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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



August often invites us to slow down. The longer days and warmer evenings give us time to pause, reflect, and perhaps ask some of life's bigger questions.

This month's edition of Connected explores what it means to live out our Christian faith—in times of joy, in seasons of sorrow, and through serving others.

Rev. Glyn reminds us that God longs to rekindle the fire of faith within us, while Jacqui shares her own journey of discovering Christ and invites us to our upcoming Alpha Course. Whether you're exploring Christianity for the first time or looking to deepen your faith, Alpha offers a warm and welcoming place to begin—with coffee and cake included!

Maureen's heartfelt reflection on walking through grief reminds us that, even in life's hardest moments, God's presence, the love of others, and the hope we have in Christ sustain us.

Elsewhere, we celebrate 150 years of the Mothers' Union, discover the story and the remarkable John Mason Neale behind the beloved carol Good King Wenceslas, and enjoy highlights from the Fairburn Singers' concert.

Finally, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Yvonne Green for her many years of faithfully coordinating the distribution of Connected. We hope this edition encourages, inspires, and reminds you that God walks with us in every season.

Ivy & Gemma

Parish Photos



John Clarke being presented with a bottle of whisky by Revd. Roy Shaw for completing nine years as editor of Connected and 12 years writing and printing the Pew Sheets.



New DJ's at St Wilfrid's! Carol and Pat will be spinning the records on Sunday Mornings when Mr Boyer is absent... Carol and Pat have been trained to use the sound system.



Revd. Roy Shaw made a presentation to Ruth Breeze during the Sunday Morning service to mark her great efforts as PCC Secretary. Ruth has stepped down and the role will be taken forward by Alison Smith.



Ken Hill became a member of the Christian family

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Church Floodlights



- 14th August
In Loving Birthday Memories of
Ann Margaret Hind
- 20th August
In Loving Memory of
Ann Margaret Hind
- 21st August
In Loving birthday Memories of
Graham Postles

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

Funerals



- We offer our love and sympathy to the relatives of:
- 9th July
Janet Lynn Boyes (74) at St. Wilfrid's

Baptisms



- 12th July
We welcome into the Christian family:
Ruby Farrell

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To make sure you never miss church announcements, news updates, our weekly pew sheets, or our monthly magazine Connected, simply scan the QR code to join our mailing list. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

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Dear Friends

Catching Fire



As I write this, Britain is once again experiencing a spell of unusually hot weather. Gardens are turning brown, we're searching for shade, and conversations inevitably begin with, "Isn't it hot?"

We know all about the power of heat. A small spark can become a roaring blaze, while a neglected fire slowly fades until only a few glowing embers remain.

A saying often attributed to John Wesley comes to mind: "Set yourself on fire with passion, and people will come from miles around to watch you burn." Although historians cannot confirm that Wesley actually spoke those words, they certainly reflect his remarkable zeal for sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Wesley believed that a heart transformed by God's love couldn't help but overflow into the lives of others.

That raises an important question for each of us: how brightly is the fire of our faith burning?

Many Christians can probably identify with the image of glowing embers. There is still warmth there. We still believe. We still pray, attend church, and seek to follow Christ. Yet perhaps the excitement, joy and expectancy we once knew has dimmed. Life has a habit of doing that. The pressures of work, family responsibilities, illness, disappointment and simply the routine of everyday life can gradually cool our spiritual passion.

The encouraging news is that God specialises in rekindling fires.

On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in what appeared to be "tongues as of fire." Those frightened followers were transformed

into courageous witnesses. Their circumstances had not suddenly become easier, but they were filled with God's presence and power. The fire of the Spirit changed everything.

So how do we move from glowing embers to a roaring inferno for the Gospel?

First, we return to the source of the fire. We cannot manufacture spiritual passion through sheer effort. Fire needs fuel, and the Christian life is fuelled by regular time with God. Prayer, reading Scripture, worship and silence before the Lord are not duties to tick off but opportunities to draw close to the One who first loved us. As we spend time with Christ, our hearts are warmed again.

Secondly, we allow God to fan into flame the gifts he has already given us. Every Christian has something to offer. Some encourage, others serve quietly behind the scenes, some teach, others welcome, visit or pray. Passion grows when faith

is put into practice. We discover fresh joy when we step out in obedience rather than remaining comfortably on the sidelines.

