

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

December 2016 & January 2017

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

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## Carol Service

St Mary's, Alne

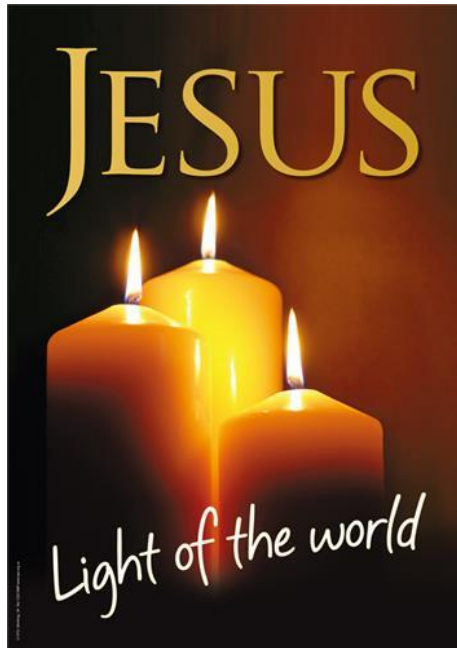
Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 7p.m. 2016



*Alne Singers*

After the success of last year we again warmly invite you to St Mary's church Carol Service. We will be joined again by the Salvation Army Band to accompany our carols, and by the Alne Singers. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Rev Chris Park.



As we come to celebrate Christmas again this year we will recall the story of Mary and Joseph travelling from Nazareth to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus. This story is about seeing a world which God loved that had plunged into darkness and God deciding to do something about that darkness – to come and live among us as a human being. Jesus himself is described in the Bible as ‘the light of the world’ shining it that darkness.

As we enter these Winter months we become more aware of the reduced daylight hours and the physical darkness we experience. However, this year many of us will have experienced other types of darkness. For some this will be the darkness of bereavement – of losing someone that we love. For others it could be some sort of breakdown in relationship and the darkness we associate with rejection. For some it may be the darkness of deteriorating health and looking forward to an uncertain future. Darkness can also be about bullying and living in fear, or losing your job and being financially vulnerable.

Whatever the type of darkness we encounter Jesus came to be light. To be God living among us and to point us to his Father and to a bigger story where there is light and hope in the midst of darkness. This 'light' is not only to be found externally in Jesus and his Father, it also a light that we invite to live within us. The final verse of 'O Little town of Bethlehem' goes like this:

O Holy child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us we pray.  
Cast out our sin and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels,  
Their great glad tidings tell.  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel.

This Christmas you would be very welcome to come along to our celebrations in church where we explore what it means for Jesus to be 'The Light of the World' both around and within us.

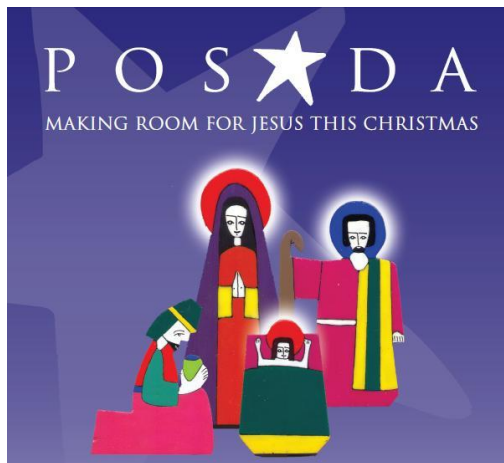
Rev Chris Park

## **Calling Christingle Makers - Urgent!**

For the Alne Christmas Eve Christingle Service we need 200 Christingles to be made! At the moment we only have offers to make 60. If you would be happy to make Christingles for us for our Christmas Eve service at St Mary's Alne would you please contact Rev Chris Park on 01347 838122 or [pastaparko@parkfamily.me.uk](mailto:pastaparko@parkfamily.me.uk)

We supply the candles and the ribbon, if you could supply the oranges, sweets and cocktail sticks.





## HOME FOR THE NIGHT?

1<sup>st</sup> December to 24<sup>th</sup> December

The tradition of a nativity travelling through the season of advent (a time of preparation for Christmas) is popular through many parts of the world. It reminds us of Joseph and Mary, searching for somewhere to stay. Joseph would not have wanted to travel whilst Mary was expecting a baby, but he had no choice! It was such a long way. They would have been so thankful if friends, family, or kindly strangers had offered hospitality.

