

PARISH NEWSLETTER

June 2017

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

There is now a vacancy for the Priest in Charge of the Alne Parish, although Carmel Gittens is still with us. She can be contacted by telephone on 01423 360702 or by e-mail on carmel-gittens@live.co.uk. However please try contacting the church wardens as the first point of contact – a full list of wardens is provided on page 5

Thy Kingdom Come!



From Ascension until Pentecost this year (25th May – 4th June) we are all invited to join in a global wave of praying. There are resources to help us pray in all of our churches during this global invitation to prayer. You can also download these from www.thykingdomcome.global.

Rev Chris Park

Thank you!



This is my last magazine article as my family and I move on to pastures new. I would like to say a huge thank you for the many kind words, to all who have supported us practically as a family, and also the support for the life of the churches here during the past nine years. It has also been a genuine privilege to accompany many of you during some of the lowest and happiest seasons of life. It has also been a real delight to see folk discovering God's personal love for themselves, either more deeply, or even for the first time. Hallelujah!

We will be moving to Huntington at the end of June so we are not far away. If you would like to stay in touch please let us know.

This is a beautiful corner of God's world. As well as missing people we'll also miss the dog walks and the beauty of creation which is so easy to take for granted. I love watching the changing seasons and have never seen so many owls in my life!

During the vacancy please refer all queries to Carmel Gittens on 01423 360702, Arthur Harland in the Church Office: office@abchurches.org.uk and your local wardens. During the vacancy the Church Office will be moving from the vicarage to Tollerton Church where a new phone line will be installed. The number should appear in the next magazine. The Church Office is manned on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings by Arthur Harland.

The recruitment of my successor is already under way, but the earliest someone is likely to be in place is New Year 2018. Your wardens should be able to keep you updated on where we are in the recruitment process.

Wishing you all God's Shalom,
Rev Chris Park.

THE END IS NIGH!

The next few months seem to be really tough ones for our children. Visiting the schools as I do, I see even little ones worried about their SATS and older ones worried about Mocks, GCSEs, and A levels. Securing places in University or college, and the subsequent stress of this intense kind of study. It would appear that our society is consumed with exam achievements and the pressure both in terms of emotional and financial stress that puts on educators, young people and their families is enormous.

Having just gone through a very intensive year of study I have often said throughout it all that I must be crazy at my age returning to essays and studying for days and nights on end, with my nose buried in a book. Normal life gets put on hold and all the things you love to do in your “spare” time must wait.

Striving for perfection is, I'm afraid, part of who I am, often with exhausting consequences. But one thing really struck me whilst attending a service at Easter school in Durham, when the celebrant spoke about the purpose of Jesus' sacrifice at Easter. I mean...what was all that about? Jesus gave his life as the ultimate atonement for all sin past, present, and future. Once for all! And what that means is that you and I have been totally freed, totally loved and totally forgiven. We cannot earn our place in heaven, it is already guaranteed, because as Christians, we live by faith through the grace of God. If we just believe in Jesus as our Saviour all striving ceases.

But what did that mean for me? I got the sudden realization, like a slap in the face, that I am good enough.....that God loves me no matter what I do. I do not have to be an A* student for Him.

Does that mean that I stop studying or learning, or trying my best...No! not at all, but what it does mean is that good enough is good enough. If I have given it my all, within my ability, that is all anyone can ask for. Also it means that God created this world for our enjoyment and getting out and about in it was something I was really putting on hold, and that was not good for me or my friends, parishioners and family.

So I decided there and then, that even during the frenzy of deadlines for all the assignments, and the feeling that I could never study enough or retain what I had just read, I had to make a little time for just being me. Now I speak to all those in a similar situation. Yes, exams are important and all the work you put in to them will pay off in the end. But do not lose yourself in the process. Do not become so absorbed in the work that you forget to enjoy life, or even worse become ill trying for perfection.

