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Welcome

to the May 2025 edition of Connected

This month Revd. Glyn Diggins once again provides the Dear Friends text, and provides guidance on the importance of Giving Witness as a Christian.

There is a report on Revd. Glyn's collation service, and Jan Tetley provides text and pictures of the St Francis Gentle

Movement class. Happy Birthday Mollie and Joyce!

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People want to be in the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the centre of attention

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#TheParishThis Month



Some pictures of Revd Glyn's collation service held in a full St Wilfrid's church on the evening of Monday 31st March. Report and more pictures on page 10. Order was maintained by Bouncers Martin and Karl.



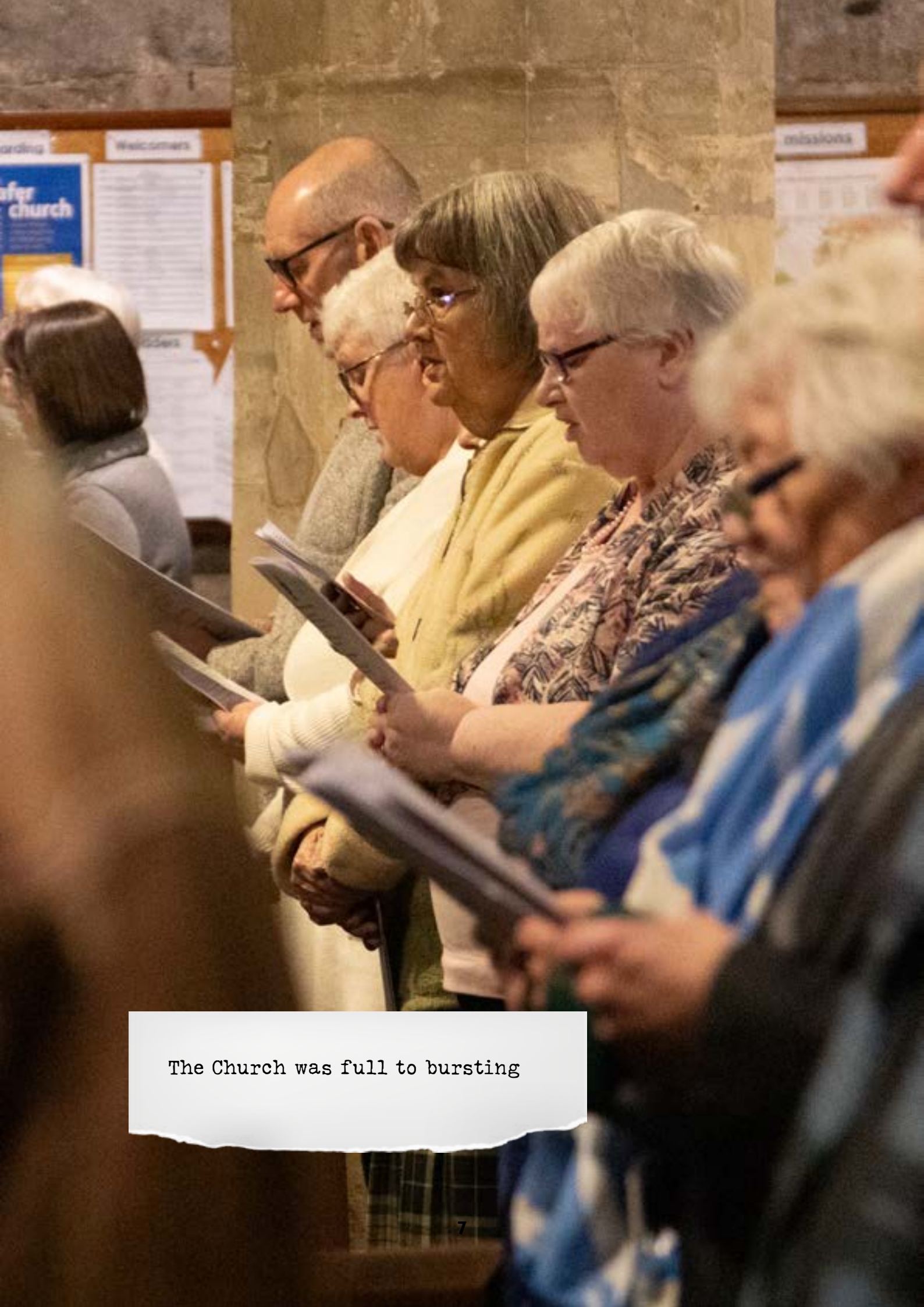
Margaret and Jean sharing a moment



Mrs Breeze took control of the proceedings



Revd. Christine welcomed Revd. Glyn to St Wilfrid's Parish



The Church was full to bursting

Dear Friends

Evangelist? Maybe Not. Witness? Absolutely.

When it comes to sharing our faith, there's a big difference between being an evangelist and being a witness. And the good news is, while not everyone is called to be an evangelist, we are all called to be witnesses. So, what does that really mean?

Evangelism vs. Witnessing

First off, let's clarify the difference between evangelism and witnessing. Evangelism is the act of actively spreading the Gospel. It's about sharing the message of Jesus—either by speaking to large groups, writing, or doing outreach programs. Evangelists often have a special calling or gift for this kind of work. They're the ones who feel led to go out and preach, whether it's to a crowd in a stadium or to someone on the street.

Now, not everyone is called to stand in front of a crowd and preach. And that's totally okay. That's where witnessing comes in. Witnessing is about sharing your story.

It's not about preaching or convincing someone to become a Christian on the spot. It's simply telling people about how Jesus has changed your life.

Everyone Is Called to Be a Witness

In Acts 1:8, Jesus tells His disciples, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Notice, He didn't say, "Only those with a special gift will be my witnesses." He said you—as in



everyone who follows Him.

That means if you're a Christian, you are called to be a witness. It's not just for the extroverts or those with theological degrees. Whether you're an introvert or someone who's just figuring out what your faith really means, you still have a role to play in sharing what Jesus has done for you.