Thirdly, we remember that fire spreads. The Gospel has never been intended as a private possession. It is good news to be shared. We need not be experts or have all the answers. Often the most powerful witness is simply telling someone what Jesus has done in our own lives. Authentic faith is deeply attractive because it is real.

One of the ways we are seeking to encourage that kind of living faith in our parish is through Alpha.

Many people think of Alpha simply as an evangelistic course, and it certainly is a wonderful place for those exploring the Christian faith to ask honest questions in a relaxed and welcoming environment. There is no pressure, no question that is off limits, and every conversation is treated with respect.

But Alpha is also a valuable discipleship tool for Christians who have been in church for many years. It gives us the opportunity to revisit the foundations of our faith, to listen afresh to God's Spirit, to pray with others and to grow in confidence about sharing what we believe. Time and again, people who have completed Alpha speak not only of learning more about Christianity but of experiencing a renewed relationship with Christ.

Perhaps that is exactly what many of us need. Not a completely new faith, but a freshly ignited one.

As this summer's heat reminds us of the power of fire, may we pray that God would light a fresh flame within our own hearts. Imagine what might happen if each one of us became just a little more joyful, a little more prayerful, a little more courageous, and a little more willing to speak about Jesus. Churches do not grow because of clever programmes alone. They grow because ordinary people become deeply captivated by an extraordinary Saviour.

May our parish be known, not for the weather outside, but for the warmth of Christ's love within. And may the Holy Spirit take the embers of our faith and fan them into a blazing fire that brings light, hope and life to everyone we meet.

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REVD GLYN DIGGINS





7TH AUGUST

Holy Day

John Mason Neale

HYMN WRITER AND RE-WRITER

If you are the sort of person who looks at the small print beside hymns in the hymnal, then you may recognise the name J. M. Neale. For not only did he write some of our most beloved hymns, but he also translated many dozens more from the Latin, old German, or old French. J. M. Neale was so prolific, in fact, that fully one-tenth of the hymns in our English Hymnal are his.

So, who was he?

Born in London in 1818, educated Trinity College Cambridge, and ordained in 1841, he was aiming for the parish of Crawley. But chronic ill health left him too weak for parish life, and so he was appointed warden of an alms-house in East Grinstead, where he lived and worked for the rest of his life.

Neale used the peace and quiet of his job to good effect: producing *All glory laud and honour, Jerusalem the golden, O happy band of pilgrims, The Day of Resurrection, O come, O come Emmanuel*, and *Christ is made the sure foundation*, among many many others.

But Neale's writing of hymns was only part of his wider passion for the worship and liturgical practices of the Early Church. At a time when Anglo-Catholics were 'in fashion', Neale provided an important balance by reminding the Church of its largely forgotten Eastern heritage.

PARISH PUMP

Editor's Note

You can learn more about Neale's remarkable career and life from the article by Leon Litvack *The Canterbury Dictionary of Hymnology* - https://hymnary.org/person/Neale_JM

THE STORY BEHIND THE HYMN:

'Good King Wenceslas'

*Good King Wenceslas look'd out,
On the Feast of Stephen;
When the snow lay round about,
Deep, and crisp, and even:
Brightly shone the moon that night,
Though the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight,
Gath'ring winter's fuel.*

*"Hither page and stand by me,
If thou know'st it, telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?"
"Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain;
Right against the forest fence,
By Saint Agnes' fountain."...*

With Christmas now just 20 weeks away, why not enjoy this beautiful performance by the Choir of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle? Scan the QR code or follow link to listen.
www.youtube.com/watch?v=T1FEFPthZN0



Although John Mason Neale translated and wrote hundreds of hymns, his best-known work is undoubtedly *Good King Wenceslas*, first published in 1853. Often thought of simply as a beloved Christmas carol, few people realise that the "good king" was a real historical figure.

St Wenceslas (or Václav) was born around AD 907 and ruled as Duke of Bohemia, in what is now the Czech Republic. Raised as a Christian by his grandmother, St Ludmila, he became known for his deep faith, generosity and compassion towards the poor. His reign was tragically cut short when he was murdered by his own brother, Boleslaus, in AD 935. Soon afterwards, Wenceslas was honoured as a Christian martyr and saint, and was later given the honorary title of King after his death. Today, he remains the patron saint of the Czech Republic.

