

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

April 2018

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

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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](mailto: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 11 of this Parish Newsletter.



## April Fool!

I wonder what is the best prank anyone ever played on you? In years gone by, it was always fun to spot articles in newspapers, or items in television shows that were pranks on the nation. Whilst at the time they did make an impression, I must admit the only one I can recall now is from before I was born – in 1957 the BBC made a spoof documentary about the spaghetti harvest in Switzerland. The reason I remember it is that it is often trotted out as a classic example of taking in the nation.

This year, Easter Day falls on April the First. Were we to tell someone the story of the first Easter – that some women went to their friend’s grave and his body wasn’t there – for the first time this year, they might well think we were pulling their leg with an April Fool’s joke. No one could make up the story of a God who became a flesh and blood human, lived a perfect life, died a criminal’s death though innocent and then came back to life! Of course, it sounds foolish. **It is** foolish, and that foolishness made the gospel a stumbling block to the Greeks who considered themselves wise. It is an equal stumbling block to those who count themselves as wise today.

We may be fools for Christ, but better that than to be worldly wise, because as Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, “what seems to be God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and what seems to be God's weakness is stronger than human strength.” May this Easter be a time of joy and hope to us all, and may we revel in the foolishness of the God who loved us enough to come and save us.

Blessings

Revd Carmel Gittens

# GodZone

Fun sessions for children age 3 - 13 years

Sunday mornings twice a month

For more info see our facebook page



@St Michael's Church Tollerton

## **News from Aine Church**

### **Easter Services at Aine**

Good Friday – **2.00 pm** – “Last words from the Cross”

Easter Day – **10.30a.m.** – Holy Communion

### **Future events:**

Coffee at the church – **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30a.m.**

Gift Day – **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30a.m.**

### **From the Parish Registers**

#### **Funerals**

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017      Revd Roy WADSWORTH

31<sup>st</sup> October 2017     Jean Mary BURKILL

17<sup>th</sup> November 2017   Barbara THOMPSON

20<sup>th</sup> November 2017   Elsie THOMPSON – Burial of ashes

31<sup>st</sup> January 2018     Evelyn ARROWSMITH – Burial of ashes

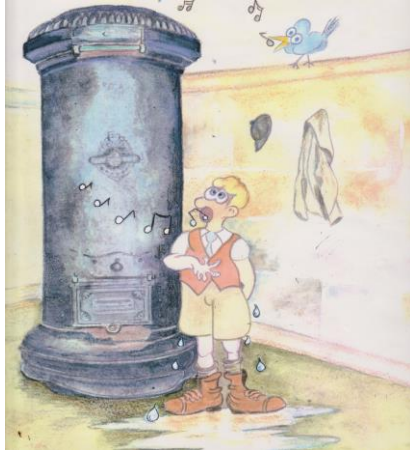
22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018   Wendy MIDDLEBROOK

12<sup>th</sup> March 2018      John Michael and Mary Christine NEEDHAM – Burial  
of ashes

15<sup>th</sup> March 2018      Graham INCHBOARD

We are sorry to report that John Kinahan, formerly of Aine, died peacefully in his sleep on 15<sup>th</sup> March.

**St. Mary's Church, Alne  
Gift Day  
at the Coffee Club meeting on  
Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
from 10.30a.m.**



We don't use the old tortoise stoves to heat the Church any more but the present heating system is inefficient as were these stoves in Victorian times.

We thank you for your kindness in the past in helping to maintain the building with your generous gifts towards the Restoration Appeal, which is progressing well. We are now looking towards improving the interior of the Church and making it more welcoming and comfortable by installing an efficient and effective heating system with improved insulation more suitable for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Curate Reverend Carmel Gittens

Churchwardens Peter Cove & Carol Glen

**Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary**



**Dates for your diary**

**Pub Night**

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.00p.m.**

**Pub Night**

**Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7.00p.m.**

Summer pub night dates to follow....

**Holy Moly and the Crackers Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm.** This is a ticket only event. At the time of writing there are less than 10 tickets remaining. If you would like to attend and don't yet have tickets please get in touch as soon as you can to check availability.

