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g and explore the big questions of life.



Welcome

October is here, bringing autumn colours, shorter days and another packed edition of Connected!

This month, Revd Glyn continues his reflections on discipleship by asking a deceptively simple question: are we still hungry for Jesus? Whether we have been Christians for five years or fifty, he encourages us to keep seeking, learning and growing in faith.

Revd Roy's wonderfully titled *You've Got the Wrong Person!* takes us in another direction. Inspired by the unexpected experience of singing Charles Wesley's *Come, Holy Ghost*, Our Hearts Inspire to the tune of a familiar Christmas carol, he reflects on those times when God's plans don't quite match our own expectations.

That musical surprise also sent me (Ivy) down a fascinating rabbit hole! In this month's *Story Behind the Hymn*, we discover why Wesley's words can be sung to several different tunes – with links so you can listen and choose your favourite.

Closer to home, there's plenty to celebrate. Our parishioners share memories from the Brayton Bonanza, while we go behind the scenes with the volunteers preparing for *Rise & Shine* at 9. And with Alpha beginning this month, there's still time to come along, ask questions and explore faith for yourself.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who continues to contribute to *Connected*. This month we've been treated to a wonderful collection of photos and stories capturing our life together. Your contributions make these pages truly ours – a place for our community to share, celebrate and stay connected. Please keep them coming!

Ivy & Gemma

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The Parish Registers



Church Floodlights

21st September
In Loving Birthday Memories of **John Moore**

21st October
In Loving Birthday Memories of **John Leedham**



Baptisms

13th September
We welcome into the Christian family:
Gemma, Joshua and Grace Terry



Funerals

We offer our love and sympathy to the relatives of:

4th September
Margaret Bontoft (78) at St. Wilfrid's

7th September
Margaret Mary Ford (89) at Brayton Cemetery

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

Parish Photos

St Francis Coffee Mornings



Look at the turnout we had in September!



Strawberry Tea

The strawberry tea took place at Helen's on 18th July (by Margaret Seager).



St Francis Exercise Group

went on a coach trip to Skipton in September. Instead of Exercise on a Monday afternoon, we walked around Skipton Market but only did 4600 steps.



Brayton Bonanza

Martin - our new Town Crier and the buzz we had on this wonderful day! Read more on page 9



Pâté & Poetry or Cheese and Entertainment evening

A good night was had by all on the 15th of August, with 27 attending. A mix of both churches, WI and Gentle Movement members attended. We had 12 entertainers who kept us amused over the 3 sessions. A flourish of the entertainers finished the evening with Pat, Martin, Wyn and Roy surpassing themselves. Many requests have already been made for a repeat next year. **Jan Tetley**





Dear Friends

Hunger: The Mark of a Disciple

In my previous article, I wrote about Passion, that deep desire to know God, to follow Jesus and to see His kingdom come. But passion, if it's to remain alive, needs something else: hunger.

When Maureen and I first became Christians, we were hungry. We wanted to know more about God. We couldn't get enough. We would Hoover up books, courses, sermons, Bible studies and anything else we could find that might help us understand this new life we had discovered. There was a genuine hunger to know Jesus.

“Looking back, I think that hunger was one of the clearest signs that something had changed within us.”

Jesus said, *“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”* (Matthew 5:6). Notice that Jesus doesn't describe hunger as something negative or unhealthy. Spiritual hunger is something

to be welcomed. It's evidence of a heart that recognises there is more of God to discover.

The Bible repeatedly uses the language of hunger and thirst to describe our relationship with God. The psalmist cries out: *“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul longs after you, my God.”* (Psalm 42:1)

Peter encourages Christians to *“crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.”* (1 Peter 2:2)

The question, then, isn't whether we're hungry. The more uncomfortable question is: What are we hungry for?

One of the things I've increasingly noticed during my years of ministry is that we can easily become accustomed to a faith that's convenient. We can fit church around our lives rather than allowing our relationship with Jesus to shape our lives. We can attend when it suits us, pray when we need something, read the Bible when we have time, and serve when our diaries allow.

There's nothing wrong with having busy lives. God knows our circumstances, our responsibilities and our limitations. Christianity isn't a competition to see who can attend the most meetings or accumulate the most Christian books, but perhaps there is a gentle challenge here for all of us; Have we lost our hunger?

