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# Welcome

## to the July 2025 edition of *Connected*

This month, Revd. Glyn Diggins writes about the importance of churches being both welcoming & invitational, and the differences between the two. An invitational church actively reaches out beyond its walls, encouraging others to join and participate.

Revd. Roy Shaw updates us on his recent trip to Kenya, with other trustees of the Charity.

Thorpe Willoughby WI held a Bake-off, but disappointingly they didn't invite the *Connected* Editor to judge the finished cakes. An

opportunity missed me thinks!

Jill Clarke reports on the MU Cream Tea, and, coincidentally, Jan Tetley supplied me with photographs of the St Francis Strawberry Tea event. I couldn't help but notice that Revd. & Mrs Wilson managed to attend both events!

Finally, there is an interesting article on tea drinking. As an aid to which biscuits go best with tea, I have added my dunking recommendations through out this edition of *Connected*. Beware the Rich Teas!

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**Two children watched their grandmother reading her Bible. “Why does she do that?” whispered one. “I expect she’s studying for her final exams,” came the reply.**



## #TheParishThis Month

Some pictures from the Mothers' Union cream tea held in the church hall to raise funds and socialise. A total of £323 was raised which will be donated to MU Summer of Hope Appeal for the Democratic Republic of Congo. Pictures by Maureen Diggins and Jill Clarke







1. The purpose of this notice is to inform you of the importance of...

2. Please ensure that the following rules are followed in order to ensure...

3. When entering the hall, please ensure that you have your...

4. Please ensure that you have your...

5. When using the hall, please ensure that you have your...

6. Please ensure that you have your...

Please leave the hall as illustrated



On Writing a Notice

Writing a notice is an essential skill...

1. The purpose of a notice is to inform...

2. The notice should be written in a clear and concise manner...

3. The notice should be written in a formal tone...

4. The notice should be written in a professional manner...

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Seller Food Handler

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Look at the quality of those scones!





Smiling Faces All Around :)





The Parish Hall was full of MU members eager to try the cream teas.

# Dear Friends

## **The Importance of Churches Being Both Welcoming and Invitational**

In today's rapidly changing world, churches face a unique challenge: remaining relevant and impactful while staying true to their mission. For many congregations, the concept of being "welcoming" is emphasized as a cornerstone of faith and community. But is being welcoming enough? To truly thrive and fulfil their purpose, churches must go beyond just being open to visitors—they must also be invitational.

### **Welcoming vs. Invitational: Understanding the Difference**

Being welcoming means that when someone steps through the doors of a church, they are greeted with kindness, respect, and genuine warmth. It's the smile at the entrance, the handshake during the greeting time, and the willingness to include newcomers in fellowship activities. A welcoming church ensures that no one feels like an outsider the moment they arrive.

However, a welcoming church is often reactive rather than proactive. It waits for people to come and then embraces them. While this is a crucial first step, it is not the same as being invitational. An invitational church actively reaches out beyond its walls, encouraging others to join and participate in its community. It's the difference between waiting for guests to arrive and extending an invitation to come.

### **The Biblical Foundation for Being Invitational**

Scripture provides a clear



mandate for believers to be invitational. Jesus' ministry was marked by invitation—He called His disciples, invited people to dine with Him, and encouraged those around Him to "come and see." In the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20), Jesus commands His followers to "go and make disciples of all nations." This directive is inherently invitational. It's a call not to wait for seekers to find the church, but for the church to actively seek them out.

The Apostle Paul also demonstrates this principle in his missionary journeys. He did not remain in one place waiting for people to come to him; he traveled extensively, spreading the message of Christ and building communities of faith.

For the church to follow this example, it must embrace the idea of extending invitations, not just opening its doors.

### **Why Being Invitational Matters**

#### **1. Breaking Down Barriers.**

Many people hesitate to attend church because of preconceived notions, past experiences, or simply fear of the unknown. A welcoming environment is helpful, but a personal invitation can break through those barriers. When someone is personally invited, it conveys value and genuine interest.