Witnessing Is About Sharing Your Story

So, what does being a witness actually look like in day-to-day life? It's about sharing your story—your experience

with God. This doesn't mean you need to have a perfect or dramatic testimony. It simply means sharing how you've encountered Jesus and how that encounter has changed you.

For example, maybe there's been a moment in your life when you were going through something difficult, and you felt God's peace or saw His provision in a way that was undeniable. That's your story! You don't have to be a theologian to tell people about that moment.

How Do We Witness?

1. Through Our Actions.

A lot of the time, witnessing isn't about words. It's about how we live. People are watching us, whether we realise it or not. If we're living lives that reflect Jesus' love, patience, and kindness, it speaks volumes. Sometimes, the way you handle difficult situations, your integrity at work, or how you show compassion to others is enough to make someone take notice and wonder, "What's different about you?"

1 Peter 3:15 says, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." But notice, it says "ask you." People will often notice something about your life and then ask, "Why are you so calm? How do you stay so positive?" That's when you can share why you have hope—it's because of your relationship with Jesus.

2. Through Our Words.

While actions are key, words are important too. You don't have to be an expert in theology or have all the answers. Simply sharing your experience can be powerful. If someone asks you why you believe in God, you don't need to give a five-point sermon. Just share from your heart. It could be something as simple as, "I believe in God because He's helped me through hard times, and I've seen His love in my life."

You might feel like you're

not "equipped" enough to share your faith, but remember, it's not about having all the right answers—it's about being honest about your journey.

3. Through Our Relationships.

Another big way we can witness is through relationships. As we build connections with people—whether at work, at school, or in our communities—we have opportunities to share the hope we have in Christ. Sometimes, being a witness isn't about finding the perfect moment to preach. It's about showing kindness, being there for someone when they need it, and letting them see the difference Jesus makes in how we treat others.