There's a difference between being unable to do something and simply no longer desiring to do it. There's also a difference between having a season when life leaves us spiritually exhausted and gradually becoming satisfied with a faith that asks very little of us.

Jesus' invitation was never simply, *“Add church to your life.”* His invitation was, *“Follow me.”* (Matthew 4:19). Following implies movement. It means learning, growing, changing and becoming more like the person we're following.

The early Christians understood this. Acts 2:42 tells us that they *“devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”* There was a hunger to learn, a hunger to belong, a hunger to worship and a hunger to pray.

Perhaps that's a useful pattern for us today. When we're hungry for God, we don't have to be pushed into growing...we begin to want to grow. We look for opportunities to pray. We open the Bible because we want to hear God's voice. We seek Christian community because we need the encouragement of others. We become willing to serve because we want our lives to make a difference.

If our hunger has diminished, the answer isn't to beat ourselves up about it. Instead, we can simply bring that reality to God; *“Lord, give me again a hunger for you.”*

Sometimes hunger grows by taking the first small step. Read a Gospel. Spend ten minutes in prayer. Join a Bible study. Ask a question you've never dared to ask. Come to church expecting God to meet with you rather than simply fulfilling an obligation.

Jesus promises, *“Whoever comes to me will never go hungry.”* (John 6:35).

That doesn't mean following Jesus will always feel exciting or easy. There will be dry seasons, unanswered questions and times when our faith feels fragile. But the invitation remains.

Come. Seek. Ask. Learn. Grow.

Perhaps the most important question isn't whether we've been Christians for five years, twenty years or fifty years. It's this: Am I still hungry for Jesus? And if the honest answer is, *“Not as hungry as I once was,”* perhaps that isn't the end of the story. Perhaps it is simply the beginning of a prayer:

“Lord Jesus, stir my hunger for you again.”

REVD GLYN DIGGINS



You've got the Wrong Person!

At church recently, we stood to sing Charles Wesley's hymn 'Come Holy Ghost our hearts inspire'. Except the organist was playing the tune which normally accompanies the Christmas carol 'While shepherds watched their flocks by night'. (No, not 'On Ilkley Moor bar t'ah't' - the other one).

I had never sung Wesley's hymn to this tune before, and it took a bit of believing that it was possible, a bit of getting used to. Some hymn tunes are what I call 'portmanteau tunes' - we can sing a number of hymns to the same tune, and we are usually quite happy about it. But we mess with carols at our peril! Most people know them, and they have become identified with very particular hymn tunes. Give us what we expect, please, organist! We can all be a bit fixed like this.

The Bible is full of examples of 'Who me? You've made a mistake there, God!'. Or it comes down to 'Here I am, Lord, send him!' Perhaps the most well-known example is Jonah, who was so convinced that God had made a mistake in calling him to go and tell the citizens of Nineveh to turn from their wicked ways, that he set off in entirely the opposite direction to Nineveh, and took a ship going west, until he was ambushed by God and ended up in the belly of the great fish. But once Jonah realised God was serious, and that God would be with him, he set off as God had asked him to.

Moses is another example. 'Me, tell Pharaoh to let my people go? Me? You cannot be serious, Lord!' But again, once Moses was convinced that this was the way God wanted him to go, he

submitted to God's plan, and became the great leader of his people, bringing them out of slavery in Egypt to the boundary of the Promised Land.

God's plans for us are always bigger than our horizons can presently accommodate. If you have a niggling feeling God is calling you to a particular task, or to abandon a particular something, it may take time to come round to God's point of view, but it will ultimately turn out to be a better way. When God calls, He does not leave us at that point; He will always resource us for the task, often in surprising ways.