We cannot go back in time and open our homes to Joseph, Mary and Jesus, but we can take it in turns to host the Nativity to show how we would like to have helped and that we care about others who are now without homes or security.

We invite you to offer a home for a night to our travelling nativity. It comes with the figures, story books, a journal and an explanation sheet.

Each host is requested to take the figures onto the next host. To offer:

If you live in Alne phone Carol 838016

Living in Flawith or Tholthorpe - Phone Alison 838138

Living in Aldwark – email Vivienne Bird [viviennebird@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:viviennebird@hotmail.co.uk)

We hope that this advent will be a blessing to you, your family, and friends.

# Christmas Celebrations in Church



## **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

- 7.00 p.m. Alne Carol Service with the Salvation Army Brass Band and Alne Singers.

## **11<sup>th</sup> December**

- 4.00p.m. Myton Carol Service
- 6.00p.m. Thormanby Carol Service

## **12<sup>th</sup> December**

- 2p.m. Alne School Christingle Service

## **16<sup>th</sup> December**

- 2p.m. Brafferton School Christingle Service

## **18<sup>th</sup> December**

- 4p.m. Aldwark Carol Service
- 6.30 p.m. Brafferton Carol Service

## **19<sup>th</sup> December**

- 6.30 p.m. Tollerton Carol Singing around the village starting from St Michael's Church.

## **24<sup>th</sup> December**

- 3.30 p.m. Brafferton Nativity
- 4.00 p.m. Alne Christingle
- 11.30 p.m. Alne Midnight Communion
- 11.30 p.m. Brafferton Midnight Communion

## **25<sup>th</sup> December**

- 9.00 a.m. Aldwark All Age Communion Service
  - 10.30 a.m. Alne Holy Communion
  - 10.30 a.m. Brafferton Communion
  - 9.00 a.m. Myton Holy Communion
- 10.30 a.m. Thormanby Holy Communion
- 10.30 a.m. Tollerton All Age Communion

## **Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu**

Quiz night and 'Any Questions' with the Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu.



**Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 7p.m.**  
Galtres Centre Easingwold

For tickets contact: Chris Park [pastaparko@parkfamily.me.uk](mailto:pastaparko@parkfamily.me.uk) or 838122

## **Sprouts!**

'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas – everywhere you go!' Yes, folks! Once again we find ourselves enmeshed in the Holiday Season, that very special time of year when we join with our loved ones in sharing centuries-old traditions such as trying to find a parking space at the shopping centre. We traditionally do this in my family by driving around the car park until we see a shopper emerge from the shopping centre, then we follow her, in very much the same spirit as the Three Wise Men, who 2,000 years ago followed a star, week after week, until it led them to a parking space.

But don't get me wrong, I absolutely love Christmas. I love everything about it. I love getting together with family, decorating the house like I'm hosting the Blackpool illuminations, giving and receiving Christmas cards, wrapping and unwrapping Christmas presents - the list is endless. One thing I especially love about Christmas though, is.....Brussels sprouts. Lovely green, round, soft sprouts in a big pile on my plate with turkey, stuffing, and cranberry sauce, Yummm!

Sprouts are a funny vegetable, because you either love them or hate them. For every person who loves them there are probably ten others who think Ughhh! When I was little, everybody had to have at least one Brussels sprout with their Christmas dinner in our house. It was usually the last thing rolling around your plate or, if you were very clever, you would hide it under a bit of leftover mash. "You've got to eat your greens and you'll grow up tall and strong" my mum would say. Strong! Maybe? But tall? I'm not sure it worked mum!

Some things in life you either love or hate. I love Marmite but you may not. I love butter but you might love margarine. I love chocolate (who doesn't). We all have different tastes. Sometimes, Christmas can be like that too. I love getting last minute bargains but some people I know have already bought and wrapped all their Christmas presents by the end of June. I hate writing Christmas cards at the last minute but Billy hates writing them too early. One Christmas we forgot to write Christmas cards so at the last minute we rushed round to the supermarket and bought the last two packs on the shelf. We quickly signed them and posted them, three days before Christmas only to find out, after we'd posted them all, that the message inside the card said, "This is just to say a gift is on its way!"

However we celebrate Christmas, I hope we remember that Jesus came into the world, not to be an afterthought, like a Brussels sprout that gets a look in only after we've enjoyed the turkey and potatoes on our Christmas dinner. Or the card bought and posted in haste. Jesus came to give us hope in a hopeless and hurting world. The Bible says, "Taste and see that the Lord is good."

