

# Cross Talk



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## CHURCH SERVICES

### St. James' Church, Baldersby St. James with Dishforth, Rainton and Skipton on Swale

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| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June, 10.45am  | Holy Communion followed by refreshments      |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June, 9.30am  | Breakfast Service with Coffee and Croissants |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June, 10.45am | Holy Communion followed by refreshments      |
| Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June, 9.30am  | Morning Service followed by refreshments     |



### St John the Evangelist Church, Dalton

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| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June, 11am  | Family Service followed by refreshments |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June, 11am | Holy Communion followed by refreshments |



### St. Columba's Church, Topcliffe

Corporate Member of the Prayer Book Society

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| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June, 8.30am | Midweek Morning Prayer followed by refreshments |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June, 7.00pm | Corpus Christi Service see details on page 9    |



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| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June, | St Columba's Festival & Heritage Day see details on page 9 |
| 8.30am                       | Said Holy Communion (BCP)                                  |
| 6.30pm                       | Choral Evensong followed by refreshments and wine          |

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June, 11am  | Midweek Morning Prayer followed by refreshments |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June, 10.45am | Holy Communion followed by refreshments         |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June, 11am  | Midweek Morning Prayer followed by refreshments |

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 10.45am**

**Sung Matins** *followed by refreshments*

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 11am**

**Midweek Morning Prayer** *followed by refreshments*

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 10.45am**

**Holy Communion** *followed by refreshments*

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 11am**

**Midweek Morning Prayer** *followed by refreshments*

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## **Readings for Corpus Christi to the Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

*(Page numbers refer to the Common Worship Lectionary.)*

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June, Corpus Christi, Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion**

#### **Collect**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament  
you have given us the memorial of your passion:  
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries  
of your body and blood  
that we may know within ourselves  
and show forth in our lives  
the fruits of your redemption;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.



#### **Readings (p1136)**

Genesis 14.18-20

Psalms 116.10-17

1 Corinthians 11.23-26

Gospel: John 6.51-58

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June, The First Sunday after Trinity**

#### **Collect**

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.



### **Readings Proper 5 related (p227)**

Hosea 5.15-6.6

Psalm 50.7-15

Romans 4.13-25

Gospel: Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26



### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June, The Second Sunday after Trinity**

#### **Collect**

Lord, you have taught us  
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,  
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.  
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Readings Proper 6 related (p233)**

Exodus 19.2-8a

Psalm 100

Romans 5.1-8

Gospel: Matthew 9.35-10.8, [9-23]

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June : The Third Sunday after Trinity**

#### **Collect**

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts  
whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,  
that we and all creation may be brought  
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
one God, now and for ever.



### **Readings Proper 7 related (p239)**

Jeremiah 20.7-13

Psalm 69.8-11, [12-17,] 18-20 or Psalm 69.14-20

Romans 6.1b-11

Gospel: Matthew 10.24-39

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June : The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

### Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy:  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
one God, now and for ever.



### Readings Proper 8 related (p245)

Jeremiah 28.5-9

Psalm 89.1-4, 15-18 or Psalm 89.8-18

Romans 6.12-23

Gospel: Matthew 10.40-42

## June Reflection



Dear Friends,

The Church Year is now moving into Ordinary Time.

Now, you might hear "Ordinary Time" as "boring time," but that's not the case!

The Church Year revolves around two cycles: first, the Christmas cycle (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany). Next, the cycle shifts to the Easter cycle (Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost).

The rest of the year is Ordinary Time. Technically, Ordinary Time includes the Epiphany Season.

The first Sunday in Ordinary Time is Trinity Sunday. It comes immediately after Pentecost, which is fitting, because Pentecost completes the revelation of the Trinity in salvation history. On Trinity Sunday we celebrate and acknowledge the revealed truth that there is one God in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As a mathematical equation, three in one can be difficult to understand; as a relational truth, however, the eternal love of this three-in-one is all encompassing and deeply moving. Our life in God is a participation in the eternal love of the Father for the Son in the Spirit.

When most people hear the phrase “Ordinary Time,” they think nothing special is happening. And in one sense, they are right; there aren’t nearly as many major feasts, and for those who love the feasts, this can seem like a long run of shapeless or even boring weeks.

However, there is another way to look at it. A season without many special occasions is also a season without many distractions. It is a season for developing good rhythms for spiritual life. Because there is less focus on what God has done in the past, there is time to focus on our relationship with God in the present.

The liturgical colour for Ordinary Time is green. This represents growth, both numerically as the Church expands, and spiritually as each member of the Church becomes more like Christ.

Ashley Wallace explains that Ordinary Time is actually the most essential in the development of our spiritual lives and our faith. In her book on Ordinary Time, Ashley Wallace describes the season this way:

Ordinary Time might not have the excitement of Advent calendars or Lenten disciplines, but in many ways, it is the most essential part of the Christian year. This is the long green stretch of days where our faith takes root and begins to grow. Ordinary Time invites us not into preparation, but into formation. It’s the season for building spiritual habits, shaping the quiet, consistent ways our families walk with the Lord.