*'Who, me, Lord?'
Yes, YOU!'*

REVD ROY SHAW

THE STORY BEHIND THE HYMN:

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire

*Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire;
let us Thine influence prove;
source of the old prophetic fire;
fountain of life and love.*

*Come, Holy Ghost, for moved by Thee
the prophets wrote and spoke:
unlock the truth, Thyself the key;
unseal the sacred book.*

*Expand Thy wings, Celestial Dove;
brood o'er our nature's night;
on our disordered spirits move,
and let there now be light.*

*God, through Himself, we then shall know,
if Thou within us shine;
and sound, with all Thy saints below,
the depths of love divine.*

Winchester Old | Performance by The Choral Arts Society of Washington



Scan the QR code or
follow link to listen.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=bD8bNzKTzOQ

Tallis' Ordinal | Performance by A&P Virtual Choir

Scan the QR code or
follow link to listen.



www.youtube.com/watch?v=WyGC-Wz1C6M

Sometimes a familiar hymn can take us by surprise. Revd Roy wrote about singing Charles Wesley's Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire, only to hear it accompanied by Winchester Old – the tune most of us associate with While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night. It sounded almost as though the organist had the wrong hymn. In fact, that musical surprise reveals something fascinating about this hymn.



Charles Wesley (1707–1788), Anglican clergyman and one of the founders of the Methodist movement, was one of Christianity's most prolific hymn writers. His works include Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing and Hark! The Herald Angels Sing. In 1740, he published Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire in Hymns and Sacred Poems. Interestingly, it was headed "Before Reading the Scriptures", and was the third of three hymns addressing the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in turn.

That purpose explains Wesley's imagery. He asks the Spirit who inspired the prophets to help us understand Scripture: "Unlock the truth, Thyself the key; / Unseal the sacred book." Images of prophetic fire, the heavenly Dove and Creation lead to the simple prayer, "Let there now be light." For Wesley, Scripture was not merely to be read, but illuminated by God's Spirit.

So why the unexpected tune? The hymn uses Common Metre (8.6.8.6), a pattern shared by hundreds of hymns. Wesley's original publication prescribed no particular melody, allowing his words to be paired with different tunes – rather like several musical coats fitting the same words. These have included Tallis' Ordinal, St Stephen, St Columba (Erin), St Martin's and Winchester Old. Intriguingly, Winchester Old appeared in print in 1592, long before its familiar association with While Shepherds Watched.

Listen to the different settings, and Wesley's unchanged words can seem stately in one, gentle or reflective in another. Perhaps that is part of the joy of old hymns: sometimes hearing familiar words unexpectedly makes us listen afresh.

Nearly three centuries later, Wesley's prayer still speaks:

Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire.

IVY RUDD

Alpha is here this month!

The Alpha course is designed for people who have questions about life. More specifically, spirituality and the afterlife. Many people are searching for answers; we know this because of the general interest in the supernatural, new age trends and ideas, the occult, spiritism, and even Harry Potter! Whether you belong to a church or have little or no understanding of the Christian faith, Alpha offers an opportunity to explore some of the difficult questions that are commonly asked.

Is there really a God? How about Jesus - did he exist? What about suffering? What happens after we die?

The course has already started with an introduction and overview on Wednesday 23rd September at St. Francis Church, Thorpe Willoughby.

From 7th October, the 10-week course officially begins. Each session will begin with a talk presented by Nicky Gumbel (who inherited Alpha in 1990). He modified the course to what it is today.

Each of the 10 sessions (7th October - 9th December) will address a different but fundamental aspect of the Christian faith. Using a similar format at each session with a relaxed and informative approach, the course will equip people with a better understanding of Christianity. It's been tried by over 29 million people!

JACQUI LAWSON

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THE 10-WEEK COURSE

Dates for your diary

When

The 10-week course will start on
Wednesday 7th October.

The Team

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

Location

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.



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alpha.org/film-series



As editor of Connected, I recently had the privilege of dropping in on a planning evening for our new children's service, Rise & Shine at 9 – and seeing just how much enthusiasm and teamwork is going into getting everything ready.

I arrived a few minutes late to find our volunteers already gathered, listening intently as Revd Glyn explained how the morning would work. After the briefing, they split into two teams to tackle two very important elements: breakfast and the service itself!

Fancy starting Sunday with a bacon butty or toast while the children settle in? We've got you covered – there are even two toasters gearing up for action!

Once tummies are full, the service will last around 30 minutes, with songs and prayers, an interactive introduction, a Bible story and a game. It's designed to be relaxed, engaging and accessible for children.

