most challenging, callings of the Christian life is to live in genuine love and unity with one another. It is beautiful because it reflects the very heart of God, who is love. It is challenging because we are human beings with strong convictions, different experiences, and deeply held views about Scripture, theology, and the life of the Church.

In recent years, the church has rightly spoken a great deal about acceptance, inclusion, and tolerance. These are important words, rooted in the Gospel's insistence that every person is made in the image of God and worthy of dignity and respect. Yet there is a quieter, more uncomfortable truth that we sometimes overlook: if we call for acceptance and tolerance, that call must extend not only to those outside our churches, but also to those sitting next to us in the pews, especially when we disagree with them.

Disagreement within the Church is nothing new. From the very earliest days of Christianity, believers have wrestled with how to interpret Scripture and how to live faithfully in changing contexts. The New Testament itself bears witness to these debates. The apostle Paul, writing to the early Christian communities, does not imagine a Church in which everyone thinks exactly the same way. Instead, he speaks frankly about what he calls "disputable matters", issues on which faithful Christians may come to different conclusions.

Paul's guidance is striking. He

does not urge believers to win arguments, silence one another, or split into factions. Rather, he calls them to patience, humility, and love. He reminds them that each person ultimately stands before God, not before one another. In other words, unity in Christ does not depend on uniformity of opinion, but on a shared commitment to love.

This is an important distinction for us to recover. Unity is not the same as agreement. Unity means that we remain bound together in Christ even when we see things differently. It means refusing to reduce one another to labels or positions, and instead recognising one another as brothers and sisters for whom Christ died. It means listening carefully, speaking gently, and resisting the temptation to assume bad motives in those who disagree with us.

At times, disagreement can feel threatening. We may worry that if we allow space for differing interpretations of Scripture, we are somehow weakening the truth. Yet the Christian tradition reminds us that truth is not fragile. It does not need to be protected by harshness or fear. Truth, at its deepest level, is a person, Jesus Christ and he is perfectly capable of holding his Church together even amid tension and debate.

Living in brotherly love does not mean that convictions no longer matter. It does not require us to abandon careful reading of Scripture or thoughtful theological reflection. Nor does it mean pretending that differences do not exist. Rather, it asks us to hold our convictions with humility, recognising that our understanding is always partial and that "we see

through a glass, darkly."

When love is placed at the centre, disagreement can even become a gift. It can deepen our faith, sharpen our thinking, and remind us of our dependence on God rather than on our own certainty. It can teach us patience, gentleness, and trust, virtues that lie at the heart of Christian discipleship.

In a world that often thrives on division, the Church is called to offer a different witness. We are invited to show that it is possible to disagree without dehumanising, to hold strong views without breaking fellowship, and to remain committed to one another even when conversations are difficult. This is not easy work. It requires prayer, grace, and a continual return to the example of Christ, who loved even those who misunderstood and rejected him.

If we truly believe in acceptance and tolerance, then that belief must shape how we treat one another within the household of faith. It must be visible in our conversations, our attitudes, and our willingness to stay at the table together. Brotherly love is not proven when we agree, but when we choose to remain united in Christ despite our differences.

May we have the courage to live this calling faithfully, trusting that God is at work in and through us all.

Rev. Glyn Diggins †

And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. - Genesis 3:20

Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday - the fourth Sunday of Lent - offers families an opportunity to honour the women who have nurtured them. Lots of different streams and traditions have come together to make today's Mothering Sunday the special day that it is.

In the Middle Ages it was an occasion for everyone to visit their 'mother' church - the place where they had been baptised. Later, an opportunity for those who worked away from home to visit their mothers became added to the mix of reasons to make it a special day.

Today we honour all women who have in one way or another been special to us, and in church this is usually signalled by small bunches of flowers for every woman present.

Treating mums and grans to Sunday lunch, chocolates and flowers is also part of the present mix. And will there be a simnel cake to be seen - a tradition from ages past - with its rich layers of marzipan, and eleven balls of marzipan on top, reminders of the 11 disciples who remained faithful to Jesus?

Not everyone has enjoyed a wonderful or enduring relationship with their mum, so lest we get carried away on a wave of love and sentimentality, there is usually space in the Mothering Sunday church service to reflect on and pray for those whose relationships with their mother were not all they might have been.

