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CONNECTED



The Parish magazine of St Wilfrid's Brayton including news from the Local Ecumenical Partnership at the Church of St Francis Thorpe Willoughby, and the Methodist churches at Brayton and Burn

Welcome

We are delighted to bring you another edition of Connected, filled with stories of faith, fellowship, and community life from across our parish.

This month, Revd. Glyn reflects on the miraculous catch of fish and the calling of Peter, reminding us of the importance of listening for God's voice, trusting in His guidance, and responding to His call in our daily lives. And, as Glyn recommended at our recent joint communion, have you had the opportunity to watch The Chosen yet?

This month, Connected is further enriched by the contributions of our readers. From celebrations of family milestones and cherished memories, to reports on parish events that bring us together, these shared experiences reflect the warmth and generosity of our church community.

We also introduce a selection of faith-inspired book recommendations from Parish Pump, which we hope will encourage and inspire.

Finally, it is time to renew subscriptions for those who receive a printed copy of Connected. Your annual contribution of £12 helps us meet printing costs and enables us to continue sharing faith, fellowship, and parish life through these pages.

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and contributions. We hope this month's edition brings you inspiration, comfort, and a renewed awareness of God's presence in your daily life.

Ivy & Gemma

Parish Photos



Seated Exercise enjoyed a Strawberry Tea on 1st June instead of doing their usual exercises.

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From the Parish Registers



Weddings

23rd May
We offer our congratulations to:
George Stoker & Katie Richardson



Baptisms

14th June
We welcome into the Christian family:
Elsie Heslop
Lucia O'Neill
Louie Moore



Funerals

We offer our love and sympathy to the relatives of:
22nd June
Cyril Roger Sowden (83) at St Wilfrid's
25th June
Valarie Poskitt (85) at St Wilfrid's



Church Floodlights

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



What a beautiful morning welcoming Elsie, Lucia and Louie into the Christian family.



Dear Friends

Close Enough to Hear, Faithful Enough to Trust, Obedient Enough to Act

One of the most striking miracles in the Gospels is the miraculous catch of fish recorded in Luke 5:1–11. Professional fishermen who had worked all night and caught nothing suddenly found their nets so full that they began to break. It was a life-changing moment, not only because of the abundance of fish, but because it revealed something profound about following Jesus.

As we reflect on this miracle, we can see that three things were necessary for the fishermen to receive the blessing that Christ had prepared for them.

1 They Had to be Close Enough to Jesus to Hear His Instruction

After an unsuccessful night, Simon Peter and his companions were washing their nets and preparing to go home. Jesus came to them and eventually said, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch” (Luke 5:4).

Had the fishermen been elsewhere, they would never have heard those words. The miracle began with proximity. They were close enough to hear the voice of Jesus.

The same principle applies to us. God still speaks through His Word, through prayer, through worship, and through the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Yet if we are constantly distracted or spiritually distant, we may struggle to hear His guidance. A thriving Christian life requires regular time spent in God’s presence.

The question for each of us is simple: are we positioning ourselves where we can hear what Jesus is saying?

2 They Had to Trust What He Said

Peter’s response is remarkable. He said, “*Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets*” (Luke 5:5).

From a human perspective, Jesus’ instruction made little sense. Peter was the experienced fisherman; Jesus was a carpenter and teacher. Peter’s own experience told him there were no fish to be caught.

Yet Peter chose to trust the word of Christ above his own understanding.

Faith often works that way. God may call us to forgive when we would rather hold a grudge. He may ask us to give when we feel we have little to spare. He may lead us into new opportunities or ministries that seem beyond our abilities.

Blessing often lies on the other side of trusting God’s word even when circumstances suggest otherwise.

3 They Had to Act on What They Heard

Hearing and believing were not enough. The fishermen still had to lower the nets.

Imagine if Peter had said, “*I believe Jesus is right,*” but never put the nets into the water. There would have been no catch. The miracle required obedience.

Many Christians are familiar with God’s commands and even agree with them, but spiritual growth comes when we put them into practice. James reminds us, “*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says*” (James 1:22).

Obedience is where faith becomes visible.

The fishermen experienced an extraordinary blessing because they were close enough to hear, faithful enough to trust, and obedient enough to act. Remove any one of those elements and the miracle would have been missed.