The familiar Christmas carol, however, was written almost 900 years later. In 1853, Anglican priest and hymn writer John Mason Neale took an old legend about St Wenceslas secretly taking food, firewood and wine to a poor man on the Feast of St Stephen (26 December) and turned it into the beloved carol we still sing today. Although historians cannot confirm that this particular act of kindness actually happened, it beautifully reflects the generosity and Christian character for which Wenceslas became renowned.

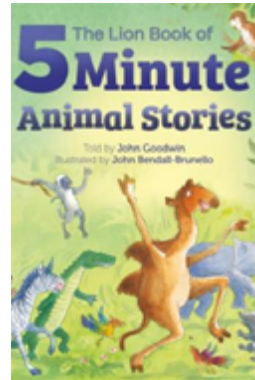
Another surprising fact is that Neale did not compose the tune. Instead, he paired his new lyrics with *Tempus adest florum*, a lively medieval melody originally written to celebrate the arrival of spring. More than 170 years later, *Good King Wenceslas* continues to remind us that true Christian leadership is shown not through power or wealth, but through humble service, generosity and walking in the footsteps of Christ.

IVY RUDD



Book Club

Recommended Reads



The Lion Book of Five-Minute Animal Stories

By John Goodwin,
SPCK, £9.99

The best lessons come wrapped in the best stories. And The Lion Book of Five-Minute Animal Stories brings ten timeless tales from around the world to life with humour, heart, and unforgettable animal characters children will adore.

Each story teaches valuable lessons about friendship, kindness, courage, honesty, and discovering your unique talents. All delivered with the perfect dose of fun!



Faithful Grandparents: Hope and love through the generations

By Anita Cleverly, BRF,
£9.99

There has never been a more important time to find meaningful and acceptable ways of passing on faith from one generation to the next.

Part of this privilege and responsibility lies with grandparents who live authentic Christian lives. They can be the vital link between the gospel and the faith of a younger generation.

The Fairburn Singers at Saint Wilfrid's Church

The Fairburn Singers made a welcome return to Saint Wilfrid's on the evening of Saturday 27th June. Once again, we were treated to an evening of well-loved music that drew an appreciative audience and again demonstrated the choirs enduring popularity in the parish. In 2026, the choir is supporting Martin House, and the Children's Air Ambulance charities.

The mixed voice choir, compared by Janet Burns, has visited Saint Wilfrid's several times in recent years, and offered a varied program including One Moment

in Time, Africa, made famous by Toto, and a medley of songs from Lionel Bart's Oliver.

The repertoire gave the singers plenty of scope to show warmth, energy and clear enjoyment in their performances. The concert had a relaxed atmosphere and the setting of the church added to the occasion with the choir's harmonies carrying well through the building. The audience responded warmly and showed their appreciation at the close of the evening. For Saint Wilfrid's,



the concert was another successful visit by the choir that has become a familiar and welcome presence in the churches musical calendar.

£450 was raised with £250 to St. Wilfrid's and £200 to Fairburn Singers.

JOHN CLARKE

What does it mean to be Christian?

To be honest, throughout my childhood I was brought up to believe that I was a Christian. I had been baptised as a baby and had always been told that's what I was, despite not attending church or having any involvement with any religion. I dutifully ticked the Christian box on application forms and the like that asked me to identify my religion. My journey to faith was in 1981 when I had an encounter with God and was introduced to Jesus in a profound and personal way. My older brother had recently become a Christian which caused me some confusion and I spent day after day asking questions and began to read and search for answers from any Christian source I could find. How I wished that Alpha courses were around then! This would have given me a chance to learn more and find more answers to my questions.

As I grew in my faith I was invited to lead others in group discussion, using whatever materials were available at the time. Although I witnessed many people come to know more about this amazing faith, it would have been great to have something like the Alpha course to support me and them along the way. When the Alpha courses came along in the 90's it was welcomed by churches everywhere and gave them a well-presented tool to help Christians and non-Christians explore the faith in a relaxed and informative way. So, if you have ever found yourself asking 'what's it all about?' Is there really a God? Who is Jesus?', come along to the Alpha course on Wednesday 23rd September which will offer a fuller explanation about Alpha...you may be blown away!

