

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

July & August 2014

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

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## FORGIVENESS

By Carmel Gittens

I have been involved in visiting people (in my mental health work and my ministry) for over 20 years now, and I find some of the biggest problems form around the question of forgiveness. When people feel wronged it is so easy and natural to demand justice and even revenge.

I have also found that one of the biggest blocks to health (mental, physical and spiritual) is the inability to forgive. When we are unforgiving, it is like an open wound that we won't allow to heal.

Yet we see people on television who have lost loved ones to violent crime, who can say "I have forgiven the perpetrator and pray that they will find peace and turn away from their crimes"....

WHAT!! Someone has just killed your husband, wife or child. How can you can say that?

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## **FORGIVENESS**

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And the answer is often, because I am a Christian, and the bible tells us to forgive.

No matter whether we could say the same, we have to be impressed by the grace, mercy and kindness we see in these people. And importantly we need to recognise that they all say the same thing: that although they are very sad, they have found a lasting peace in their act of forgiveness.

My lovely dad was only 5'1" but used to say that it takes a big man to say a little word "sorry". Even when we feel the other person is in the wrong, saying "sorry" is often the most powerful thing we can do. And "sorry, please forgive me" even more so. In my experience the other person will often then apologise too, and ask for your forgiveness in return. But even if they do not, it is still possible for you to forgive and move on.

Forgiveness in the Bible is a prominent theme, but the act of forgiving does not come easy to most of us. Our natural instinct when we've been injured is to recoil in self-protection, rather than overflow with mercy, grace and understanding.

I believe forgiveness is a choice we make, through a decision of our will, motivated by obedience to God and his command to forgive. The Bible tells us to forgive as the Lord forgave us, in Colossians 3:13 we read "*Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*" (NIV).

So we forgive by faith, out of obedience, whether we feel like it or not. We must trust God to do the work in us that needs to be done, so that the forgiveness will be complete.

But how will we know if we have truly forgiven? We will know the work of forgiveness is complete when we experience the freedom and inner peace that comes as a result. We are the ones who suffer most when we choose not to forgive. When we do forgive, the Lord sets our hearts free from the anger, bitterness, resentment and hurt that previously imprisoned us.

Most times, however, forgiveness is a slow process, in Matthew 18:21-22, we are told that we have to keep on forgiving “*Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."* (NIV)

Jesus' answer makes it clear that forgiveness is not easy. Forgiveness may require a lifetime of forgiving, but it is important to Jesus. We must continue forgiving until the matter is settled in our heart.

I have found that prayer is one of the best ways to break down the wall of unforgiveness in my heart. When I begin to pray for the person who has wronged me, God gives me new eyes to see and a new heart to care for that person. As I pray, I start to see that person as God sees them, and I realize that he or she is precious to the Lord. I also see myself in a new light, just as guilty of sin and failure as the other person. I too am in need of forgiveness. If God did not withhold his forgiveness from me, why should I withhold my forgiveness from another?

We forgive out of obedience to the Lord. It is a choice, a decision we make. However, as we do this "forgiving," we discover the command is in place for our own good, and we receive the reward of our forgiveness - Freedom.

## **THE VICAR'S LETTER – HOPE and EXPECTATION**

As I write this article England are about to kick off their world cup campaign against Italy. The beer, snacks, t-shirts and flags are flying off the supermarket shelves. There is a passion to see the national team do well. By the time you read this of course, England's World Cup may be all over and the team could be on their way home. However for the moment I live in at least hope, even if I cannot muster up too much expectation.



The world cup of course is a fantastic spectacle – the greatest show on earth – but this year it has been dogged by stories of embarrassing corruption in Fifa, with over paid untouchables seemingly lining their pockets, and stories of social unrest in Brazil as stadiums have been built at enormous social cost to the poor communities of that country. (Thank goodness for Test Match Special – that's what I say) However, I, like many,

still cling to the hope that England will do well at the World Cup and at least better than they did in South Africa last time.

In contrast 'hope' is a key element of our faith. As Christians we have hope in eternal life. We have a hope that one day there will be a new heaven and a new earth. We have a hope that God hears us and wants to speak to us, that he is for us and wants to help us live well in a crazy mixed up and often very painful world. Indeed this hope becomes expectation as we hear of friends who know a Jesus like this personally, or when we ourselves encounter a living Jesus.