BY REVD GLYN DIGGINS



World Cup

Pressing On Towards the Ultimate Goal

Many across the world are united in watching the World Cup in the United States, Mexico and Canada. However, football is more than just a game; it can illustrate some key points about the Christian life. As Paul writes: *‘But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.’* (Philippians 3:13b,14).

A prize to be won: The dream of every player in the competition is to be able to hold up the World Cup themselves. Christians grasp to the prize of eternal life, God’s gift to us of relationship with Jesus for now and eternity. However, there’s an important difference between football and the Christian faith. To win the World Cup you have to be good enough, while Christ’s love for us is underserved and not dependent on how well we’ve done.

Training to be undertaken: If a team is going to win the World Cup, training is vital! Our training, as Christians, starts the moment we accept the gift of God’s life. On a daily basis, we train ourselves to say no to the wrong things in our lives. As we build up our godly muscles we are better able to choose to do what is right in God’s eyes. To enable us to do all this we need to engage in the spiritual disciplines of prayer, studying the Bible and being part of a church and small group. How is your training going?

The former Liverpool Manager Bill Shankly famously said, *‘Some people believe football is a matter of life and death, I am very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that!’*

CANON PAUL HARDINGHAM

The story behind the HYMN:

‘Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken’

*Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for his own abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation’s walls surrounded,
Thou may’st smile at all thy foes.*

*See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage:
Grace, which like the Lord the giver,
Never fails from age to age?...*

Scan the QR Code to watch this performed at the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebration



Allegro moderato ♩=140

Arr. Pa



The year was 1800, and Vienna was under bombardment by Napoleon’s troops. The great Austrian composer, Haydn, then old and frail, asked to be carried to his piano. There he made his own defiance of Napoleon, by solemnly play through his composition ‘Emperor’s Hymn’. Haydn had composed it for the Austrian Emperor, Franz II’s birthday on 12 February 1797. Haydn never touched his piano again, and died a few days later, aged 77.

That is where the tune for this well-loved hymn came from. It quickly became the tune of the Austrian national anthem. It was later even adopted by the Germans, as the tune for August Heinrich Hoffman von Fallersleben’s (1798 – 1874) anthem Deutschlandslid , which began with the famous words: ‘Deutschland uber alles’ (Germany before everything). In the ensuing political upheavals, the tune survived in the German national anthem, but was abandoned by the Austrians in 1946.

In the meantime, the tune had also reached England, as early as 1805. It was then that the words of a hymn by John Newton were first paired up with it. This meant that when the Austrian Emperor Franz visited his grandmother Queen Victoria, at Windsor Castle, he most likely would have sung his own national anthem tune to English words written by a converted slave trader turned country vicar!

John Newton’s inspiration for this hymn comes from Psalm 87: ‘Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God’ (vs3) and also a text from Isaiah 33:20-21: ‘Look on Zion... there the Lord in majesty will be for us a place of broad rivers and streams...’

John Newton’s hymn celebrates the joy of knowing that the Church is the new Jerusalem (Zion) where God abides. He rejoices that God protects his people and promises to supply their needs. He leads them into the Promised Land, just as long ago he led the Israelites through the wilderness to their Promised Land. Back then, he led them with a fiery and cloudy pillar; now we have his very Spirit within us, to guide us each step of the way home.

PARISH PUMP



“ Together we raised a wonderful £945 for church funds ”

The cake stall was a huge success.

Spring Fair

St Wilfrid's Spring Fair was held on Saturday 16th May and, although the weather was a little overcast, the day went ahead happily inside the Church and Parish Hall.

Visitors enjoyed browsing a wonderful variety of stalls, with cakes, books, crafts, cards and pre-played with toys all on offer. The tombola and raffle proved especially popular and added to the fun of the afternoon. The top prize in the raffle was a splendid bottle of whisky donated by Ruth Breeze. Alas, I didn't have the winning ticket, but June, my mother-in-law, did so all was well!

We were treated to a lovely programme of entertainment from pupils at Bourn Theatre Arts

featuring children's singing, guitar and violin playing, and adult vocals. Rebecca does a great job with the students, and it is lovely to see them perform in the Church.

Meanwhile, in the hall, the ladies of the Brayton WI kept everyone refreshed with delicious tea, coffee, and cake. It was my turn to sort the washing up this year, but unfortunately my marigold gloves had sprung a leak, so I had to forgo the privilege again.