The Role of the Holy Spirit

So, how do we do all this? The good news is, we're not doing it alone. The Holy Spirit helps us. In John 15:26, Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will testify about Him, and He will help us do the same. We don't have to rely on our own strength or knowledge. The Holy Spirit gives us the words to say and opens hearts to receive the message.

When we feel nervous or unsure about sharing our faith, the Holy Spirit steps in, guiding us and giving us the courage we need. We just need to be open to His leading.

Why Does It Matter?

Being a witness might seem like a small thing, but it's actually a huge part of God's plan for the world. When we share our stories, we invite

others into the hope and love we've found in Jesus. It might not always lead to a conversion on the spot, but it opens the door for more conversations and for people to see Christ through our lives.

In the end, being a witness isn't about being perfect or having all the answers. It's about being real, being open, and sharing the difference Jesus has made in our lives. Whether you're called to speak to large groups or just talk with a friend over coffee, your story matters, and it can make an impact.

So, while not all of us are called to be evangelists, we are all called to be witnesses. Let's embrace that role and share the love and hope of Jesus with those around us.

Rev. Glyn Diggins ✝



Welcome Home, Revd. Glyn!

Saint Wilfrid's Church was packed with parishioners and village residents on the evening of Monday 31st March, to welcome its new Rector, Revd. Glyn Diggins, in a collation service led by the Bishop of Selby, the Revd. Canon Doctor Flora Winfield, aided by Archdeacon Sam Rushton, and Vicar of Selby Abbey, Canon John Weetman.

The church was wonderfully full. During the service, in which Revd. Glyn was collated and inducted, words of welcome were spoken by members of the local community including representatives of Brayton and Thorpe Willoughby Parish Councils, Brayton Headstart Playgroup, and Brayton Primary school.

Although he was born in Essex, his early life had been lived in Brayton and he had attended Brayton Primary school. Revd. Glyn recalled that, as a small boy he had sat in St Wilfrid's clutching tightly a tin of baked beans during a Harvest Festival. Speaking during the service Revd. Glyn said "I am delighted to be here as Rector. Maureen and I cannot wait to get started."

Before taking up this position in Brayton Parish, Revd. Glyn had served as Vicar of Malton.

So, after a hiatus of over a year, St Wilfrid's Parish once again has a Rector. Welcome Revd. Glyn!

John Clarke ✝

On Sunday 6th April, we were delighted to welcome Revd. Glyn, and Maureen, to conduct his first Sunday service in the parish with us at St Francis.

We had a lovely service, with much roof-lifting singing, followed by plenty of coffee & chatter. We hope that we made Revd. Glyn and Maureen feel truly "at home" in our church community.

The Congregation at St Francis ✝



Choir and Clergy getting robed in the Parish Hall



Helen, Pat and Pam took charge of the drinks table



Bishop Flora took the service



Revd. Glyn was greeted warmly by the congregation



Revd. Glyn greeting friends and family



Bishop Flora having a word with Mrs Sowden



The procession entering St Wilfrid's



Bishop Flora was aided by Archdeacon Sam and Canon John



Revd. Glyn and Archdeacon Sam at the south door of St Wilfrid's

Life (6:68)

Life is not always fair, or kind.
Life batters,
People betray, let us down,
Even those we trusted with our
hearts and health.
Landscapes change,
Things we knew and understood
Are tossed in the air
To come down damaged and different.
It all seems too hard,
Too hard to bear.
And it isn't fair.

What then?
Give up, turn back,
Collapse and concentrate on the
disintegration?
Or with Peter, look up and say,
“Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
We believe and know that
You are the Holy One of God.”

Life is not always fair, or kind.
That's why Jesus came.

Daphne Kitching

Happy 1700th Birthday, Nicene Creed!

The Nicene Creed is a statement of Christian faith that was first adopted at the First Council of Nicaea in 325 AD, and later revised at the First Council of Constantinople in 381 AD. It serves as a foundational declaration of belief for many Christian denominations, affirming key doctrines about the nature of God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

The creed is 1700 years old this month. It is the product of one the most important meetings in the history of the Christian Church that began in the Bithynian city of Nicaea. It began in May 325 and went on until the end of July 325.

