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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

September often feels like a season of new beginnings. As summer gives way to autumn and familiar routines return, it's a good time to pause and consider how our faith shapes the way we live.

This month, Revd. Glyn encourages us to live an authentic Christian life, allowing our faith to be seen through the joy, welcome and love we show others. Revd. Roy explores a similar theme, asking what it means to be "clothed with Christ" – with compassion, kindness, humility, patience and, above all, love.

There's plenty happening in our churches too. As we prepare for Alpha, Maureen shares her own journey of faith and the importance of having a safe place to ask questions. We also look at a fascinating report on how young adults are discovering Christianity today, often through relationships and personal invitation. Perhaps time to encourage a friend or family member to look at our Alpha course?

For our younger members, Rise & Shine at 9 is on its way! Our two rising young journalists put their questions to Revd. Glyn ahead of this new monthly family gathering. We also celebrated what was, according to Glyn, our first ever full-immersion baptism, as young Hazel was baptised on 9th August – a joyful reminder of faith growing in a new generation.

Alongside these, you'll find Bible Bite, book reviews, parish news and more.

We hope this edition encourages you to explore, reflect and perhaps invite someone else along for the journey.

Ivy & Gemma

Cover: Hazel after the full immersion

Parish Photos

Hazel's baptism service.



Hazel explaining her reasons to be baptised.



Hazel about to be immersed.



Ivy and Mike at the sound mixing control in St Wilfrid's

Save The Date

Gemma
(the new designer of Connected),
and her two children Joshua and
Grace are getting baptised on the
13th of September at
St Wilfrids.

**We would LOVE it if her Church
family could attend.**

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From the Parish Registers



Church Floodlights

28th August
In Loving memory of
Roy Anger



Weddings

14th August
We offer our congratulations to:
Conor Hoop & Jemima Hart

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:

14th August
Bernard William Scott (87) at St. Wilfrid's

19th August
Dennis Walters (98) at St. Wilfrid's



Baptisms

9th August
We welcome into the Christian family:
Hazel Carol Smith

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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

Burn Brightly



Last month I wrote about John Wesley's memorable challenge: "*Set yourself on fire with passion and people will come from miles around to watch you burn.*" It was a reminder that the Christian faith is never meant to be lukewarm. We're called to burn brightly with the love of Christ, allowing his light and warmth to shine through our lives. This month I want to take that thought a little further.

If we are truly on fire for Christ, it should show. Not only in the things we say, but in the way we worship, the way we serve, and the way we live. Our churches should be places where people encounter joy, hope and life. If someone walks through our doors for the very first time, they should leave thinking, "There is something different about these people."

Sadly, that is not always the impression we give. Sometimes Christianity can appear to be little more than a list of duties: attend church, say your prayers, volunteer when asked, and keep going because you ought to. While faith certainly involves commitment and perseverance, it's much more than obligation.

Jesus never promised an easy life, but he did promise life in all its fullness (John 10:10).

The Gospel is good news, not merely good advice. It's an invitation into a relationship that transforms us from the inside out.

If those looking in from outside see only weary faces, reluctant service and joyless worship, why would they want what we have? If following Jesus appears to be just another burden to carry, why would anyone choose it?



The early Church grew because people saw lives that had been changed. They witnessed communities marked by generosity, forgiveness, courage and love. They encountered people who sang in prison, shared what they had with those in need, and faced hardship with remarkable hope. Their faith was visible. It was compelling. It was attractive because it was real. That same calling remains ours today.

Joy in worship isn't about putting on a performance or pretending life is perfect.

Christians know as well as anyone that life can be difficult. Many of us carry grief, illness, anxiety or uncertainty. Christian joy is not the absence of suffering; it's the presence of Christ in the midst of it. It's the quiet confidence that God is faithful, whatever our circumstances.

When we gather to worship, we come into the presence of the living God. We celebrate his goodness, receive his grace and are filled afresh with his Spirit. Surely that should be reflected in our singing, our praying, our welcome and our fellowship together. A church that laughs together, prays together, serves together and genuinely delights in being together is a powerful witness in itself.

Our world is not short of entertainment, but it's desperately short of hope. It doesn't need the Church to imitate everything around it. If all we offer is more of the same, people will rightly ask why they should bother. We are called to be different, not strange for the sake of it, but distinctive because Christ has made us new. That difference should be evident in the way we treat one another, in the generosity we show, in the forgiveness we extend, and in the peace we carry into difficult situations. It should be seen in our willingness to serve rather than be served, to bless rather than criticise, and to welcome rather than judge.

