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*The Parish Magazine of St Wilfrid's Brayton including news from the Local Ecumenical Partnership of St Francis Thorpe Willoughby the Methodist churches at Burn*

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# Welcome to the May Connected

At the end of the Nine Carols & Lessons Service, Revd. Pete used to thank those who had helped keep St Wilfrid's on track during the year. He stopped this just before covid because "it was becoming boring...". I didn't agree; there is grace in recognising that we cannot achieve anything alone, and acknowledging those who help us. As my time as editor of the Parish Magazine comes to a close this is my opportunity to thank those who were helpful to me.

Constant throughout have been Yvonne Green and Richard Whitehouse; they both held me to account. With the rest of the stapling & delivery team they ensured that I met the due date for printing, and, when we encountered the threat of legal action a few years ago, sprang into action to save the day. I have never felt such love from those with whom I have worked. Yvonne, Richard and the rest of the team, I salute you!

Thank you to the clergy for delivering splendid Dear Friends articles every month. Admittedly I had to chivvy you along sometimes, but you never let me down. Revd. Roy has of course gone onto great things, writing for the Church Times and Parish Pump; we are so blessed to have his contributions each month. I also want to thank the much missed Revd. Roger Place. Roger was well known for his delightful sense of fun, which brought joy and laughter to those around him.

I must single out Tony Service who was always so friendly and kind in his support. Each month Tony delivered at least two pages of text covering all aspects of the Methodist circuit in Brayton, Burn and Thorpe Willoughby. He was always very supportive of what we were doing and I still think of him as I sit in my shed putting together the magazine each month. Tony contributed to the Parish magazine in all of its guises for 17 years until shortly

before his untimely death in October 2021. Thank you, Tony.

Thanks to those who have kept us all up to date each month on events within their clubs and societies – Leita Hunter, Jan Tetley, Pat Griffiths, Pat Ainger, Marion Wilson, Lynn Allan, June Whitehouse, and Lorraine McGlone.

I would also like to thank all those who have put up with being the brunt of my silliness, including without limit Pat & Vyv Griffiths, Carol & Roger Sowden, Sheila Newsome, Mrs. Clarke, and Mrs Miggins. And of course Mrs Breeze and her delightful cakes!

That's enough from me. If I have missed out anyone – and I'm sure that I have – then I'm sorry and you can claim a cup of tea from me after any Sunday Service, just remember to bring some money...

John †

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# #TheParishLastMonth



The St Wilfrid's A-team were very nicely colour coordinated at the Quiz Night held at St Francis on 11<sup>th</sup> April. Alas, in accordance with local custom George Greenhough's team won again; but £540 was raised for Church funds, and we all had a great time!



St Wilfrid's was decorated for Easter with some wonderful flower arrangements. Well done Sheila, Carol and Sue.



Also during the St Francis Quiz, Mrs Clarke celebrated a milestone birthday by sharing her birthday cake. The evening only lasted a few hours, so there wasn't enough time to give her the full number of 'bumps'..

# Dear Friends

## The Fire Within: Prayer and the Holy Spirit

Prayer sits at the very heart of the Christian life, yet many of us quietly wonder whether we're "doing it right," or whether our words make any real difference. Scripture offers a reassuring and deeply hopeful answer: prayer is not primarily about our effort, but about God's power at work within us, especially through the Holy Spirit.

When we speak about praying "in the power of the Holy Spirit," we're not describing something reserved for a spiritual elite. Rather, we are naming a gift given to every baptised believer. The Holy Spirit is not an optional extra to the Christian life; He is the very presence of God dwelling within us, drawing us into relationship with the Father through Jesus Christ. This means that whenever we turn to prayer, we do so accompanied, guided, and strengthened by God Himself.

One of the most freeing truths about Spirit-led prayer is that it begins with God, not with us. Paul writes that "we do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans" (Romans 8:26). That is a remarkable promise. It acknowledges our human limitations, our distractions, our uncertainty, even our silence and assures us that none of these are barriers to real prayer. When we can't find the words, the Spirit is already at work within us, shaping our deepest longings into prayer that reaches the heart of God.