Also, there are the families blighted by the lack of, or death of a child; families remembering a mum who died tragically



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young; women who never had a child but would have dearly loved the opportunity; all these and more are a recognition of the imperfections of human love, human life.

These imperfections can be brought in prayer to the God who mothers us. In the Old Testament, Isaiah speaks of God comforting His people like a mother hen. In the New Testament, both Matthew and Luke bear witness to Jesus expressing His desire to gather His people as a mother hen

gathers her chicks under her wings. Yes, God has strong maternal qualities which He invites us to discover and enjoy!

Have you discovered the mothering, nurturing, maternal qualities which God offers to all people? It's lovelier than flowers, more long-lasting than simnel cake, better than a visit from family, and it's free to everyone who wants it - it could be yours!

Revd. Roy Shaw †

Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children. Vanity Fair

Those Were the Days

Isn't it wonderful to reflect on the 'good ole days?'

Reminiscence is really welcomed by my clients at Age UK, it causes much laughter and fond memories. However, it is important that we don't live in the past, as the saying goes 'yesterday was history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is

the present, that's why it's a gift'. Jesus is very much present and wants us to remain rooted in him in everything we are.

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it". (Psalm 118:24)

So be very careful how you live. Do not live like people who aren't wise. Live like people who

are wise. (Ephesians 5: 15)

Focus on the present: Don't get stuck in the past or overly worried about the future; trust God for each day.

Jacqui Jenkins †

Those Were The Days!

Them were't days when pantry was empty

The larder was bare, and yet we had plenty...

Those were the days when

We played outside from dawn till dusk

With scabs on our knees and hair full of muck

The games we invented in the absence of toys

The drippin', the skipping,

when girls chased the boys!

Coats were our goal posts

And sticks were our swords

Come rain or shine, we never got bored

Those were the days

When the milk came on carts

And we drank out of bottles

Before birds could start!

The dustbins were lifted,

On shoulders so strong

And the stench of the garbage

Lingered on and on

Those were the days

When the wireless might play

A golden oldie, a song from Doris Day

Our clothes, full of holes

Were not thrown away

They were stitched up and mended

To see another day

Those were the days

When we all shared a bath

Or at least used water, I hated being last!

You turned up to school

With worn-down heels

Tapioca frog spawn was one of the meals

The laughter, the tears

The clips round the ears, A stinging clout

Gave us something to cry about!

Those were the days

When scrumping was done

When bonfires were built

And fireworks were fun

Winters brought snow

and sledges were made

Our fingers turned blue

But we stayed out and played

The spirit of Christmas

hung in the air

trimmings and tinsel

were strewn everywhere

Excitement prevailed

As kids wrote their lists

Eagerly hoping

They might get their wish

Those were the days

Before computers existed

When you washed with surf

And cookies were biscuits!

When mobiles spun round

And tablets were taken

Amazon is a jungle

Or am I mistaken?

Now don't be offended

We know that you know

A lot about some things

You've told us so

But we'd like you to remember

We were here before you

And we could definitely teach

you a thing or two

We're not daft, or simple or stuck in our ways

We just want to say that...

Those WERE the days!

God pays a good mother. Mothers, get your names on God's payroll. Billy Sunday

In February Clare Meadley, Pat and Vyv's daughter, gave us a very informative talk about St Leonard's Hospice in York. Clare started as a care assistant at St Leonard's three years ago and was apprehensive that it might be a sad place to work. However, she explained there are sad times, but generally it's a fun place to be and it's a great privilege to be with somebody at the end of their life.

St Leonard's covers a huge geographical area from Burn in the south to Pickering in the north and westwards to Easingwold. The hospice will care for anyone with a life limiting condition which might be cancer, Parkinsons, Motor Neuron Disease or dementia and they also provide symptom and pain control for other problems. Well-being support is provided for the whole family. Patients can be referred by doctors, McMillan, district nurses or there can also be self-referral. Ideas for the hospice began in 1978 and the building on Tadcaster Road in York was opened in 1985. There are now 20 rooms at the inpatient unit which are comparable to 5-star hotel rooms. Hospice@Home is where patients are supported at home, often with daily visits to give support, pain relief or palliative care. St Leonard's website gives details of other help available such as the new Living with Grief course which is available to adults who have been bereaved in the past year even though they have no prior connection to the hospice.