People are searching for authenticity. They're looking for lives that make sense, relationships that are genuine and a hope that endures. When they

encounter Christians whose lives are shaped by the love of Jesus, they begin to ask questions. They become curious. They want to know what makes the difference.

That's why our own passion matters so much. Passion is infectious. A joyful faith is attractive.

An engaged church family draws others in. None of this means we become loud or extrovert if that isn't who we are. Joy has many expressions. What matters is that our love for Christ is genuine and visible.

One of the simplest ways we can share that joy with others is by inviting them to explore faith for themselves. In the Autumn we'll be running an Alpha course. Alpha provides a relaxed, welcoming space where people can ask questions, express doubts, and discover who Jesus is without pressure or embarrassment. Many people who would never dream of attending a Sunday service are willing to accept an invitation to Alpha from someone they know and trust. Perhaps your invitation could be the first step in someone's journey of faith. As we seek to be a church that's truly "on fire" for Christ, let's not keep that fire to ourselves. Let's invite others to come, see, and discover the life-changing love of Jesus for themselves.

Our prayer should be that our church becomes known not simply as a place where services happen, but as a community where lives are changed, where faith is alive, and where people encounter the love of God in ways that leave them wanting to know more.

May the Holy Spirit continue to fan into flame the fire he has already placed within us. As we burn more brightly with the love of Christ, may our worship become more joyful, our witness more compelling, and our lives such a reflection of Jesus that others are inspired to come and discover for themselves the wonderful adventure of following him.

REVD GLYN DIGGINS



Why *Alpha*

If someone had asked me in 1994, aged 25 years old, whether I was a Christian, I honestly wouldn't have known how to answer.

I believed there was probably a God. As a child I often found myself praying while looking up at the sky. I'd heard stories like Noah and the Ark, but that was about the extent of my knowledge. Who exactly was Jesus? Why did He matter? And wasn't the Bible just a book written by people to control the masses?

Around that time, Revd Glyn and I began attending church. I loved the singing and enjoyed listening to the person speaking at the front, but if I'm honest, I still didn't really understand what Christianity was all about. Then someone invited us to Alpha.

Back in 1995 there were no videos or online resources. We listened to the talks on cassette tapes before breaking into small discussion groups. What struck me most was that it was a safe place to ask questions. There were no embarrassing questions, no pressure, and no judgement. Believe me, I asked some real corkers!

By about week three, things began to fall into place. I started to understand who Jesus really was. I was fascinated to discover the amount of historical evidence for His life, not only from Christian writers but also from non-Christian sources. The session on the Bible was equally eye-opening. Learning that the Bible is not one book but a library of different books, written in different styles over many centuries, completely changed how I read it.

In 1995, having weighed the evidence, I chose to take a step of faith and become a Christian. It remains one of the best decisions I have ever made. Alpha gave me solid foundations for my faith, and I have never regretted that decision.



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Since then, I've returned to Alpha several times as a helper and leader. Every course has taught me something new. Listening to other people's questions, doubts and discoveries continues to strengthen my own faith. It's a reminder that we never stop learning.

Alpha itself has an inspiring story. It began at Holy Trinity Brompton in London in 1977 and was reshaped in 1990 by Nicky Gumbel as a course for people wanting to explore the Christian faith. Today it runs in churches of many different denominations across the world.

In 2025 alone, around 2.8 million people took part in Alpha across 158 countries, with over 105,000 courses taking place.

The vision remains wonderfully simple: to create a welcoming space where anyone can explore life's big questions and encounter Jesus.

Whether you've never been to church before, have lots of questions, or simply want to revisit the foundations of your faith, I can wholeheartedly recommend Alpha. You don't need to know anything beforehand. Just come with an open mind—and your questions.

Who knows? It might just change your life, as it changed mine.

MAUREEN DIGGINS





THE 10 WEEK COURSE

Dates for your diary

When

The 10 week course will start on
Wednesday 9th October.

There will be a introductory session on
Wednesday 23rd September which will
offer a fuller explanation about Alpha.

The Team

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

Location

The introductory session and the course
will be held at **St. Francis Church,**
Thorpe Willoughby, 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

Want to know more?

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.



