

9th August 2026

Tenth Sunday After Trinity

Collect

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to
be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Bible Readings

[Romans 10:5-15](#)

[Matthew 14:22-33](#)

What's On This Week

Sun 9 th August	Trinity 10	10am	Cowshill	Eucharist
		10am	Stanhope-Hall	Eucharist
Mon 10 th Aug		9.30am	Stanhope-Hall	Morning Prayer
Tue 11 th Aug		6.30pm	Richard's House, Cowshill	West Weardale Mission Sub- Committee
		8pm	Zoom	Faith Through Music
Wed 12 th Aug		10am	Stanhope-Hall	Eucharist
Thur 13 th Aug		9.30am	Stanhope-Hall	Morning Prayer
Sat 15 th Aug		9.30am	Frosterley Institute	Breakfast Church
Sun 16 th August	Trinity 11	10am	St John's Chapel	Eucharist
		10am	Stanhope-Hall	Eucharist

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 children during the school holidays, for freedom, friendship, fun and safety; we pray too for those who care for them, who may have to juggle work and family commitments as well as financial pressure.

Cowshill Garden Party

The annual Garden Party took place on Saturday 1st August in St Thomas' Church and the Village Hall, Cowshill. Thanks are due to all who helped and supported the event. Over £500 was raised for church funds.



Faith Through Music



This month's Faith through Music will look at the lovely hymn that celebrates God's creations, and praises him for them: ***For the Beauty of the Earth.***

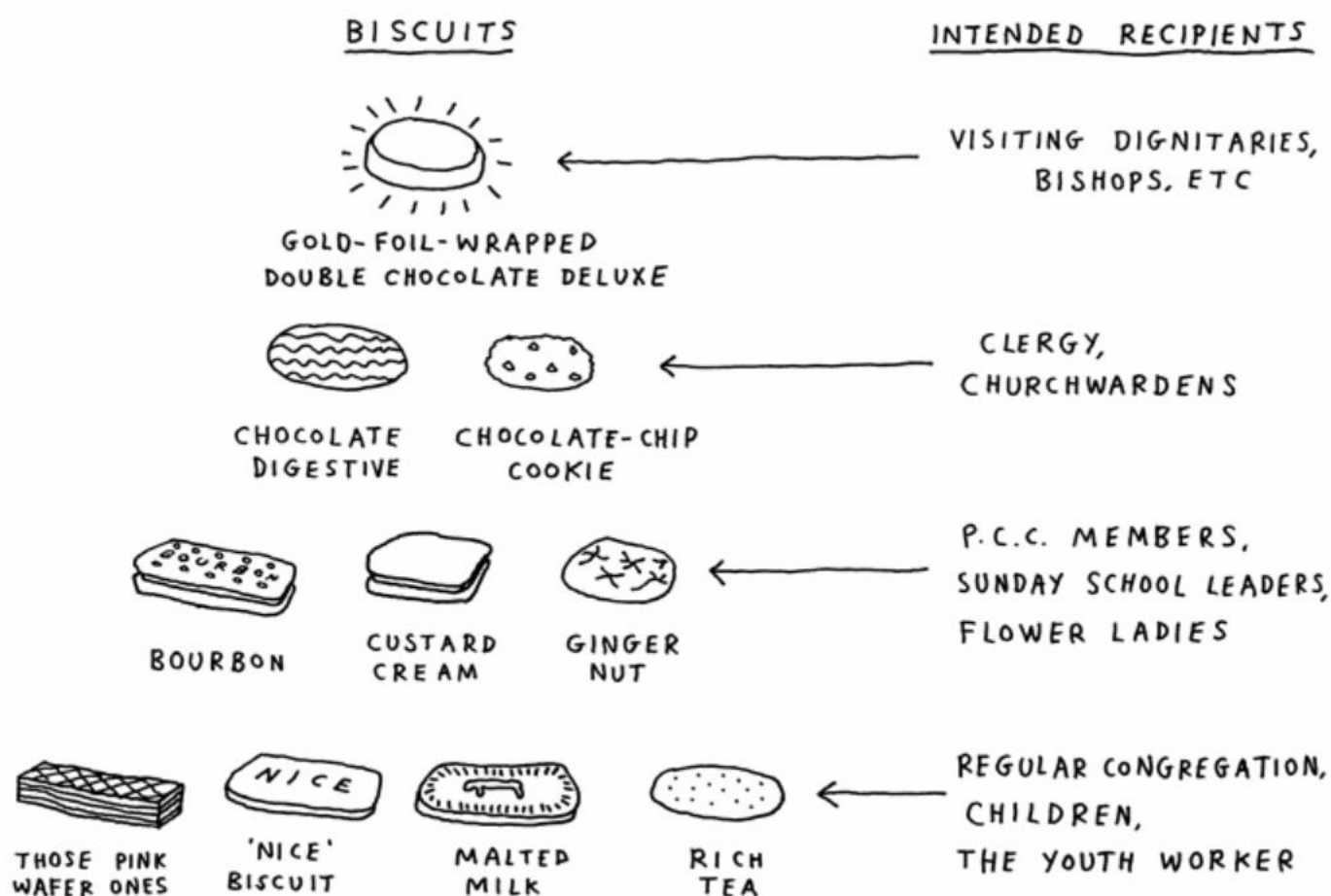
We're not doing anything creative with the format. Richard will give a very brief introduction, and then open the floor to a freeflowing discussion that might look at questions such as do we like the hymn, how does the hymn speak to us and how many verses do we think it should have. Richard will have thought of some Difficult Questions, should the discussion dry up.

The discussion will take place over zoom at 20:00 on the 11th August. Contact Richard via the Newsletter for an invitation (which will likely come out on Monday, because Richard is taking a long weekend)

It's always good to welcome new faces to our discussion, particularly if they bring new perspective or insight. So please get in touch and join the fun

And finally...

THE HIERARCHY OF BISCUITS



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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.

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