

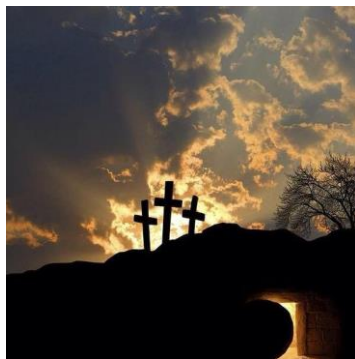
PARISH NEWSLETTER

April 2017

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

The Anglican ministers for the villages in the Parish of Alne are Rev. Chris Park and Carmel Gittens. They can be contacted by telephone on 01347 838122 or by e-mail at pastaparko@parkfamily.me.uk and 01423 360702 or carmel-gittens@live.co.uk respectively.

Happy Easter!



For Christians the pivotal moment of history is the death and resurrection of Jesus. Easter is when the suffering of Jesus and the triumph of his resurrection come together to give Christians both hope of restored relationship, forgiveness from God now.... and life after death in the future.

Holy week is a time we are invited to inhabit well the story relating to Jesus final week before his execution. A time we reflect on the incredible suffering Jesus went through until that extra ordinary scene on Easter Day when he rose from death to eternal life.

In the Church Easter Day historically was the only day in the year when new converts were baptised. Those awaiting baptism would face west at on Easter Saturday as the sun went down and then wait through the night turning to face east as the sun rose at dawn. This was symbolic of their conversion and turning away from a self-centred life, and turning to God and a God centred life.

Where ever you are and whatever you believe why not reflect on the story of Holy Week and inhabit it well. You could read this in a bible, watch it on film or come along to one of the church services.

Take time to be still and live well in the story. Have a very happy and peaceful Easter.

Rev Chris Park

Vicar

Au revoir and thank you!



In case some of you have yet to hear after 9 years ministry here I shall be leaving to become Associate Minister of All Saints and St Andrews in Huntington, York. My last Sunday services here will be on the final weekend of May.

In many ways we will be sad to move on. This is a beautiful part of the world and we know that we will miss many of the friends we have made during our time here – though thankfully we are not that far away in my new role.

I shall be organising something informal to say 'au revoir and thank you' in May and details of this will appear in the May magazine.

Holy Week



Palm Sunday 9th April – walk from Tholthorpe Methodists (**10.00a.m.**) to St Mary's Myton (**11.30a.m.**) – with an All Age Service at Myton

Wednesday 12th April 9.30a.m. St Peter's Brafferton - Holy Communion.

Maundy Thursday 13th April – 7.00p.m. St Stephen's Aldwark – Holy Communion.

Good Friday 14th April – 10.30a.m. St Michael's Tollerton - All Age service.

Good Friday 14th April 10.00a.m. – 11.30a.m. – St Peter's Brafferton.
Family Workshop

Good Friday 14th April – 2.00p.m. St Mary's Alne – Final hour at the cross.

Good Friday 14th April – 2.00p.m. St Peter's Brafferton – Final hour at the cross.

Easter Day 16th April

10.30a.m. St Mary's Alne – Joint All Age Communion Service

10.30a.m. St Peter's Brafferton – Methodist Holy Communion

9.00a.m. St Mary's Myton – Holy Communion.

10.30a.m. St Mary's Thormanby – Holy Communion.

The Calm and the Storm

As a newlywed and fresh faced young woman, I was very fortunate to be able to travel around the world with my marine engineer husband. During the long voyages, it would be my delight to walk down to the very front of the ship and to feel the wind in my face as the ship cut at speed through the waves. It was so strong it would take your breath away. I loved to see the flying fish jump from the white crests of the water as the bow parted the sea. I loved the way the sun caught their silvery skins and reflected off the water. But sometimes, during really rough weather as the ships bow would go down so deep, then hit a wave and rise up almost clear of the water I would hold my breath with fear.

Isn't this a wonderful metaphor for our lives? Sometimes we feel so exhilarated at the speed of things and the sheer joy of nature, life is good and the sun is shining. Then at other times that same life is turned upside down and we experience the storms. In the beautiful Psalm 107 below, the Psalmist seems to sum up exactly the sentiments we feel at these times:

Psalm 107:23-31 New King James Version

²³ Those who go down to the sea in ships,

Who do business on great waters,

²⁴ They see the works of the LORD,

And His wonders in the deep.

²⁵ For He commands and raises the stormy wind,

Which lifts up the waves of the sea.