The end is in sight! No, I'm not talking about the general election result! I'm talking about the end of term and the long summer holiday period beckoning our children and young people to put the cares of exams aside.

I remember those school holidays as seemingly endless days of sun and relaxation. Building tents in the garden around the swing and sleeping out. Packing up picnics and fishing for tiddlers in the local stream. Halcyon days! But of course, it wasn't really like that. Well, not all the time...

We often look back with rose-tinted specs, remembering the golden days nostalgically when life was good and there were happy endings. Many of my friends who are vicars know that it was always our predecessor who got it right and rarely ourselves! But why not make the most of those opportunities today, when the sun is shining and all is well in the world, to celebrate and give thanks to God for his goodness in the here and now?

We all need to take time to stop and view, to catch our breath and acknowledge the graces of God in our lives. To mark a 'holy day'. A little more fun, relaxation and play would do us all good and help us regain strength, energy and vigour for the tasks ahead. So let's encourage our children or grandchildren to enjoy their 'hol(y)days' - and let's join in ourselves!

With love and blessings
Carmel

Carmel Gittens' Ordination

Carmel Gittens, our House for Duty Reader, is to be Ordained on **2nd July at York Minster**. The service begins at **10.00a.m.** but we have been asked that anyone attending needs to be in their place by **9.30a.m.** Please tell the attendants when you arrive that you are from the Brafferton and Alne Benefice attending the ordination of Carmel Gittens, as we have some reserved seating for our parishes.

In the afternoon we have refreshments at the village hall in Helperby from 1.00p.m. and we would love you to join our celebration. You would all be very welcome.

The following Sunday will be Carmel's first service as an ordained Deacon and we are holding a joint benefice service at **10.30a.m. in St Peter's Brafferton**. Please do come along to celebrate and give your support as Carmel begins her new ministry here amongst us and pray that she is strengthened through our prayer by the Holy Spirit for the tasks that lie ahead in the coming years.

News from Alne Church

Gift Day 23rd May – On behalf of the Vicar and all members of the church we offer our sincere thanks to all those who have made donations this year. As you will know the money will be allocated to rebuilding the roof as part of the restoration appeal. In the meantime members of the project group continue to work with the Heritage Lottery Fund and our architects, developing detailed plans for the restoration work.

Coffee Morning 27th June 10.30 a.m. – Open to everyone. Please note that thanks to the kind offer of help from friends from Tollerton and Aldwark churches, we are now able to arrange lifts to the church for these events – please contact a warden from your local church or Peter Cove (838346) if you would like to join us and require a lift.

Alne Street Fayre – Sunday 11th June – Please note that there will be no service in Alne that morning. Nevertheless, the church will be open all day for visitors and friends. The church will again celebrate the beginning of the Fayre with the ringing of the bells by members of the Brownies and Rainbows (thank you!!). There will be a programme of events including all the entries to the children's competitions, musical recitals (cello by Helen Dawson & Eleanor Kellett and organ by Ann Whiteley) and guided tours of the church. There will also be a number of slide shows of previous events in Alne. Do visit the church if you can.

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St. Michael's Tollerton

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary

Refurbishment News

At the time of writing, the on-going works to the Village Hall are reaching completion. The old kitchen has now been converted to a warm and comfortable room with its own entrance and en-suite facilities. It also has a small kitchen area with tea and coffee making facilities and a large fridge. This room will be ideal for groups of up to 10 to get together. The room makes a perfect facility for formal meetings too, if you don't fancy holding a work-related gathering in your house – contact us for hiring this new room.



The extensive renovation was possible thanks to a grant from Wren FCC Community Action Fund.

We plan to furnish this room with comfortable chairs and low tables, and have to raise the funds for these. If you would like to sponsor a chair (or part of a chair) please contact Gudrun on 838864.

Dates for your diary

Don't forget our Saturday morning pop up cafes, from **8.00 to 10.00a.m.** on the **first Saturday of the month.**

And the bakery van is stopping every **Saturday at 8.00a.m.** outside the village hall – delicious!