So, as we continue our journey through this season of Ordinary Time may we remember there is nothing “ordinary” about it, and look for ways which shape and enrich our faith.

If you wish to read more from Ashley Wallace her book is available on Amazon.

The Liturgical Home, Ordinary Time - Ashley Tumlin Wallace.

Blessings for this new season,

**Reverend Dawn.**

## Driffield Beck

Only two hundred chalk rivers are known globally, 85% of which are found in the UK in southern and eastern England. They are confined to England and northern France and nowhere else in the world. Classic examples include the Rivers Itchen and Avon in Wessex and the River Wensum in Norfolk. Chalk rivers are characterised by clear water and a diverse flora. Many have been modified in some way, usually for milling, fishing, irrigation or watercress beds, but despite this, the best chalk rivers still support a fine aquatic flora and a diversity of invertebrates and fish.



Whilst most of the chalk rivers are in the south, Yorkshire has its own chalk stream – Driffield Beck in East Yorkshire. A beck is simply Northern English for a stream and Driffield Beck and its smaller sister, Foston or Kelk Beck are the most northerly chalk streams of any significant size in the UK. (There are a few tiny chalk brooks such as Settrington Beck that flow from the north side of the Yorkshire Wolds).

It is the chalk of the Wolds that makes these Yorkshire streams so important. They provide a very rich and stable habitat for a great diversity of species, not just fish but also invertebrates and plant life. This stability is due to the fact that the water in them comes primarily from springs that bubble out of the chalk aquifers. Rain, falling on the porous chalk of the Wolds filters through the rock, sometimes taking over a year to reach the springs at the base of the Wolds.

There's very little surface water over the Yorkshire Wolds themselves. Because of the rock properties of the chalk, rainfall percolates through to emerge along spring lines where it meets impermeable clays that floor the Holderness Plain and Vale of York.

Chalk streams have cool, crystal-clear, mineral-rich waters that support an immensely rich community of plant and animal life. Such is the diversity and abundance of the animal and plant life of our chalk streams that they have been spoken of as "England's Rain Forests".

When the water emerges from the rocks, it is rich in dissolved calcium a vital element for the skeletons of vertebrates, shells of molluscs and muscle function of all animals, plus the cell walls of plants. It also has a constant temperature of 10 degrees Celsius, both summer and winter which is perfect for fish such as trout that require high oxygen levels since oxygen is more soluble in cold water and water temperatures much above 20 degrees C are lethal to trout and grayling, plus many invertebrates. Furthermore, unlike most rivers, chalk streams do not suffer from sudden floods as the rain's journey through the chalk rock ensures that any water level changes are slow, with river levels gently rising from December into spring then gently dropping throughout the summer and autumn. All these factors help to support a rich flora and fauna. Extensive beds of Water Buttercup and other aquatic plants provide food and shelter for large numbers of invertebrates; these provide the food of the trout, grayling, minnows and chub, which themselves are food for the kingfishers, herons, otters, mink and cormorants.



The mink and cormorants are predators that have caused significant problems on Driffield Beck with mink having devastated the once common water vole and cormorants, once confined to the sea, having invaded the inland waterway and virtually wiping out the grayling, chub and other shoal fish from the river.

Trout have been less adversely affected by cormorants since they seek cover when threatened unlike the shoal fish that just mill about and fall easy prey to a predator that they never evolved to cope with.

Fortunately, there is an active trapping scheme for mink, but cormorants are at the moment a protected species. Encouragingly, fewer cormorants have been seen over the last couple of years and there are pleasing signs of an increase in the numbers of wild trout, grayling, chub, dace and roach in the river.

Much of the land along the rivers margins is designated as a SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest). These marshy water meadows not only provide habitat for the water vole and hunting grounds for the barn owl, but they also have a rich flora that includes early marsh orchids, twayblade orchids, common spotted orchids, bog bean, flea bane and a host of other plant species. Much conservation work is being done in these areas. The Yorkshire Wildlife Trust has recently bought extensive areas below Wansford, whilst upstream at Mulberry Whin local farmers have devoted large areas along the river to wild life and have created a wide belt either side of the river where there is no arable farming so that chemical inputs such as fertilisers and pesticides do not enter the river habitat.

The beck can be easily viewed at both Wansford and Nafferton with public footpaths allowing easy access. In Driffield the beck flows past the Bell Mills Garden Centre and with patience, brown trout can be seen in the clear waters from the garden centre car park.



## **Richard Byas**

Three small boys were discussing their father's work.

One said 'My dad makes model ships and gets £10 for everyone he makes'.

'My dad writes for the papers, and he gets paid for every line he writes' said another.

That's nothing' said the third 'My father's a vicar. He preaches for ten minutes, and it takes two people to collect the money for him'.



## Village News

### Baldersby St. James Church

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 10-12 noon** – during our Coffee and Chat we will be holding a **Defibrillator Familiarisation** morning. No cost to come and everyone is very welcome. Both villages have a machine.

### **Saturday and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September – Annual Book Sale.**

Please leave donations of books in the church porch. Funds raised will go towards upkeep of the church building, this year towards the church ceiling. We will be needing lots of help putting out books and clearing up after the sale which is fun. We would be grateful, once again, for everyone's assistance – please reserve the date.

### **Church Ceiling**

Sadly, as many of you will realise, we have had more pieces of ceiling dropping down into the main seating area of the church. This area is coned off, but we are carrying on with our services in the Lady Chapel, and our kitchen and cafe area are fine. Unfortunately, we have had to close the church to the public for visiting as you will see from the notice in the Lyche Gate.

It would appear that this may be a result of damage when the area was re-roofed and also to drying out. However, we hope that in the week the ceiling will be "netted" between the beams so that any moving pieces will be caught and once again make the building safe for everyone. This event has put our window repair project on hold, as it is vital that we have the church open again quickly as we have many visitors as well as local people seeking peace and quiet and a cup of tea!

*Susan Brown, PCC Member*

## Dalton Church and Village Events

### **130 Club results for May**

£15 Hattie Spence, No.2; £10 Pam Laycock, No.80, £6 Julie Pickles, No.68.

### **Pop-up Cafe**

There will be a Pop-up Cafe on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30am until 12 noon in the village hall, where there will be bacon, sausage or bacon and sausage sandwiches available, as well as toasted teacakes. Come along and have brunch and a chat with friends and neighbours.

### **Dalton Open Gardens**

Also on 13<sup>th</sup> June we will be holding our very first Dalton Open Gardens from 10am until 4pm. Tickets and maps of the gardens will be £6, available from the village hall. After the Pop-up Cafe there will be savouries, tea and cakes served at the village hall and at "The Crest". There will be plant stalls, arts and crafts display and stalls, a floral display and music in the church, along with children's activities. All money raised will be split between the village hall and St. John's church.

## **Fashion Show**

A Fashion Show will be held in the village hall on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Doors open at 6.30pm and the show starts at 7pm. Tickets are £5, which includes a glass of prosecco. For tickets and more information please contact Becki Davis on 07734 474781.

## **Dalton Fest**

This year's Dalton Music Fest will be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June on the village hall playing field. Doors open at 2pm and music starts at 3pm. Tickets for adults £14, children £8, and family ticket £30, are available from Eleanor on 07841 036340. We have some fantastic bands playing this year. Do come along with your family and enjoy a great day out. The bar will be open and there will be stalls for face painting, candyfloss, kid's toys, sweets, etc.

## **Strawberry Cream Teas**

St John's will be holding its annual Strawberry Cream Teas on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July from 2pm until 4pm, in church. Not only will there be strawberries and cream, but a lovely selection of cakes, scones, etc. too. There is no set charge but donations are very welcome.

*Sylvia Binks*

## **St Columba's Church, Topcliffe**

### **Corpus Christi Eucharist, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

A special Choral Eucharist to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi will be held at 7pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June, with the choir singing the glorious mass setting by Thomas Tallis. All are warmly invited to join this service of thanksgiving. Wine and pre-supper nibbles will be served after the service.

### **St Columba's Festival and Heritage Day, 7<sup>th</sup> June**

The annual celebration of Columba, the Patron Saint of our parish church, and the church's amazing heritage will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

St Columba's was founded between 635 and 640AD by King, later Saint, Oswald, meaning we are moving ever closer to beginning our 1400<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in just nine years' time. However, plans for this year's celebration will be somewhat simpler, including the annual BBQ in the church hall and churchyard, starting at 12.30pm, to which everyone is very warmly invited. Please bring with you your preferred wine and soft drinks, though some will be available. And if you would like to bring a salad and/or cake to share that would be most kind and helpful.

Then, from 2pm, why not join one of the groups climbing the church tower to enjoy the magnificent views from the top? The last group will leave at 4pm. For those without a head for heights you might wish to linger over the various display boards in the church, or join a guided tour to discover in more detail the history of the church and its features, some still remaining from the mediaeval church even after the Victorian rebuild. Or just enjoy exploring our beautiful churchyard, our village 'greenspace', which is now emerging thanks to the tireless work and dedication of our team of local volunteers.

The day concludes at 6.30pm with a festival service of Choral Evensong sung by the full church choir directed by Linda Hewlett. Choral Evensong is said by some to be the jewel in the crown of Anglican church music and we are lucky to have this service sung every month throughout the year. So why not give it a try and end your busy day with some glorious music, followed by a glass of wine?

All events, including the BBQ, are completely free, but if you would like to give a donation to help cover a few costs and hopefully also add to our much-needed building repair and maintenance fund, that would be very much appreciated.

*John Phillips*

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