The Council of Nicaea was convened by the Roman Emperor Constantine, and he had an urgent job for the Christian bishops to do. He wanted them to spell out as exactly as they could the core beliefs of the Christian Church, especially with regard to the person of Christ.

Constantine had good reason to do this: a man called Arius of Alexandria was spreading the idea that Jesus Christ was not divine, but instead was a created being. Such a belief, if accepted, would have changed the very heart of Christianity.

After three months of hard work, the bishops at Nicaea had prayerfully and carefully written down as exactly as they could the core beliefs of Christianity. It became known as the Nicene Creed, and it has been the bedrock of orthodox Christianity ever since.

The Nicene Creed is unique

in that it is the only Christian statement of faith that is accepted as authoritative by the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and major Protestant Churches.

It runs:

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Parish Pump 



What's the Big Idea - Ecclesiastes



'Meaningless! Meaningless!'

This is how the book of Ecclesiastes begins (1:2), as it examines the futility of human experience 'under the sun'. The author is named as 'The Teacher' (1:1, Hebrew qoheleth), traditionally identified with King Solomon. Although focusing on life in the physical world, the book ends with, 'Fear God and keep his commandments' (12:13).

Ecclesiastes reminds us of the limitation of human wisdom, which cannot find meaning and purpose without God:

Our strivings 'under the sun' can only lead to disillusionment (1:5-11). Therefore, we need to accept the life God gives us and enjoy it to the full.

Wisdom is given to those who please God (2:26). Such wisdom cannot solve all problems (1:16-18), or secure

enduring reward (2:12-17). We cannot control our immediate future, resulting in uncertainty (6:12), and there are difficult questions about life and death itself (9:1-3). In response, we need to understand our human limitations before God.

God has ordered all things in their time; things we cannot change or fully anticipate: 'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven' (3:1-15).

However, the world is not fundamentally chaotic or irrational, as it is ordered by God: 'He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.' (3:11). We should remember our Creator when we are young before the infirmities of advanced age stop us from enjoying the good

things of life (12: 1-8).

In summary, Ecclesiastes shows us how to live meaningfully and joyfully by placing God at the centre of our life, while trusting and obeying our Creator.

Canon Paul Hardingham †



Arts and Crafts



Font detail at St Mary's Church, Studley Royal

Reflecting Faith: where to hold a Baptism

For the last couple of months we've been thinking about baptism, its place within church life and what it means to each of us on a personal level.

This month, let's look at the actual font where baptisms usually take place.

Over the years Christians have used a wide variety of 'fonts': the sea accessed from the beach, a swimming pool (hired for the occasion), an especially built permanent baptistry, many varied stone fonts, a stainless steel portable font and even the beach in Philippi, Greece where Paul is said to have baptised Lydia and her household. Imagine the sunshine, warmth, flowing clean water and a gathering of your family and friends from your local church who have all travelled there together to celebrate this special moment,

and themselves renewed their baptismal vows!

Baptism is not only a personal acceptance of Christ, but a huge celebration for Christian family and friends. Think back to a time of success in your life such as passing an exam or getting a new job. Didn't everyone around you also celebrate? So it is when a new person wants to follow Jesus.

Baptism for older children and adults have always followed a period of instruction.

People as far back as the 3rd century weren't just grabbed off the street and immediately baptised and able to join in all the services. Rather, they were carefully taught about Jesus and what being a Christian means.

They were allowed to take part in the Sunday service up to the 'Peace' and then they had to leave and went to a separate building for teaching. In other

words, they couldn't even watch the Holy Communion part of the service until they had been baptised.

Baptism symbolised their public acceptance of the Christian faith, and it was quite literally their first step in their life as a member of the church, as the actual baptism was carried out in a special building, outside but attached to the main church building. Baptisms were done by the Bishop on a certain day or days each year.