A big thank you to everyone who helped, supported and took part — together we raised a wonderful £945 for church funds.

JOHN CLARKE



The top prize in the tombola. Sheila and Dot.



Bourn Arts Rebecca, Sian and Serena.



Margaret Granthammon with a cheeky prize

Mothers' Union Learning Life Saving Skills

At our May meeting in the Parish Hall, Ali Richardson spoke about what she called “the best job in the NHS” — her role as Community Engagement Officer with the York Ambulance Service.

Ali travels to communities across Yorkshire to teach life-saving skills. Attendees are members of the public who want to learn how to respond in an emergency. At the end of each session, they receive a certificate of attendance, which for some is the first certificate they have ever earned.

Because many community venues lack the necessary technology, Ali does not use PowerPoint. Instead, she relies on props to demonstrate when and how to call the ambulance service, including a toy ambulance, a toy fire engine, and a soft model of fire (see image).

“ Ali sometimes hears that it has helped save lives. ”

Some attendees do not speak English, so interpreters help deliver the sessions, especially in South and West Yorkshire. The community groups value this training, and Ali sometimes hears that it has helped save lives. One example came from the mother of an autistic child, who learned what to do when her son was choking.

At the same meeting, Lynn Allan showed us the Bronze Certificate awarded for our involvement in the RISE UP campaign against domestic abuse. Well done to everyone involved!



The fire safety training aid used during the session.

Jill Clarke

“ For some, it is the first certificate they have ever earned. ”



Time Choices

Martha is distracted,
too busy
preparing for the needs of the day.
Not enough time... not enough time.

Mary is focused,
taking time to meet the needs of the heart.
Sitting still,
seeing through the paraphernalia of every day
with a new clarity that changes her world.
Mary listens to Jesus.
She chooses life.

There is time...there is time.
We all have our life time.
What will we choose?

DAPHNE KITCHING

A Day of Blessings: Skyla's Baptism and Our Vow Renewal

As I look through the photographs from our daughter Skyla's baptism and the vow renewal ceremony for Mark and me, I am filled with warmth and gratitude. Two years may have passed since that special day in July, but the memories remain as vivid and precious as ever.

For our family, it was a truly significant occasion. When Mark and I first married, circumstances meant we never had the opportunity to celebrate with family and friends as we would have liked. Over the years, we felt there was something missing—a chance to give thanks for the life we had built together.

After 11 years of marriage, there came Skyla, our greatest blessing. With her arrival, we found the courage to renew our vows while also celebrating her baptism.

We visited several churches before discovering St Wilfrid's. While the Abbey felt a little too grand for us, St Wilfrid's immediately stood out as a beautiful church with a welcoming and caring community. After attending a few Sunday services, we knew we had found the right place.

One of the things I appreciated most was that nobody expected us to fit a particular mould. Our journey of faith has been our own, and from the moment we

walked through the doors of St Wilfrid's, we felt welcomed just as we were. Through Sunday services, hymns, and friendly faces, the church gradually became a place that felt like home.

We were delighted when Revd. Philip Grayson confirmed that both celebrations could take place within the same service. Everything seemed to fall into place.

For the service, we chose three hymns that were meaningful to us: Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord, Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer, and Shine, Jesus, Shine. The latter was a particular favourite, its uplifting melody encouraging everyone to rejoice together.

Only a small group of family and friends were able to join us, but we were deeply grateful for their presence. There was also sadness that day. My father had passed away the previous year, and Mark's mother was unable to attend due to ill health. Although they could not be with us physically, we felt surrounded by love and support.

The service was beautifully led by Revd. John Geary, with invaluable support from Carol Sowden.



Throughout the day, there was a deep sense of God's presence in the prayers, music, fellowship, and joy we shared together.

One Bible verse that captures how I feel when I remember that day comes from the Psalms: "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24)

Looking back, I am thankful not only for the memories we made, but also for the warmth and encouragement we received from the St Wilfrid's community. Our family will always treasure that July day and remain grateful to everyone who helped make it such a memorable and faith-filled occasion.

IVY RUDD





Hope Beyond the Headlines **Micah's Message**

Why is the news so full of depressing stories? Why can't they report some good news for a change? Indeed, our world is always full of troubles, and we may wonder if better times will ever come.

Similar comments might have been directed at many of the Old Testament prophets who nearly always said negative and gloomy things. The people of Micah's day had many problems. They were surrounded by warring nations and peace in their time was unlikely.