Check them out at [www.holymolyandthecrackers.com](http://www.holymolyandthecrackers.com)

Call Rosie on 838384 or Cassandra on 07464 815629

**Spring Plant Sale Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup>.** It may be a long time away but keep the date free and watch out for more details.

**Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup> 2018** "Old Time Radio Show". Put the date in your diary now, more details to follow.

**New Year's Eve 2018.** Following the success of Christmas Eve and the Pub Nights in general, we have received a number of requests to do "something special" on New Year's Eve. This would be a ticket only event. If you have any ideas or feedback please let us know. In the meantime, put the date in your diary and watch this space.

## **New Fitness Classes**

In September, Jenny Mace, who moved into the village last year, would like to start some daytime fitness classes at the Village Hall. These will be aimed at different age groups and fitness levels and will be for both men and women. Jenny would love to receive your feedback and ideas regarding what type of exercise classes you would like to take part in at the Hall. You can get in touch with jenny at the following e-mail address: [jjgreaves3@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jjgreaves3@yahoo.co.uk)

## **Refurbishment Update**

We are continuing with our ongoing program of refurbishment and improvements to the Hall. We have new windows at the rear of the property and during the next few weeks all the old guttering will be replaced. We also have some smart new and comfortable furniture in the new meeting room. This room is ideal for groups to meet in a warm and comfortable environment. It has its own access and bathroom facilities, independent from the rest of the Hall.

This is all done thanks to your support.

You can contact us at [alnevillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:alnevillagehall@gmail.com) You can check our webpage on [www.alnevillage.co.uk](http://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.

## **ALNE WI**

At our March meeting we made Easter wreaths. Steph Brown had brought ivy, flowers tiny Easter eggs, ribbon and tiny rabbits to use on the frames. She demonstrated the techniques and then it was over to us. It was amazing to see the different interpretations. We all had a good time and something to take home with us! Many thanks to Steph and to Gill Charlton who provided the in house support.

**We meet at 7.30p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Alne Village Hall.** , Our programme is on [www.alnevillage.co.uk](http://www.alnevillage.co.uk)<<http://alnevillage.co.uk>>, if anything is of interest do come along, we love having visitors.

## **ALNE VILLAGE SUMMER OUTING - Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

National Memorial Arboretum, Staffordshire (approx. 2 hrs journey) £20 per person - full details from Jean Teasdale. Coach pick-up in Easingwold, Alne & Tollerton. Tel: 01347 838431 or e-mail: [jeanteasdale48@gmail.com](mailto:jeanteasdale48@gmail.com)

### **Grass Verges Along Main Street in Alne**

On Monday morning, 12<sup>th</sup> March someone caused serious damage to the grass verge along Main Street, despite the newly laid kerb stones. The tracks appear to be those of a tractor pulling a trailer.



We are all paying for the kerbing and maintenance of the verges, through the Parish precept. Could you therefore please keep an eye out for any blatant disregard and kerb-damage-causing driving (and parking), make a note of the vehicle number plates, and advise us through the Contact page of the village website [www.alnevillage.co.uk](http://www.alnevillage.co.uk). We want to ask those who cause the damage to repair it too.

## **Tollerton Village Hall**

Thank you to all the committee members, helpers, bakers and all the people that came to the Easter Eggstravaganza on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> March. 58 children all received an egg for completing the egg hunt around the village. First prize for the cake competition went to Sue Hardy with an excellent entry for all of us to envy. In total we made £485 which will help run the Village Hall, covering the very recent cost of installing a new dishwasher.

Thank you to everyone that came out in the cold.

## **Sunday Brunch – Tollerton**

The Big Sunday Brunch will be held on **Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> April in Tollerton Village Hall from 10:30a.m. to 1.00p.m.** Everyone is welcome for locally sourced bacon, sausages and egg butties eaten in excellent company.

## **Car treasure hunt 2018**

The car treasurer hunt was originally planned for 19<sup>th</sup> May, but due to a big wedding, it has been moved to **Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018.**

Look out for Tollerton Village Hall events on Facebook.