The Beautiful South Tribute night was a great success and over 60 tickets were sold .We raised over £300 towards the ongoing refurbishment and maintenance of the hall. Thanks to all those who joined us for this highly entertaining evening. The music just made us want to dance – and so we did.

Pub Night Friday 26th May at 7.00p.m.

Get the bank holiday weekend off to a great start by joining us for our pub night. Of course the sun will be shining (!) and we can drink and chat alfresco and enjoy the lovely light evening. Do come and join us if you get a chance it's a great way to get to know your neighbours and make new friends. Accompanied well behaved children are welcome.

Saturday 1st July

We are running a day of events to give everybody a chance to come and take a look at our new room:

POP up Café 8.00 to 10.00a.m. come and get your bacon butties and relax with friends.

Afternoon Strawberry Tea 3.00 to 5.00p.m (with or without prosecco).

Hopefully the sun will be shining and we can relax in the back garden with freshly picked strawberries and cream. We would welcome any offers of help with baking cakes or scones and helping on the day.

Quiz Night 7.00p.m. Also on 1st July, our summer quiz night. Once again we have special guest quiz masters, so don't miss what should be a great evening. Tickets are £3 and the maximum number for a team is 6. There will of course be a bar and refreshments and plenty of time for socialising.

Pub Night Friday 21st July at 7.00p.m.

Celebrate the start of the school holidays by joining us for our pub night. Children welcome.

If you would like to get involved in helping with or running any event, please let us know.

You can contact us at alnevillagehall@gmail.com You can check our webpage on www.alnevillage.co.uk for more information on the hall and upcoming events or follow us on Facebook. If you would like to be included on the e-mail distribution list (which is confidential) please let us know.

Alne Street Fayre

The Fayre takes place this year on **Sunday, 11th June from 12:00 to 4:30p.m.** Entry remains at £4 for adults. Children and parking are free.

2017 entertainment includes Live Falconry, Live Alpacas, Alligator Gumbo, Arc, Steel Expression, Professor Fiddlesticks, Alne School Dancers, Alne School Ensemble, Dynamic Community Band and Easingwold Town Band. Teas, BBQ, bar, ice cream, children's entertainment, Tombola, Coconut Shy, Smash the Crockery and trade stalls will all be in evidence. And children's competitions are already available from the website www.alnestreetfayre.co.uk

The proceeds from the annual Alne Street Fayre go directly to the maintenance and improvement of the fabulous Alne Recreation Ground and Playing Fields. Recent successful Fayres have also enabled grants to be made to Alne Cricket Club and Alne Village Hall.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Alne Pre-School Playgroup Fundraising

To help raise fund for our Playgroup, we will be sending out Ragbag collection sacks to all houses in Alne in **mid-July** for all your unwanted clothes, bed linens, curtains etc. Please save these for us! They will help us raise money for the Playgroup.

Thank you!



Tholthorpe WI

We welcomed Elaine Gilson-Fox to our May meeting; she gave us an overview of the history and purpose of Zumba. This was followed by a seated Zumba and a Zumba Gold session. This proved that even the most determined exercisephobe could enjoy an exercise class. The upbeat music soon had us all enthusiastically joining in, we all left the session energised, albeit a little sweaty!

Our next meeting will be a guided walk through Boroughbridge, accompanied by Mike Tasker. Our July meeting will be back in Tholthorpe Village Hall the subject being DIY and KITY.

We meet on the **third Wednesday of the month** and new members are always welcome

London Marathon Fundraising for Macmillan Cancer

A Big Thank you to all who supported my Fundraising Afternoon Tea in March and to those friends and neighbours who generously sponsored me. The Afternoon Tea raised over £500 and was well supported by many from Alne and outside. Thank you to everyone who baked cakes and helped out on the day with special thanks to Jessica and Jaya for looking after the cakes!