²⁶ They mount up to the heavens,

They go down again to the depths;

Their soul melts because of trouble.

²⁷ They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man,

And are at their wits' end.

²⁸ Then they cry out to the LORD in their trouble,

And He brings them out of their distresses.

²⁹ He calms the storm,

So that its waves are still.

³⁰ Then they are glad because they are quiet;

So He guides them to their desired haven.

³¹ Oh, that we would give thanks to the LORD *for* His goodness,

And *for* His wonderful works to the children of men!

When life seems uncertain and unpredictable, and full of storms, let us turn to our creator and put our trust in Him who knows and loves us, for when we submit our lives into His hands all peace is restored!

Blessings

Carmel

News from Alne Church

Rev Chris Park

Most people will know that Chris and his family will be moving to Huntington in the Summer. Chris is to be an Associate Minister at All Saints and St Andrew's where he will focus on mission. We wish Chris and his family all best wishes for the future.

Alne Street Fayre – 11th June

Preparations for the Street Fayre are underway and as usual we intend keeping the church open especially for visitors. Volunteers are needed so if anyway can help us for an hour please contact Peter Cove (838346) or Carol Glen (838016).

Grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund!!

We have just heard that the Lottery Fund has agreed to give a grant of £200,000 towards the Restoration Appeal! This is extremely good news and means that the funds for the major external works are now assured and the building will be safe for future generations. We particularly wish to thank all those groups and individuals who have supported this appeal.

However, this grant will only cover the cost of the external works including a new roof and extensive masonry repairs. The restoration plan includes a number of improvements within the church, including new heating, lighting and sound systems, so our fundraising efforts will need to continue!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary

Refurbishment News

Things are going well with the ongoing refurbishment to the Village Hall. The work on the old kitchen will proceed during the Easter school holidays. This will give us an additional room with its own independent entrance and bathroom facilities, which will be a wonderful warm and comfortable space for meetings and small group activities. This work is all being completed thanks to a grant from Wren FCC Community Action Fund.



We have also been awarded a £600 grant by North Yorkshire County Council as part of their Locality Budget. This money will be used to fund a new two way fire door to the side of the hall thus giving independent access to the old kitchen once refurbished.

More good news: We have received a £10,000 grant from the Big Lottery Awards For All towards the cost of replacing all the flat roofed areas to the building. This will not only make the Village Hall watertight, but will greatly improve the insulation to the building. We are now trying to raise the rest of the funds to complete the work but hope to move forward with this project in the next few months.

Dates for your diary

29th April 7.30p.m. The Beautiful South Tribute Act

Those who attended this event last year will remember what a fantastic night this was. Tickets are now on sale for this year and we hope to have a full house for what promises to be a most enjoyable evening. Tickets can be obtained by calling Rosie on 838384 or on-line from www.wegotickets.com/event/381212. Price £6 in advance and £8 on the door (subject to availability).

For those who did not attend last year, this is a wonderful evening of music; Andy Johnson has a wonderful voice and sounds just like the real thing.

The music is all acoustic and not too loud so everybody will enjoy it. It's a great trip down memory lane; you may be surprised that you know most of the words to the songs. You will even get an opportunity for a dance should you so wish.

There will of course be a bar and light refreshments available.

Watch out for the next Pub Night. Dates will be posted on Facebook and on posters round the village. 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. Even better, if you would like to help to host a pub night, just let us know.

Spring Plant Sale – Sunday 21st May 2017. This promises to be bigger and better than last year so keep the date free in your diaries.

Jumble Sale

We apologise for the postponement of the jumble sale. We are planning to have one and will make it known as soon as we have a suitable date.

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 email distribution list (which is confidential) please let us know.

Summer Outing to Barnsdale Gardens (Geoff Hamilton)

Wednesday 21st June 2017

Cost £24 includes entrance and coach. Coach will pick up in Alne at 9.10 a.m. and Tollerton at 9.15a.m.

Please contact Jean Teasdale for more information and booking form.

Tel: 01347 838431 e-mail: jeanteasdale48@gmail.com

Alne Spring Clean

Thank you to everybody who helped with the litter picking on March 5th. We collected an unbelievable 22 bags of rubbish, plus some larger items. Most of the litter was found along the ditch and verges to Alne Station, and up The Avenue, although Back Lane wasn't that clean either! The majority of the rubbish consisted of plastics, tins and



some bottles, wrappers and fast food packaging, as well as large sheets of plastics torn off bales. Alas, there was also some fly tipping.

