

PARISH NEWSLETTER

June 2014

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

The Anglican minister for the villages in the Parish of Alne is Rev. Chris Park. He can be contacted by telephone on 01347 838122 or by email at pastaparko@parkfamily.me.uk

Family Time

Fun, Faith, FOOD

Sunday 24 June 2014

4 – 6pm

St Michael's Church Tollerton

BBQ

Everyone Welcome

Contact Rev Chris Park: 01347 838122

THE VICAR'S LETTER

Restoring hidden treasure



My great grandfather possessed an American wall clock with a pendulum, which my grandparents and subsequently my mother inherited. By the time it reached my mother it had spent many years in the loft and had gathered much dust. However, my parents had it restored and it now chimes and ticks and is a fine piece of antique furniture in their home.

However, there is one blemish. Originally on top of this clock there was an eagle, carved and sitting proudly, surveying the world. When the First World War broke out, my great grandfather, believing the clock to be German, cut off the eagle in anger. He did not realise at the time that the clock was actually American! While today the clock is in full working order it still looks a little bit odd, because of the missing eagle.

This story is a bit like a modern day parable. We spend much of our lives hiding from God (in the loft) and not wanting his light to shine into our lives. But when we invite God into our hidden places, the areas which no longer work as God intended, he begins his work of restoration. Sometimes this work comes through times of suffering, through times when we are invited to love, when to love involves incredible sacrifice. But gradually through God's love, those areas of our lives that have been damaged and struggled to work are restored and become a thing of beauty. God's work of restoration in our lives has begun.

However, the final work (replacing the eagle) will not be fully complete, until we see God face to face in heaven. The good news for us is that there is no one who is beyond repair, and that ultimately, we can look forward to being fully restored!

Rev Chris Park
Vicar



PENTECOST

Pentecost is the great festival that marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter.



Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the twelve apostles, Jesus' mother and family, and many other of His disciples gathered together in Jerusalem for the Jewish harvest festival, that was celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover. While they were indoors praying, a sound like that of a rushing wind filled the house and tongues of fire descended and rested over each of their heads.

This was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on human flesh promised by God through the prophet Joel (Joel 2:28-29). The disciples were suddenly empowered to proclaim the gospel of the risen Christ. They went out into the streets of Jerusalem and began preaching to the crowds gathered for the festival. Not only did the disciples preach with boldness and vigour, but by a miracle of the Holy Spirit they spoke in the native languages of the people present, many who had come from all corners of the Roman Empire. This created a sensation. The apostle Peter seized the moment and addressed the crowd, preaching to them about Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins. The result was that about three thousand converts were baptized that day. (You can read the Biblical account of Pentecost in Acts 2:1-41).

The liturgical colour for this day red is. Red recalls the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended on the first Pentecost. The colour red also reminds us of the blood of the martyrs. These are the believers of every generation who by the power of the Holy Spirit hold firm to the true faith even at the cost of their lives.

A tradition of some churches in ancient times was to baptize adult converts to the faith on Pentecost. The newly baptized would wear white robes on that day, so Pentecost was often called "Whitsunday" or "White Sunday" after these white baptismal garments.

After Pentecost the season is centred on sanctification, the work of the Holy Spirit in the day to day life of the Christian. This is reflected in the liturgical colour for this season: green, the colour of life and growth. Through the gift of faith that comes only from the Holy Spirit working through the means of grace, Christians trust in Christ as Saviour and proclaim Him in their daily lives by service to their neighbours.

The season after Pentecost is the longest season of the church year -- it lasts from Trinity Sunday until the first Sunday of Advent. This is the non-festival portion of the liturgical calendar during which the church stresses vocation, evangelism, missions, stewardship, almsgiving, and other works of mercy and charity as ways in which Christ empowers us, by His grace, to share the Gospel with others.