#### **2. Building Relationships.**

Invitations are a form of outreach that goes beyond mere hospitality. They are the starting point for



deeper connections and lasting relationships. Being invitational allows for intentional relationship-building, fostering a sense of belonging even before someone steps into the sanctuary.

### 3. Reflecting Christ's Love.

Jesus reached out to people where they were—at their workplaces, in their homes, and in public spaces. An invitational church reflects this love by meeting people where they are and extending a hand of welcome before they even consider attending a service.

### 4. Creating Opportunities for Growth.

Churches that are both welcoming and invitational tend to grow—not just in numbers but in spiritual depth. As more people join and participate in the life of the church, opportunities for discipleship, learning, and

community engagement naturally increase.

### It's Everyone's Responsibility to Invite

One of the most common misconceptions is that the act of inviting others falls solely on the shoulders of the Rector or church leadership. While leaders certainly play a vital role in setting the tone and vision, the act of invitation is a shared responsibility. Every member of the congregation is part of the church's outreach. When everyone feels empowered and encouraged to invite their friends, family, and neighbours, the church community expands organically.

People are more likely to respond positively to an invitation from someone they know and trust. A Rector's invitation during a sermon is impactful, but it cannot replace the personal touch of a friend or family member extending a warm invitation. Churches thrive

when their members understand that being invitational is not just a ministry task—it's part of everyday faith.

### Conclusion: Embracing a Culture of Invitation

For churches to grow and remain impactful, they must adopt a culture that is not only welcoming but also intentionally invitational. By doing so, they follow the example set by Jesus and the early church—reaching out, building relationships, and inviting others into the transformative experience of faith. When churches take the step from welcoming to inviting, they open the door for true community and spiritual growth, fulfilling their mission in a way that is both meaningful and lasting.

Rev. Glyn Diggins ✝

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## The next Archbishop of Canterbury

The juggernaut process to select the next Archbishop of Canterbury rumbles along.

11,000 people took part in consultations to shape the parameters for the selection criteria. It was carried out online, by post and in person between February and March this year.

The public consultation was a unique opportunity to influence the future of leadership within the Church, helping to discern the gifts, skills and qualities that will be required in the 106<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Canterbury, to meet the needs of the Church

today and in the years to come.

The themes that emerge through this consultation will sit alongside the 'Statement of Needs' produced by the Diocese of Canterbury, as well as other information provided by the National Church and Anglican Communion. This information will inform the Canterbury Crown Nominations Commission of the needs of the mission of the Church of England and the wider Anglican Communion.

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# A Postcard from Kenya

I've been harping on in church about my trip to Kenya for the last two months or so- I hope it hasn't bored you witless. So, here's a report on what was a short stay, made up to nearly a week by the long flights to get there and back, and internal flights within Kenya.

Essentially, we had two full and two half-days in Kitale, northwest Kenya, early in June. ('We' being myself and the three other former trustees of a charity there). But first, a massive 'thank you' for the £1000 you donated before we went out. And for the heaps of clothing, tools, material, craft and sewing stuff- we took about 180kg/400lbs of stuff out with us, apart from our personal cases. And we couldn't fit all of it in- some will have to be delayed till next time.

Let me re-assure you that all the money you donated will go to help out there. Flight and hotel costs etc are funded by other means.

Why did we go? I have had connections in rural western Kenya for about twenty years, preaching, teaching and being the trustee of an orphanage. After a fire destroyed the orphanage in 2019, we trustees felt we could not continue, and advised that the children be returned to their legal guardians. For some, this would be a very distant relative. We managed to keep in touch with some and eventually got them away from abusive situations into the care of a good man who had been our driver. As well as his own children, he had already taken in several street kids. Now he had three further ones from the orphanage to look after; we financed a small house for them on his shamba (farm) and made donations for their keep and education. So, one of the reasons we went was to see



What 400 lbs of clothes, tools, materials looks like at Eldoret airport.