This changes how we approach prayer. Instead of



striving to impress God with eloquence or length, we can come honestly and simply. A quiet "Help me," a heartfelt "Thank you," or even a silent turning of the heart toward God is enough. The Spirit takes these small offerings and breathes life into them. Prayer, then, becomes less about performance and more about presence, being present to God, and allowing Him to be present to us.

Praying in the Spirit also means being attentive. The Holy Spirit not only helps us to speak to God, but also teaches us to listen. In a noisy and hurried world, this can be challenging. Yet prayer is not a one-way conversation. As we grow in the habit of stillness, perhaps through a few moments of silence, a short passage of Scripture, or a repeated prayer, we begin to notice the gentle promptings of the Spirit. These may come as a sense of peace, a nudge to act, a conviction to

change, or a fresh insight into God's love.

Importantly, the Spirit often leads us beyond ourselves. Prayer in the Spirit expands our vision and deepens our compassion. We find ourselves drawn to pray not only for our own needs, but for others: for our families, our neighbours, our community, and the wider world. The Spirit aligns our hearts with God's heart, helping us to care about what He cares about. In this way, prayer becomes a participation in God's ongoing work of healing and renewal.

There's also a dynamic connection between prayer in the Spirit and the way we live. The more we pray, the more we become open to being changed. The Spirit who meets us in prayer is the same Spirit who forms in us the character of Christ; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Over time, prayer shapes

not only our words, but our actions, our relationships, and our priorities.

Of course, many of us struggle with consistency in prayer. Life is busy, and good intentions can easily slip away. Here again, the Holy Spirit is our helper. Rather than burdening ourselves with unrealistic expectations, it's often better to begin with small, faithful steps. Setting aside a few minutes each day, linking prayer with a regular activity, or using simple forms such as the Lord's Prayer can provide a steady foundation. As we persevere, we may find that our desire to

pray grows, not out of duty, but out of a deepening relationship with God.

It's also worth remembering that prayer is not confined to set times or specific places. While these are valuable, the Spirit enables us to pray throughout the day; in the car, on a walk, in moments of joy or stress. A brief inward turning toward God can transform an ordinary moment into an encounter with His grace.

Ultimately, prayer in the power of the Holy Spirit is a gift to be received, not a task to be mastered. It invites us into

a living relationship with God, where we are known, loved, and continually renewed. As we open ourselves to the Spirit's work, we discover that prayer is not simply something we do, it is a way of life, a rhythm of grace in which God meets us again and again.

And in that meeting, quietly but surely, we are changed.

**Revd. Glyn Diggins** †

See the Parish Notices on page 20 for details of the Prayer Ministry Training Day.

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## Pentecost

The word Pentecost means '50 days after Easter'. It's the celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit as recorded in Acts chapter 2, and it's the birthday of the Church. So far so good; but beyond this, things get a bit hazy for some of us. We are familiar with the idea of God the good Father, and we've heard and read of all that Jesus - God the Son - said and did. But the Holy Spirit? Who He?!

The images used of the Holy Spirit in scripture can be a bit of a barrier to understanding. Words like 'spirit' 'wind' 'flame' 'breath' are all a bit elusive, and they possibly leave us with a feeling that in trying to understand the Holy Spirit we're chasing rainbows. But if we dig a little deeper, we can see that these images speak of an unhindered force which can be powerful and yet gentle, cleansing and free.

The Bible is full of images of the Holy Spirit. There is 'dove', as seen on many Christmas cards

and in stained glass windows. It's usually white. A white dove image speaks of gentleness and purity, unfettered as it wings its way across the sky.

### **"The images used of the Holy Spirit in scripture can be a bit of a barrier to understanding.**

Then there's the more difficult word 'advocate'. Someone who speaks up for us, comes alongside us, someone to aid us in times of need. We could go on with different images which tell us more of the character of the Holy Spirit, but there are two key things to remember.

Firstly, this is the spirit of Jesus. All that Jesus was in earthly form, the Holy Spirit is to us now. Jesus is no longer among us as He was two

thousand years ago, but the Holy Spirit makes Him available to us now.