Most importantly, you don't have to be a regular churchgoer to come. Rise & Shine welcomes families who know church well, those who haven't been for years and those who've never been at all. Children can explore Bible stories and values such as kindness, courage, forgiveness, and caring for others, while discovering more about Jesus and the Christian faith.

So, parents and grandparents, why not bring your little ones – and invite another family to come along too?

Rise & Shine at 9 begins Sunday 4th October,
8:45-9:45 am | St Francis Church, Thorpe
Willoughby, and continues on the first Sunday
of every month.

IVY RUDD

Our old friend

Nigel Wood

On a recent visit to Nostell Priory to see the Thomas More family portrait examined with modern scanning techniques, we were delighted to bump into Nigel Wood.

Nigel and his late wife Wendy were staunch supporters of St Wilfrid's. After Wendy died around 15 years ago, he moved to Escrick and now volunteers as a room guide at the Priory—a role that suits him perfectly. He asked to be remembered to all who knew him at St Wilfrid's. The recent Brayton Bonanza reminded me how, when St Wilfrid's held its Summer Fair on the Green, Brigadier Wood and his Cadets were always there to help erect stalls.

Incidentally, the Nostell scanning exercise aims to reveal hidden details about the Thomas More painting, including its condition, creation, and likely artist. It is thought to be a Rowland Lockey copy of Hans Holbein's original. It's fascinating stuff and if you are in the area, I recommend a visit!

JOHN CLARKE

*People
make places
special*





Reflections

A few memories from our volunteers

Community Faith Friendship Fun

Following a wonderful day at the Brayton Bonanza at the end of August, we invited some of our volunteers to share a few reflections, favourite moments and memorable experiences from the day.

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered, joined us, or supported us in any way. We hope you enjoy their memories – and perhaps next year you might come along and join the fun too, whether as a volunteer or simply as part of the day!

Jacqui Lawson

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Hundreds, maybe even thousands of people turned out to browse the wonders and wares on offer. Food stalls, fancy goods and homemade trinkets and candles were in great abundance. Raffles, tombola and family fun all drew the crowds.

The Alpha Stall prompted some interesting conversations and was a great way of featuring St. Wilfrid's church as being a significant part of the community. Our very own Martin, kitted out in full regalia took up the role as Town Crier and announced the forthcoming events of the afternoon. Choirs and bands filled the air with a variety of music genres, creating a real spirit of joy putting the unity back in community. All in all, a great day, enjoyed by everyone.

Blessings

Carol Sowden

“The sun shone on everyone, and an enjoyable day was had by all.”

An early start to the day saw us putting up a couple of gazebos not as simple as we thought, but after a little thinking things out it all started to click, and those were the poles!

A very busy couple of hours saw us sticking raffle tickets onto all our wonderful prizes. We had just finished and thinking we could have a breather and sit down well that was not to be as it was time to start.

We had many children and their parents and all were very happy with what they won, especially the little boy who won “Pooh Bear”.

I would like to thank everyone involved with setting up, especially for collecting tables and chairs not that we sat much, and a big thank you to everyone being there supporting us.

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John Boyer

“What a Day!”

As usual, it was an early start for the volunteers involved this year. Glyn and myself got things underway by collecting the tables and chairs from the church and church hall — the donkey work, as it were!

Unlike last year, when we had the use of the large marquee, this year we had two gazebos. Thankfully, they came with instructions! A big thank you to Margaret for kindly lending them to us. One gazebo was used for our church outreach, where we were able to share information about Alpha, Rise & Shine @ 9, and our church magazine, Connected.

We also invited visitors to take part in a simple challenge: “What would you ask Jesus if you had the opportunity to sit down and have a coffee with Him?”. The responses were varied, interesting, and thought-provoking. They included:

- “What did you write in the sand?”
- “Why do people die?”
- “Help my son find his way.”
- “What are this week's winning lottery numbers?”
- “Why?”
- “Thank you for my life and its many blessings.”

Maureen Diggins

“It was a lovely reminder of how our church is part of the community.”

There was a little trepidation this year as we watched the weather forecast, particularly the strong winds! But after putting up our marquees, we prayed for the weather and for God's blessing on everyone attending and all those who had worked so hard to organise the event. We needn't have worried, praise God for answered prayer! It was wonderful to meet old friends and make new ones, but what struck me most was the strong sense of community throughout the day. I loved seeing children and adults visiting the Alpha, Rise & Shine stand, discovering hidden bumblebee stones and writing down the one question they would ask God. One Leeds United fan asked, “What football team does God support?”