The guest preacher today is..



how they had progressed, and I'm happy to report that all are doing well. All the children in his charge are well cared-for, and in the week before we arrived, another one, Moses, aged about two, was left at his gate. Efforts to find the parents have failed, so here is another to add to his household.

Uncle John, our driver, is a remarkable man. As well as driving a taxi, and looking after those who have arrived unbidden, he is a Pentecostal minister and has a thriving church in his village. African worship is very different! Lively, loud, exuberant, with high expressed emotion, we began at 9am and finished at 1pm. I had been asked to preach, and the sermon was duly translated into Swahili. Uncle John - I should really now call him Pastor John - has initiated two projects for younger women to help them be skilled and earn money. Lack of skills and money can lead to prostitution as a desperate remedy for putting food on the table. The young women, about forty in all, are enrolled into a year-long programme to learn either hairdressing or tailoring. It's an impressive but small-scale work.

So out of the facts and impressions we gathered over those three days, we have to sift it all to see how we can continue to support our three newly adult original ex-orphanage charges, the kids who have arrived at Uncle John's door, and the projects he has started via his church. We need wisdom to do this from limited resources. But thank you for your support; loud clapping and ululations greeted our gifts, and many words of thanks. Be assured it was all treasured, and all will be used.

**Rev. Roy Shaw** ✝

Extended Online Version



Two teachers from the tailoring class showing us their four treadle machines



Not everyone was attentive to my sermon

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Images courtesy of Rev. Roy



# Wimbledon Time of Year

The 'pop' of a ball on a racket  
The voice of the Umpire so clear  
There is nothing in quite  
the same bracket  
As that Wimbledon time of the year!

'Fault!' cries the line judge,  
eyes beady,  
The ball boys and girls on their toes;  
For more of these matches  
we're greedy:  
The bug for this game grows  
and grows!

The weather may shine, or be raining  
The temperature warm, mild or chill;  
Our appetites won't be restraining  
For strawberries on Henman Hill.

The queues may be long,  
but endure them  
You'll get to the court – have no fear  
Just settle and watch,  
and be sure then –  
It's that Wimbledon time of the year!

**Nigel Beeton**



# Thorpe Bake-Off

Thorpe Willoughby WI held a Bake Off at their June meeting in St Francis' Church.

Everyone had to follow the same recipe but each cake could have different fillings and decorations.

Altogether we had 12 cakes to taste!

Prizes were awarded to Mel and Deirdre for the tastiest and nicely decorated cake.

Jan Tetley †



Mel and Deirdre and their prize winning cakes. Image by Jan Tetley

## More Tea Rector?

### Or why you should drink tea

There is a popular greeting card which says: 'All things are possible with a cup of tea'. And for many of us, that is almost always true.

Tea comes from the *Camellia sinensis* plant, which is often blended with other plants for different flavours, such as Earl Grey or chai. Tea is the UK's favourite hot beverage which, besides from cheering us up, has cancer-fighting properties and can improve our heart and gut health.

### So here's what's good about tea:

Tea is rich in polyphenols, which have antioxidant effects on the body, and can reduce inflammation. Milk does not hurt their absorption, so add milk if you like!

Tea has flavanols, which helps your blood to flow and lowers your blood pressure. One study at Harvard found that drinking

three to four cups a day means you are less likely to have a heart attack.

Tea is prebiotic, which means it promotes healthier kinds of bacteria in your gut, which helps with your digestion, your respiratory system, and your immune system.

Tea lowers blood sugar, and even the risk of Type 2 diabetes, due to the polyphenols.

Tea may reduce your risk of cancer. Again, the polyphenols are your friends here, as they may be slowing the development of certain types of cancer.

Tea improves the taste of Custard Cream biscuits\* through judicious 'dunking'.