Rev. Dr Jo White †

This month

Where were you baptised? Do you have any photos of that day? This month have a look at the fonts in some local churches and see what shapes they are and any decoration they may have.

Christian Aid Week 11th to 17th May

For more than 75 years, Christian Aid has been working with some of the world's most vulnerable communities in 29 countries in Africa, the Middle East, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.

This annual week invites Christians in the UK to help fundraise for the work by holding community events and taking on individual challenges. It has been called 'seven days of fundraising fun – your way'.

This year you might like to consider taking on the **70k in May Challenge**. It is simple to do: just travel 70k during the month of May, in whatever way you want. Invite your friends and family to sponsor you or even complete the challenge with you.

Follow the QR Code for more information



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Remembering VE Day

80 years ago, on 8th May 1945, VE Day took place – marking Victory in Europe at the end of World War 2. It was celebrated as a public holiday, and came exactly a week after German radio announced the death in action of Adolf Hitler.

In reality, Hitler had committed suicide on 30th April. His successor, Grand Admiral Karl Dönitz, quickly negotiated an end to the war with the Allies – at the same time trying with some success to prevent as many Germans as possible from falling into Soviet hands.

Field Marshal Montgomery accepted the unconditional surrender of German forces in the Netherlands, north-west Germany and Denmark at a ceremony near Hamburg on 4th May. All German forces then surrendered to Supreme Allied Commander General Eisenhower on 7th May at Reims, France. Soviet leader Josef Stalin had his own ceremony, in Berlin.

The announcement that the war had ended in Europe was

broadcast to the British people by the BBC late on 7th May. It was decreed that there would be a national holiday the next day, and the stage was set for huge celebrations. Prime Minister Churchill had been assured that there was enough beer in the capital, and commemorative items, including VE Day mugs, were quickly produced.

St Paul's Cathedral held ten consecutive services giving thanks for peace, each one attended by thousands of people, and churches throughout the country rang their bells. The Royal Family played a central role, appearing eight times on the balcony of Buckingham Palace while huge numbers of people flocked down The Mall.

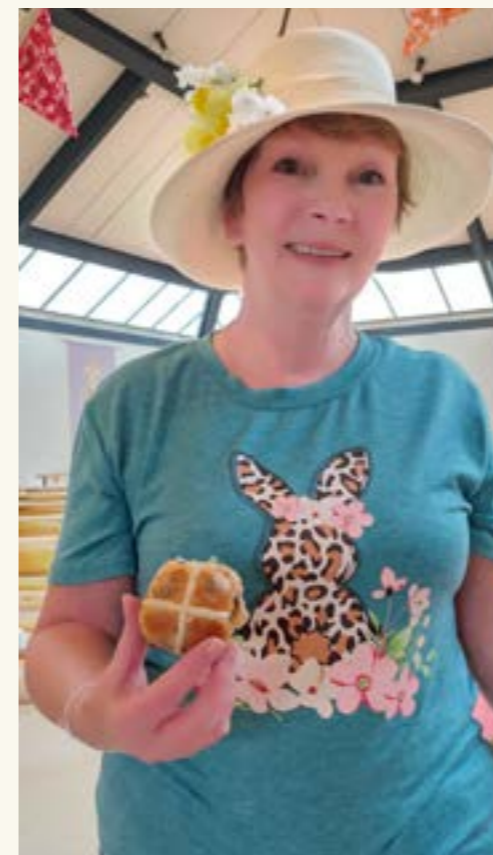
In the United States, VE Day coincided with President Harry S Truman's 61st birthday: he dedicated the victory to the memory of his predecessor, Franklin D Roosevelt, who had died of a stroke less than a month earlier. But both Truman and Churchill pointed out that

the war against Japan had not yet been won. That final victory was still more than three months away.

Of course, the end of a war could never be neat. In Europe the last known shots on the Eastern Front were actually fired on 11th May, and on 25th May the battle of Odžak ended in a Yugoslav Partisan victory. Tragically, in French Algeria, Muslims celebrating the end of the war (some also peacefully protesting for independence) were "inexcusably" massacred by colonial authorities and militias – leading eventually to the Algerian War nine years later.

