

<b>TODAY 'Generosity Sunday'</b>	8.30am 10.15am 12.15pm 5-7pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Baptism Service Sunday Supper (Years 6+)	St. Stephen's St. Stephen's St. Stephen's Parish Hall
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9-11am  2.15pm	Squeals on Wheels <i>(Babies and Toddlers)</i> MU Branch Meeting	St. Aidan's  St. Aidan's
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7-7.30am 10am	Meeting for Prayer Holy Communion	St. Aidan's St. Aidan's
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> <b>Trinity 13</b>	8.30am 10.15am 5-7pm	Holy Communion Parade and All Age Worship Sunday Supper (Years 6+)	St. Stephen's St. Aidan's Parish Hall

### Bible readings for Sunday 15th September

Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28 (Page 631) Luke 15: 1-10 (Page 874)

### A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR TODAY

We praise you, our Father,  
for the abundant and inexhaustible riches  
which you lavish upon us in Christ as  
members of your Church.

Help us to respond to your love in terms of  
our wealth and possessions,  
and to act always as responsible stewards of your  
grace; that we may give as freely as we have received,  
and do all in the name of him who gave his all for us,  
Jesus our Saviour and our Lord. Amen.

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## Welcome to the Church of St. Stephen & St. Aidan News From The Pews

8th September 2019  
'Generosity Sunday'



### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things  
which we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation  
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Kyrie

Lord, when we dismiss your generosity or taking it for granted  
and the desire for more takes away our contentment,  
leads us into temptation and makes us captive to money.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, when pride tells us we have earned and deserved all we have  
and our heart is set on this world's riches and we lose sight of you.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, when our generosity fails,  
when we hold earthly things too tightly  
and set our hearts on today and not on your kingdom.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**

*Based on 2 Timothy 6:8-9, 17-18*

### Today's Readings are:

2 Corinthians 8:1-15 (page 967) & Luke 6:37-38 (page 863)

### Post Communion

Father, in creation, the gift that keeps giving,  
you have provided abundantly for the world you have made;  
in broken bread and wine outpoured  
you have given to us your very self in your Son Jesus.

Grant us wisdom to support and to set free those bound in debt and money anxiety. Grant us contentment to live with gratitude and care for the earth. Grant us wisdom to manage well all that has been entrusted to us. Grant us grace to give generously of all that has been given to us. **Amen**

**PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:**

- us to be the Church Christ calls us to be.
- those living in: Tostig Avenue and Smeaton Grove.
- our Outreach PCC sub-Committee meeting tomorrow evening and our Barn Dance on Friday evening.
- Sarah, Peter and family, Peter Shaw, Hazel Elrod, Anna & Peter Lewis, Evelyn Wroe & Lauren, Kimberly and family.
- the Taylor family and Ken Cooper's family as they have this week an interment of ashes and a funeral respectively.

**NOTICES**

A WARM WELCOME to all today and especially to any visitors among us. Please note:

- Sunday School starts TODAY. Prizegiving will be on Sunday 29th September during our 11am United Harvest Festival at St. Aidan's followed by a shared lunch.
- Our Prayer Ministry Team will be available at the end of our 10.15am service today at the front of the church if you would like someone to talk to and to pray with you in confidence.

**CONGRATS TO REVD ELLIE BANGAY** - We have recently heard that Ellie has become engaged to Tim! We hope to have a card to sign in church today.

**KEN COOPER** - Ken Cooper's funeral will be held this Wednesday, September 11th at 11am at St. Stephen's Church.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

We are holding a 'Schooldays Songs of Praise', on Wednesday 25th September, between 2 and 3pm at St Aidan's. There will be lists in both churches for you to choose your favourite hymns and share your schoolday memories and photographs. Please contact Jennifer Deamer for further details.

**ARE YOU GOOD WITH MONEY?** The team which counts collections weekly, normally on Monday mornings, would welcome a couple of new recruits. If you might be interested, please speak to John Goodrich.

**FREE FAMILY**

Friday 13th

September

6 - 9pm

**BARN  
DANCE**

Acomb Parish Church Hall, Front Street  
**Please bring your own drinks & snacks**

**SEPTEMBER MAGAZINE**

Copies of our September Parish magazine can be found at both churches and the Parish Hall. If you have any articles you would like published or future events known, please send them to the editorial team by the 16th of the month.

*YOU ARE INVITED TO COME TO:*

**OUR NEW MONTHLY PRAYER GATHERINGS** - These will take place at 7.30pm for one hour at St. Aidan's. The first one is on Monday 16th September - please come along.

**OUR SMALL GROUPS** - As the new term begins so will our small groups for fellowship and Bible study. If you are not already a member do consider coming along to one - just ask the Vicar for more information.

**AN EXCLUSIVE PREVIEW OF 'KALEIDOSCOPE'**

This is on Tuesday 10th September at 7.30pm at the Friargate Theatre (Riding Lights Theatre Co).

**MEET THE NEW DEAN AT YORK MINSTER** following the 5.15pm Choral Evensong on Thursday 12th September over drinks and nibbles! Anyone like to go along with the Vicar?