Tea helps you concentrate. Coffee may speed you up, but it can also give you the jitters. Tea contains around 40-50mg of caffeine, which is only half the amount found in coffee.

But tea also has an amino acid called 'L-theanine', which

helps produce a feeling of 'calm concentration', by lowering stress and improving mental focus.

Tea improves sleep, due to the polyphenols, L-theanine, theaflavins, thearubigins, and gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA), which help lower stress and create calm.

It is almost impossible to detect gin or, in extremis, vodka in a well made cup of tea.

Finally, black tea or green tea? Without going into some complicated science, it seems that they are equally healthy to drink. Black tea has more caffeine, which may help if you need more energy!

John Clarke †

\* Most biscuits are equally as good. But beware Rich Tea - when dunked they will always let you down.



# What's the Big Idea - The Nicene Creed Pt 2



**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.**

This month we are looking at what the Nicene Creed affirms about the person of Jesus Christ.

**‘We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God’:** Jesus is presented as the unique Son of God. This reflects the big debate at the time, which was to counter the teachings of Arius, who taught that Jesus was the first and greatest of God’s creatures, but not the same as God the Father.

Today we can be more concerned about Jesus’ authority as a moral teacher, neglecting that Jesus the man is also truly God. **‘We have seen His**

**glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father’ (John 1:14).**

**‘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’:** These words affirm the divinity of Jesus. The phrase ‘begotten not made’ is crucial in understanding Jesus as the unique Son of the Father, who existed eternally of the same divine nature as the Father.

**‘In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.** He was with God in the beginning’ (John 1:1,2). It is a powerful reminder that our belief revolves around trusting a person, not simply in a set of beliefs and moral teaching.

**‘through Him all things were made’:** The Creed affirms that Jesus the Son cannot be

made, because through Him all things were made and only God can create from nothing.

**‘Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.’ (John 1:3).** This implies that our world was made good, with a purpose in which we can share.

Also, Jesus has the last word in promising to bring everything in heaven and on earth together at the end of time under His Lordship (Ephesians 1:10). This makes a real difference to how we see and treat God’s Creation and those created in God’s image.

In response to this, can we say that Jesus is Lord of every area of our life?

**Canon Paul Hardingham** ✝



# Arts and Crafts



## Reflecting Faith: Saying 'Hello'

Last month we considered how, when we are invited by the priest to come and receive Holy Communion, our immediate response is one of being overwhelmed with the enormity of what we are being offered. We recognise how unworthy we are, to even be in God's presence, never mind taking Him in our hands and making Him part of ourselves.

Now, for the next few months, let's consider some other key moments in our church services. Let's start at the very beginning.... Just saying hello!

How do you say 'hello' to the people you meet? We don't use the same words, gestures and tone to each person, nor on each occasion.

When we meet a very senior person in our workplace; we tend to be deferential and

formal. By the time we have worked together for some months, we will still hold them in high regard and with respect, but we are probably more relaxed in their presence.

As for members of our close family, there's a time for huge hugs and explosions of laughter, such as at the arrivals desk of the airport, but such a greeting is probably not so appropriate when we meet them in a formal restaurant for lunch.

So it is on a Sunday morning, when we meet with the members of our church in the setting of a church service.

By meeting together for worship, we have come deliberately into a consciousness of God's presence. It's not that He hasn't been with us on the way there, but this is a specific and intentional thing.

So, when the person

leading the service says 'hello' at the start of the service, they are not just welcoming you as an individual but rather acknowledging that we are meeting together in the presence of God, to worship Him.

This is special. This is amazing. This is huge.

Rev. **Dr Jo White** ✝

## This month

When you next go to a church service take note of the leader's opening words and your expected response to them. What is your acceptance to that wonderful invitation?



# VAT News

Just as St Wilfrid's Church building requires significant expenditure on repairs to the tower, a recent change to the rules on the reclaim of Value Added Tax (VAT) will make the exercise so much more difficult.