It was Micah's task, as God's messenger, to tell the people how it was and how it was going to be, no matter how painful the facts. Micah was deeply concerned with the social ills of his day and spoke out against false prophets who were leading the people into contrived hopes and errors.

Micah was quite forthright. He announced that God would punish the people for their sinfulness and their enemies would overcome them. Micah came with bad news and there seemed no end to his reprimands and denouncements.

But in the desert was an oasis. Amidst his descriptions of imminent pain and suffering, Micah looked forward to a time of peace with freedom from

injustice, fear and war. Micah delivered God's promise that from Bethlehem there would come a ruler to free them from their oppression. Their Saviour would come. (Micah 5:2)

Of course, Micah's hearers did not understand about the Babe at Bethlehem but were told to stand firm in their faith no matter what troubles or disasters would befall them. They were to look forward to their deliverance whenever that would be.

Amidst Micah's attack on the deplorable actions of leaders and the nation's wrong values and behaviour, he gave hope that God was with them in the failures and difficulties. Only God could take them through their troubles to a place of peace.

Micah's message still stands for us today. God wants us to mend our wilful ways; to correct bad attitudes and behaviour; to strive for heaven's values of justice, peace, equality, love and harmony.

As we approach a new year, we would do well to respond to Micah's words: What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

LESTER AMANN



What's the Big Idea?

An Introduction to the Books of the Bible: 1 Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians is the earliest of Paul's letters, written when he was in Corinth during his second missionary journey (Acts 18:1-18) in 49-51 AD. Thessalonica was the capital of the Roman province of Macedonia, as well as being a flourishing centre for trade and philosophy. After founding the church (Acts 17:1-9) Paul was forced to leave, when he was falsely accused of speaking against Caesar. As the new Christians were left with little spiritual support, Paul wrote this letter to encourage them.

Paul addresses a number of issues throughout this letter. As they weren't expecting persecution, Paul reminds them that this is normal Christian experience (3:3-4). He also challenges those in the church who were living off wealthier Christians rather than earning their own living (4:9-12; 5:14).

However, the most prominent theme in letter is the second coming of Jesus. It is mentioned in every chapter of the book (1:10; 2:19-20; 3:13;

4:13-18; 5:1-11, 23-24). The Thessalonians were unclear about the timing of the day of the Lord (5:1-2). Some church members had died (4:13), and people weren't sure what would happen to them at Christ's return (3:10; 4:13). However, Paul assures them that when Jesus returns, the dead in Christ will rise to meet the Lord with the living (4:15-17). Therefore, believers don't need to fear God's wrath, but rather are assured of inheriting his salvation.

Living in the light of Christ's return calls for holy and blameless lives (3:11-4:8; 5:23).

'May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.' (5:23).

CANON PAUL HARDINGHAM



Remembering

— Roger Sowden —

My friendship with Roger goes back to the early 80's when our families started worshipping at St. Wilfrid's Church. My first memory of Roger is when we were asked by the Rev. Bob Rogers to help repair and relay some of the ancient church heating pipework beneath the Nave. Later we were encouraged by Rev. Bob to become involved in the Local Ministry team and along with others spent many hours on courses to equip us for that role, this included leading some aspects of worship and taking communion to the housebound. Also, under the leadership of Peter Whitehead Organist and Choirmaster, Roger and I and our children were members of the Church choir for many years.

Roger's skill as a quizzier emerged when we started attending the Grey Horse pub quiz on a Tuesday evening, sadly that stopped when Roger began working away during the week.

Roger and Carol had been caravanning for some time before Pat and I joined that happy band. As families we spent the next 20 years exploring most of France. We had so many adventures including getting lost or separated, breaking down or running out of fuel, but somehow all managing to support each other. He was an enthusiastic operator of the charcoal BBQ, always meticulous in cleaning all the equipment afterwards. We had great fun practising our French and were always corrected very graciously by the target of our conversation, usually the butcher or the baker.

I remember Roger as being a very organised and methodical man. He put his talents to good use when as a member of the PCC he took on the role of Parish Treasurer for a number of years.

Also until very recently, he was an enthusiastic member of the Churchyard tidying team along with Jill and John Clarke and others. Roger was a family man, a good husband, dad and Grandad. He was well respected and possessed high moral principles. I will miss our chats and his humour. He was a dependable friend.