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



ASK ANYTHING.
SHARE ANYTHING.
YOU'RE WELCOME HERE.

St Matthew

called just as he was



This month we remember Matthew's call to be an
apostle of Jesus and ask what it means for us to
follow Christ.

Jesus calls us where we are:

*'Jesus saw a man named Matthew sitting at the
tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' He told him, and
Matthew got up and followed Him.'*
(Matthew 9:9).

It was just an ordinary day at Matthew's tax booth,
when Jesus called him. He simply got up and
followed! Despite Matthew's past, his occupation and
what people thought of him, Jesus still called him.
Are we ready to follow when Jesus calls us into a
relationship with Himself?

Jesus comes to where we are:

*'While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house,
many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with
Him and His disciples. When the Pharisees saw this,
they asked His disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat
with tax collectors and sinners?'* (10,11).

Jesus went to Matthew's home and ate with tax
collectors and sinners, demonstrating that He meets
people where they are, despite their sin and shame.
The Pharisees avoided sinners, because they believed
only the perfect could have access to God. When
God is at work in the lives of those we don't expect,
allow Jesus to open our hearts to embrace what He
is doing.

Jesus comforts us where we are:

*'On hearing this, Jesus said, 'It is not the healthy who
need a doctor, but those who are ill.'* (12).

Jesus came to save sinners and to give hope to
the hopeless. The Pharisees were so committed to
keeping the law, that they had forgotten God's heart
of compassion. However, Jesus reminded them that
they were witnessing God's love in action. In what
ways can we express compassion towards others,
especially those outside the community of faith?

CANON PAUL HARDINGHAM





New report explores young adult journeys to faith in the *Church of England*



Young adults are coming to faith in a range of different ways, some very different from previous generations, according to a new report.

New research commissioned by the Church of England uncovers how growing spiritual curiosity among young adults has led to a range of unexpected routes by which they are discovering Christian faith and finding community in Church of England churches.

‘Understanding Young Adult Journeys to Faith in the Church of England’ draws on in-depth interviews with 30 young adults aged 18 to 30 who began attending Church of England churches for the first time within the five years following the Covid-19 pandemic. Conducted by Theos think tank and recently published, the research explores how Generation Z is engaging

with Christianity in new ways amongst a changing cultural context.

The report identifies several recurring themes in their paths to interaction with faith and the Church of England. Social media often served as an initial point of contact, introducing young adults to Christian ideas through podcasts, testimonies, debates, influencers and online content. For many, this led to deeper exploration through reading the Bible, engaging with theology and asking wider questions about meaning, purpose and truth, often before attending church for the first time.

Personal relationships were consistently found to play a significant role, with encouragement, invitations or stories from teachers, chaplains, friends, partners, clergy and church members often helping

young people move from curiosity to attending church.

Community and a sense of belonging also emerged as a common experience of church, with many participants citing this as one of the reasons they continued attending and became more involved.

Young people interviewed as part of the research were drawn to a wide range of Anglican traditions, including cathedrals, Anglo-Catholic and contemporary evangelical churches.

Across traditions, they report being engaged by the “*authenticity*” and “*seriousness*” of worship, and valuing “*confidence, consistency and depth*” in the churches they had chosen to attend.

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You can read the full report here:

<https://churchsupporthub.org/all-resources/understanding-young-adult-journeys-to-faith>

THE STORY BEHIND THE HYMN:

Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness



*Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.*

*Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and
shame...*

*Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.*



**Performance by Grace Community
Church Congregation & Orchestra**



Scan the QR code or
follow link to listen.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=HyjsWsk4Nw4

Some of the most unlikely people become Christians, never mind go on to write much loved hymns.



People like Count Nicholas Ludwig Von Zinzendorf, for example. He was born 1700 into a fabulously wealthy family in Saxony, and after law studies at the University of Wittenberg, had set out to travel in great style. But Zinzendorf got only as far as an art gallery in Dusseldorf before he had a Damascus Road experience. For here Zinzendorf encountered a painting of Christ. His head was bowed and the inscription read:

‘This have I done for thee, and what hast thou done for me?’

Zinzendorf was stopped in his tracks. He could not give any answer to the question. Like Paul, the encounter with the living Christ left him awed, shaken and confused. He returned to his large estate in Berthelsdorf in inner turmoil. It was a spiritual crisis that would change the course of his life. For, at 22, on his wedding day, he and his bride put aside their rank of nobility in order to follow Jesus.