Which brings us to the second point; the Holy Spirit is given by the good Father to us, His children - giving us, as it were, an injection of Jesus' personality, wisdom and holiness, enabling us to serve as Jesus did, enabling us, as Mother Teresa put it, 'to do little things with great love'.

The first Pentecost set the young Church in Jerusalem off on a great adventure which culminated in today's world where one in three people worldwide say they are Christians. It could be a great adventure for us as we ask God, the good Father, to gift us with the Spirit of Jesus. Let's do it!

**Revd. Roy Shaw** †

# Prayer for Pentecost

Loving Father and giver of all gifts,

This month we thank You for the gift of Your Holy Spirit which You promise to all who call on Your name, turn away from self-centred living and put their trust in Jesus.

Help us to do that, Lord.

Then, when events in the world and the circumstances of our own lives are difficult to understand, we have Your Holy Spirit who brings life and power.

He is faithful and constant. He will lead us into all truth and give us the words and thoughts we need to experience Your peace in the midst of turmoil.

At this time when we remember the birth of Your church, may we open our hearts to receive Your Spirit afresh and move into each new day confident that we are yours and that in You is our true security.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Daphne Kitching

# We've Made It!

According to today's health and safety regulations, those of us who were born before 1975 shouldn't be alive today. We lived in an era before the Health and Safety at Work etc Act (1974) when we were expected to take responsibilities for our own actions.

Our baby cots were covered with lead base paint which we promptly chewed and licked.

We had no child proof lids on medicine bottles, or latches on kitchen doors and cabinets.

We rode our bikes without helmets. We were driven in cars with no seatbelts, or airbags. Riding in the passenger seat was a treat!

We drank water from the garden hose, and not from a bottle. We shared drinks with friends, from one bottle or can.

We ate dripping sandwiches, bread and butter pudding, and drank fizzy pop with extra sugar, but we were never overweight because we were always playing outside.

We spent hours building go-karts out of scraps of wood, and then rode them at top speed down hills, only to find we had forgotten the brakes - often running into banks of nettles.

We would leave home in the morning and play out all day; we just had to be back before it got dark.

We did not have PlayStation, X-boxes or video games. Television had only 3 channels, nothing was recorded, and no one had a mobile phone, personal computer, or the internet. But we had friends, who lived near to us, and we went outside and played with them. We walked to our friend's houses.



Original photo by Erin Song on Unsplash

We played football, hopscotch, street rounders, and tag in the street.

We fell out of trees, we got cut and broke bones and teeth, but we were not bothered by accident claim solicitors. We learned from experience not to do it again. We sometimes had fights, punched each other and got bruises. But we learned to get over it. Our actions were our own, and consequences were expected.

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law or rule was

unheard of. Our parents sided with the law. Imagine that!

This generation produced some of the best risk takers and problem solvers and inventors ever. The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success, and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all. And if you're one of those, congratulations!

**Pat at Fernbank** †

# Take Better Parish Photographs

People frequently ask me about my photography. I've heard comments like, "You're the third best photographer I know," "Have you considered using the focus ring?" "It must be tough to take photos with your fading eyesight," and "Your pictures always make me cry." Kind words.

To be as good as me takes dedication, years of practice, a willingness to learn, and a camera.

In this master-class, I am excited to share the

insights I've gathered from taking photographs around the Parish. I hope these tips help you all as you work towards improving your own photography!

*John Clarke* †

## Get To Know Your Camera

This is a vital importance - understand what most of the buttons and menus do. Obviously not all of them are important, and, if you are male, there is no need to read the manual!

Remember to point the camera at the scene to be captured, and always press the shutter button carefully to avoid camera shake. I was very pleased with this image of the churchyard which I almost got level, and it includes a lovely close-up of my right ear!.



## Let the Image Tell the Story

Captions are important, but it is crucial to let the image carry the narrative.

In this example the picture conveys the excitement and vitality of a fashion show held in St Francis. Note how the light has been captured around this cutting edge ladies hat modelled by Jan Tetley. This image wouldn't be out of place in Vogue! Or the Screwfix catalogue for that matter.