Parish Pump †

Gentle Movement



Images by Jan Tetley

The St Francis Gentle Movement exercise class met on Monday 14th April, to enjoy an Easter lunch

together. It was extra special as we wished Joyce a happy 90th birthday with a card and bouquet. Another



lady, Molly, was also presented with a card and bouquet for her 93rd birthday.

Jan Tetley †

Sleeplessness is catching

You probably already know this: when your partner can't sleep, it is very likely that you won't be able to, either.

A recent study from the University of East Anglia has found that sleep problems are contagious. The study looked at the impact of workplace bullying on sleep, and it found that not only does stress and abuse disrupt the victim's sleep, but it also disrupts that of their partner. As one researcher put it: "bad energy passes across the bed sheets."

Yet sleep is crucial to good health. A recent study by Harvard University found that regular restful sleep may extend life by nearly five years for men, and by more than two years for women. The study also found that eight per

"Yet sleep is crucial to good health."

cent of deaths from any cause may be attributed to poor sleep patterns.

Of course to aid restful sleep, just try reading *Connected* at bedtime.

John Clarke †

The Bells Rang Out

The bells rang out in England
And songs of heartfelt joy,
But 'midst the cheers were bitter tears
For each lost man and boy.

The six long years of fighting
Had such a dreadful cost
In blood and sweat and mortal threat
And countless lives were lost.

It now, at last, had ended –
In Europe's shores at least;
Our people brave feared not the grave
To slay the Nazi beast.

The lessons learned stayed with us
For eighty peaceful years.
Yet now, again, some brutal men
Are raising wartime fears.

We should be celebrating
This coming VE Day;
Yet not at ease, but on our knees
For lasting peace, we pray.

Nigel Beeton

From the Parish Registers

Church Floodlights Funerals

St Wilfrid's Church was illuminated on:

16th April

In Loving Birthday Memories of Bob Chappell

21st April

In Loving memory of John Leedham

25th April

In Loving Memory of May Parry

We offer our love and sympathy to the relatives of:

28th March

Cyril Gowland (85) at St Wilfrid's

1st April

Sandra Bland (80) at St Wilfrid's

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

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As I edit these pages, I think that my mind is like an internet browser: at least 20 tabs are open, three of them are frozen, five are random pop-ups, and I have no clue where the music is coming from.

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Service Roster for May

St Wilfrid's

Sunday 4th May
Third Sunday of Easter
 10:30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 6th May
 10:30am Holy Communion at
Fernbank Court

Wednesday 7th May
 9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 11th May
Fourth Sunday of Easter
 8am Holy Communion
 10:30am Holy Communion

Monday 12th May
 10:30am Holy Communion at St
Wilfrid's Court

Wednesday 14th May
 9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th May
Fifth Sunday of Easter
 10:30am Joint Celtic Communion at
St Wilfrid's

Wednesday 21st May
 9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 25th May
Sixth Sunday of Easter
 8am Holy Communion
 10:30am Holy Communion

St Francis

Thursday 1st May
 10am Holy Communion

Sunday 4th May
Third Sunday of Easter
 10:30am Holy Communion

Thursday 8th May
 10am Holy Communion

Sunday 11th May
Fourth Sunday of Easter
 10:30am Methodist Led Service

Thursday 15th May
 10am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th May
Fifth Sunday of Easter
 10:30am Joint Celtic Holy
 Communion at **St Wilfrid's**

Thursday 22nd May
 10am Holy Communion

Sunday 25th May
Sixth Sunday of Easter
 10:30am Morning Prayer

Thursday 29th May
 Ascension Day
 10am Holy Communion

Methodists

Brayton
Sunday 4th May
 10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 11th May
 10:30am United Service with
 Burn and Hambleton

Sunday 18th May
 10:30am Chapel Anniversary

Sunday 25th May
 10:30am United service at
 Hambleton
 6:00pm Holy Communion

Burn
Sunday 4th May
 10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 11th May
 10:30am United Service at
 Brayton

Sunday 18th May
 10:30am United service with
 Hambleton

Sunday 25th May
 10:30am United Service at
 Hambleton

Thorpe Willoughby
Sunday 11th May
 10:30am Holy Communion



The Directory

Tea Up!