The 10 week course will start on Wednesday 9th October. Maureen Diggins and Jacqui Jenkins will facilitate the sessions along with our amazing team of helpers. The introductory session and the course will be held at St. Francis Church, Thorpe Willoughby, 6.30pm – 8.30pm., let's explore together!

JACQUI JENKINS



*"If you've ever asked:
Who is Jesus?
Is there really a God?
What's it all about?"*

JOIN US for Alpha

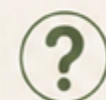
A relaxed space to explore life, faith and meaning over coffee, cake and conversation.



COFFEE & CAKE



HONEST CONVERSATION



BIG QUESTIONS



FRIENDLY PEOPLE



EXPLORE FAITH



STARTING
WEDNESDAY
9TH OCTOBER



ST FRANCIS
CHURCH,
THORPE
WILLOUGHBY



6.30PM –
8.30PM

Everyone welcome



SCAN TO WATCH
or visit alpha.org/film-series

Wondering what 'Alpha' is an organisation and what their mission is about? This Alpha Film Series will take you on an epic journey exploring the basics of the Christian faith.

Walking Through Grief *with Hope*

Before my father died, I had attended many funerals. I thought I understood what bereaved families experienced. I now realise there is a world of difference between attending a funeral and arranging one.

In the days that followed Dad's death, there were forms to complete, phone calls to make, decisions to take and practical matters that could not be avoided. We are still walking that road, and I have gained a new appreciation for every family who has travelled it before us.

What has struck me most is the kindness of people. Family, friends, neighbours, church members, funeral directors and ministers all played their part. A card, a message, a meal, a prayer or simply taking time to listen meant far more than people probably realised. I would like to thank everyone at St Wilfrid's and St Francis for your prayers and love during this time. I often found myself saying that I felt held.

As Christians, we believe in the hope of eternal life, but hope does not remove grief. Jesus Himself wept at the tomb of Lazarus (John 11:35). There have been tears and questions with no easy answers, but also comfort, daily strength and a deep awareness that God is present even in life's hardest seasons.

One piece of advice I had read some time ago proved invaluable: when death comes, don't rush into doing. Be still. Sit with your loved one. Pray. Speak the words you want to say.

For me, Psalm 121 became an anchor:

"I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."

*I lift up my eyes
to the hills—
where does my help
come from?
My help comes from
the Lord, the Maker
of heaven and earth.*

PSALM 121:1-2

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The Lord's Prayer also came naturally when I struggled to find my own words.

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One thing that surprised me during the three weeks between Dad's death and funeral was how much ordinary life continued. There were family meals, walks, shopping, conversations and even moments of laughter. At first I felt guilty, wondering whether laughter somehow diminished my love for Dad. Gradually I realised that grief is not measured by how sad we appear to others. Love is not proved by constant tears. Grief and ordinary life often sit side by side.

During those weeks I also attended a prayer workshop that had been arranged long before Dad died. Had I known what lay ahead, I would probably have cancelled, yet it became an unexpected source of strength.

In the days following Dad's death, I asked God for reassurance that He was near. What followed were several small but deeply personal moments that reminded me that God sees us, hears us and walks with us through the valley. They may not mean much to anyone else, but they meant a great deal to me.

We are only at the beginning of our family's journey through grief. There have been tears and difficult days, but also kindness, love, prayer and countless reminders of God's faithfulness.

The Lord has not promised that we will avoid sorrow, but He has promised that we will never face it alone.

“The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” (Psalm 34:18)

MAUREEN DIGGINS



L to R: Jean, Helen, Pat, Jill, Anne (front), Carol, Alison, Lynn, Sheila, and Joan.

Mothers' Union Take Over Service

On Sunday 28th June Brayton Mothers' Union led the 10.30 service at St Wilfrid's with many of us taking an active part. Rev Roy Shaw said that this year we were celebrating 150 years of Mothers' Union and he seemed to think that many of us were old enough to remember the inaugural meetings!