## Establish rapport with your subject.

Here I present a classic example of putting the subjects at ease. Vyv and Pat were enjoying a hog-roast in the Rectory garden and it was an opportunity to capture the joy of the event.

I engaged them in warm and welcoming chatter, and snapped this happy picture! What a delight it is now to remember and reflect upon a warm and sunny afternoon spent with friends!



### Always Check for Distractions

Don't forget that the viewer will not differentiate between the main subject and whatever else may be happening in the frame.

Here I have photographed the Les Rustiques at the Brayton Bonanza and completely missed the distracting mike stand in the foreground; with careful positioning, this could have avoided.

Some photographer bloke once said, the best zoom lens is your legs. This is correct but you will need an adaptor for your make of camera.



### Beware of Fashion

Try not to be too outlandish in your pictures, otherwise they will soon age.

Avoid vivid makeup or outlandish clothing. Remember we are recording Church matters and it pays to be boring and bland at every turn.

Here is a typically down beat image of Carol in a rather windy St Wilfrid's. It is instantly forgettable and hence ideal for any ecclesiastic occasion. It's what the Bishop would want.



### Master Perspective

Leading lines, diagonals and the magic circle (surely, the rule of thirds?) are all important in photography.

This image, taken by Carol, accurately shows the features of the subject; it would have been so easy to downplay the size of the man's nose and his extremely poor shaving skills if Carol had adopted the wrong lens to subject distance. But its all been captured beautifully - well done Carol!



### Take An Interest in Your Subject

Not everyone is aware that the members of the Parish often have a wide variety of interests outside of the Church. Usually this doesn't extend much beyond visits to the pub, but don't be surprised if some of them of have interesting hobbies.

Here I have included a lovely picture of Revd. Pete enjoying the surf at Bridlington during a Parish Away-day. The rest of the congregation had popped off for fish and chips, and a cheeky pint in the Harbour Lights!



# What's the Big Idea: Ezekiel



Ezekiel was a prophet who proclaimed judgment to God's people in the 6<sup>th</sup> century BC. He was among the group of Jews exiled in Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar. Ezekiel received his call when he was 30 years old through a vision of the glory of God. His ministry finished 22 years later with a vision of the restored Temple in Jerusalem.

Ezekiel spoke to a community forced from its home, who had broken faith with God. He presents a God who rules over all people and history. He is a God who desires to be known and acknowledged ('then they will know that I am the Lord'). As a priest, Ezekiel was deeply concerned with the holiness of God. This call to holy living includes an emphasis on

individual responsibility (chapter 18), which is a significant milestone in biblical thought.

Ezekiel offers a vision of true hope for those who have undergone judgment. He promises a restored Temple as a sign of God's presence among his people. He also promises a future 'prince' who will rule with justice and restore God's relationship with his people (34:23-4).

In restoring them morally and spiritually, God promises to use them to bring light to the Gentiles. They will demonstrate the holiness of God's name, because they will know him from the heart. This is the promise that is fulfilled in Jesus and made possible for us:

