

12th July 2026

Sixth Sunday After Trinity

Collect

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Bible Readings

[Romans 8:1-11](#)

[Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23](#)

What's On This Week

Sat 11 th July		7.45am-8.15pm	See details below	Beating the Bounds
Sunday 12 th July	Trinity 6	10am	Cowshill	Eucharist
		10am	Stanhope-Hall	Eucharist
Mon 13 th July		9.30am	Stanhope-Hall	Morning Prayer
		6pm	Stanhope-Hall	Stanhope PCC
Tue 14 th July		8pm	Zoom	Faith Through Music
Wed 15 th July		10am	Stanhope-Hall	Eucharist
Thur 16 th July		9.30am	Stanhope-Hall	Morning Prayer
Sat 18 th July		9.30am	Frosterley Village Hall	Breakfast Church
Sun 19 th July	Trinity 7	10am	St John's Chapel	Eucharist
		10am	Stanhope-Hall	Eucharist
		3pm	Stanhope-Hall	Service of Praise

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

For Your Prayers

We keep in our prayers all in our community who are in any kind of need. Our prayers are asked particularly for Kathleen Kirby.



We pray for all those deacons and priests ordained in the past week, and for Ray as he continues his placement amongst us.

Oh God, it's the Vicar!

Following on from his series of meetings up and down the Dale where he invited non-church people to come with their questions about Christianity, Graeme is releasing a series of short videos in which he answers some of the questions he received – such as 'Is Christianity Nonsense?' and 'What is Church'? You can find these videos [on the website here](#) and you're welcome to share them on social media if you would like to.



Faith Through Music



The Faith through Music group will be looking at the hymn the uplifting setting of Mary's song of praise, "Tell Out My Soul" on Tuesday 14th July at 20:00, by zoom.

We always enjoy an open and fruitful discussion as we look in more detail at the hymns we use in our worship, and would welcome anyone that wants to join the conversation.

Contact Richard via the newsletter if you want to receive the zoom invitation

Beating the Bounds of the Parish of West Weardale



Richard Walsh will be Beating the Bounds of the Parish of West Weardale on the 11th July this year. He's planning to walk alone, but, borrowing an idea from The Reverend Graeme Holdsworth, Richard invites folk from West Weardale and the surrounding areas to enjoy a "Church in the Wild" inspired event at one or more of the five places the Parish Boundary is crossed by a road.

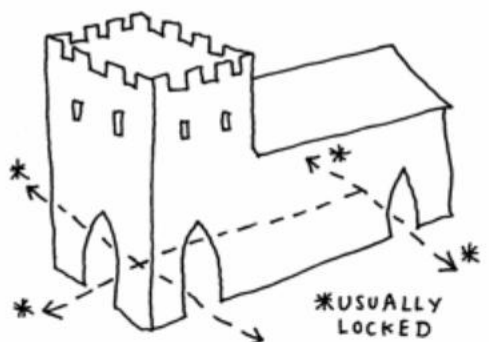
Richard will be using sections of Psalm 107 at the five crossing points, to guide prayers for those in West Weardale that feel lost, those that feel trapped, those that feel overwhelmed and those that feel pushed about, and to give thanks for our beautiful dale. At the same time, he will take the opportunity to look outwards, and pray for our five adjoining parishes.

If you want to join with Richard at one or more of the crossing points, then please read Graeme's vision for the "[Church in the Wild](#)". For obvious safety reasons, it is important you follow the directions in Graeme's notes, and, in particular, that Richard knows who he is meeting each of the crossings. They're spread through the day (07:45 is the first, 20:15 the last), and Richard will happily send you a schedule if you're interested in joining with him in praying for our beautiful dale and beyond.

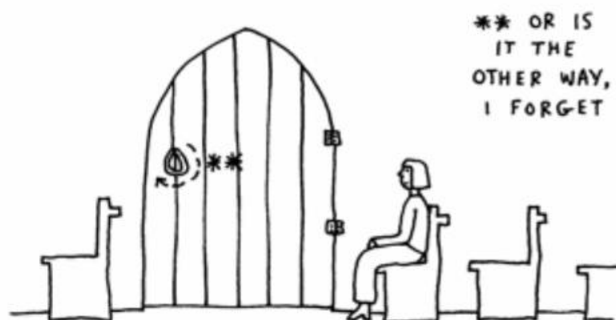
For more information or to join Richard in prayer please contact him in advance via westweardalenews@gmail.com

And finally...

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES



KNOW WHERE THE EXITS ARE



IF YOU ARE SEATED NEXT TO ONE OF THE DOORS
FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH ITS OPERATION



GET USED TO ADOPTING THE
BRACE POSITION



PROCESS OUT IN AN ORDERLY FASHION

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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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