Our second gazebo was home to Sheila and Carol's tombola. There was a great selection of prizes for children, all kindly donated by members of the congregation.

The day would not have been possible without the enthusiasm, time and support of so many people. Thank you to every one of you who played a part. It was also lovely to see Martin Millward, looking very smart and suitably official in his role as judge for the Children's Fancy Dress competition.

I also feel that our church's presence at the event was noticed and appreciated by many people. It gave us an opportunity not only to be part of the wider community, but also to share something of who we are and what we do.

Looking ahead to next year, perhaps our challenge is to think about how we can build on this and become even more proactive in sharing the message of Jesus Christ and God's love with those around us.

Once again, thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a positive experience.

Keep safe, keep well, and God Bless.

a brilliant question that prompted some interesting thoughts about Christian footballers praying before and after matches!

Another favourite memory was watching Oliver & Sheila blowing bubbles from our tombola marquee. They floated across the field and popped above people's heads, almost as if bubbles of prayer were being released across the event. Alongside the Connected banner, with its memories of St Wilfrid's over the years, the conversations, activities and laughter made it a really joyful day. It was a lovely reminder of how our church is part of the community. Please continue to pray for Lauren and her team, who I'm sure are exhausted after all their hard work. It was a great success and a real privilege to be part of the Bonanza for the second year running.



Premier League footballer says: ‘faith helped me through injury.’

A Premier League footballer has revealed how finding faith helped him cope with a series of injuries that kept him off the pitch for periods totalling more than three years.

Josh Dasilva, who plays for west London-based Brentford FC, suffered a hip injury in February 2021 that kept him out of the team for a year, and then a hamstring injury followed between August 2023 and January 2024.

Then, in February 2024, Dasilva suffered a serious knee injury while in training, and did not return to the team until the dying minutes of Brentford’s 3-0 victory over West Ham in May 2026. The crowd gave Dasilva a standing ovation and cheered his every touch of the ball.

Dasilva’s way back to fitness has been long and painful. He now says,

“When you seek God honestly and diligently, you’ll find true peace. When I was in dark places, that’s what pulled me out.”

It was four months into rehabilitation, following his knee injury, that Dasilva made a choice that transformed his outlook and his life.

He recalls, “One of my closest friends invited me to church. I’d grown up in church but lost my way. My parents are strong believers. Whenever I went home and visited my parents, my mum would say, ‘Let’s pray quickly’ and sometimes it wasn’t so quickly!”

Returning to church made a major impact on Dasilva. He explains, “Since taking it seriously, my whole life has changed. Faith has become a big

part of my life and how I want to live my life. If it wasn’t for Christ, if it wasn’t for Jesus, I wouldn’t be here right now.”

“What were the biggest things that helped me? Obviously, my family and friends and the club, but my faith has been number one.”

Dasilva was baptised in May 2025, and prayer and worship became part of his daily routine. He explains, “I always dedicate the first hour of the day to God. I pray and I read. It directs my day.

“God is faithful. Regardless of my situation, whether I was able to play another game of football or not. I knew that God loved me regardless. I knew I would be fine.”

REVD PETER CRUMPLER

Book Club *Recommended Reads*



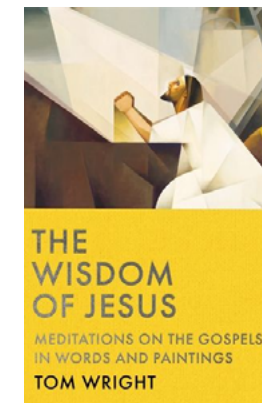
The Lion Book of Five-Minute Parables

By Charlotte Ryton,
Lion Cub Books, £9.99

This book brings 10 of the most beloved parables to life with warmth, faithfulness, and sincerity, all perfectly paced for just five minutes of reading. From lost coins to lavish feasts, these engaging retellings help children discover what it means to listen, forgive, and use their gifts wisely in ways they can truly understand.