Cuts to the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme are already having a 'huge impact' on churches, Second Church Estates Commissioner has warned.

More than 200 churches are already facing big cash shortfalls on repair bills, as a result of the £25,000 cap on the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, MPs have heard.

A cross-party Parliamentary debate led by Marsha de Cordova, MP for Battersea and Second Church Estates Commissioner, and John Glen, MP for Salisbury and South Wiltshire, heard of the 'huge impact' that the £25,000 limit on claims is having on 260 churches, including some cathedrals, where large scale repairs are under way or about to start.

Opening the debate, in Westminster Hall, Ms de Cordova called on the Government to make the Listed Places of Worship Grant scheme permanent, ending the uncertainty over its future.

She also called for the cap to be lifted on grant claims and for the Government to set up a new capital funding scheme for listed places of worship of all faiths and denominations.

The debate, with interventions from MPs of all political parties, heard that Holy Trinity Clapham in southwest London, which Ms de Cordova attends, now needs to raise a further £1 million for a major repairs scheme

designed to make the church more accessible to the local community, as a result of the £25,000 cap.

Ms de Cordova told MPs of the 31,000 social action projects run or supported by Church of England churches.

"Parishes have a specific duty to serve all their communities, regardless of background or affiliation. Our churches are not just there for Sunday services; they are active seven days a week," she said.

John Glen MP told the debate of the contribution churches and cathedrals make to culture and the arts as well as social action through food banks, warm spaces, or acting as a venue for Alcoholics Anonymous, debt counselling, grief counselling, youth clubs and parish meetings.

"I want to emphasise that we must fully acknowledge the enormous contribution that our church buildings make and the value-add that they provide—spiritually, socially and in looking after the most vulnerable people," he said.

Joe Morris MP for Hexham told the Commons that churches in his constituency are not just places of worship but vital resources for community cohesion and resilience. He said churches in his constituency had a historic role in the story of Christianity in the UK.

"These churches are not simply relics, they are not simply bits of our history that have seen their day and are now merely decorations," he said.

"They are the beating heart of our communities, they provide for a community spirit that I think is unparalleled elsewhere in

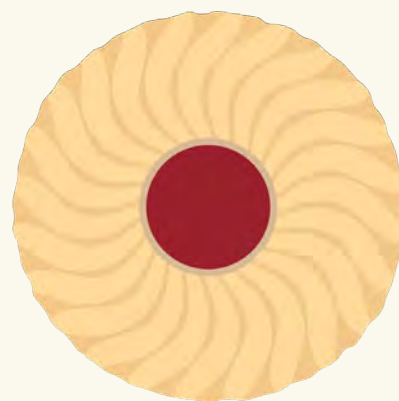
the world."

Liberal Democrat spokesperson Max Wilkinson, MP for Cheltenham, said many people turn to churches in times of hardship and crisis. "Churches are responsible for running the majority of food banks in the UK. They often step in where the state has stepped back."

In January this year the Government announced a one-year extension of the Listed Places of Worship grant scheme, but reduced the total amount of money available and introduced a £25,000 cap on the amount that can be claimed by a place of worship.

Pressed by Marsha de Cordova on whether the scheme would be made permanent, Department of Housing, Communities and Local Government Minister Jim McMahon said: "Any matter of future funding members will appreciate is a matter for the Spending Review."

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## MU Cream Tea - what a lot of smiling faces!

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June Mothers' Union had their annual cream tea in the church hall to raise funds and socialise. We all enjoyed scones with jam and cream followed by cakes. Throughout the afternoon Jane kept our cups topped up with tea and did a brilliant job. A total of £323 was raised and this will go to the Mothers Union Summer of Hope Appeal for the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). "Across the DRC, conflict continues to uproot families and devastate communities. This summer, be part of a movement that nurtures resilience and brings hope to families." (from MU literature).