The hope we have as Christians is based on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and an expectation that one day he will return and right every wrong.

Right now I am hoping England will do well in the World Cup but the hope I have in Jesus is quite different. My hope in Jesus is more like a quiet certainty, while my hope in the English Football team is to be honest without any real sense of expectation.

Rev Chris Park  
Vicar



## 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:

**Aine:** 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. All are welcome.

**Helperby:** 'Step aside' at 14 The Leas, Helperby.

## KNIT, STITCH AND NATTER

In the **Aldwark Arms** on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month between 2 - 4pm. Please come along and help support this new friendly group Aldwark. Join us when you can. No skills required! A chance to get to know your neighbours.

**ALDWARK AREA PARISH COUNCIL  
ANNUAL REPORT 2013/2014**

In addition to the work reported in last month's newsletter, The Parish Council has also been active as follows:

**Waste Spreading** -The Parish Council met with Coast to Coast Re-Cycling Ltd. regarding the nuisance caused to residents by the spreading of waste on farmland and negotiated guidelines for its activities in the parish. To date the agreement appears to be working well as no serious complaints have been reported.

**Street Lighting** - Following NYCC's proposal to save energy by switching off certain street lights between midnight and 5am, it was agreed that two streetlights in Aldwark and Flawith would remain lit for security reasons.

**Drains in Flawith** - Work on the drains in Flawith was carried out by Yorkshire Water and we hope this problem has now been resolved.

**Adoption of the disused Telephone Kiosk in Aldwark** - The Parish Council acquired the disused telephone kiosk in Aldwark from BT and is grateful to Brian Warris who repainted it and fitted it out for use as a Book Exchange.

**Superfast Broadband** - The Parish Council d arranged a well-attended public meeting in January to consider ways in which Superfast Broadband could be brought to villages within the parish which would not benefit from the new BT service. As a result, 'I Love Broadband', is now offering Superfast Broadband to residents of Flawith, Youlton, Aldwark and Myton-on-Swale using modern radio technology.

**Winter Weather Arrangements** - It was agreed to ask local people and farmers with 4x4s and tractors to assist in any support that was required by residents who might be at risk during adverse weather conditions. Please let the Parish Council know if you are aware of any residents who might need some help.

**Roads, verges and pavements** - Following extremely wet weather and the road closure in Newton on Ouse due to flooding, the roads and footpaths in the parish were left in a very poor condition. Regular requests were made to NYCC Highways to carry out repairs. Due to cuts in the County Council's budget, this was only partly achieved but further repairs to the roads are planned, including a major refurbishment of the road from Aldwark village to Aldwark Bridge.

**Cllr. Colin Stroud, Chairman, Tel 01347 838780**

### **BLOOMING GREAT TEA PARTY**

I am holding a 'Blooming Great Tea Party' in Alne Village Hall on Friday 4 July 2014 from 2-4 pm. Please come along and enjoy tea and cakes and cream scones. There will also be a Plant Stall and a Tombola. Everyone welcome, please support Marie Curie to help raise much needed funds. Jean Teasdale Tel: 838431.

### **ALDWARK COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

You may have noticed recently that the phone box in Aldwark, now in the ownership of the parish council, has been completely refurbished and fitted out for its new use as a community library. This is thanks to the efforts of local resident Brian Warris, who has carried out a wonderful transformation. We are now looking for books to fill the shelves. If you have any books you can donate would you please leave them with me at Aldwark House, directly opposite the phone box, (a carrier bag on the front doorstep is fine) so I can get the library started, hopefully by the middle of July. Many thanks. Sue Southall

### **ALNE OIL CO-OPERATIVE**



## **Alne Oil Co-operative**

Founder member of the Lower Swale Syndicate of Oil Co-operatives

For Alne Oil Co-operative Members, the latest delivered price for kerosene was 49.04ppl (10/06/14). Prices during May averaged 50.07ppl. Boilerjuice price = 52.14ppl — a saving equivalent to £1,800 in May alone across the whole syndicate for the 78,118 litres supplied. (+ 5% VAT on all prices.)