## **Tollerton Mini Show**

You are all warmly invited to enter the mini show, which this year, will be held on **Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, from 1.00p.m, at The Black Horse pub.**

The event is purely to have fun and raise money, entertaining both young and old. After the 2017 show, £2,000 was donated equally between Parkinson's, Macmillan, Tollerton playing field and Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

All items entered for judging are subsequently auctioned off during the event.

This year's Mini Show is going to follow the same format as last, with beer, BBQ, bouncy castle, a classic vehicle, craft stall, Tombola and fun.

Start growing those vegetables, flowers, taking those photos, and planning those cakes, as this year is going to be great!



## **A special thank you**

Every community has people that constantly work behind the scenes, adding value by the things they do.

For many years now, Margaret Cochran has hosted the pub quiz in the Black Horse pub, helped by Pete & Irene; raising money towards Alne Hall. Over the years, they have raised thousands towards this cause, which I know is very close to their hearts.

On behalf of many of us in Tollerton, thank you for bringing us this regular, excellent and fun quiz. May we continue to enjoy it for many more years to come.

The quiz is held **every two weeks, on a Tuesday night from 9.00p.m.** This year, it coincides with 'green bin' week.

## **St Michael's Church Tollerton - Find us on Facebook**

St Michael's Church Tollerton now has its own Facebook page – follow us at 'St Michael's Church, Tollerton' for up-to-date information on GodZone, what type of service we are having, and other interesting bits of information about who we are and what we are up to.



## **Spring Lunch in Aid of Yorkshire Cancer Research**

A Spring Lunch in Aid of Yorkshire Cancer Research will be held at **12 noon on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018 in Helperby Village Hall.**

Lt. Colonel Stevie Webster will present a talk "From Corsets to Camouflage" – a history of military nursing including anecdotes from her own 27 year career. Tickets £20, including wine, available from Gill Jackson on 01347 821226, The Flower Shop Easingwold & Village Hall Committee Members.

## **Charity Golf Day**

on behalf of St Stephen's Church, Aldwark

at Aldwark Manor Golf Club  
Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Team Stableford  
Teams of 4,  
Best 2 scores to count on each hole  
All scores to count on the 18<sup>th</sup>

Free half-way house with homemade cakes

Now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year, this is an enjoyable and popular event.

To enter or for further details contact Bill Ormerod  
01347 838357

[helenandbill.ormerod@gmail.com](mailto:helenandbill.ormerod@gmail.com)

### **Easingwold Area Foodbank**

If you have no income, please don't go hungry - we are here to help!

Call our 24/7 Message Line (all calls strictly confidential) 0772 44 44  
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We always call you back and deliver food support to your door.  
(Supported by Tollerton Church)

## Church Warden Contact Details:

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## METHODIST SERVICES APRIL 2018

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
<b>1<sup>st</sup> April</b> <b>Easter Day</b>	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	E Cushion HC
<b>8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Alne	J Skitt
<b>15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	R Frankland
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	A Lindley café
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	10:30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	10:30a.m.	Alne	United Service
<b>29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10:30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Alne	E Cushion

**ANGLICAN SERVICES**  
**APRIL 2018**

<b>April</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April Easter</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>Aldwark</b>	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Bishop John Thomson		10.30 a.m. Baptism Chris Mitchell		10.30 a.m. Joint Service at Myton  Holy Communion  <b>Rev Carmel Gittens</b>
<b>Ale</b>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Canon Chris Hawthorn	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion <b>John Hetherington</b>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. United Service <b>D Priestnall</b>	
<b>Tollerton</b>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Bishop John Thomson	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship Alison Dowson	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion <b>John Hetherington</b>	10.30 a.m. All Age	
<b>Brafferton</b>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev R Davill	6.30 p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Methodist Service R Frankland	10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens	
<b>Myton</b>	<b>TBA</b>	10.30a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens		10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer Warden	
<b>Thormanby</b>	10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer Catherine Toase/ Charlotte Cranfield				

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