Thanks, go to all MU members who arranged the event, made cakes and all those who attended.

At our next meeting on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm, we will have a talk from Keith Edmondson about The Camino. Members and non-members are welcome.

*Jill Clarke* ✝



Spot Tony Williams...



See page 3 for more photographs



*Lo I Am With You Always*

Wide fields of corn along the  
valleys spread;

The rain and dew mature  
the swelling vine;

I see the Lord in multiplying bread;

I see Him turning water into wine;

I see Him working  
all the works divine

He wrought when Salem-ward  
His steps were led;

The self-same miracles around  
Him shine;

He feeds the famished;

He revives the dead;

He pours the flood of light  
on darkened eyes;

He chases tears, diseases,  
fiends away;

His throne is raised upon  
these orient skies;

His footstool is the pave  
whereon we pray...

From a poem by John Charles Earle (1749 – 1818)



## From the Parish Registers

### Funerals

We offer our love and sympathy to the relatives of:

**22<sup>nd</sup> May**

Michelle Jayne Langton at St Wilfrid's

**23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Nora Hirst (88) at St Wilfrid's

**4<sup>th</sup> June**

Nancy Sherwood (97) at St Wilfrid's

**5<sup>th</sup> June**

John Richard Shepherd (71) at St Wilfrid's

**10<sup>th</sup> June**

Graham Painter (78) 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

### Weddings

We offer our congratulations to:

**24<sup>th</sup> May**

Jake Carr & Lauren Smith

**24<sup>th</sup> May**

Simon White And Andrea Pullan

### Church Floodlights

St Wilfrid's Church was illuminated on:

**16<sup>th</sup> June**

In Loving Birthday Memories of Eric Postles

### Baptisms

We welcome into the Christian Family:

**1<sup>st</sup> June**

Hartley Andrew Gary Hirst

**15<sup>th</sup> June**

Delilah Grace Wattam

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**Worry is like a rocking chair;  
it will give you something  
to do, but it won't get you  
anywhere.**

**Anon**



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# Service Roster for July

## St Wilfrid's

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July

10:30am Holy Communion at  
**Fernbank Court**

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

9:30am Holy Communion

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July

#### Third Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Morning Prayer

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July

9:30am Holy Communion

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July

#### Fourth Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Holy Communion

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July

9:30am Holy Communion at **St  
Wilfrid's Court**

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

9:30am Holy Communion

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July

#### Fifth Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Joint Celtic Communion at  
**St Wilfrid's**

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

9:30am Holy Communion

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July

#### Sixth Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Holy Communion

### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July

9:30am Holy Communion

## St Francis

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

#### Thomas The Apostle

10am Holy Communion

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July

#### Third Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Holy Communion

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July

10am Holy Communion

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July

#### Fourth Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Methodist led Service

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July

10am Holy Communion

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July

#### Fifth Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Joint Celtic Communion  
at **St Wilfrid's**

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July

10am Holy Communion

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July

#### Sixth Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Morning Prayer

### Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July

10am Holy Communion

## Methodists

### Brayton

#### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July

10:30am Morning Worship

#### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July

10:30am United Service with  
Burn and Hambleton

#### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July

10:30am Morning Worship

#### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July

10:30am United Service at  
Hambleton  
6pm Evening Worship

### Burn

#### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July

10:30am Morning Worship

#### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July

10:30am United Service at  
Brayton

#### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July

10:30am United service with  
Hambleton

#### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July

10:30am United Service at  
Hambleton

### Thorpe Willoughby

#### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July

10:30am Holy Communion



**DUNKING POTENTIAL - A SOLID 4 OUT OF 5**



# The Directory

# Tea Up!

## Coffee Corner

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July**  
**10am - 11:15am**  
**St Francis Church**

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

## Community Lunch

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**  
**12noon-1:30pm**  
**St Wilfrid's Parish Hall**

**The last Community Lunch before the summer holidays!**  
A simple lunch of soup & dessert with custard for only £5! **Pat**