VYV GRIFFITHS



“ Well done, good and faithful servant...
Enter into the joy of your Lord. ”

MATTHEW 25:23

May he rest in peace and
live on in our memories



Book Club

Recommended Reads



Fantastically Faithful Leaders Who Gave Their All for God

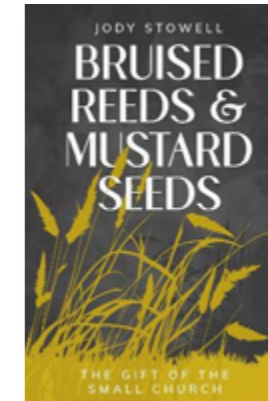
By Paul Kerensa, SPCK, £8.99

Here is a page-turning biography series for children 7 and up, to meet Christians whose courage and leadership changed the world.

Award-winning comedy writer and author Paul Kerensa brings to life eight extraordinary people from history who answered God's call to lead – and changed the world in the process. They include: Sojourner Truth, Lord Shaftesbury, Elizabeth II and Demond Tutu & more.

Whether used as a family read-aloud, for independent reading, a classroom resource, or a Sunday school supplement, this book gives children real-life role models who show what ordinary people can achieve when they trust an extraordinary God.

★ Ideal for: Families, children 7+, schools and Sunday groups



Bruised Reeds and Mustard Seeds – The Gift of the Small Church

By Jody Stowell, Canterbury Press, £12.99

At a time when churches across denominations face a steady decline in attendance, smaller congregations often find themselves overshadowed by the push for growth and numbers. While larger 'Resource Churches' are praised for their expansion, the true value of the smaller church is frequently overlooked. But what if there's a unique gift in these smaller communities?

Jody Stowell invites you to explore how, in the race for growth, we may be missing the deep significance and essential role of smaller congregations.

Within these smaller churches lies a richness, resilience and spiritual depth that is often lost in the noise. This is a call to rediscover the profound worth of smaller congregations and recognise their vital place in the future of faith communities.

★ Ideal for: Church leaders, elders and those who love their local church



Dementia, God and the Church: Journeying with hope

By Wendy Gleadle and Frances Attwood, BRF, £12.99

Dementia, God and the Church offers a hopeful and compassionate exploration of faith and dementia. Drawing on professional experience and personal stories, Wendy Gleadle and Frances Attwood examine how spiritual life can continue to flourish despite cognitive decline, and how churches can better support those living with dementia, their families, and carers. An encouraging and practical resource for anyone involved in pastoral care or dementia support.

★ Ideal for: Carers, pastoral visitors, small groups and anyone walking alongside people with dementia



What's on in *July*



Tea Up!

Coffee Corner

Saturday 5th July
10am-11:15am
St Francis Church
 Join us for top-notch refreshments, cake stall, books, and convivial company! *Pat*

Community Lunch

Wednesday 1st July
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 11th July
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 29th July
10am-11:30am
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall
 Join us for tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes. Meet friends and make new ones!
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 25th July
10am-11:30am
Brayton Methodist Chapel
 Proceeds this month will go to Coeliac UK. All are welcome to join us for a coffee and a chat
Lorraine



Wellbeing

Tea@Two

Not Running in July
We're skipping July and August, see you back on Thursday 24th September! *Pat*

Soup and a Song

Friday 31st July
10:30am-1pm
St Francis Church
 Memory letting you down? Caring for someone with memory problems? Lonely or know someone who is? Enjoy a good sing-song? Join our happy group for an hour of song & fun, then share a meal of soup, butties and cake. 07921255988.
Rosemary

Churchyard Tidying

Saturday 25th July
9:30am-12noon
St Wilfrid's Churchyard
 Come and help maintain the flower borders, cut back the brambles, and empty the rubbish bins! Live the dream! *John*



Crafty Folks

St Wilfrid's Craft Group

Tuesday 14th July
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 Stitches Group

Monday 27th July
1:30pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall
 We meet on the last Monday in the month. We enjoy any type of sewing, cross stitch, and embroidery of any kind, as well as patchwork. All welcome, further details from 01757 705793. *Pat*

St Francis Crafters

Every Wednesday
2pm-4pm
St Francis Church
 We meet every Wednesday to knit, sew, crochet, craft and natter. Everyone is welcome! Or come along if you just want to chat! Contact me for more information on 01757 703892. *Margaret*



Women Matters

Mothers' Union

Thursday 9th July
From 2pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall
 Geraldine Woodhall will talk to us about Vincent Van Gogh. Everyone is welcome! *Lynn*

Brayton WI

Monday 13th July
From 2pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall
 This meeting will be a Silent Auction; please bring an item. Call me on 07840 750844 for more information.
Jean

Thorpe WI

Thursday 9th July
From 7:30pm
St Francis Church
 Join us this month to learn about Women in Warfare with Lesley Newnham. *Jan*



Camera, Action!