If you are already a Cooperative Member and need oil, log onto Tate's website [www.tateoil.co.uk](http://www.tateoil.co.uk) and fill in the on-line form with your requirements (you will need the password provided by Tate Fuels). Deliveries will be made as soon as Tate Fuels have enough orders for a full tanker load to this area, with a guaranteed maximum of one month wait. In practice it will be very much shorter. If you live in or around Alne and want to know more about the Alne Heating Oil Co-operative, please visit the Alne Village website at: [http://www.alnevillage.co.uk/groups\\_oil.html](http://www.alnevillage.co.uk/groups_oil.html) or visit us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/AlneOilCooperative](http://www.facebook.com/AlneOilCooperative).



### **TOLLERTON CHILDREN'S OUTING 2014**

The date for the annual coach trip to Scarborough is **Friday 25 July 2014**. Departing Tollerton Village Hall at 9 am prompt and Scarborough at 6 pm. Fares are: Tollerton children Free; Adults £8, Senior Citizens £7, other children £4. The drop off will be Scarborough sea front. To reserve a seat please contact either Pauline Metcalfe, Green View Tollerton, 838794 or Dot Dowson, Station House Tollerton 838272. One 53 seat-belted coach available. Book early to avoid disappointment.

### **TOLLERTON MINI BEER FESTIVAL**

Previously planned for Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, this event has been postponed as the Black Horse is planning a similar event to take place in September. Discussions are underway at the Village Hall for an event similar to the Beer Festival to take place in October. Apologies to anyone who had saved the date, but please look out for further details in due course. Tim Brook 07789 298117.

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

Many thanks to Joan Walker for hosting our last meeting and making us most welcome into her home, and for the lovely afternoon tea. Thanks also to Rosemary Fox for organising the discussion. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st July. This will be afternoon tea at the Coxwold Tea Rooms at 2pm. I will arrange lifts nearer the time. This will be my last meeting as I have limited time now I have my own business to run. I have enjoyed the friendship the fellowship has given me over the years and I will miss you all. I do hope the group will continue and someone will come forward to organise the fellowship in the future as the ladies look forward to this monthly meeting. Sue Hufton

### **ALNE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**

#### **Bingo Night Saturday 5 July**

Come and join us on Saturday 5 July at 5.30pm for a great evening of family fun at Alne Village Hall. Eyes down, look in! The evening will start with Bingo followed by dancing, food and a bar. Adults and children welcome.

For tickets contact Dawn at Alne Playgroup (01347 830011/07710 571110) or email: [cshrimpton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cshrimpton@hotmail.co.uk)

**ALNE WI**

Family and friends joined us for our June meeting. Our speaker was John Lewis from the Tre-boom micro-brewery in Shipton. It was interesting to hear how John, with a PhD in cancer research, and his wife Jane a ceramics artist, came to set up the brewery, and all the hurdles - physical and bureaucratic - that they had to overcome to succeed. Producing a good beer is highly labour intensive and requires a very large amount of water (hence their own reed bed). We smelt and tasted different hops and flavourings and John had brought samples of their 3 most popular beers. This went down particularly well with the men and even those of us who don't like beer did enjoy the famous "Yorkshire Sparkle". They mostly sell direct to restaurants and pubs, but are open to the public certain times each week. Then followed a report of the recent WI AGM at Leeds, the day's speakers included Sir Andrew Motion (former poet Laureate), Dr George McGavin (entomologist & author) and Bill Turnbull (TV presenter). This year's resolution on increasing organ donation was debated and then passed. It will now become a campaign focus, alongside those from previous years - school dinners and farmgate milk prices, for example. We were invited to sign up for walks, courses and visits. Our July 9th speaker will be Kirstin Hodgson from Angel Interiors, Easingwold. Would you like to join us at 7.30pm at Alne Village Hall?

**ALNE VILLAGE HALL NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Ceilidh: 27 September, 7:30pm.** Dance into the evening, with fish & chips supper. **Tickets:** £10 adult, £6 child, (including supper) available from Gudrun (838864), David & Lee (830077).

**Seasonal Wreath making demonstration,**

**26 November, 7:30pm.** Chris Brown of Brown Nurseries will be holding a wreath making workshop in the village hall – All welcome and refreshments served.

The village hall is a community asset, managed by a small group of volunteers, all with day jobs too. Please come and join us, we need help with fundraising to continue with the village hall renovation programme. We also need somebody who could concentrate on 'just publicity'. Interested? Thank you! Call Gudrun to find out more. Check our webpage on [www.alnevillage.co.uk](http://www.alnevillage.co.uk) for more information on the hall.