Lynn explained how MU started and the main programmes. Mary Sumner realised that young women in her parish were struggling and isolated in trying to bring up their children in the Christian Faith. With her husband's support she invited them to her home to discuss what they could do to help each other. From this first meeting in the Rectors study grew a movement that today has over 4 million members in 84 Countries, one of the biggest Christian based groups in the world. While the name remains the Mothers' Union, everyone is welcome to join, men and women, married, single, with or without children: the only provisos are that they are baptised and agree with the Aims and Objects of the Mothers' Union.

In Britain and Ireland, Mothers' Union has 4 flagship programmes:



Work against Domestic Abuse

In which members work closely with local domestic violence refuges, providing essentials for women and children who have been forced to flee their homes due to violence.



Prison Work

Where our work centres on supporting the continued connection between people in prison and their families.



Modern Slavery

Working in partnership with the Clewer Initiative, a new programme to raise awareness about Modern Slavery in our communities and provide access to relevant agencies that help. Modern Slavery is much more widespread than anyone imagines.



Away from it All holiday scheme

Which has been running for 60 years, in which we support families and others in need of time away. In Yorkshire we support and fundraise for our caravan in Filey to provide free holidays for those unable to afford or access a break.

Mothers' UNION 150 years

The Global programme includes:

-  **Savings Groups and Financial Education.**
-  **Literacy Education.**
-  **The Parenting Programme,** which originated in Britain, seeks to help many parents in countries around the world.
-  **Our Rise Up Campaign** against Gender Based Violence seeks to raise awareness and support victims of abuse.

Mothers' Union has consultative status at the United Nations on subjects to do with women, children and families and is also involved in Government consultations on these subjects, recently being involved in discussions on the use of Social Media by young people.

Lynn ended the talk with Mary Sumner's personal prayer:

All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe or the life I lead. Amen.

Selby and Derwent Deanery Mothers' Union Branches are celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Mothers' Union with a short Service in St. Wilfrids Church on Wednesday 19th August at 2pm, followed by Tea and Cake in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us!

JILL CLARKE

Thank you

From our Connected distribution lead

Those of you who receive Connected will realise that a big change has taken place, as this has always been the case when a new editor arrives. The church magazine has been going for many, many years and has been the work of many people. It would not have existed without an editor, the printer, or the collating team.

The collating team has changed over the years, and many people have been involved with it—too many for me to thank. So that I do not offend anyone, I will not name names, but you know who you are. The number of people who take the magazine has shrunk, chiefly through technology. When I first started, we had to put over 300 together, and now it struggles to do 100, with many others reading it online. The technique was simple: first wear a fingerstall to count the pages, then pass them to the person working the electric stapler. The stapled copies were then taken up by various people to be put into bundles, labelled, and taken into church to be collected by the distributors.

The electric stapler was very hard-working and would have died many years ago if it had not been carefully tended by Richard Whitehouse. Alas, it eventually did, and we had to go back to the original way of doing it—by hand! The new magazine is now being stapled by the printer, as that is what modern machinery can do. The final collating team has now been made redundant (sadly with no redundancy pay), and the electric stapler has been respectfully laid to rest.

A very big thank you to all involved, and particularly to all those who, come rain or shine, turned up month by month to put the whole thing together. The last "person" to join the group was Ivy the dog, who I think came mainly for the biscuits to be found in the jacket pocket of Yvonne. She came and entertained us, kept us going, and uplifted our spirits.

Now Ivy (the person), not the dog, as well as Gemma, have taken it on, and we wish them well and thank them for keeping the tradition of a church magazine in our parish.

YVONNE GREEN

Just Listen!

Techno-dinosaur and curmudgeon that I am, I have clung to my old plug-in satnav for far too long. It has finally given up the ghost, and I have listened to the superior wisdom of Madame-my-wife, and started to use my smartphone, held in place via a holder on the car's dash, to navigate areas I'm not familiar with.

Except of course, this morning, I thought I knew better than the info on the phone which advised an unusual route as I set off in the direction of my hydrotherapy session. (Techno-dinosaur, curmudgeon AND falling to bits- what a combination!). And ran into a long traffic queue at the new and extensive road works in the next village. Serves me right.

There's value in listening to someone who knows. The data on the phone had already taken into account the fact that the traffic queue would make me late, and had re-routed me away from the bottleneck. But curmudgeonly dinosaurs often think they know better- to their cost.

