

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

February 2014

for the villages of Aldwark, Alne, Flawith, Tholthorpe, Tollerton and Youlton

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Your Parish Newsletter lets you know what is happening in your local churches and villages. So, please have a look inside – and if there is something going on that **YOU** would like to publicise, then please send it in.

## A Meditation after Christmas



When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the wise men have returned home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock.....

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoners,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace to those in conflict,  
AND to make music in our hearts.....

Rev Chris Park based on a verse by Howard Thurman

# Family Time

## Fun, Faith, Food

**Sunday 23 February 2014**

**4 – 6pm**  
**Alne Cricket Club**

**Everyone Welcome**  
Contact: 01347 838122

**THANK YOU to all Christingle makers**



***A Huge THANK YOU for all your time and money that you so freely gave to provide Christingles for the wonderful service on Christmas Eve in Alne. Once again you went the extra mile making more Christingles than expected due to fewer helpers coming forward. Bless you all!***

## MARRIAGE MOT



**Saturday 8 March – 9.30am – 12.30pm**

Each year we have a morning where we help to prepare the couples who are getting married in our parish churches for their married lives together. We have also used this time to help those who are already married to put tools in their kit bag for a happy married life – the Marriage MOT.

If you are already married and would like to join us you would be very, very, welcome. All we ask that you come as a couple. We will not ask you to say anything to anyone except your husband or wife – so nothing embarrassing – just time apart to invest in your marriage.

If you would like to join us please either ring or e-mail Rev Chris Park so that we know numbers for the day. No charge is made but if we will ask for a donation to cover the cost of materials.

### **PARENTING?**

*Because children don't come with a manual and because parenting is probably the hardest job in the world, Alne Primary School have liaised with Family Matters York to discuss the possibility of holding a parenting course to encourage us all!*



*The course will consist of five sessions to give parents "time out" to think about:*

- ❖ helping your child to be happy at home and school*
- ❖ keeping children safe in today's world*
- ❖ talking with your child about difficult subjects*
- ❖ issues you are interested in*

*Each session lasts for 2 hours and is run by 2 trained facilitators. The course is being generously subsidised and there is no cost to parents. We would like to run the course after the February half term at a time to suit as many parents as possible either during the school day or early evening.*

*If you are interested and would like to attend, please contact Alne Primary School 01347 838427 with your name and contact details indicating which times you would prefer.*



*An invitation to*

***Be Still***

***Celtic Meditation***



*At St Mary's Church Alne, Thursday 27 February,*

*From 8.45 am followed by coffee and croissants and ending by 10 am.*

*You are warmly invited to take time out of the busyness of life and to 'be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46:10). Rev Chris Park*

## **ST MARY'S CHURCH ALNE**

### **Loss of lead from roof**

On Wednesday 12 December more than 150 people gathered at Alne Church for the funeral of the late Fred Gill. Two nights later thieves climbed on to the roof and took some of the lead, mainly from the roof gully on the south side of the nave. This sickening action, which damaged a significant and well-loved building, will be expensive to repair (even with some insurance cover). As it happens, the architect had advised earlier in the year that the lead would have to be replaced and The Rev Chris Park and the PCC will be launching an appeal soon.

### **Christmas 2013**

In spite of the theft of lead, church events took place as usual. These included a most enjoyable Christmas lunch at the church on the 18 December, the Christingle on Christmas Eve and our usual services during Christmas week. A big thank you to all those who helped to clean and decorate the church, and to those who provided food and assistance for the lunch.

### **Choir**

During the holidays, the youngest members of our congregation, Katie and Molly Bray, launched a choir at the church. Ann Whiteley has kindly agreed to help with this project. Please call Ann on 830109 if you would like to sing with this group.

## **PARISH CHURCH RECORDS**

### **Baptisms**

6 October 2013 Alfie John Slater

1 December Isabella Grace Sargent and Sophie Elizabeth Sargent

### **Funerals**

11 December Fred Allen Gill

7 January 2014 Evelyn Tenniswood

## **THANK YOU!**

### **A WORD OF THANKS FROM JOAN BROADHURST FOR THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY IN ALNE. Joan writes ....**

To all who live in Alne. This is the time of year when we may wonder, what if? Our two church wardens Carol Glen and Peter Cove see our needs and show us what can be done. They gather teams of people to keep our church open and its surroundings clean and tidy....and our village a joy to live in. These teams care for the church yard, provide coffee both after services and at the Coffee Mornings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month. These teams give lifts to church for the older and infirm of the village so that they are able to go to church each week. I myself am most grateful for you for the latter, without which I would not be able to attend church. Thank you to you all!

## **KENYA CALLING?**

You are invited to the Vicarage, Monk Green House, Main Street, Alne on **Tuesday 25 February 2014 at 7.30pm** to discuss the possibility of a visit to Kenya in Summer 2015. This visit will be an opportunity to see the work of Compassion in and around our partnership project in Kima, south east of Nairobi. Whether you already sponsor children, might be interested in doing so, or would be up for a life changing adventure, seeing life through the eyes of the poor in Africa, please do come along for a chat! Rev Chris and Angela Park 01347 838122.

## **BLAZE - WOMEN'S DAY 2014**

Join us for a day worshipping and praying with women of all ages. Gain support, learn from others and enjoy meeting new friends in a relaxed environment. Christy Wimber, Senior Pastor of the [Yorba Linda Vineyard](#) in California, will deliver inspiring teaching specifically tailored to women.