## VILLAGE METHODIST SERVICES

The Rev Elizabeth Cushion is the Methodist Minister for the villages around Easingwold. Elizabeth can be contacted on 01347 821460. You are welcome at all of the village services listed below.

### MIDWEEK COMMUNIONS

In addition to the services in the Churches there are also midweek communion services on the last Monday of each month at 2 pm in Oak Trees, Alne and the last Tuesday of each month at 11 am and Alne Hall.

### JULY 2014

Date	Time	Venue	Details
6 July	10.30 am	Husthwaite Methodist Church	Mr Ian Atherton
	10.30 am	Huby Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
	3.00 pm	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Mrs Christine Stephenson
13 July	10.30 am	Husthwaite Methodist Church	
	3.00 pm	Alne Hall, Alne	Rev Elizabeth Cushion Anniversary
20 July	10.30 am	Brafferton Helperby	Mr David Marwood
	10.30 am	Huby Methodist Church	Mrs Adelaide Morley
	3 pm	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion Café Service
	6.30 pm	Easingwold Methodist Church	Paul Carter
27 July	10.30 am	St Mary's Church Alne	Rev Philip Turner, United Service inc Holy Commun
	10.30 am	Husthwaite Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
	2.00 pm	Huby Methodist Church	Slide Show

## AUGUST 2014

3 Aug	10.30 am	Stillington Methodist Church	
	10.30 am	Huby Methodist Church	Rev Graham Carter (a past President of the Methodist Conference). Holy Communion
	3.00 pm	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
10 Aug		Alne Hall, Alne	Mrs Vanessa Johnson
	10.30 am	Raskelf Parish Church	All age united worship led by Mrs Freda Taylor
17 Aug	10.30 am	Huby Methodist Church	Mr Robert Johnson
	10.30 am	Brafferton Helperby	Mrs Sylvia Bunting
	3.00 pm	Thothorpe Methodist Church	Café Service led by Mr Robin Jackson
24 Aug	10.30 am	St Mary's Church, Alne	Rev Hazel Hanson, United Service inc Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Husthwaite Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion
	4.00 pm	Huby Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion Café Service
	6.30 pm	Stillington Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
31 Aug	10.30 am	Husthwaite Methodist Church	Villages Together @ Husthwaite, led by Rev Ken Marshall, previously a Minister in this area.

### THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUP

This will meet at Alne Hall on second and fourth Wednesdays (9<sup>th</sup> and 22 July) at 2.30pm.

### St Stephen's Aldwark Flower Rota

July – Ann Hardisty

August – Carol Proudley

**ANGLICAN SERVICES  
JULY 2014**

**Wednesday 2 July**

Brafferton	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
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**Sunday 6 July**

Aldwark	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Alne	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Brafferton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Hawthorn
Myton	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Dorothy Bailey
Thormanby	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Charlotte Cranfield
Tollerton	10.30 am	Morning Worship	John Rhodes

**Sunday 13 July**

Alne	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth
Brafferton	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Rev Chris Park
Myton	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Tollerton	10.30 am	Morning Worship	Rev Chris Park/Mike Taylor

**Sunday 20 July**

Aldwark	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Alne	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Brafferton	10.30 am	Methodist	D Marwood
Thormanby	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Tollerton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park

**Sunday 27 July**

Alne	10.30 am	Meth Communion	Rev Philip Turner
Brafferton	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Myton	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Carmel Gittens
Tollerton	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Gerald Wray

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**ANGLICAN SERVICES  
AUGUST 2014**

**Sunday 3 August**

Aldwark	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Alne	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Brafferton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Hawthorn
Myton	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Carmel Gittens
Thormanby	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Charlotte Cranfield
Tollerton	10.30 am	Morning Worship	Carmel Gittens

**Wednesday 6 August**

Brafferton	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
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**Sunday 10 August**

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

**Sunday 17 August**

Aldwark	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Alne	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Brafferton	10.30 am	Methodist	Sylvia Bunting
Thormanby	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Mike Fildes
Tollerton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth

**Sunday 24 August**

Alne	10.30 am	Methodist Comm.	Rev H Hanson
Brafferton	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Myton	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Carmel Gittens
Tollerton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth

**Sunday 31 August**

Tollerton	10.30 am	Joint Service	Rev Chris Park with Christians Against Poverty
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