I ran and completed the London Marathon on Sunday, 23rd April with my sister Mel. It was long and at times painful, but I finished it!

It was an amazing experience – the crowds in London were fantastic support.

We raised almost £6,500 for Macmillan Cancer, which far exceeded our initial target of £2,000, making all that training worthwhile.

Thank you.

Jo Hall

DANCE DANCE DANCE

At **Helperby Village Hall**, couples or singles.

Latin, Ballroom and Salsa. Lessons dates **Wednesday 7th June, 21st June, 5th July & 19th July at 8.00p.m.** These lessons cost £75 to run plus hall hire of £13.50. We only charge £5.00 per person, but we cannot afford to run at a loss if the numbers drop. So please do consider supporting the classes, especially if you have attended and enjoyed the night before! Or future dates may have to be cancelled.





Alne Oil Co-operative

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

Latest (3rd May) delivered price for kerosene was **33.99ppl** + VAT. The corresponding Boilerjuice price was 38.15ppl.

Please note that Tate Fuels have updated their website and the log-in procedure is slightly different.

If you are already a Co-operative Member and need oil, either

- log onto Tate's website www.tateoil.co.uk (preferred option), click the log-in icon (top, slightly right of centre), select LSOS (Lower Swale Oil Syndicate) to login (you will need the password provided by Tate), then fill in the online form with your requirements, or
- If unable to use website, phone the dedicated Lower Swale order line **01943 854 888**

Members can order at any time — Tate has undertaken to deliver within 10 working days from order. The price charged will be that applying on the delivery date.

If not a Member, why not join? You will undoubtedly save money by comparison with your existing supplier and Tate's service has been outstanding! Membership is open to all — if you live in or around Alne and want to know more about the Cooperative, please e-mail: alne@swaleoil.org.uk

You can find information about the Oil Co-operative on the Alne Village website.



We also have a Facebook page.

Tollerton Children's Outing to Scarborough 2017

Tollerton Children's Outing to Scarborough this year will be held on **Friday, 28th July**. The coach leaves **Tollerton Village Hall at 9.00 a.m.** and departs from **Scarborough at 6.00p.m.** The Outing is also open to children from surrounding villages at a charge of £4, Tollerton children go free and the charge for all adults is £8.

If you are interested in joining us for a very enjoyable day please contact Pauline Metcalfe, tel 01347 838794, or Dot Dawson 01347 838272.

WHO CARES FOR THE CARERS?

We do!

Do you care for a loved one in your own home?

Are you responsible for a loved one in a care or nursing home?

Do you worry about someone living on their own but not really safe to do so?

Would you value meeting and sharing, maybe praying, with others in the same situation?

We plan to meet in Alne at a time to suit as many as possible.

Please contact Michèle Beverley in Tollerton tel 01347 838469 or e-mail michele@michelebeverley.co.uk

METHODIST SERVICES – JUNE 2017

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.

Time	Time	Venue	Service Details
4th June	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	Rev E Cushion (HC)
11th June	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
18th June	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	S Leah
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	J Freeman
25th June	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	10.30a.m.	Alne Parish Church	D Priestnall

**ANGLICAN SERVICES
JUNE 2017**

June	June 4th	June 11th	June 18th	June 25th
Aldwark	10.30 a.m. Baptism Rev Chris Mitchell	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Peter Bowes	10.30 a.m. Baptism Rev Chris Mitchell	
Ale	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Alastair Dunn		10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Methodist Service D Priestnall
Tollerton	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship Carmel Gittens (with Godzone)	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Jim Roberts (with Godzone)	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship Alison Dowson/John Rhodes 6.00p.m. Food & Games Team	10.30 a.m. All Age Worship Team
Brafferton	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Canon Robert Law	6.30 p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Methodist Service S Leah	10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens
Myton		10.30a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens		10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer Warden
Thormanby	10.30a.m. Morning Prayer Catherine Toase/Charlotte Cranfield			

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