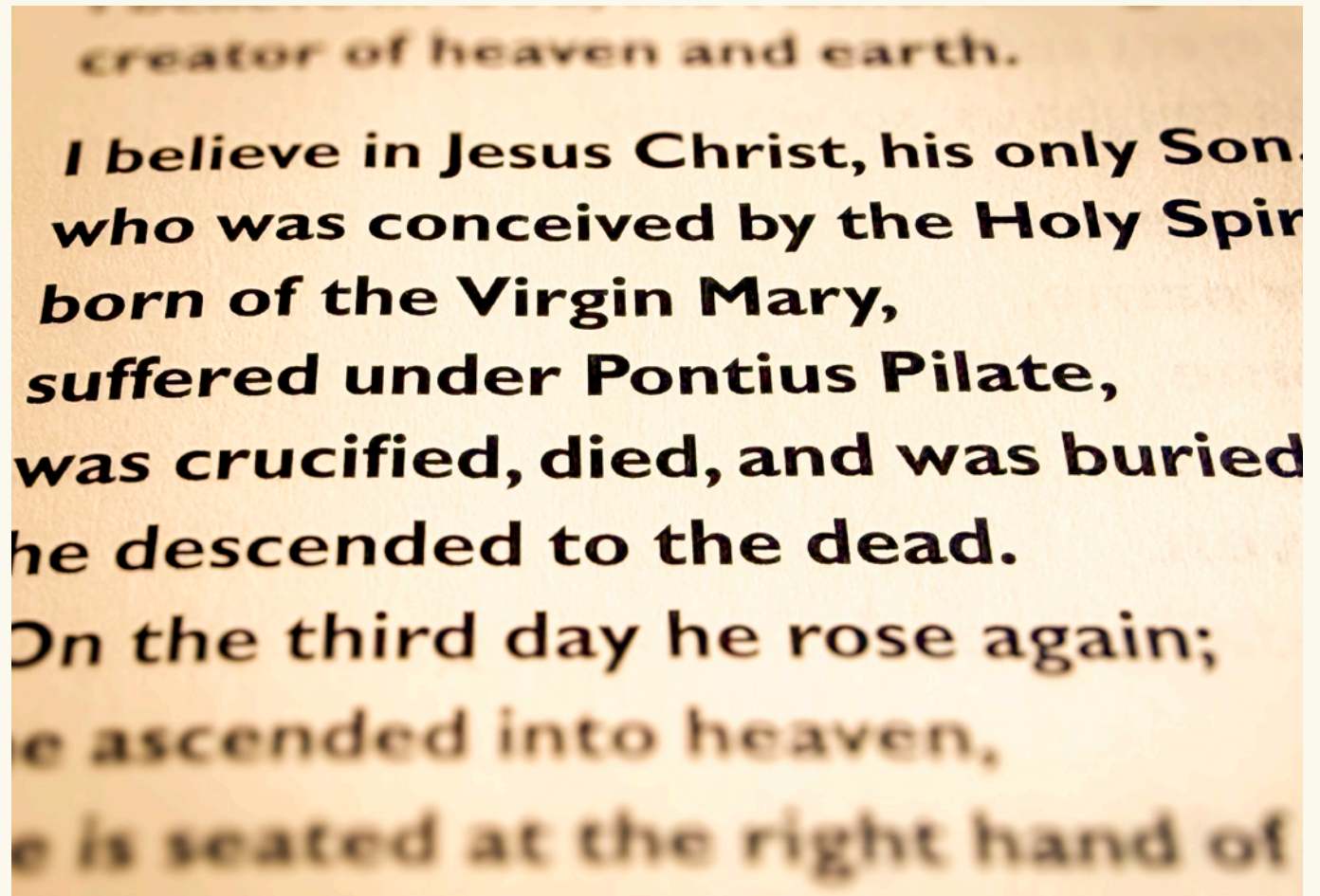
'I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will

remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.' (36: 26-27).

**Canon Paul Hardingham** †



# Reflecting Faith: The Creed



There are various sections that make up a Communion service. While different denominations, and different styles of churches even within the same denomination, may do things differently, generally speaking they all include the same foundational elements.

So, after the Bible readings, and then sermon, what follows next?

In Common Worship (CW) we 'immediately' jump to our feet and proclaim our faith!

If you follow the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), the Creed comes between the Gospel reading and the sermon – which is my excuse for forgetting to say it more than once when I've conducted the latter service first (if you get what I mean) on a Sunday morning.

The question is, 'Why is it placed here?' Wouldn't it make more sense to have it at or close to the beginning of a service; so that we can be sure everyone in the congregation is on the same page, so to speak.

Or why not at the end, just before we go out into the world taking our faith with us?

Why here?

When (BCP) it follows directly after the Gospel reading, it's as though having heard the words of Jesus we rush to say 'I believe that. I believe in who said it. And I believe in ... etc etc.' Rather like after your favourite team has scored a goal!

Where we've had the sermon first (CW), it's as though the 'explanation and contextualisation' by the preacher makes it so plain that

we can do nothing less than join together and reaffirm our baptismal faith.

*Rev. Dr Jo White* †

## **This Month**

Pause for a moment before you say the Creed next time and consider where in your service it is placed. What has encouraged you to be able to say it from your heart? Was there a word, phrase or sentence that particularly gripped you and prompted you to your feet? Or was it just words written on the service sheet with a direction to stand?