There are three "mega-festivals" commemorated in the Christian calendar. The first two, Christmas and Easter, are well known to both believers and non-believers. But it's possible that even liturgical Christians may not be as familiar with the third, the festival of Pentecost. God the Father's wonderful Christmas gift of His one and only Son, and Christ's Easter triumph over the power of sin, death, and the devil would be of no benefit to us if the Holy Spirit did not give us the gift of saving faith.

Through the Word and Sacraments, the Holy Spirit gives us the faith which believes and trusts in Christ as our Saviour. This precious gift of faith in the saving work of our Lord Jesus Christ is the reason Pentecost is the third "mega-festival" of the church and why we celebrate it with such joy and thanksgiving.

This year we celebrate Pentecost on Sunday 8 June. You would be very welcome to join us.

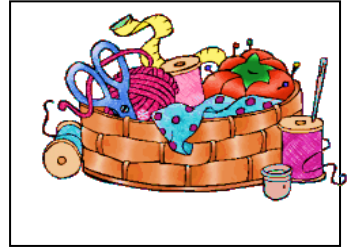
ST MARY'S CHURCH, ALNE

Is there anyone out there willing to come and help clean our Church and maintain its grounds for a couple of hours a month? The more the merrier, coffee supplied! Please phone Peter Cove 838346 or Carol Glen 838016.

Wine and Canapés at Alne Cross on **2 July 2014** from 6 pm, funds raised to support the church.

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.



THOLTHORPE WI

A meeting of Tholthorpe W.I. was held on Wednesday 16 April in the Village Hall. After the formal business had been completed, our speaker Jean Graves gave a fascinating talk on quilts and crafts produced by the Amish women of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She illustrated her talk with slides and also brought samples of quilts to show us. Delicious refreshments were served by Mary Bousfield and Sue Halstead, our hostesses for the evening.

At the May meeting our speaker, Rex Stott, gave a talk entitled 'Magic and Mystery'. He performed a few tricks, interspersed with amusing anecdotes of how he became interested in magic. Refreshments were served by our hostesses for the evening Jean Hammond and Judith Hemming.

The next meeting will take place in Tholthorpe Village Hall at 7:30 pm on June 18th. The speaker will be Sarah MacVean who will demonstrate 'Solo Salsa'. It promises to be a fun evening so do come along and try us. We are a friendly group and new members are made very welcome.

ALNE COFFEE SHOP

It is with regret that Mary and I have decided to close down the Coffee Shop with immediate effect. We have given a great deal of thought to our decision. We are not too sure how long we have been serving coffee/tea and home-made biscuits on Wednesday mornings, but we do know that we have added to Village Hall funds by a few hundred pounds as well as buying new coffee beakers and helping with the purchase of a replacement hot water boiler. We are grateful for the support you have all given, and hope that if another Coffee Shop replaces this one you will support that venture too. We will miss you all! Mary and Carol.

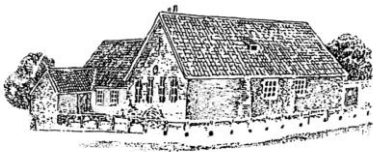
ALNE CRICKET CLUB

New nets funding

The Alne cricket club forms an important part of the Alne community. On a Thursday evening in early summer excellent coaching is provided to around 70 boys and girls. However the coaching is hampered by the poor quality of the cricket nets which are desperately in need of updating. This obviously comes at a cost and the club are looking to form a fund raising committee to raise the necessary finance. Anyone interested in helping would be welcome to attend the initial meeting on Thursday 19th June at 7pm. The kids weather

permitting will be having a coaching session and the bar will be open so please come along and help to raise the necessary funds and have a drink at the same time. Anyone interested in helping but can't attend please ring Margaret or Peter on 838119 or email gobbip@aol.com.

ALNE VILLAGE HALL NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The Village Hall

Ceilidh: 27th September, 7:30pm. Dance into the evening, with fish & chips supper.

Tickets: £10 adult, £6 child (12yrs and under)- tickets include supper. Tickets available from Gudrun (838864), David & Lee (830077).