We have so many gifts in our community, we have lots of wonderful services coming up, that no matter what your taste, there should be a service at a time and place to suit all. Let's get together this Christmas and enjoy one another's company in fellowship, to remember the hope of Christmas. Please see this magazine for details of our events and services. Hope to see you soon!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Carmel

### **News from Alne Church**

**Remembrance Sunday** – 13<sup>th</sup> November. Our service was led by the Rev Chris Park with readings given by various members of the Parish. The War Memorial in the church was decorated with some fine poppies which had been made by pupils of Alne School – thank you!

Our **service pattern** will have to be adjusted for the time being but Christmas services will continue as normal with the Christingle and Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and the 10.30 service on Christmas morning – all are welcome to join us at this important time. However, there will not be a service in Alne on New Year's Day.

Please note that the Carol Service will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 7.00 pm. A Salvation Army Band will provide music along with the Alne Singers and we hope that everyone present will join in with the singing! Refreshments will be served afterwards.



## Parish Register

### Marriage

The wedding of David Cowton and Carolynn Williams is to take place on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016

### Funerals

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 – Andrew Pearson

10<sup>th</sup> November 2016 - Dorothy Mary Wright – Interment of ashes

18<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – Ron Waudby

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Alne Singers Christmas Concert with brass quartet

Please come and enjoy an Evening of Songs and Carols with Alne Singers and the Shepherd Group Brass Quartet in Alne Village Hall on **Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7.45p.m.** Free festive refreshments. Profits to the Village Hall and Church Restoration funds. Tickets on the door £5 adults, children free.

### Burns Supper 2017

Alne Burns Supper will be held on **Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017**, in Alne Village Hall. Tickets will be available in January from Alne Primary School office. Further details of how to obtain tickets from FOAS committee members will be posted on the Alne website nearer the time.

### Alne Cricket Club AGM

Alne Cricket Club AGM, to be held at the clubhouse on **Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30p.m.** This is open to everyone involved with the club and those wanting to get involved, from senior players to junior players and their parents. If anybody needs to get in touch please feel free to e-mail: [chrisbeaumont196@googlemail.com](mailto:chrisbeaumont196@googlemail.com)

## Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary:

### Pop up Cafes

Remember the **first Saturday of the month** we are running a café at the Village Hall from **8.00 to 10.00a.m.** Please come and join us for a bacon buttie and a natter.



### Quiz Night Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Come and join us for our first Quiz Night of 2017. There will be something for everyone. Relax, chat with friends and enjoy a bit of friendly competition. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team. Doors will open at 7.30p.m. Children welcome. A bar and light refreshments will be available.

We are planning a busy program of events during 2017. Watch out for information about forthcoming events here or on our Facebook page.

### Refurbishment update

We have recently received some fantastic news. We have received an offer of Funding by WREN's Community Action Fund. This will be used to transform the old kitchen, which is currently an empty shell, into a smart new meeting and leisure space at the hall. Full details of this exciting news can be found in our annual newsletter which you should receive through your door shortly. You will also be able to find full details on our web site.

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 Village 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.



## EASINGWOLD DISTRICT LIONS CLUB SANTA'S SLEIGH VISITS 2016



Santa and his Sleigh are coming to meet you!



Thursday	1st December	Husthwaite	5.45 to 7pm
Friday	2nd December	Rawcliffe	6pm to 8pm
Saturday	3rd December	Rawcliffe	4pm to 8pm
Sunday	4th December	Skelton	4pm to 8pm
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> December	Rawcliffe	4pm to 8pm
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup> December	Raskelf	4pm to 8pm
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup> December	Shipton by Beningbrough	6pm to 8pm
Friday	9th December	Linton on Ouse	6pm to 8pm
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup> December	Easingwold	3.45 to 8pm
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> December	Easingwold	3.45 to 8pm
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup> December	Stillington & Crayke	6pm to 8pm
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup> December	Newton on Ouse	6pm to 8pm
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup> December	Sutton on Forest	6pm to 8pm
Friday	16th December	Ale	6pm to 8pm
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> December	Easingwold	3.45 to 5.15pm
Sunday	18th December	Easingwold	3.45 to 8pm
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup> December	Huby	6pm to 8pm
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup> December	Tollerton	6pm to 8pm
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup> December	Helperby	5.45 to 8pm
Thursday	22nd December	Myton & Aldwark	6pm to 8pm
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Flawith & Tholthorpe	6pm to 8pm
Saturday	24th December	Easingwold Market Place	9am to 1pm