Alne Tennis Club

Alne Tennis Club is looking for new members. We have three newly-resurfaced courts on the recreation field and floodlights for all-year-round play. Club sessions, ladies' sessions, adult and junior coaching, monthly American tournaments, three mixed doubles league teams, a men's doubles league team and a ladies' doubles league team. All abilities and ages are catered for.

Try us out, without obligation. Come along to our Wednesday evening club sessions from 7.30p.m. and/or to the ladies' sessions from 7.45p.m. on a Tuesday evening. All fees, contact and other information can be found on http://www.alnevillage.co.uk/sport_tennis.html

Or contact Robert on 838265 or brech28@btinternet.com

Tollerton Children's Outing To Scarborough 2017

This year's coach outing to Scarborough will take place on **Friday 28th July**. Further details will follow in a later edition of this newsletter and posters around Tollerton Village.



Alne Oil Co-operative

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

If you're still not sure, please read this.....

A prospective member of the Oil Co-operative wrote saying he had recently been quoted 60p/litre ex-VAT (63p/litre incl. VAT) for 800 litres of heating oil by a local company (a subsidiary of a large conglomerate). He joined the Alne Oil Co-operative and received a delivery at 38.17p/litre ex-VAT (40.08p/litre incl. VAT).

The previous quote was an incredible 57% higher than the Oil Co-operative, and would have cost him an extra £183.36 for the 800 litres!

He wrote back, saying: *"Wished I'd know about it years ago!! I'll let our new neighbours know too."*

His mother-in-law has joined as she, too, was paying over the odds for her oil.

Please don't feel you need to be loyal to your existing supplier, they only exist to make money and the oil supplied comes from one of two refineries, produced to the same specification.

Why not join? — you will undoubtedly save money in 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 Co-operative, please e-mail: alne@swaleoil.org.uk

If you are already a member, please feel free to sit back and feel smug!

There's more information on the Alne Village website: www.alnevillage.co.uk/groups_oil.html

Volunteer Drivers Urgently Needed

Easingwold District Community Car Scheme helps those for whom public transport is not suitable or not available. Drivers are urgently needed to cover the villages around Alne, Tollerton, Tholthorpe, Linton and Newton on Ouse.

Our volunteers use their own vehicles to transport those who are frail, elderly or have special needs, to health appointments, social events, etc. Mileage at 40p per mile is paid and all our volunteers are DBS checked.

If you could help and would like to find out more please contact: Helen Lambert - Tel 01347 822875 or email helen.lambert@edcca.org.uk

Opportunities for Prayer

Monday Bible Group meets in Alne Hall on **alternate Monday** afternoons **at 2.30p.m. 10th and 24th April.**

Communion Service in Oak Trees Nursing Home on the **last Monday in each month** and in Alne Hall on the **last Tuesday in each month** – led by either Anglican or Methodist Churches.

METHODIST SERVICES – APRIL 2017

Revd Elizabeth Cushion is on Sabbatical from March to April 2017. If you would like to make contact with a Methodist Minister during these months please contact one of the following:

Revd Vivien Firth (822697)

Revd Leslie Newton (01904 491224)

Revd Christopher Humble (01904 426483)

Date	Time	Venue	Service Details
2nd April	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	C Humble
9th April Palm Sunday	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Alne	local arrangements
16th April Easter Sunday	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	E Royle
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	L Newton
23rd April	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	10.30a.m.	St Mary's Parish Church Alne	United Service J Stutt

**ANGLICAN SERVICES
APRIL 2017**

	2nd April	9th April Palm Sunday	16th April Easter Day	23rd April	30th April
Aldwark	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park				
Alne	10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Warden)		10.30 a.m. All Age Holy Communion Rev Chris Park	10.30 a.m. United Service Holy Communion (Methodist) J Skitt	

	2nd April	9th April Palm Sunday	16th April Easter Day	23rd April	30th April
Tollerton	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion with Godzone Rev Chris Park			10.30 a.m. Morning Worship Alison Dowson	10.30 a.m. Joint Confirmati on Service Bishop John Thompson
Brafferton	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens		10.30 a.m. Methodist E Royle	10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park	
Myton		10.00 a.m. Tholthorpe Methodist. 11.30a.m. Myton All Age Service	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park	
Thormanby	Morning Prayer 10.30 a.m. Charlotte Cranfield/ Catherine Toase		10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Robin Davill		

Wednesday 12th April Brafferton 9.30a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park

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