## Tea@Two

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July**  
**2pm-4pm**  
**St Wilfrid's Parish Hall**

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

## Coffeemates

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July**  
**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 12<sup>th</sup> July**  
**10am - 11:30pm**  
**St Wilfrid's Parish Hall**

Enjoy cakes, crafts, and a raffle! We hope to see you there! **June**

# Wellbeing

## Methodist Church Coffee Morning

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July**  
**10am-12noon**  
**Brayton Methodist Chapel**

The charity for July is 'Shine', a charity supporting those with, and raises awareness of, spina bifida and hydrocephalus. Anyone who enjoys coffee and chatter is welcome to join us. **Lorraine**

## Soup and a Song

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July**  
**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 26<sup>th</sup> July**  
**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 8<sup>th</sup> July**  
**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 Stitchers Group

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July**  
**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 10<sup>th</sup> July**  
**From 2pm**  
**St Wilfrid's Parish Hall**

At our next meeting we will have a talk from Keith Edmondson about The Camino. Members and non-members are welcome. **Lynn**

### Brayton WI

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July**  
**From 2pm**  
**St Wilfrid's Parish Hall**

The speaker will be Peter Finneran who will tell us about the Camino Pilgrimage. So please bring along your walking boots. 01757 702209 for more information. **Jean**

### Thorpe WI

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July**  
**7:30pm**  
**St Francis' Church**

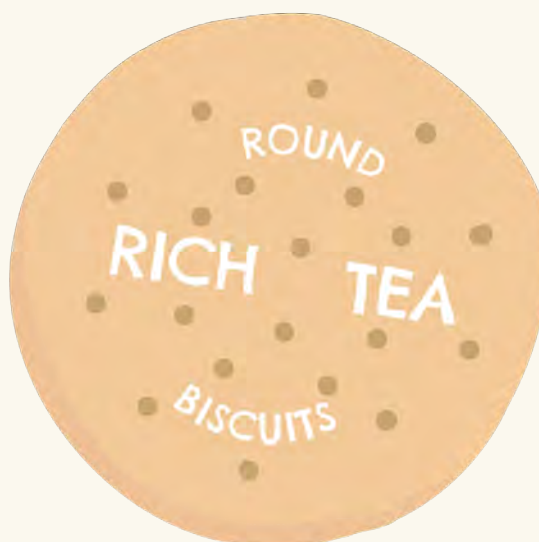
Our next meeting will be a A Taylor-Mini Crochet Project **Jan**

## Camera, Action!

### Cake, Coffee, Movie

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**  
**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**



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# St Wilfrid's Notices

## Brayton Bonanza

The first Brayton Bonanza will take place throughout Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025. Located on Brayton Village Green, the event aims to bring together the different groups, people, activities, pursuits, and interests that make up the community and social fabric of Brayton. The brainchild of Lauren Howley and friends, the day will form a showcase of the village. There will be displays, activities, and live music. St Wilfrid's will be represented, based in a large teepee tent. Although the main activities start at 11am St Wilfrid's will hold the Morning Prayer Service in the teepee beforehand. After the service the tent will be used to display many of the activities associated with St Wilfrid's.

The event is still being planned, and more details will be available on the St Wilfrid's website and in the August *Connected*. For now, add a note to the diary!

**John Clarke**



Lauren announcing the forthcoming Brayton Bonanza that is to be held on the village green on Sunday 24th August 2025. Image by John Boyer

# St Francis' Notices

## Coffee, Cake and Movie @ St Francis

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in each month: next showing 18<sup>th</sup> July. 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](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup> July, 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**



## #TheParishThisMonth (Continued)



St Francis held its annual Strawberry Tea event on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Throughout the afternoon the attendees were treated to delicious strawberry teas.

By the look of it, the event was well attended, aided by the gloriously warm sunny weather. Thanks to Jan Tetley for the photographs.



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