The art is, of course, in knowing who knows best. There are many false guides in this world, but it is the witness of Christians throughout time and throughout the world that listening to God- in prayer, or through His word- is a trusted way of navigating our way through today's world where many voices clamour for our attention, not all of which are trustworthy.

That great Welsh hymn 'Guide me O thou great Jehovah' is one of many which sings of our trust in God to guide us. It talks of being pilgrims through a land without waymarks, and it asks God to 'hold me with Thy powerful hand'. Here is Someone who knows and who is worth listening to. God Himself has said 'I will never leave you nor forsake you' (Hebrews 13:5; we can trust the One who will not leave us to guide us down good paths. It's a life-time's work to learn to trust in God, but we can improve, we can know the One who says 'My sheep know My voice' more clearly.

May God guide us on all our journeys, and be a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path.

REVD ROY SHAW



Faith & Fun

Sudoku

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shouted notice
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army Philistines
chance majesty
sheep fold
disobey cave
fighter
Saul

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Luke 7: 1-10, Matthew 8: 5-13

When the Romans invaded Israel, they used soldiers to keep order. For the centurion in Capernaum it was more than just a job...

The centurion had a young servant who was in great pain and dying.

When he heard that Jesus was near, he asked the town leaders to ask Jesus for help.

The leaders told Jesus... This man deserves your help. He loves our people.

He has even built us a meeting place!

This could have been a tricky situation, for Jews never went into the houses of non-Jews.

I will go and heal the boy.

But Jesus said...

But the centurion knew that, as a Jew, Jesus could not go into the houses of non-Jews so as Jesus got near, he sent some friends to him.

He says he isn't worthy enough for you to come to his house.

But he says he understands authority and knows you have it. You only have to say so and his servant will be healed.

Jesus was amazed!

I have never met anyone in Israel with as much faith.

He said to the friends...

You may go now. What he has believed has happened.

When the friends got to the house they found the servant completely healed!

The TEN YOUNG WOMEN

JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS - WE CALL THEM "PARABLES".

JESUS ONCE SPOKE ABOUT TEN YOUNG WOMEN.

THEY HAD BEEN INVITED TO A WEDDING - AND THEY WERE WAITING FOR THE BRIDGROOM.

EACH ONE HAD AN OIL LAMP.

BUT ONLY FIVE OF THEM HAD BROUGHT ALONG SOME SPARE OIL.

LATE AT NIGHT THE BRIDGROOM ARRIVED

FIVE YOUNG WOMEN COULD LIGHT HIS WAY.

THE OTHER FIVE FELT VERY FOOLISH - THEIR LAMPS HAD RUN OUT OF OIL!!

See Matthew 25:1-13

What's on in August



Tea Up!

Coffee Corner

Saturday 1st August
10am–11:15am
St Francis Church
Join us for top-notch refreshments, cake stall, books, and convivial company! *Pat*

Community Lunch

Not Running in August
We are skipping August. But come for a simple lunch of soup, bread roll, and a dessert with custard for only £5 on 2nd September! *Pat*

Craft Group Coffee Morning

Saturday 8th August
10am–11:30am
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall
A get together with good company, coffee and cakes. We hope to see you there! *June*

Coffeemates

Wednesday 26th August
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 29th August
10am–11:30am
Brayton Methodist Chapel
Proceeds this month will go to Riding for the Disabled. All are welcome to join us for a coffee and a chat. *Lorraine*



Wellbeing

Tea@Two

Not Running in August
We're skipping August, see you back on Thursday 24th September for an afternoon of coffee, tea, cake and chat. Tickets only £8. *Pat*

Soup and a Song

Not Running in August
We're skipping August, see you back on the 25th of September. 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 29th August
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 11th August
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

Not Running in August
We will meet again on the 28th of September.

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

Brayton WI

Monday 3rd August
12:30pm for 1pm start
The Peppered Pig
This month the WI Brayton are meeting at the Peppered Pig for lunch. Call me on 07840 750844 for more information. *Jean*

Thorpe WI

Thursday 13th August
From 7:30pm
St Francis Church
Join us this month to learn about Walking the Wolds with Paula. *Jan*

Mothers' Union

Wednesday 19th August
From 2pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall
Mothers Union will celebrate their 150 anniversary with a short service in St Wilfrid's as a combined get-together for all the Branches in Selby and Derwent Deanery, followed by Tea and Cakes at the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome. *Lynn*



Camera, Action!