Shortly after this Zinzendorf met a member of the Moravian Brothers, an Order which had been founded 300 years earlier by John Hess of Bohemia. He welcomed the brotherhood to live on his estate, and within ten years 600 Moravians had arrived. Zinzendorf divided them into little missionary groups and sent them off across the world. Thus, the Moravian Brothers went to Greenland, Holland, India, America and the Indies. In all, they had 165 missions scattered around the world. They accepted disease, poverty, loneliness and persecution in their determination to follow their Master.

In late 1741 Zinzendorf began a mission to the Indians of Pennsylvania. As it was only four days to Christmas, he named the little colony Bethlehem. Today it is a great steel centre, and the Moravian capital of the USA.

The former Count spent his vast wealth on missions, and when he died at 60 there was not even enough money left to pay for his grave. He had laid up his true treasure in Heaven, instead.

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LEARNING ABOUT **Rise & Shine** at 9



Starts
SUNDAY
4 OCTOBER

Then every
FIRST SUNDAY
of the month

2 rising
journalists,
one amazing
conversation!

ALL
CHILDREN
WELCOME!

INTERVIEW
WITH
REV. GLYN

Faith
Hope
Love

We cannot wait to hear our parish once again filled with the sound of children's laughter as they discover more about Jesus and our faith together.

To help families explore the theme of our upcoming Rise & Shine at 9 service, two of our young church members have put some thought-provoking questions to Revd. Glyn. We hope you will enjoy reading this interview together at home, and we would love you to share the news about Rise & Shine at 9 with friends and family who have children.

MEET OUR YOUNG JOURNALISTS



Grace (8)

Loves animals, art and anything sparkly! Always full of questions and great ideas.



Joshua (11)

Enjoys fishing, being active and exploring questions of life and faith.

RISE & SHINE AT 9 BEGINS SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER

from 8:45 am to 9:45 am
at St. Francis Church in Thorpe Willoughby

Join us for a fun-filled morning of stories,
songs, activities and worship.

There will be tea, coffee, cordial,
bacon butties and toast before the service.

ALL CHILDREN (AND PARENTS) ARE WARMLY WELCOME!



Will we play games at Rise & Shine?

Absolutely, there will be an active game, for all to play, each service that helps link our thinking between the theme and Biblical Story.



What's your favourite Bible story and why?

I really like the story of Nehemiah in the Old Testament. I like the way he spotted a problem, prayed about what God would want and then courageously acted to bring about positive change...my kind of Guy!



Did you always want to be a vicar?

No...I didn't even become a follower of Christ until I was 33...I know ancient...but shortly after committing my life to follow Jesus, I started to get a strong sense that God wanted me to be a church leader. It only took me 20 years to act on it...doh! Not very Nehemiah like I know.



If Jesus came to Rise & Shine, what game do you think He'd play with us?

I think he would be up for anything that was fun and inclusive. Time and time again in Scripture we see that Jesus liked a good time and was often at parties.



What's your favourite biscuit to have with a cup of tea?

Fig Rolls...or Ginger Nuts...or Jaffa Cakes. I just like biscuits I suppose. Open packets don't last very long in our household.



If you could meet anyone from the Bible for one day, who would you choose?

I can't narrow it down to just one character. Jesus (obviously), but also Nehemiah for the above reason and also Archangel Michael. I'm a bit of a military nerd and can you imagine meeting the General of the Heavenly Armies. I think he would be pretty terrifying in person, but also rather cool.



What will we learn at Rise and Shine?

My main hope will be that people will start to develop a friendship with Jesus, learn to love both Him and the Bible and want to dedicate their lives to following Him. But one step at a time...Rome wasn't built in a day.



What do you like doing when you're not being a vicar?

I really enjoy walking in God's Creation, especially mountainous areas...but I settle for hills. I just find that when I'm walking, I'm totally absorbed in the moment and can forget all the things I need to be doing. I think it's really important to "turn off" from time to time.



Will I make friends at Rise & Shine?

I hope there will be other young people of your age, so quite possibly. Having said that, why don't you invite your existing friends to come along with you. Also, my wife Maureen often says "before you can make a friend, you first have to be a friend", so actually Josh, the best answer to your question is..."it's up to you!"



We can't wait to see you at Rise & Shine at 9! Come along, bring a friend and let's discover more about Jesus together.