**Date:** Sat, 15 Mar 2014 09:00 to 16:00

**Venue:** Harrogate International Centre

**Cost:** £22 if bought before 16 January, and £25 thereafter.

**Booking:** <http://www.new-wine.org>

## **ALNE GARDENING CLUB**

The Gardening Club will meet in the Village Hall on Wednesday February 26 at 7.30pm. The Speaker will be Mr C Abott - Subject "Wild New Zealand".

## **ALNE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.**

Wishing all our members a happy new year. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th February at 2pm. I have no venue at the moment but will be in touch with members nearer the time. Looking forward to seeing you all in February. Sue Hufton.

## **ALNE STREET FAYRE**

Alne Street Fayre has discussed with North Yorkshire County Council their

proposals for the road closures in Alne on Sunday 08-June. The plan, which takes into account the safety considerations proposed by NYCC, is posted on the Alne Parish Council notice board. Emergency access and free off-site parking will be maintained as in previous years. If you have any comments, please contact Di Watkins, Alne Street Fayre Chairman, aon 01347 848366 or at dianewatkins@btinternet.com by Monday 10 February. Thank you.

## **LADIES PAMPER NIGHT TOLLERTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Friday 28 March, 7-9 pm**

This fun social evening will raise funds for the Mini Explorers (Tollerton Pre-school) a registered charity No 1033657. Lots of lovely stalls. Entrance ticket includes a glass of wine and nibbles. £4 in advance or £5 on the door Contact Pam McQuade 01347 833263 or [pamelamcquade@hotmail.com](mailto:pamelamcquade@hotmail.com) for further details.

## **EASINGWOLD TOWN BAND'S 'TRIP TO THE CONTINENT' SATURDAY 1 MARCH GALTRES CENTRE**

The theme of Easingwold Town Band's **Annual Concert** will be 'A Musical Journey Through Europe'. Their programme will include pieces from the far north and the far south of the Continent and many from countries in between, not forgetting our own.

Also featured in the programme will be the Training Band, whose young (and not-so-young) players will demonstrate the progress the band has made since its first appearance at last year's concert. Tickets are on sale at the Galtres Centre's Box Office.

As part of its drive to attract new players, the Town Band will be hosting a **Workshop for Young Brass Players** at the Galtres Centre on Sunday 15 June. Details will soon be going out to local schools. Take a look at the Band's website or – even better – come and talk to us."

## **FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 24 FEBRUARY - 9 MARCH**

This year the Fairtrade Foundation's campaign for Fairtrade fortnight is asking us to 'Stick with Foncho' to make banana's fair. In the UK we eat over 5 billion bananas a year, but while the supermarket prices for loose bananas is falling, production costs are rising and it is the banana growers who suffer. Most supermarkets now stock Fairtrade bananas so, during Fairtrade Fortnight and even beyond, why not "Stick with Foncho", and enjoy your bananas the fair trade way.



**METHODIST SERVICES**  
**All Welcome**

The Rev Elizabeth Cushion is the Methodist Minister for Easingwold and the surrounding villages. Elizabeth can be contacted on 01347 821460.			
2 Feb	3.00 pm	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion Holy Communion
9 Feb	10.30 am	Raskelf	Rev Elizabeth Cushion
	10.30 am	Brafferton Helperby	Mr Robin Jackson
	3.00 pm	Alne Hall, Alne	Rev Sue Swires
16 Feb	6.30 pm	Stillington Methodist Church	Rev Christopher Humble Café Service
23 Feb	10.30 am	Brafferton Helperby	United Service.
	6.30 pm	Lidgett Grove York	Circuit Service

**PRAYER**

**Prayer** is a vital part of the life of the church whichever denomination. You are warmly invited to join us at our regular prayer meetings. These take place at:

**Alne:** every Tuesday Morning at 9am in the vicarage with Chris Park 838122.

**Tholthorpe:** every Wednesday Morning at 8.45 – 9.15 am at the Methodist Chapel - with Pam and John Lancaster 838266.

**Helperby:** ‘Step aside’ Thursday 13 February 9.30 am at 14 The Leas, Helperby.

**Midweek Communion**

In addition to the services in the Churches there are also midweek communion services on the last Monday and Tuesday of each month in Oak Trees, Alne and Alne Hall. This month the dates for these are:

Oak Trees	Monday 24 February at 2 pm
Alne Hall	Tuesday 25 February at 11 am

“**Tuesday Group**” at Alne Hall now alternates fortnightly between Tuesdays and Wednesdays. In February this will be Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>, at 2.30pm in each case. We will be starting a new focus for our conversations this month.

**St Stephen’s Aldwark Flower Rota**

February 2014 – Lilian Taylor  
March 2013 – Vivien Bird (No flowers in Lent)

**ANGLICAN SERVICES  
FEBRUARY 2014**

**Sunday 2 February**

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Aldwark	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Alne	10.30 am	Hoy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Brafferton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Hawthorn
Thormanby	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Carmel Gittens
Tollerton	10.30 am	Morning Worship	John Rhodes

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**Wednesday 5 February**

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Brafferton	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
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**Sunday 9 February**

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Alne	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Brafferton	10.30 am	Methodist HC	Robin Jackson
Myton	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Tollerton	10.30 am	All Age Worship	Rev Chris Park / Tricia Little/Tim Adams

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**Sunday 16 February**

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Aldwark	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Alne	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth
Brafferton	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Carmel Gittens
Myton	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Carmel Gittens
Thormanby	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Tollerton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park

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**Sunday 23 February**

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Brafferton	10.30 am	Joint Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park/Carmel Gittens/ Roy Wadsworth
Tollerton	4.00 pm	Family Time	Team

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**Sunday 2 March**

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Aldwark	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
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