In 2025 the hospice supported 308 inpatients and 520

Hospice@Home patients. It costs about £10.1 million a year to run the hospice and last year only 27% of funding was received from government. Slightly more than 27% was funded through their shops of which there are two in Selby.

Clare is now a community fund-raiser for St Leonard's, raising funds and also providing outreach in the area. She particularly enjoys the outreach sessions with schoolchildren. Fundraising plans for the coming season include Brayton Open Gardens on the 18th and 19th of July. Clare encouraged us to find out more by signing up to the mailing list on the hospice website. <https://stleonardshospice.org.uk/>

Also there is a local event in Selby Abbey on Monday 16th March between 10:30am and 2:30pm: Ageing Well Health Fair, supporting our community to live and age well with compassionate hospice care.

This year the World Day of Prayer service is at Portholme Church on Friday 6th March at 2pm. The theme is, "I Will Give You Rest: Come", (Matthew 11:28-30), This global event, led by Christian women from various traditions, encourages prayer and action for peace and justice across more than 120 countries. In the service there are four stories from our Nigerian sisters, these testimonies reflect their experiences and mirror the struggles faced by many around the world, but in their struggles they see evidence of God's faithfulness.

One of the final prayers echoes their trust in God.

God, giver of Life, continue to strengthen and comfort all who are weary from the burdens of life and direct the hearts of those who can help.

Our meeting in March is at 2pm on Thursday 12th when we're looking forward to an entertaining talk from Rita Braithwaite.

Mothering Sunday is on 15th March, and we will have a combined service at St Francis on that day. We will therefore sell cakes to raise funds for the Away From It All Caravan on Sunday 22nd March.

Jill Clarke ✝

On behalf of
Brayton Mothers' Union



If only I possessed the grace,
good Jesus, to be utterly at one
with You!

Amidst all the variety of worldly
things around me, Lord, the only
thing I crave is unity with You. You
are all my soul needs.

Unite, dear friend of my heart, this
unique little soul of mine to Your
perfect goodness. You are all mine;
when shall I be yours?

Lord Jesus, my beloved, by
the magnet of my heart; clasp,
press, unite me for ever to Your
sacred heart.

You have made Me for yourself;
make me one with You. Absorb this
tiny drop of life into the ocean of
goodness whence it came.

Francis of Sales 1567-1622

God could not be everywhere and therefore He made mothers. Jewish Proverb

Money, Money, Money!

Many thanks to all those who support St Wilfrid's, both through time and financially. We are very grateful.

In February the first payments were received via the Parish Giving Scheme and this totals £1175 from 11 givers, plus gift aid of £294. All those contributing have increased the amount from their previous standing order. Several other households have increased their standing orders and I estimate that by the end of this year planned giving should rise from about £25,000 to

over £28,000. This increase, together with our fundraising events, fees for funerals and such like, should allow us to keep paying the church bills for energy, insurance, general maintenance etc. and pay for the increase in our Freewill Giving. Freewill Giving is the amount we send to the Diocese of York for our share of clergy salaries and housing plus activities like training and safeguarding.

The Parish Giving Scheme can either be joined online using the St Wilfrid's parish code

430643139 at <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/> or I have printed details plus forms for setting up a direct debit.

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

Jill Clarke
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Compost Corner

The Yorkshire Rotters has become a feature at the St Wilfrid's Spring Fair in recent years. Who can forget Fiona in her potato costume from 2024?

Well, in March - 10th to 16th inclusive – we celebrate all things compost! As all good gardeners know, compost is nutrient-rich material that can transform your soil, and give plants a dramatic boost. It is created from decomposed organic matter, with help from bacteria, fungus, insects, and other organisms.

No matter how large or small your garden is, a compost heap is a valuable asset for every home – and for the world that is concerned about climate change. The ingredients for composting include:

1. Browns: carbon-rich materials; dry leaves, plant stalks, and twigs.
2. Greens: Nitrogen-rich materials include grass clippings and food scraps.
3. Water and Air

More information is available from the Rotters website <https://nyrotters.co.uk/activities/home-composting/>



Mrs Miggins clears out her compost bin. Image by Aunty Jane

John Clarke †

Motherhood: All love begins and ends there. Robert Browning

Introduction to the Old Testament: Jeremiah



Jeremiah is described as 'a true, honest, and God-revealing companion for the worst of times.' (Eugene Peterson). He was a priest from the village of Anathoth, near Jerusalem. His ministry to Judah began in 626 B.C. and continued until after the fall of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.