Cake, Coffee, Movie

Not Running in August
We will not meet in August. See you back for another movie treat on Friday 18th September! *Jan*

Play Reading

Not Running in August
We will not meet in August, but all being well will be meeting on the 29th of September when we will finish reading House Guest by Francis Durbridge. *Helen*



All are welcome. Come as you are.

St Wilfrid's, Clergy & Officers

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Craft Group

June Whitehouse (01757 704331)

Mothers Union

Lynn Allan (01757 706068)

Book Club

Rosalind Wilson (01757 708856)

St Francis' Clergy & Officers

Clergy.

Thorpe Willoughby Methodist/Anglican Church

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

Reader

Jackie Jackman (contact details above)

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Methodist Clergy

Brayton and Burn Acting Superintendent Minister

Rev. Ruth Gilson-Webb
 superintendent@gooleselbymethodist.org.uk (07305 350088)

Service Roster for August

St Wilfrid's

Sunday 2nd August

Trinity 9
 10:30am Joint Holy
 Communion at St. Wilfrid's

Tuesday 4th August

10:30 am Holy Communion at
 Fernbank Court

Wednesday 5th August

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 9th August

Trinity 10
 10:30am Holy Communion

Monday 10th August

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

Wednesday 12th August

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 16th August

Trinity 11
 10:30am Joint Celtic Holy
 Communion at St. Wilfrid's

Wednesday 19th August

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd August

Trinity 12
 10:30am Joint Holy
 Communion at St. Francis

Wednesday 26th August

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 30th August

Trinity 13
 10:30am Joint Celtic Holy
 Communion at St. Wilfrid's

St Francis

Sunday 2nd August

Trinity 9
 10:30am Joint Holy
 Communion at St. Wilfrid's

Thursday 6th August

Transfiguration
 10:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 9th August

Trinity 10
 10:30am Methodist Service

Thursday 13th August

10:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 16th August

Trinity 11
 10:30am Joint Celtic Holy
 Communion at St. Wilfrid's

Thursday 20th August

10:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd August

Trinity 12
 10:30am Joint Holy
 Communion at St. Francis

Thursday 27th August

10:00am Methodist Service

Sunday 30th August

Trinity 13
 10:30am Joint Celtic Holy
 Communion at St. Wilfrid's

Methodists

Brayton

Sunday 2nd August
 10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 9th August

10:30am Holy Communion/
 United Service with Burn
 and Hambleton

Sunday 16th August

10:30am United Service at
 Burn

Sunday 23rd August

6:00pm Evening Service

Sunday 30th August

10:45am Circuit Service at
 Portholme Church

Burn

Sunday 2nd August

10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 9th August

10:30am United Service at
 Brayton with Hambleton

Sunday 16th August

10:30am United Service with
 Hambleton and Brayton

Sunday 23rd August

10:30am United Service at
 Hambleton

Sunday 30th August

10:45am Circuit Service at
 Portholme Church

Thorpe Willoughby

Sunday 9th August

10:30am Morning Worship

Thursday 27th August

10:00am Holy Communion

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

COMMUNITY Noticeboard

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

THE BIG BRAYTON BONANZA

Sunday 30th August
10am to 8pm

BRAYTON VILLAGE GREEN

FREE ENTRY

VOLUNTEERS
for our 3 church
stalls required.
Contact Glyn
for details.

For more information visit our Facebook page, or email
lauren.howley@outlook.com

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.

All Welcome

Alpha is coming This Autumn

Alpha is a series of group conversations
that explore life, faith and meaning
in a relaxed, friendly and open
environment.

Everyone's welcome.
You're invited, no matter your background
or beliefs.

Each session includes:



Coffee



Cake



Conversation

10 WEEK COURSE STARTING
**WEDNESDAY
9TH OCTOBER**
6.30PM – 8.30PM

St. Francis Church,
Thorpe Willoughby

Maureen Diggins and Jacqui Jenkins
will facilitate the sessions along with
our amazing team of helpers.

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

Jacqui & Maureen