Our recent AGM provided a good summary of a very busy past year which has seen several of the village hall upgrade items ticked off the list-of- things- to- do – with more hoping for this year, depending on grants available to us. We need more helpers to run this village asset – for example, we need somebody who could take on Publicity as their sole remit – any takers? Call Gudrun to find out more. Check our webpage on www.alnevillage.co.uk for more information on the hall.

USEFUL LOCAL INFORMATION:

Further information about your local villages can be found on the local village web-sites. Why not go and have a look at:

FLAWITH, YOULTON, ALDWARK AND TOLLERTON WEBSITE : www.tollerton.net

ALNE WEBSITE: www.alnevillage.co.uk.

ALNE OIL CO-OPERATIVE



Alne Oil Co-operative

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

Alne Oil Co-operative Member prices during April averaged 50.10p/litre, with the lowest price of 48.77p/litre occurring on 4th April. During the same period, the BoilerJuice average price was 52.51p/litre — a saving to Co-operative Members equivalent to £2,130 in April alone across the whole syndicate for the 82,433 litres supplied. (+ 5% VAT on all prices).

If you are already a Cooperative Member and need oil, log on to Tate's website www.tateoil.co.uk and fill in the online 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 wait of one month. 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 .

Visit us on Facebook: 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

The next Tollerton mini Beer Festival, is planned for **Saturday 23rd August**. Last year's band, 'The Y Street Band', proved so popular, that they are booked for this year too. Food will be a hog roast, which always goes down well. Tickets will be available in advance from our village shop over the summer. If there are any young musicians/bands out there that would be interested in an open mic during the afternoon, please contact me. It will be a very good way of gaining exposure.

Please make a note on your calendar, invite your friends and family for the weekend, and make a party of it! Look out for more information closer to the time. I look forward to seeing you all, Tim Brook 07789 298117.

TOLLERTON CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Save the Date!!

Tollerton Children's Christmas party will be held on Sunday 7 December 2014 between 3 and 5pm, with a disco, raffle and food for all children up to primary year 6. More details will follow nearer the date.

ALNE WI

Our April speaker was Carol Turner, a chocolate scientist from the Ministry of Chocolate, who traced it's history from the beginning in S. America where Aztecs were drinking cocoa 3,000 years ago, through the middle ages, when a king and a pope died from eating it (due to the additives) to the present day. We tasted it from the "nib", the tiny seed within the bean through to modern 85% cocoa chocolate. Mmmm. We heard that the quality of chocolate depends on the variety and quality of the bean and how to temper it for cooking. Cocoa is the highest known source of serotonin, no wonder it makes us feel so good! Our topic this month also had a S. American connection. Our speaker was Jacki Barlow of Beacon Alpacas, Hushwaite, accompanied by Lucca (a white male) and Cosmo (a black male). Alpacas were prized by the Incas and are still the staple diet in Peru. She has 43 at present, including stud males and pregnant females, with 11 cria due this year. They need to be sheared annually, fleeces are so soft to touch, as were Lucca and Cosmo, There are actually 23 different colours of fleece in

the world Jenny and Joan reported on their visit to Sutton Bank Gliding Club to see the WI centenary baton arrive after a trip by light aircraft, and then handed over to North Yorkshire West Federation. It will finally reach the Albert Hall in 2015 for the centenary AGM. We debated this years resolution, regarding organ donation, and were invited to sign up for a variety of courses and visits. Our June 11th speakers are from the Boom micro-brewery, why not join us in Alne Village Hall at 7.30pm.

GIRLGUIDING **WE DISCOVER, WE GROW**

Girlguiding is the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK. It is a girl only space, open to all girls, of all faiths and backgrounds, and it aims to give girls a voice, both in the UK and abroad.



We are very lucky to have some fantastic Units in Easingwold and surrounding villages of Rainbows (5-7 years), Brownies (8-10 years), Guides (10-14 years) and Rangers (14-18 years); each of which give the children and young people who attend them, and their leaders, the opportunity to develop their skills and have some fabulous experiences. We do everything from camping to pop concerts, and from gardening to international travel.