Jeremiah brought a message of judgment and hope: 'See, I have set you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant.' (1:10).

During Jeremiah's ministry, Judah had rejected the Lord for idols (2:13). They claimed to be God's people, yet they refused to heed God's word by refusing to be corrected and following false prophets who spoke what the people wanted to hear. Therefore, Jeremiah was

the prophet of judgement. He called Judah to repent, but they refused (6:16-17). However, he also brought a message of hope. He preached that they should trust God (9:23-24) and that a faithful remnant would be restored to the land (23:3; 31:7-9).

Jeremiah was a reluctant prophet, who felt compelled to speak God's word (20:9). His life was characterised by sorrow, 'O my Comforter in sorrow, my heart is faint within me.' (8: 18). His people continually refused to listen to him, rewarding his labour with rejection and persecution.

Much of Jeremiah's message remains relevant today, because we still fall into idolatry, whether it is wealth, talents or social standing. Sin requires repentance and restoration;

obedience brings blessings and joy with it. However, Jeremiah also points to Christ, as the one who makes this possible. He showed great compassion for His people and shed tears for them. He suffered their ingratitude, but still forgave them.

Canon Paul Hardingham †



Her children rise up and call her blessed. Proverbs 31:28

Reflecting Faith: Togetherness



Last month we began our Lenten journey with ashes on Ash Wednesday, reminding us of our beginning and our ending; soon we will conclude that time with Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Such a relatively short time for so great a distance. I'm reminded of this by the opening words used in Church of England services at the Palm Sunday services:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters His own city to complete His work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and

to rise again. Let us go with Him in faith and love, so that, united with Him in His sufferings, we may share His risen life.

It's all about togetherness. Together as a small group of people in that one church where we worship. Together with 'the' Church across all denominations and throughout the world. Together with Christ Himself. It's one of the reasons that we process on Palm Sunday. Ideally it will be a joyful and noisy procession with banners and rejoicing – reminding us of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as much as into our own lives.

The Revd Dr Jo White †

This Month

It's in this joy wherein lies the contrast with our solemn and silent procession on Good Friday. We need them both. One on its own doesn't tell the full story. Just like a play on Good Friday without its follow-up on Easter Sunday leaves you hanging.

We all know that social media tends to only show happy occasions but that underneath all those meals and holidays and smiling faces there can be great heartaches and sorrows. It's the togetherness of both of those emotions where the true depth of joy is to be found and not on the surfaces.

How do we greet Christ anew on Resurrection Sunday without the devastating loss of Good Friday, or that long week travelling in and out of the city walls? May you find real joy in togetherness this Eastertide!

A mother's arms are made of tenderness, and children sleep soundly in them. Victor Hugo

Prayer for March 2026

Lord,
In these weeks leading up to Easter, many of us spend time reflecting on what Jesus has done for us and how he can help us live our lives.

But we live in a harsh, confusing world, where traditional values are upended and we can hardly believe some of the things we hear from powerful world leaders. Truth seems to be lost in the darkness.

Lord, your word tells us that, whoever lives by the truth comes into the light.

Jesus says he is the Truth. He also says he is the Light of the world.

Help us to hold fast to these facts. Help us to remember that Jesus said that in this world we will have trouble – so we shouldn't be surprised – but that he has overcome the world – so we should be encouraged.

Whatever is going on in the troubled world around us - we can live by the real Truth - and in the real Light – Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, who will never leave us or forsake us.

Thank you so much.
In Jesus name.
Amen.

