

PARISH NEWSLETTER

February 2018

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 11 of this Parish Newsletter.



Fair Trade Fortnight

26th February - 11th March 2018

Dear Parishioners

After the supernatural interventions surrounding Messiah's birth, everything apparently settles down to a more familiar rhythm. Yet, God is working in preparation for the ministry that will ultimately open the doors long shut between heaven and earth. Once more it will become possible for God's kingdom to be expressed in the earth as it is in heaven. Mary, Joseph and Jesus return to Nazareth, where Jesus grows into adulthood, growing in strength and wisdom, with God's grace recognisably upon him.

At times I grow frustrated with the normality of life. The daily round of rising, eating, working and managing life's irritations almost crushes me. I grow bored with the repetitive cycle. I struggle to find the energy to bother. But then I remember who it is that has called me to this place and this life. How can I complain when Jesus, my saviour, has given His life for me? And I also remember that seasons of apparent normality are also seasons of growth. Seeds planted in the soil do not immediately appear. They take their time, yet their ultimate harvest is contained within the kernel of that seed. Jesus, who is the seed of salvation himself, learned obedience and grew in understanding over years of apparent ordinariness.

After Christmastide, the Church calendar takes us into ordinary time. Ordinary time is the space for growing in strength and wisdom while learning to live in the grace of God. This is a precious season, for we can only ever live out of what we have discovered of God for ourselves. We cannot borrow from what others may have told us or what we have read yet failed to embrace in our own walk of faith.

Over the Christmas season I was so encouraged to see so many of you in our churches, exciting times lay ahead; times of challenge and adventure, and in the ordinariness of daily life, we do well to remember the joy peace and indeed excitement that dwells within us when we discover the living Christ and invite him into our lives. I look forward to a time of growth, reflection and challenge and offer myself again in the service of God and of you all this coming year.

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

Alne Street Fayre - Sunday 10th June 2018

Alne Street Fayre has discussed with North Yorkshire County Council their proposals for the road closures in Alne on **Sunday, 10th June 2018**. The plan, which takes into account the safety considerations proposed by NYCC, is the same as 2017 and is posted on the Alne Parish Council notice board.

Emergency access and free off-site parking will be maintained as in previous years. If you have any comments, please contact Suzi Scott-Rix, Alne Street Fayre Chairman, on alnestreetfayre@btinternet.com or 8383059, by Friday 09-February. Thank you.

News from Aine Church

Christmas

How swiftly time flies, it already seems an age since the Christmas period! Over three hundred children and adults came to the Christingle and, although we did not have a midnight service, more attended the Christmas services compared to previous years. Our thanks again to all who helped by making the Christingles, preparing and decorating the church at this special time.



Project news

We are pleased to report further progress, including a large grant from the Garfield Weston Trust. The architect's plans are being assessed and we hope that final approval will be granted soon. Notwithstanding the presence of twenty-four Natterer's bats in the church walls, we expect that work will commence in the late Summer.

Duke of Edinburgh Award students

Over the past months three Duke of Edinburgh Award students have been carrying out various tasks at the church and in the churchyard. We plan to continue and expand this arrangement and trust that these students will find further challenges in the months to come.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary



Dates for your diary

Pub Night Friday 9th February 2018 at 7.00p.m.

The first pub night of the new year. Come and join us for a drink and a catch up.

Pub Night Friday 9th March 2018 at 7.00p.m.

Put the date in your diary now so you don't miss it.

Holy Moly and the Crackers Friday 27th April 2018 at 7.30p.m.

This promises to be a fantastic evening. We are very lucky to have booked this great band as they have a very strong following throughout the local region and more widely across the UK and Europe. Put the date in your diary, book your babysitter and tell your friends. This is a ticket only event. Please buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment, the price is £12.

Check them out at www.holymolyandthecrackers.com

To reserve your tickets call Rosie on 838384 or Cassandra on 07464 815629

Spring Plant Sale Sunday 20th May 2018

It may be a long time away but keep the date free and watch out for more details.

News

Thanks to all those who attended our Christmas Eve Pub Night. It was a great success and very busy indeed. Profits were in excess of £600 and this will go towards the refurbishment of the toilets which we hope to complete during the first half of 2018.

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.

Alne Local and Fairtrade Market

Saturday 17th February



*Time to beat the **winter blues**,
catch up with friends and enjoy that breakfast
butty!*

10am – Noon
Alne Village Hall

Local Produce and Crafts
Fairly Traded Goods
&

Fair Trade Café
Bacon / Egg Butties...

All are welcome.
No entrance fee and no pressure to buy.

ALF is back
for 2018

Tollerton Bowls Club

We are a small friendly club that would love to welcome new members. We meet on a **Wednesday evening at Tollerton Village Hall, 7:30p.m.**

If you would like to try a new activity, make new friends and have some fun, please come along. You can contact us to find out more; please call me, Margaret on 01347 844087.

Tollerton Sports and Recreation Club

Thank you to everyone in Tollerton that donated money to our carol singing on Monday, 11th December. With the help from our church, and their mince pies, we managed to raise £326. This will help towards the running of the playing field.

As the New Year has arrived, we can continue to work towards replacing the play equipment on the field. Unfortunately the swings have had to be removed due safety, but we hope to find a replacement as soon as possible.

Could dog owners please note that dogs are not allowed on the field.

Tollerton Village Hall

Thank you to those that attended the New Year's Eve party. We had an excellent family friendly evening to see in the New Year. Please look out for this next year, as it makes a really nice alternative to staying home, making new friends, and enjoying the celebrations with the community.

Sunday, 21st January will have seen our first Brunch Club in the Village Hall. These are proving very popular, so thank you to all who came. Everyone is welcome to come, just look out for it on our Facebook page, notice boards, and our new A-Board on the green.

Sunday, 18th March is our next event. Bring your children down for an Easter egg hunt around the village, finished off with a cup of tea and a slice of cake in the Village Hall.

As the Chilli Hoe Down was very popular in October, we are going to run it again on **Saturday, 6th October** this year. Please put the date in your diary.

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.



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 44 750

We always call you back and deliver food support to your door.
(Supported by Tollerton Church)

NYCC and EASINGWOLD COMMUNITY LIBRARY - HOME LIBRARY & INFORMATION SERVICE

Love books but can't get to the library?

Easingwold Community Library offers a **free service** for people of all ages who, because of ill health or disability, find it difficult to get to the library or carry books. **The service is also available to carers.**

Our volunteers will select books to suit the customer's tastes and they can either be collected from the library by a friend or relative or we can deliver directly to the customer every two weeks. Our delivery volunteers are all DBS checked and cover Easingwold and all the surrounding villages. We offer **free access** to books (including large print and children's), audio books, DVDs, music on CD and information

Users can **opt in and out** so can use the service if they are recovering from an illness or operation or can't get out in bad weather.

To find out more **please contact Easingwold Library on 01609 534584** and leave your name and telephone number. