



**United Benefice of
Dolphinholme, Quernmore
& Over Wyresdale**

**11th Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 16 August 2026**

WELCOME

Welcome to our services this morning, particularly to anyone who is visiting or is new to our congregation. We hope that you will all feel relaxed & at home. There are facilities for young children in church (toys, books etc). Please feel free to use them at any time during the service.

TODAY'S SERVICES AND READINGS

Dolphinhome St Mark's

4pm Family Service



Quernmore St Peter's

9.30am Morning Prayer



Christ Church, Over Wyresdale

4pm Eucharist



Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8; Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: 21-28

Collect Prayer for Today

***God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.***

Loving God,

We bring before you the young people of Tunstall Deanery. You know their hopes, their struggles, and the unique calling You have placed on each of their lives. Grant us wisdom, unity, and clarity of vision as we seek Your will for how we can nurture, disciple, and empower these young people.

Stir in us a holy imagination to create spaces where they will feel seen, heard, and welcomed.

Unite us as a Deanery with one heart and one purpose: to build a church where all can thrive, belong, and Give us courage to invest in youth ministries, such as Ignite, that will help young people grow in faith, curiosity, and confidence discover fullness of life in Jesus Christ.

**We ask this in His precious name.
Amen.**

BENEFICE

Our rural young people deserve the same opportunities as young people in urban communities! – A reflection by the Vicar.

Following the pandemic, the National Youth Agency commissioned a report to examine youth provision in local areas. The report made it clear that there are vast gaps in local youth services, with 2.2 million young people, living in predominantly rural areas, consistently overlooked. The National Youth Agency says that there is little or no co-ordinated provision in many rural areas to tackle inequalities and put young people at the heart of the coronavirus recovery. The amount spent per head on youth work for 11- to 19-year-olds in rural England, £47, is 25 per cent less than in urban areas, and half the level of a decade ago.

Young people, growing up in rural areas, often suffer from feelings of isolation, imposed not just by distance from school friends, but also because of a deficit in ways to build connections – there may well be no public transport, poor or non-existent mobile signal and poor Wifi connectivity. All of this puts our rural youngsters at risk of poor mental health but also makes them vulnerable to County Lines gangs that, in some parts of our Diocese, already target rural youth. Furthermore, we see few of them in our churches and there are few opportunities for us to help them to walk the path of Christ, as fellow disciples.

All of this has been weighing heavily upon the minds of the clergy serving in our rural deanery of Tunstall but we have a solution, we just need some support to make it a reality! Blackburn Diocese are running a scheme called 'Ignite', which will initially fund Youth Workers 100% in the first year with funding gradually being reduced over the 5 years that follow. Tunstall Deanery are putting together a bid for 2 Youth Workers to be employed to work across the Deanery, creating and equipping hubs in rural areas where young people can be brought together safely to share fellowship and fun. In order for our bid to be successful, we need to find funding to support the future years of the project and that is where we need your help!

Perhaps you're a regular churchgoer or perhaps you are just someone who wants to see our rural youth given the same opportunities as their urban neighbours {it's a matter of fairness and justice for me!} If you care passionately about the future for our young people and feel able to donate to support our bid for 2 Youth Workers then please email me for further details: revcinders@gmail.com. Most importantly, please pray for our rural youth and that our vision for them can become a reality.

With every blessing

Canon Cindy Rigney {Tunstall Deanery Area Dean}

Gluten free communion wafers are available to anyone who needs them. If you require gluten free communion, then please speak to a churchwarden, or the priest BEFORE the service begins and we will ensure that you are able to receive safely.

Emergency Appeal

I am writing to ask for your urgent support in addressing a humanitarian crisis that has broken out in our link Diocese of Liwolo in South Sudan. Late on Tuesday evening, parts of the Diocese were attacked by Ugandan troops in the most serious of a number of border incursions. As a result of this attack and the continuing presence of Ugandan troops, 10,000 people have been internally displaced. With no effective government response, they have taken refuge in the compound of Liwolo Cathedral. We have been working with Christian Aid to co-ordinate a response with their partners, the South Sudanese Development and Relief Agency ([SSUDRA: Humanitarian Aid in South Sudan | ssudra](http://ssudra.org)). Already, aid supplies are starting to flow because of an emergency grant from this Diocese. But a great deal more is required.

I am writing in the hope that you and the people you serve might be able to make an immediate donation to the fund. All moneys given will be used at once to alleviate suffering in the Cathedral Compound where people have access to water but not to food, blankets, tents or medical supplies.

Donations can be made here via our Harvest Appeal:

parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/bburn-diocesan-harvest-appeal-blackburn

Parish collections can be sent to that same fund. This is a very urgent situation and Bishop Joseph has sent a series of heartfelt appeals to friends and partners. If you or your congregation felt able to give, I would be very grateful.

And if you are not in the position to give, please do be praying for Bishop Joseph and his people.

Yours, **Bishop Philip**

St Mark's Dolphinholme

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In Our Year's Mind for **AUGUST**

Kathleen Hodgson, Sarah Anne Brindle, William Halhead,
Amy Elizabeth Harrison, Thomas Michael Bradley,
Septimus Brindle, Muriel Hall

We are seeking volunteers to help set up for services when our churchwardens are away and/or to serve the coffee. If you feel this is something you could offer then please contact Rev'd Cindy.
(details on the back of the pewsheets)

St Peter's Quernmore

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In Our Year's Mind for **AUGUST**

Graham Haddow, Nora Bancroft,
Jock James Arnold Mugford

The Mission weekend planning meeting will now take place on 17th August at 10am in church. All welcome.

Open Garden at the Croft

St Peters Church Quernmore warmly invites you to an Open Garden in aid of the **Ignite Youth Leader Project**

On Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th August from 2.00pm – 4.30pm.
Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon in the garden at The Croft, with homemade cakes, tea and coffee, and good company.

The Croft, Wyresdale Road, Quernmore, LA2 9EF

All proceeds will support the Ignite Youth Leader Project, which will help churches in the Tunstall Deanery encourage young people by funding and supporting dedicated Youth Leaders. Please do come along and help support this important work with young people across the Lune Valley. We look forward to seeing you there!

Christ Church Over Wyresdale

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Our next Saturday lunches will be on 5th September. Hope to see you there.





Next Week's Services & Readings

**12th Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 23 August 2026**

Dolphinhome St Mark's

11am Eucharist



Quernmore St Peter's

9.30am Eucharist



Christ Church, Over Wyresdale

5.30pm Evensong



Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8; Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: 21-28

Please take this sheet home with you or pass it on to someone you know who could not be here today. You can also find the pew sheet on the website. If you have any items for this pew sheet please contact graham.rigney@gmail.com by the end of Thursday to ensure inclusion on Sunday

To receive a digital copy of the pew sheet every week simply subscribe via the website at dgowbenefice.co.uk (on the Blog page)!

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PRAYER CONCERN

WINDOW ON THE WORLD please pray for

Peace in the **Ukraine**

Peace in the **Lebanon & Iran**

All those negatively affected by rising fuel & food costs

All those affected by the earthquake in **Colombia**

HEARING LOOP IN OPERATION