Daphne Kitching

Based on John 3:21, 14:6, 8:12 & 16:33, and Hebrews 13:5

Children are the anchors that hold a mother to life. Sophocles

From the Parish Registers

Church Floodlights

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

1st February

In Loving Birthday Memories of John Desmond Thompson

7th February

In Loving Birthday Memories of Geoffrey Doncaster

8th February

In Loving Birthday Memories of Carole Doncaster Flannery

23rd February

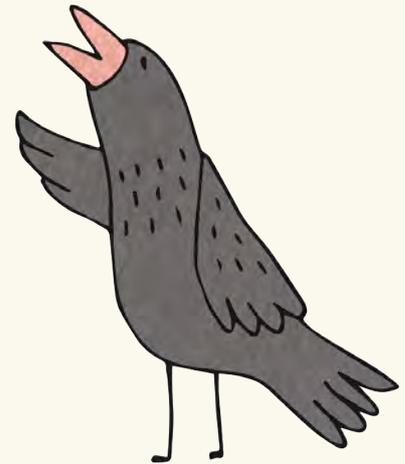
In Loving Memory of Jamie Norton

27th February

In Loving Memory of Ronald Doncaster

27th and 28th February

In Loving Memory of Steve Dunn, and the other nine men who lost their lives, on the 28th February 2001



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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**Blessed are those who can
give without remembering,
and take without forgetting**
Anon

There are times when parenthood seems nothing but feeding the mouth that bites you. Peter de Vries

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Service Roster for March

St Wilfrid's

Sunday 1st March

Second Sunday of Lent

10:30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 3rd March

10:30am Holy Communion at

Fernbank Court

Wednesday 4th March

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 8th March

Third Sunday of Lent

10:30am Holy Communion

Monday 9th March

10:30am Holy Communion at **St**

Wilfrid's Court

Wednesday 11th March

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 15th March

Mothering Sunday

10:30am Joint Celtic Communion at

St Francis

Wednesday 18th March

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd March

Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 25th March

The Annunciation

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 29th March

Palm Sunday

10:30am Joint holy Communion at **St**

Wilfrid's



St Francis

Sunday 1st March

Second Sunday of Lent

10:30am Holy Communion with
AGM

Thursday 5th March

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 8th March

Third Sunday of Lent

10:30am Methodist led Holy
Communion

Thursday 12th March

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 15th March

Mothering Sunday

10:30am Joint Celtic Communion
at **St Francis**

Thursday 19th March

Joseph of Nazareth

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd March

Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:30am Morning Prayer

Thursday 26th March

The Annunciation

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 29th March

Palm Sunday

10:30am Joint holy Communion
at **St Wilfrid's**



Methodists

Brayton

Sunday 1st March

10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 8th March

10:30am United Service with

Burn and Hambleton

Sunday 15th March

10:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd March

10:30am United Service at

Hambleton with Burn

Sunday 29th March

10.45 am Circuit Service at

Portholme Church, Selby

Burn

Sunday 1st March

10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 8th March

10:30am United Service at

Brayton with Hambleton

Sunday 15th March

10:30am Holy Communion with
Hambleton

Sunday 22nd March

10:30am United Service at

Hambleton

Sunday 29th March

10:45am Circuit Service at

Portholme Church, Selby

Thorpe Willoughby

Sunday 8th March

10:30am Holy Communion

Thursday 26th March

10:00am Holy Communion

The Directory

Tea Up!

Coffee Corner

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

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

Community Lunch

Wednesday 4th March
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 March
10am - 11:30pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

This month we will have Easter crafts for sale. A get together with good company, coffee and cakes. We hope to see you there! **June**

Coffeemates

Wednesday 25th March
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 March
10am-11:30am
Brayton Methodist Chapel

Proceeds this month will go to the Marie Curie charity. All are welcome to join us for a coffee and a chat **Lorraine**

Wellbeing

Tea@Two

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

An afternoon of coffee, tea, cake and chat. Tickets only £8. **Pat**

Soup and a Song

Friday 27th March
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 March
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**

A suburban mother's role is to deliver children obstetrically once, and by car for ever after. Peter de Vries

Crafty Folks

St Wilfrid's Craft Group

Tuesday 10th March
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 30th March
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 March
From 2pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

At our next meeting we're looking forward to an entertaining talk from Rita Braithwaite. **Jill**

Brayton WI

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

Our talk is "All is Not What it Seems" presented by Lorraine McGlone. Call Jean 07840 750844 for more information. **Jean**

Thorpe WI

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

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

Camera, Action!