Cake, Coffee, Movie

Friday 17th July
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 28th July
7pm-9pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall
 We will continue to read the second and third Acts of 'House Guest' a thriller by Francis Durbridge - it's getting very mysterious (personally I think the butler did it). *Helen*



All are welcome. Come as you are.

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Clergy.

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Rev. Glyn Diggins & Rev. Roy Shaw
 (Rev. Roy Shaw has *permission to officiate*)

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Service Roster for July

St Wilfrid's

Wednesday 1st July

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 5th July

Trinity 5

10:30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 7th July

10:30 am Holy Communion at
 Fernbank Court

Wednesday 8th July

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 12th July

Trinity 6

10:30am Holy Communion

Monday 13th July

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

Wednesday 15th July

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 19th July

Trinity 7

10:30am Joint Celtic Holy
 Communion at St. Francis

Wednesday 22nd July

Mary Magdalene

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th July

Trinity 8

10:30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 29th July

9:30am Holy Communion

St Francis

Thursday 2nd July

10:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 5th July

Trinity 5

10:30am Holy Communion

Thursday 9th July

10:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 12th July

Trinity 6

10:30am Methodist led Holy
 Communion

Thursday 16th July

10:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 19th July

Trinity 7

10:30am Joint Celtic Holy
 Communion

Thursday 23rd July

10:00am Methodist led Holy
 Communion

Sunday 26th July

Trinity 8

10:30am Morning Prayer

Thursday 30th July

10:00am Holy Communion

Methodists

Brayton

Sunday 5th July

10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 12th July

10:30am United Service with
 Burn and Hambleton

Sunday 19th July

6:00pm Evening Worship

Sunday 26th July

10:30am Holy Communion/
 Joint Service at Hambleton

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Thorpe Willoughby

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Information is subject to any last minute changes when necessary. Please refer to announcements at church services for the latest updates.

COMMUNITY Noticeboard

Pâté and Poetry Evening

Saturday 15th August
6.00pm – 8.00pm

Come along for
Cheese, Pâté and Biscuits
£5 per person
@ St Francis

Drinks available for a donation

Please let Jan Tetley know for numbers:
707987
(please leave a message)

Would you like to read?
Anyone willing to read a poem, prose or ditty – please let Jan know your choice so there are no clashes.

Words have the power to inspire, comfort and connect.

All Welcome

Selby Deanery Quiet Day

'Holding Still...'
...sustaining people in pastoral care

An opportunity for reflection & prayer led by the Revd Chris Swift at **Thicket Priory** (between Wheldrake and Thorganby)

Saturday 15th August
10am to 3pm

Suggested donation £10 | Please bring a packed lunch | Tea/Coffee provided

Contact office@selbyabbey.org.uk (01757) 703123 to book

YOU ARE INVITED TO
STRAWBERRY TEA

SATURDAY 25TH JULY

2.00PM - UNTIL - 4.00PM

AT THE HOME OF
HELEN BROWN

ADDRESS TO BE PROVIDED TO TICKET HOLDERS

Tickets £8 per person

ALL WELCOME

Available from Pat Griffiths or Helen Brown

Alpha is Coming This Autumn

Have you ever wondered about life, faith, God, prayer, or the meaning of it all?

This autumn, **Brayton Benefice** will be running an Alpha Course – a relaxed and friendly space where people can explore the Christian faith, ask questions, and share their thoughts in an open and welcoming environment.

Whether you're completely new to church, returning after some time away, curious about Christianity, or a long-standing church member wanting to experience Alpha for yourself, you are warmly invited.

Each session includes:

- Coffee
- Cake
- Conversation

Starting in October.
Watch this space for further details.

Come along. See what you think.
Experience the journey.
Help others find theirs.
Jacqui & Maureen

† | No pressure. No judgement. Everyone welcome.