Samuel

the exceptional man who put the crown on David's head

The Bible contains descriptions of many kinds of leaders. These men (and sometimes women) were responsible for the well-being of groups of people. Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt. Joshua led the wilderness wanderers into the Promised Land. Gideon, Ezra and Nehemiah led people to fight against their enemies and improved their moral and spiritual lives.

While these people may be familiar to us, the Bible also mentions other individuals who had different leadership responsibilities. Some fulfilled their positions readily while others, like Joseph and Esther, gradually became aware of their roles and achieved the purposes God had for them.

As a baby, Samuel was dedicated to the service of God. While a young boy, God spoke directly to him. Samuel grew up gaining favour with both God and men. At an early age, God was with Samuel and made everything that Samuel said come true.

Samuel became the ruler of Israel. His style of leadership was based on godliness, fairness and good organisation. He settled disputes, served as a judge and banned pagan gods from the land.

When Samuel became old, the people became restless. They demanded to have a king to rule over them. God reluctantly agreed. Under God's guidance, Samuel chose Saul. Unfortunately, Saul failed to lead the people in the way of God. So, Samuel was directed by God to anoint David – to be the next king of Israel.

Samuel, it appears, was acutely aware of his responsibility to be a good leader. He was a man of good reputation but his obedience to God brought about difficulty, uncertainty and hardship. He wanted Saul

to be a good leader, but Saul failed to live up to his high calling. Samuel was deeply upset and departed from the king's presence. He knew that a bad leader would bring about the nation's downfall.

Nevertheless, Samuel treated Saul with respect and courtesy. He understood the principle of submission to God-ordained authority. He was loyal to Saul, even though he turned out to be a bad leader.

Samuel's grief over Saul's failure is a reminder for us to pray for our leaders on a regular basis (whether or not they fall short in their official capacity!) We need God to provide us with leaders who are trustworthy and honourable.

Let's pray for good leaders that they may enhance truth, peace and justice throughout the world.

LESTER AMANN

Clothed with Christ

Georg Philip Telemann, the 18th Century German composer, was an early collector of folk music, long before the vogue for collecting folk tunes in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, which in England drew in Ralph Vaughan Williams, Cecil Sharp and George Butterworth.

Telemann would travel to Poland and note down the folk tunes he heard there, which then re-appeared in his music and played for the sophisticated audiences at his concerts. He described the transformation of folk tunes to concerti as 'clothing the tunes in an Italian coat' - the Italian style being all the rage at the time.

The phrase 'clothed in an Italian coat' is rich in allusions. Peasant fustian becomes elegant and rich velvet or silk, in gorgeous hues which bring distinction to the wearer. From workaday to refined, the image speaks of transformation. It's possibly also a covering over of the ragged with something altogether more presentable.

Clothing is an image used by St. Paul at least three times in his letters. Writing to the believers in Rome, (ch 13 v14) he urges his readers to 'put on the Lord Jesus Christ'. He's urging an active participation in all that Jesus was and did, a daily mental decision to be as Christ. To the Galatians (ch3v27) he says 'for all of you who were baptised