Cake, Coffee, Movie

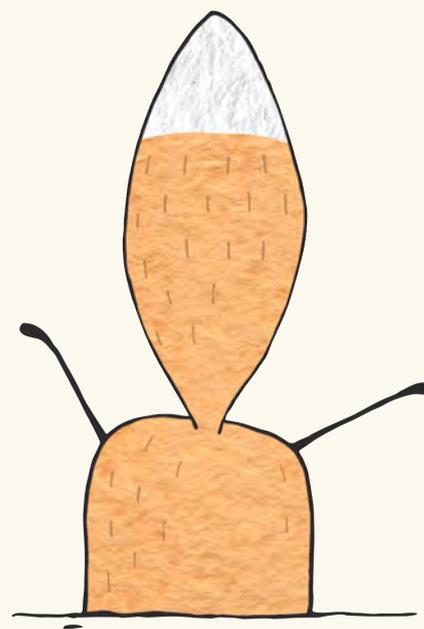
Friday 20th March
10am - 12noon
St Francis Church

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**

Play Reading

Tuesday 24th March
7pm-9pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

This month we shall read through some cutting edge drama, probably by Samuel Beckett or Alan Ayckbourn. 'Lent appropriate' refreshments may be available. **Helen**



If you bungle raising your children, I don't think whatever else you do well matters very much. Jacqui Kennedy

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

St Wilfrid's Situations Vacant

An amazing opportunity has arisen for a dynamic and forward looking person to expand their literary, interpersonal, and baking skills! The current PCC Secretary is standing down at the APCM, and a replacement is sought! Training will be given - in minute taking and baking if required. Apply in writing, or in person, to Ruth Breeze.

We also have vacancies in the communications department starting 1st May 2026, covering Parish printing, producing the weekly Pew & Reading Sheets, and the Monthly magazine *Connected*. More details from John Clarke

Easter Coffee Morning

Saturday 14th March, 10am to 11:30am, in the Parish Hall. Easter themed gifts for sale, along with the more usual teas, coffees and cake.

June Whitehouse

Childrens Society Collecting Boxes

March is the month designated for the emptying of The Childrens Society Collection boxes in our parish. If you have one of these boxes I would be very grateful if you could let me have it as soon as possible. If you would like me to collect it please give me a ring on 07790253166. Many thanks,

Lynn Allan

St Francis' Notices

Coffee, Cake and Movie @ St Francis

3rd Friday in each month: next showing 20th March 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

St Francis Easter Fair

Saturday, 28th March, 10am -12noon, St Francis Church, Fox Lane, Thorpe Willoughby. Crafts, gifts, cakes etc. Lots of seasonal goodies. Everyone welcome

Pat Ainger

#TheParishLastYear (Continued)



Quince rocked up to help out in the tidying of the Churchyard.
Image by Mrs Miggins



Revd. Glyn gets his hands wet! Image by Ruth Breeze



Lynn and Clare at the recent MU afternoon. Image by Mrs Clarke

A selection of photographs demonstrating the wide scope of help available within the Parish. From canine assistance

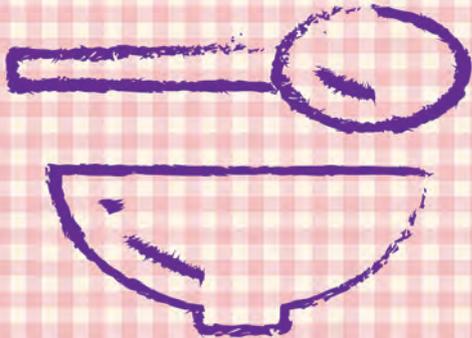
in the churchyard, to clergy washing up (who knew such a thing existed!), and Clare Meadly at the MU meeting.

What a time to be alive!

John Clarke †

What one owes to one's mother is never repaid. Basque Proverb

Community Lunch!



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

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

SAT 11TH APRIL
7PM, FOX LANE, THORPE
TEAMS OF 6 PEOPLE
£8 PER PERSON
BOOKING ESSENTIAL
CALL SHIRLEY (707380)
OR JOAN (708128)!



SOUP AND A SONG *at St Francis*

Memory letting you down?
Caring for someone with
memory problems? Enjoy a good
sing-song? Why not join our
happy group for an hour of song
& fun, then share a meal of soup,
butteries and cake.

Call Rosemary for more
information 07921255988

Last Friday in the month
10:30am-1pm
St Francis Church,
Thorpe Willoughby

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

CÔFFĒE, CĂKE &
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