Coffee Corner

Saturday 3rd May
10am - 11:15am
St Francis Church

Everyone is welcome to join us for Coffee, Cake and Convivial Company. **Pat**

Community Lunch

Wednesday 7th May
12noon-1:30pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

A simple lunch of soup & dessert with custard for only £5! **Pat**

Tea@Two

Thursday 15th May
2pm-4pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

An afternoon of coffee, tea, cake and chat. Tickets only £7. **Pat**

Coffeemates

Wednesday 28th May
10am - 12noon
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

Join us for tea, coffee and fantastic homemade cakes! **Lynn**

Coffee for All

Every Tuesday
10am-11:30am
St Francis Church

Come along for coffee, tea and a chat. Everyone is welcome. **Pauline**

Craft Group Coffee Morning

Saturday 14th June
10am - 11:30pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

In May the coffee morning is hosted by the Spring Fair, but a warm welcome awaits you in June, with good company, coffee and cakes. We hope to see you there! **June**

Wellbeing

Methodist Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 31st May
10am-11:30am
Brayton Methodist Chapel

The charity for our May coffee morning is Christian Aid. Anyone who enjoys coffee and chatter is welcome to join us. **Lorraine**

Soup and a Song

Friday 30th May
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, butties and cake. 07921255988. **Rosemary**

Churchyard Tidying

Saturday 31st May
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 13th May
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 26th May
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

Mothers' Union

Thursday 8th May
From 2pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

We will use the MU *Wave of Prayer*. **Lynn**

Brayton WI

Monday 12th May
From 2pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

The speaker at our May meeting will be Chris Parker who will tell us about the very worthy independent service - The National Association of Blood Bikes. 01757 702209 for more information. **Jean**

Thorpe WI

Thursday 8th May
7:30pm
St Francis' Church

At our next meeting Kevin Hutchinson will speak about the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Service. We are leaving plenty of room in the car park in case he arrives by air... **Jan**

Camera, Action!

Cake, Coffee, Movie

Friday 16th May
10am - 12noon
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**



St Wilfrid's Notices

St Wilfrid's Spring Fair

This year's St Wilfrid's Spring Fair will be held on Saturday 10th May, 2pm to 4pm. We hope you will be able to come along to join us and see what is going on. All of the usual stalls including crafts, tombola, cakes, cards, refreshments and children's activities. Also entertainment from the Sherburn Ensemble and Bourn Theatre School. It will be great fun with lots going on, things to join in with, see and buy! We need prizes for the tombola, and children's toys etc. - please leave in the box(es) at the back of Church - and cakes and buns for the cafe on the day.

Lis Middup

St Francis' Notices

Strawberry Teas

Saturday 14th June, between 2 pm and 4pm, St Francis Church, Thorpe Willoughby. Scrumptious strawberry teas will be served during the afternoon. Entry £6 on the door.

Pat Ainger

Coffee, Cake and Movie @ St Francis

3rd Friday in each month: next showing 16th May. Doors open at 10am with lots of refreshments followed by the film starting at 10.30am.

We encourage people to come along and socialise over coffee & cake. The Community Cinema is for everyone, and particularly people on their own, or those with health issues, mobility, frailty or dementia & those that support them. Why not come along and join us!

Contact me on (01757) 707987, or tetleyjan@gmail.com for more details.

Jan Tetley

Soup and a Song at St Francis

Last Friday in the month. The next Soup and a Song will be on Friday 30th May, 10:30am-1pm in St Francis Church. Is your memory letting you down? Or do you care for someone with memory problems? Are you in need of company, or know of someone who is lonely? Enjoy singing? Join our happy group for an hour of song & fun, then share a meal of soup, butties and cake. Telephone me for more information on 07921 255988.