Don't forget carols in Easingwold Market Place

Saturday 17th December @ 5.00 pm

## **St Stephen's, Aldwark**

### **Annual Carol Service**

**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, 4.00 p.m.**

Start your Christmas by coming along to our popular Carol Service which will be led by the Revd. Chris Park. The service of carols, interspersed with a variety of readings and poems, caters for all tastes. Children are especially welcome. Afterwards everyone is invited to stay and enjoy a glass of wine and mince pies.

### **Village Carol Singing**

**Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Meet at the pub at **5.30 p.m.** to go round the village singing carols and offering mince pies followed by carol singing in the pub from about **6.15 p.m.** All are welcome, adults and children alike. Great enthusiasm more important than great voices!!! (Don't forget your torch!)

### **Christmas Day Service**

**9 o'clock**

Everyone is welcome to our Christmas Morning Breakfast Service. A short **all age** coffee, croissants and mince pies. A great way to start Christmas Day!

## Opportunities for Prayer

Prayer meeting, Tholthorpe Methodist Church **every Wednesday at 8.45a.m.**

### 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.

#### DECEMBER 2016

Date	Time	Venue	Service Details
<b>4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.30p.m.	Alne	Circuit service at Haxby
	3.30p.m.	Tholthorpe	Circuit service at Haxby
<b>11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Alne	L Newton - carols
<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	S Leah
	2.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	E Cushion - carols
<b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b>		Alne	No service
	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service

#### January 2017

Date	Time	Venue	Service Details
<b>1<sup>st</sup> January</b>	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
		Tholthorpe	No service
<b>8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Alne	E Cushion covenant service

<b>15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	D Priestnall
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	E Cushion covenant service
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	10.30a.m.	St Mary's Parish Church Alne	United Service
<b>29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	3.00 p.m.	Alne	J Skitt
	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service

## ANGLICAN SERVICES

**DECEMBER 2016**

<b>December</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>Aldwark</b>	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park		4.00p.m. Carol Service Rev Chris Park		9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park
<b>Alne</b>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park	10.30 a.m. Warden led service	10.30 a.m. Baptism Rev Chris Park	4.00 p.m. Christingle 11.30 a.m. Midnight Holy Communion Rev Chris Park	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Alastair Dunn
<b>Tollerton</b>	10.30 a.m. All Age Worship  Angela Park	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (with Godzone) Rev Chris Park			10.30 All Age Holy Communion Rev Chris Park

<b>Brafferton</b>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens	10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Carmel Gittens 6.30 p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Methodist S Leah	3.30p.m. Nativity Service Maureen East 11.30 p.m. Midnight Communion Carmel Gittens	10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens
<b>Myton</b>	10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer Dorothy Bailey	4.00 p.m. Carol Service Carmel Gittens			9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens
<b>Thormanby</b>	6.00 p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens	6.00 p.m. Carol Service Rev Chris Park			9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Canon John Rendall

**Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December - Brafferton 9.30a.m.** Holy Communion Rev Chris Park

## JANUARY 2017

January	1 <sup>st</sup> January	8 <sup>th</sup> January	15 <sup>th</sup> January	22 <sup>nd</sup> January	29 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Aldwark</b>	No Service		10.30 a.m. Baptism Canon Chris Hawthorne		
<b>Alne</b>	No Service	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Canon Chris Hawthorne	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park	10.30 a.m. Joint Holy Communion Rev Chris Park	

<b>Tollerton</b>	No Service	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park (with Godzone)	10.30 a.m. All Age Worship Tim Adams	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Alison Dowson & Rev R Carew. Evening Worship 6.00p.m. (with food & games)	10:30 am Joint HC Rev Chris Park (with Godzone)
<b>Brafferton</b>	No Service	10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 6.30 p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Methodist D Priestnall	10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens	10:30 am Joint All-Age Carmel Gittens
<b>Myton</b>	No Service	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park		9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer Carmel Gittens	
<b>Thormanby</b>	No Service		9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park		

**Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January - Brafferton 9.30a.m.** Holy Communion Rev Chris Park

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