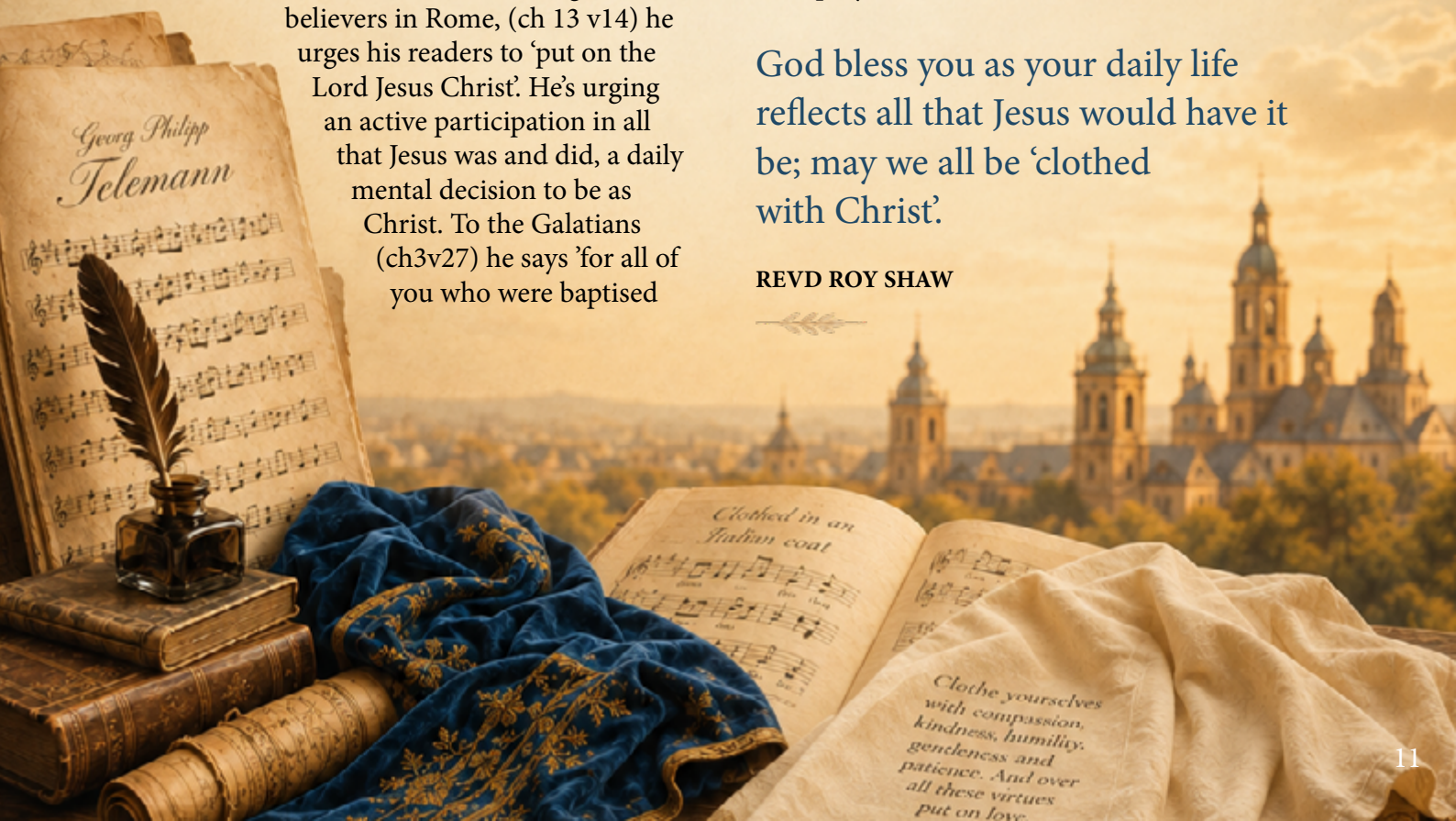
into Christ have clothed yourself with Christ.' As it were, your old clothes won't do any more- you need the fresh clean linen which Christ offers. And to the Colossians Paul writes (ch3v12ff) 'clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience... And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.'

Clothes are important. They make a statement, say something about how we wish to present ourselves- smart or casual, formal or informal, conservative or outlandish. We make judgements about people (often wrongly) from how they dress. St Paul is taking these themes to a deeper level, asking that our character as Christians reflects and brings honour to the one who has invited us into his kingdom of justice, peace and love. I was invited some years ago to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. Should I wear crocs, yellow shorts and a Hawaiian shirt? No contest! That would not honour the Queen and the occasion. A formal suit or nothing.

How does your character reflect Jesus? What have you asked to be clothed in as you have prayed?

God bless you as your daily life
reflects all that Jesus would have it
be; may we all be 'clothed
with Christ'.

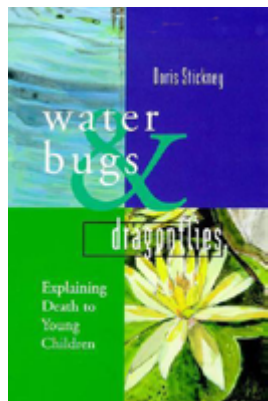
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Book Club

Recommended Reads



Water Bugs and Dragonflies

By Doris Stickney
eden.co.uk £6.42

Water Bugs and Dragonflies gently helps children understand one of life's hardest realities, the death of someone they love. I first came across this little book many years ago, and it has remained a favourite ever since. Through the simple story of a water bug becoming a dragonfly, it illustrates the Christian hope that death is not the end, but the beginning of something far more wonderful than we can imagine. While the story is a metaphor rather than a literal description of heaven, it offers comfort and reassurance, helping children understand that those who die in Christ are safe with Him. It also gently answers the question many children ask: "Why can't they come back?" A beautiful book to help families talk about grief, faith and the hope we have in Jesus.