Rosemary Finlinson

Churches Together Notices

Churches Together Quiz Night

Saturday, 24th May, from 18:30pm, Portholme Church, Selby. Time to hone the brain cells again! Who wrote 'Heart of Darkness' in 1899?, and in Stars Wars, which character famously declares 'I am your father'? We may never know!

£5 per person suggested donation for Christian Aid. Tea and coffee provided, plus a Bring and Share Supper. Please advise John Weetman of numbers by Monday 19th May using weetman217@btinternet.com.

Hilary Putman

#TheParishThisMonth (Continued)



Spring flower displays illuminated St Wilfrid's on Easter Sunday. It really lifts the spirits to see such beauty.



Churchyard Tidying had its ups and downs this month. New lambs bid the team "hello!" in the field next to St Wilfrid's; and the surface water



drainage system was given the once over. We found a broken manhole cover which was passed to the Council to repair.



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SELBY
presents...



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St Wilfrid's Spring Fair

10th May 2025
2pm - 4pm

Many stalls including
crafts, tombola, cakes,
jewellery, hand made
cards, refreshments,
games & activities
for children

Musical Entertainment
by the Sherburn
Ensemble, and the
Children of Bourn
Theatre School

St Wilfrid's Church, Brayton
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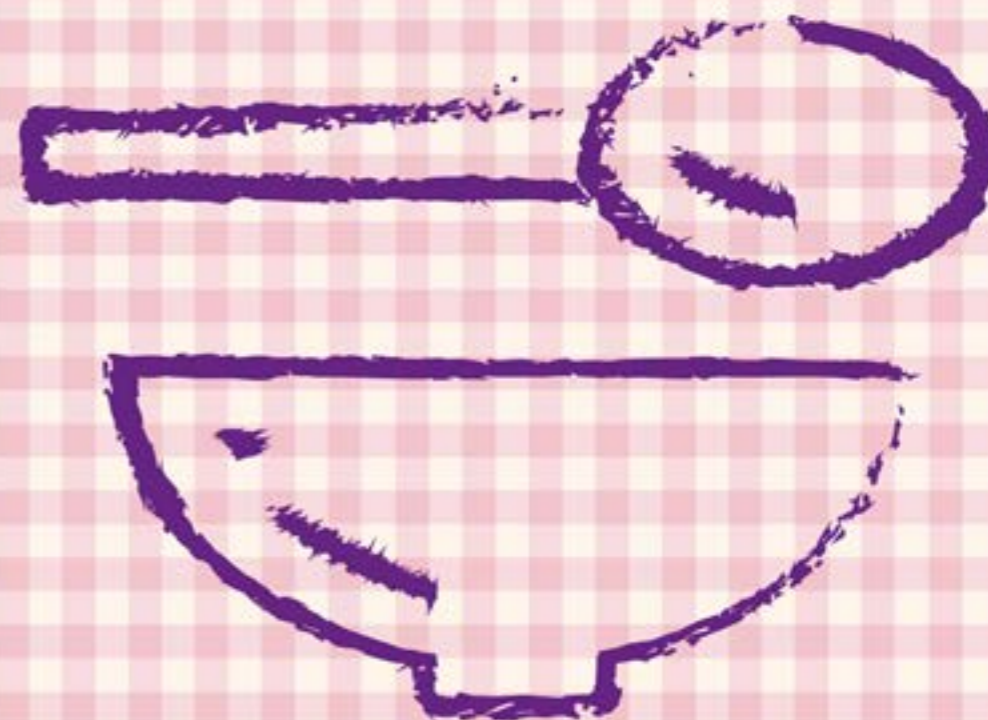
Strawberry Tea

SATURDAY 14TH JUNE, 2PM TO 4PM.

TICKETS ONLY £6



Community Lunch!



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