We are currently looking for new volunteers to help run units of all ages. You don't need to have been a member of Girlguiding yourself, and full training is provided. Girlguiding UK provides a comprehensive supply of resources to use at meetings, and there is a wide local support network.



If you think you might enjoy helping out at any type of unit, then please contact Belinda Channing on 01347 823077 or come along and see us at Alne Street Fayre on Sunday 8 June.

ALNE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

Our meeting on Tuesday 3 June at 2pm will be held at the home of Joan Walker. I will be in touch nearer the time to arrange lifts. I hope you are all keeping well. Regards, Sue Hufton.

Editor's note: I repeat my usual request to you all, to make the most of this great community facility and to send your feedback, comments, news and events to news@abchurches.org.uk on or before the 16th of each month.

ALLOTMENT IN THOLTHORPE

As summer is upon us, those of you with green fingers may be interested in 'growing your own' fruit and vegetables this year by renting an allotment in the village of Tholthorpe. The allotment is located in Moor Lane, just before the industrial estate. If you would be interested in renting the allotment, or would like to know more about it, please get in touch with Sue Halstead, Clerk to Tholthorpe Parish Meeting, Pemberton House. 01347 833046. Skh.333@btinternet.com

ALDWARKE AREA PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARISH ASSEMBLY ON 20TH MAY 2014

Various matters were reported to the Parish Council, which has worked hard on behalf of local residents during the year. We will report on them in this and subsequent issues of the newsletter.

Footpaths: The Aldwark Ramble in Easter week 2013 organised through the Parish Council by Boroughbridge and Area "Walkers are Welcome" group was a great success. More than forty people took part including several local residents. The new footpath along the banks of the River Ure from Aldwark Church to the bridge was opened and a new footbridge over Shorn Dyke in Youlton has at last been installed by NYCC and is of rugged construction. Following a request from an elderly resident in Youlton a simple bench has been installed in Hag Lane. It is frequently used by residents, walkers and cyclists.

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. All are welcome.

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

THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUP

This will meet at Alne Hall on second and fourth Wednesdays at 2.30pm.

St Stephen's Aldwark Flower Rota

June – Jean Willetts

July – Ann Hardisty

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.

Date	Time	Venue	Details
1 June	10.30 am	Stillington Methodist Church	Mr Robin Jackson
	10.30 am	Huby Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
	3.00 pm	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
8 June	10.30 am	Alne Hall, Alne	Mr Robin Jackson
	6.30 pm	Stillington Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion
15 June	10.30 am	Huby Methodist Church	Sylvia Bunting
	3.00 pm	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion Café Worship
	6.30 pm	Stillington Methodist Church	Paul Carter
22 June	4.00 pm	Huby Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion Café Service
	6.30 pm	Stillington Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
29 June	10.30 am	Huby Methodist Church	Philip Turner Church Anniversary

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.

**ANGLICAN SERVICES
JUNE 2014**

Sunday 1 June

Aldwark	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Alne	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Dr Mike Darnell
Brafferton	10.30 am	Baptism	Rev Chris Hawthorn
Myton	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Carmel Gittens
Thormanby	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Carmel Gittens
Tollerton	10.30 am	Morning Worship	Chris Park/John Rhodes

Wednesday 4 June

Brafferton	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
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Sunday 8 June

Alne	9.00 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	All Age Worship	Rev Chris Park

Sunday 15 June

Aldwark	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Alne	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Brafferton	10.30 am	Methodist	Peter Halls
Brafferton	6.30 pm	Compline	Carmel Gittens
Thormanby	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Tollerton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park

Sunday 22 June

Thormanby	10.30 am	Joint Service	Rev Chris Park and Church Army
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Sunday 29 June

Alne	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Tollerton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev R Wadsworth/ Tim Adams