★ **Ideal for:** Families, grandparents, children's workers and anyone supporting a bereaved child.



Bible Stories Activity Pad – 60 Activities for 5 years and under

By Deborah Lock,
Candle Books, £9.99

Fun and engaging activity books with tear-off sheets covering all the favourite Bible stories and more for young children.

Packed with a wonderfully varied mix of early-learning activities inspired by favourite Bible stories from both the Old and New Testaments, this vibrant activity pad gives children aged 5 years and under a playful, engaging way to explore the greatest story ever told – one page at a time.

It includes colouring pages featuring familiar Bible characters, dot-to-dot, puzzles, mazes, matching games, drawing and creative activities, bright illustrations, and tear-off sheets for easy use or for sharing

★ **Ideal for:** Makes a brilliant gift for birthdays, baptisms, Easter, Christmas, or as a Sunday school prize.



The Sacred Ache – A Christian perspective on the search for spirituality in witchcraft, crystals and tarot

By Belle Tindall-Riley, SPCK, £13.99

A craving for the mystical is leading a whole generation towards witchcraft, tarot and crystals, but Dr Belle Tindall-Riley suggests a more satisfying way to quench a spiritual thirst found in the person of Jesus. Across culture, there is a growing openness to the spiritual, the transcendent, and the mysterious. From astrology and manifestation to ritual and embodied practices of Tarot, Wicca and Meditation, our generation is searching for something more, something... sacred.

★ **Ideal for:** Anyone exploring spirituality, those seeking to understand deep longings



Faith & Fun

Sudoku

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The tale of the Lost Sheep

Boo! Boo!

JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ALL ABOUT A GOOD SHEPHERD.



WHO TOOK GREAT CARE OF ALL HIS SHEEP



THE SHEPHERD WOULD ALWAYS MAKE SURE EACH SHEEP WAS SAFE.



HE WOULD COUNT THEM AT THE END OF EVERY DAY

BUT ONE NIGHT HE REALIZED A SHEEP HAD GONE MISSING



THE SHEPHERD SET OUT TO SEARCH FOR THE LOST SHEEP



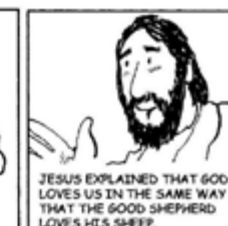
HE SEARCHED HIGH AND LOW



AT LAST THE LOST SHEEP WAS FOUND!



THE SHEPHERD COULD NOT HAVE BEEN HAPPIER!



JESUS EXPLAINED THAT GOD LOVES US IN THE SAME WAY THAT THE GOOD SHEPHERD LOVES HIS SHEEP.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

The Pharisees watched Jesus to see if he broke any of God's laws, or the rules they had made up to stop the laws being broken.

It can be read in the Bible in Matthew 12:1-14, Luke 6:1-11

Jesus' disciples were hungry so they picked some wheat from a field as they walked.



(Deut 23:25), but it was the Sabbath. This was allowed, but it was the Sabbath.

The Pharisees said to Jesus



Why are your disciples harvesting on the Sabbath? That is against the rules!

But King David broke the rules when he ate the bread that was only for the priests *



*1 Sam 21:1-6

And priests are allowed to work in the temple on the Sabbath *



*Num 28:9

Don't you understand when God says 'Keeping rules doesn't make up for not having kindness'?



*Hos 6:6

If you understood, you would know my disciples did nothing wrong.



The Pharisees followed Jesus to the meeting place



There was a man with a crippled hand.

The Pharisees wanted to accuse Jesus of breaking rules, so they asked him a trick question.



Is it right to heal someone on the Sabbath?

If your sheep fell into a ditch on the Sabbath you would lift it out.



People are worth far more than sheep, so it is right to do good on the Sabbath



Hold out your hand.



...and it was healed!

The Pharisees left and made plans.



We will kill him.

What's on in *September*



Tea Up!

Coffee Corner

Saturday 5th September
10am–11:15am
St Francis Church

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

Community Lunch

Wednesday 2nd September
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 12th September
10am–11:30am

St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

This month's Coffee Mornings will be hosted by the Mothers' Union. There will be the usual coffee, tea, and lovely cakes. Welcome to All. *June*

Coffeemates

Wednesday 30th September
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 26th September
10am–11:30am

Brayton Methodist Chapel

Proceeds this month for water filters for Venezuela.

