

31st May 2026

Trinity Sunday

Collect

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the
knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into
the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever. Amen

Bible Readings

[2 Corinthians 13:11-13](#)

[Matthew 28:16-20](#)

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What's On This Week

Sun 31 st May	Trinity Sunday	10am	Heatherycleugh	United Service
Mon 1 st June		9.30am	Stanhope-Hall	Morning Prayer
		7pm	Barrington Hall SJC	Oh God, it's the Vicar!
Wed 3 rd June		10am	Stanhope-Hall	Eucharist
Thur 4 th June		9.30am	Stanhope-Hall	Morning Prayer
Sat 6 th June		tbc	Contact Graeme for details	Church in the Wild
Sun 7 th June	Trinity I	10am	St John's Chapel	Eucharist
		10am	Stanhope-Hall	Eucharist
		3pm	Stanhope-Hall	Informal Worship
		3pm	Durham Cathedral	Installation of Bishop of Durham

A full and up-to-date calendar of church events can be found on the [Benefice website](#).

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News

Christian Aid Big Brekkie at Stanhope



Thanks to all who helped to make this occasion a success. Nearly £300 was raised on the day, but further individual donations pushed this figure to nearly £700 – well done everyone!

Church in the Wild



This new initiative happened for the first time on Saturday 16th May. Find out more about the general idea [here](#) and read about one person's reflection on their first experience [here](#) .

The next Church in the Wild will take place this week on Saturday 6th June – if you think it might be for you please [contact Graeme](#) well in advance for more details.

Questions About Faith



“Oh God, it’s the Vicar!”

Graeme has been offering a series of one-night events throughout the Upper Dale for those who perhaps don’t attend church regularly but would like to know more about the Christian faith.

Read more [here](#), including an update on sessions in Cowshill and Eastgate

There is one final date remaining:

- 1st June Barrington Hall, St John’s Chapel 7-8.30pm

Work Completed on Heatherycleugh Bell Tower

Churchwarden Sue Fowler writes:

Work has finally been completed on the bell tower at St Thomas Heatherycleugh in Cowshill. Lord Roofing carried out essential re pointing work and the replacement of lead flashing due to the problem of significant long term water ingress, which has affected the inside walls of the church. Re decorating however will have to wait until the walls are able to dry out sufficiently.



Bishop of Durham

The Rt Rev Rick Simpson will be installed as Bishop of Durham next Sunday at Durham Cathedral. At the recent Diocesan Synod he made an inspirational speech about his conviction that the Church is at a turning point. You can find a link to a video of the speech [here](#).

And finally...

THE PIANO

HOW TO MOVE IT SLIGHTLY CLOSER TO THE LECTERN WITHOUT OBTAINING A FACULTY



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General Information

To add any items of news to this newsletter please contact Sandie Barton at westweardalenews@gmail.com. Photos of church events etc. would be lovely (but do make sure any people in the photos have given their permission!)

The deadline is 3pm on Thursday for issue by email on Friday. Sandie is also happy to add people to the circulation list, on request.

Durham e-News: a regular email from the Diocese for worshippers and people with an interest in the diocese. It contains the latest news and features from the Diocese, and can be delivered directly to your inbox. To sign up simply fill in your details via this link: [Diocesan newsletter](#).

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To arrange a baptism, marriage or funeral please contact Rev Heather Ross as above.

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