Stories include: The Sower and the Seed, The Rich Fool, The Great Feast, The Lost Coin, The Prodigal Son, The Widow and the Judge, The Unforgiving Steward, The Workers in the Vineyard, The Foolish Bridesmaids, and The Three Servants.

★ **Ideal for:** Families, grandparents, children’s workers, Sunday school leaders, and anyone looking for short, meaningful stories to share with children.



The Wisdom of Jesus – Meditations on the Gospels in Words and Paintings

By Tom Wright,
Lion Books, £13.99

For 2000 years, people have returned to the words of Jesus for wisdom, comfort, challenge, and hope. His teachings continue to shape lives, cultures, and communities across the world.

Here the renowned theologian, Tom Wright, brings together some of Christ’s most profound and memorable sayings, offering insightful commentary that reveals their enduring depth, beauty and relevance for modern life. From happiness and prayer to love, God, and the meaning of true wisdom, these teachings invite readers to see the world – and themselves – in a new light.

★ **Ideal for:** Anyone looking for thoughtful daily reflection, a meaningful gift for a Christian friend, or a beautiful way to spend time with the words of Jesus.



Did the devil make me do it? – and other questions about Satan, demons and evil spirits

By Mike McKinley, The Good Book Company/10Publishing, £4.22

When Jesus walked the earth, He cast out demons and had powerful encounters with the devil. But who exactly is the devil, and where did he come from? And what is he up to in the world today? This short, readable book explains clearly and simply what the Bible says about Satan, demons and evil spirits.

★ **Ideal for:** Anyone with questions about Satan, demons and evil, or those wanting to explore what the Bible really says about these difficult subjects.



What's on in October



Tea Up!

Coffee Corner

Saturday 3rd October
10am-11:15am

St Francis Church

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

Community Lunch

Wednesday 7th October
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 10th October
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 28th October
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 31st October
10am-11:30am

Brayton Methodist Chapel

Proceeds to 'Fund for Human Need'. Coffee/tea and biscuits £1.50. All welcome 07754 590453. *Lorraine*



Wellbeing

Tea@Two

Will be back in November!

Soup and a Song

Friday 30th October
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. 07921 255988. *Rosemary*

Churchyard Tidying

Saturday 31st October
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*



St Wilfrid's Craft Group

Tuesday 13th October
2pm-4pm

St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

Everyone welcome, come along for good company and a cuppa. You may learn a new craft! *June*

Crafty Folks

St Wilfrid's Stitchers Group

Monday 26th October
From 1:30pm

St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

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 12th October
From 2pm

St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

We are having a Cheese, Wine and Pâté meeting this month! Looking forward to seeing you all! 07840750844. *Jean*

Thorpe WI

Thursday 8th October
From 7:30pm

St Francis Church

Join us this month to learn about Hearing Dogs - a talk by a lady who took on a failed dog but continues to raise money by appearing with the dog at supermarkets and schools. *Jan*

Mothers' Union

Thursday 8th October
From 1pm

St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

Mothers' Union Members will share a Harvest Lunch in the Parish Hall. We will start at 1pm rather than the usual 2pm. *Lynn*



Cake, Coffee, Movie

Friday 16th October
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*

Camera, Action!

Play Reading

Tuesday 27th October
7pm-9pm

St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

As a change from murder and mystery, our October Play Reading on 27th of the month will be 'Lettice and Lovage' a comedy by Peter Shaffer. *Helen*



All are welcome. Come as you are.

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Service Roster for October

St Wilfrid's

Sunday 4th October

Trinity 18
 10:30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 6th October

10:30am Holy Communion at
 Fernbank Court

Wednesday 7th October

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 11th October

Trinity 19
 10:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 11th October

6:00pm Harvest Songs of
 Praise (Nominate your favourite
 hymns at church)

Monday 12th October

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

Wednesday 14th October

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th October

Luke the Evangelist
 10:30am Joint Celtic Holy
 Communion

Wednesday 21st October

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 25th October

Last Sunday After Trinity
 10:30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 28th October

Simon & Jude, Apostles
 9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 1st November