*Christ is All-in-All*

**We hold you and your treatment  
at the heart of every prayer,  
And we ask our God who loves you  
Just to hold you in His care.**

**May He make His presence known  
To you in every way He can  
While the healing balm of  
Christ is placed  
In the hands of mortal man.**

**So may the good Lord bless you  
As He holds you in His grace;  
And may He ever let His peace  
Be known in every place**

**Where your journeying will lead  
you;  
In whatever may befall:  
That you will know in everything  
How Christ is all-in-all.**

**Sam Doubtfire**

# From the Parish Registers

## Church Floodlights      Funerals

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

**25<sup>th</sup> April**

In Loving Birthday Memories of  
Constance May Parry

**4<sup>th</sup> May**

In Loving Birthday Memories of Alda  
Postles

We offer our love and sympathy to the relatives of:

**23<sup>rd</sup> March**

Geoff Hough (81) at St Francis'

**30<sup>th</sup> March**

Doreen Chantry (88) at St Wilfrid's

**14<sup>th</sup> April**

Trevor Stafford (84) at St Wilfrid's

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

**Brayton and Burn Acting Superintendent Minister**

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**I am a little pencil in  
the hand of a writing God  
who is sending a love letter  
to the world.**

**Mother Teresa**

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# Service Roster for May

## St Francis

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
10:30am Holy Communion

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May**  
10am Holy Communion

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
10:30am Methodist Led Service

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
10am Holy Communion

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
10:30am Joint Celtic Holy Communion at **St Wilfrid's**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May**  
10am Holy Communion

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
10:30am Holy Communion

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May**  
10am Holy Communion

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May**  
**Trinity Sunday**  
10:30am Joint Holy Communion at **St Francis**

## St Wilfrid's

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
10:30am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May**  
10:30am Holy Communion at **Fernbank Court**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**  
9:30am Holy Communion

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
10:30am Holy Communion

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May**  
10:30am Holy Communion at **St Wilfrid's Court**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**  
9:30am Holy Communion

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
10:30am Joint Celtic Holy Communion at **St Wilfrid's**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**  
9:30am Holy Communion

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
10:30am Holy Communion

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May**  
9:30am Holy Communion

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May**  
**Trinity Sunday**  
10:30am Joint Holy Communion at **St Francis**

## Methodists

**Brayton**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**  
10:30am Morning Worship

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**  
10:30am United Service with **Burn and Hambleton**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**  
10:30am Chapel Anniversary

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
6.00 am Evening Worship

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May**  
10:45am Circuit Service at **Portholme Church, Selby**

**Burn**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**  
10:30am Morning Worship

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**  
10:30am United Service at **Brayton with Hambleton**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**  
10:30am United Service with **Hambleton**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
10:30am United Service at **Hambleton**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May**  
10:45am Circuit Service at **Portholme Church, Selby**

**Thorpe Willoughby**  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**  
10:30am Holy Communion

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May**  
10 am Holy Communion

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May**  
10:45am Circuit Service at **Portholme Church, Selby**



# The Directory

# Tea Up!

## Coffee Corner

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**  
**10am - 11:15am**  
**St Francis Church**

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

## Community Lunch

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**  
**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 13<sup>th</sup> June**  
**10am - 11:30pm**  
**St Wilfrid's Parish Hall**

In May the coffee morning is hosted by the Spring Fair, but we return in June. A get together with good company, coffee and cakes. We hope to see you there! **June**

## Coffeemates

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May**  
**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 30<sup>th</sup> May**  
**10am-11:30am**  
**Brayton Methodist Chapel**

Proceeds this month will go to Christian Aid. All are welcome to join us for a coffee and a chat **Lorraine**

# Wellbeing

## Tea@Two

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June**  
**2pm-4pm**  
**St Wilfrid's Parish Hall**

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

## Soup and a Song

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**  
**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 30<sup>th</sup> May**  
**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 12<sup>th</sup> May**  
**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 25<sup>th</sup> May**  
**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 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
**From 2pm**  
**St Wilfrid's Parish Hall**