£1.50 including tea/coffee and biscuits. All welcome. *Lorraine*



Wellbeing

Tea@Two

Thursday 24th September
2pm–4pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

An afternoon of coffee, tea, cake and chat. Tickets only £10.

Pat

Soup and a Song

Friday 25th September
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 and a roll.

07921255988. *Rosemary*

Churchyard Tidying

Saturday 26th September
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 8th September
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 28th September
From 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

Brayton WI

Monday 14th September
From 2pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall
This month we welcome speaker John Mumford on the subject "Legal and financial issues" 07840750844. *Jean*

Thorpe WI

Thursday 10th September
From 7:30pm
St Francis Church
Join us this month for the Trivial Pursuit board game night! *Jan*

Mothers' Union

Thursday 10th September
From 2pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall
This month's meeting is preparation for our Coffee Morning and Harvest Lunch. *Lynn*



Camera, Action!

Cake, Coffee, Movie

Friday 18th September
10am-12:30pm
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 29th September
7pm-9pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall
We are excited to meet up to conclude our reading of '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

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

Reader

Jackie Jackman (contact details above)

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Methodist Clergy

Brayton and Burn Acting Superintendent Minister

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

Service Roster for September

St Wilfrid's

Tuesday 1st September

10:30am Holy Communion at Fernbank Court

Wednesday 2nd September

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 6th September

Trinity 14

10:30am Morning Prayer

Monday 7th September

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

Wednesday 9th September

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 13th September

Trinity 15

10:30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 16th September

9:30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 20th September

Trinity 16

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

Wednesday 23rd September

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 27th September

Trinity 17

10:30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 30th September

9:30am Holy Communion

St Francis

Thursday 3rd September

10:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 6th September

Trinity 14

10:30am Holy Communion

Thursday 10th September

10:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 13th September

Trinity 15

10:30am Methodist Minister-led Holy Communion

Thursday 17th September

10:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 20th September

Trinity 16

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

Thursday 24th September

10:00am Methodist Minister-led Holy Communion

Sunday 27th September

Trinity 17

10:30am Morning Prayer

Methodists

Brayton

Sunday 6th September

10:30am United Service with Burn and Hambleton

Sunday 13th September

10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 20th September

6:00 pm Holy Communion

Sunday 27th September

10:30am Harvest Festival

South Selby at Burn

Sunday 6th September

10:30am United Service at Brayton

Sunday 13th September

10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 20th

10:30am Harvest Festival/ United Service

Sunday 27th September

10:30am United Service at Hambleton

Thorpe Willoughby

Sunday 13th September

10:30am Morning Worship

Thursday 24th September

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



Rise & Shine
at 9
Breakfast, Worship & Fun

All Children & Parents Welcome

A relaxed, informal start to Sunday for the whole family.

Rise & Shine at 9 begins on
Sunday 4th October from
8:45 am to 9:45 am

St. Francis Church,
Thorpe Willoughby

★ and will take place on the **first Sunday** of every month. ★

There will be tea, coffee, cordial,
bacon butties and toast
before the service.



Alpha
is coming
This Autumn

Alpha is a chance to explore life, faith and meaning in friendly, relaxed conversations.

- No pressure.** You're free to explore at your own pace.
- No judgement.** Everyone's welcome, no matter your background.
- No question too simple or too difficult.** There are no silly questions in Alpha.

Each session includes:
Coffee, Cake, Conversation

Introductory Session about Alpha
WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER
6.30PM - 8.30PM
St. Francis Church, Thorpe Willoughby

Same time and place as the 10-week course.

10 WEEK COURSE STARTING WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER
6.30PM - 8.30PM
St. Francis Church, Thorpe Willoughby

Interested? Find out more or sign up:
contact Maureen
Digginmaureen@yahoo.co.uk
Text or call 07711 409811



Community Lunch!

Wednesday 2nd September
12noon to 1:30pm in the
Parish Hall. Enjoy good
company plus soup and
dessert for only £5



CÔME ALONG TO
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WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER
FROM 10AM TILL 12NOON
IN ST WILFRID'S PARISH HALL

CÔFFEE, CÂKE & GRÈAT COMPANY!