3pm All Souls Service

St Francis

Thursday 1st October

10:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 4th October

Trinity 18
 9am Rise & Shine
 10:30am Holy Communion

Thursday 8th October

10:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 11th October

Trinity 19
 10:30am Methodist Minister-
 led Holy Communion

Thursday 15th October

10:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th October

Luke the Evangelist
 10:30am Joint Celtic Holy
 Communion at St. Wilfrid's

Thursday 22nd October

10:00am Methodist Minister-
 led Holy Communion

Sunday 25th October

Last Sunday After Trinity
 10:30am Morning Prayer

Thursday 29th October

10:00am Holy Communion

Methodists

Brayton

Sunday 4th October
 10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 11th October

10:30am United Service with
 Burn and Hambleton

Sunday 18th October

10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 25th October

10:30am United Service at
 Hambleton

South Selby at Burn

Sunday 4th October
 10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 11th October

10:30am United Service at
 Brayton with Hambleton

Sunday 18th October

10:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 25th October

10:30am United Service at
 Hambleton

Thorpe Willoughby

Sunday 11th October
 10:30am Holy Communion

Thursday 22nd October

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.

We're collecting
 your hymns of
 choice - nominate
 your favourite
 hymn(s) on the
 sheet at the
 back of church

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

All
are
welcome
♡

People
Make Places
Special
♡

Rise & Shine
at 9
Breakfast, Worship & Fun

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.

Community Lunch!

Wednesday 7th October
12noon to 1:30pm in the
Parish Hall. Enjoy good
company plus soup and
dessert for only £5

WE PRESENT...
**ST WILFRID'S
BINGO NIGHT**

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER AT 7:30PM

TICKETS £8 INCLUDING
A PIE & PEA SUPPER!

IN ST WILFRID'S PARISH HALL
CONTACT PAT FOR TICKETS/DETAILS

WHY NOT
CÔME ALONG TO
C MATES FEE

WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER
IN ST WILFRID'S PARISH HALL
BETWEEN 10AM-12NOON

COFFEE, CAKE
&
GREAT COMPANY!

Alpha
is coming
to Selby

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

- 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

10 week course starting
Wednesday 7th October
6.30pm - 8.30pm

St. Francis Church,
Thorpe Willoughby

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

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

**FABULOUS QUIZ NIGHT
+ SUPPER @ ST FRANCIS!**

SATURDAY
17TH OCTOBER @ 7PM

TEAMS OF UP TO SIX
PEOPLE MAXIMUM

BOOKING ESSENTIAL
CALL JOAN 708128
OR SHIRLEY 707380

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR THINKING HEADS!

Sign up for our Mailing List!

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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Direct link: mailchi.mp/022fa3036136/connected

ST WILFRID'S
BRAYTON

Autumn Fair

Saturday
14th November 2026

SAVE THE DATE
More details to follow

Christmas Card Making Workshop

Make a special card to send

£5 with Coffee & Cake

St Francis Church, Thorpe Willoughby

Saturday 17th October 10.00am - 12.00pm

Contact Jan Tetley for details or to sign up
01757 707987
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All are welcome

Want to
volunteer for
our Open the
Book team?
Come and speak
to us!
Thanks, Lynn

Open the Book

It's Autumn! The children are back in school, hopefully, eagerly looking forward to new experiences. But not everything is new, because in many of our local Primary Schools 'Open the Book' is back!

Our St Wilfrid's team is back at Barlow and Chapel Haddlesey Primary Schools, where this term we will be bringing the story of Joseph to life with the help of willing children volunteers from the school. We go into school once every two weeks for about 45 minutes, spending a few minutes preparing our volunteers, getting into costume, and then acting out the story for that week. There are 4 of us on the team, but regularly one of us is not available, and it would be extremely helpful to have someone else on the team, even if it's only on an occasional basis. It's really rewarding working with the children, and if you can spare a couple of hours a month, we'd love to have you with us.

We're not the only team in our area involved in Open the Book. A combined team from St Francis and St Wilfrid's goes into Thorpe Willoughby Primary School, a team from Brayton Methodists goes into Brayton Primary School, and a Parishioner from St Wilfrid's is involved with Hambleton Primary School. It's a wonderful way to reach out and give young children a taste of the amazing stories in the Bible. If you would like more information, please have a word with one of us.

Many thanks

LYNN ALLAN, JILL CLARKE, HELEN BROWN AND VALERIE BRUNYARD