At our next meeting Ali Richardson will speak about her role as a paramedic. **Jill**

## Brayton WI

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May**  
**From 2pm**  
**St Wilfrid's Parish Hall**

This month our speaker will be Laura Simpson from the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service. Call me on 07840 750844 for more information. **Jean**

## Wining Women

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May**  
**7:30pm–9:30pm**  
**42 Moss Green Lane, Brayton**

Come and join us on the first Thursday of the month for fun and friendship. Bring a friend and a drink of your choice. Look forward to seeing you!  
**Jacqui**

# Camera, Action!

## Cake, Coffee, Movie

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May**  
**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 26<sup>th</sup> May**  
**7pm–9pm**  
**St Wilfrid's Parish Hall**

This month we shall read through some cutting edge drama, probably by Samuel Beckett or Alan Ayckbourn. **Helen**



# St Wilfrid's Notices

## **St Wilfrid's Spring Fair**

This year's St Wilfrid's Spring Fair will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm to 4pm. We hope you will be able to come along to join us and see what is going on. Please support this important fundraising event for St Wilfrid's! It will be great fun with lots going on, singing entertainment from Bourn Theatre Arts, things to join in with, see and buy! Would anyone like to run a church plant stall or any children's games? Other fun, fundraising stall ideas welcome! We also need prizes for the tombola, and cakes for the cafe. Contact me using [lismiddup@aol.com](mailto:lismiddup@aol.com)

**Lis Middup**

# St Francis' Notices

## **Coffee, Cake and Movie @ St Francis**

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in each month: next showing 15<sup>th</sup> May 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](mailto:tetleyjan@gmail.com) for more details.

**Jan Tetley**

## **Strawberry Teas**

Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, between 2pm and 4pm, St Francis Church. Delicious strawberry teas will be served! Come & join us for a tea of your choice with beverage.

**Pat Ainger**

# Parish Notices

## **Prayer Ministry Training Day: "Praying with People, Not Fixing People"**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 10am to 3pm, St Francis Church, Fox Lane, Thorpe Willoughby.

**Who is this for?** Anyone who would like to grow in confidence in praying with others in a church or pastoral setting. Suitable for prayer ministry teams, pastoral visitors, small group leaders, and those exploring a call to this ministry.

**Aim of the Day:** to equip participants with biblical understanding, practical skills, and confidence to offer safe, simple, and Spirit-led prayer ministry.

**What the Day Includes:** Biblical and theological foundations, the heart and character of a prayer minister, a simple model for praying with others, listening to the Holy Spirit, safeguarding and healthy boundaries, responding to real pastoral situations, and supervised practice in a safe environment.

**Approach:** a blend of teaching, discussion, demonstration, and practical experience, with flexibility to adapt to the group.

**What to Expect:** a welcoming, prayerful environment with space to learn at your own pace. Participation is encouraged but not pressured.

**What to Bring:** a Bible, a notebook, and a willingness to learn, and a packed lunch

**To Register or Find Out More:** email: [glyn.diggins@btinternet.com](mailto:glyn.diggins@btinternet.com). Sign up sheets available at the back of St Francis and St Wilfrid's.

**Revd. Glyn Diggins**

# #MyBestParishPhotos

I have taken thousands and thousands of images at St Francis & St Wilfrid's since 2017, and I have reproduced three of my favourites here.

They all mean something to me, and I hope that you enjoy them. John



11<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Bishop John Thomson in St Wilfrid's to lead the confirmation service. Here,

he greets the candidates as they head for the Hall and a refreshing cuppa!



*Last Night of the Proms* in St Wilfrid's on the evening of 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Iain Nutt led us in *Land of Hope and Glory*.



*Auction of Promises* at St Francis on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017. Pat Ainger does her best to auction a shiny bowl.

# St Wilfrid's Spring Fair

16th May 2026  
2pm - 4pm

Many stalls including  
crafts, tombola, cakes,  
jewellery, hand made  
cards, refreshments,  
games & activities  
for children

Musical Entertainment  
by Bourn Theatre Arts

St Wilfrid's Church, Brayton  
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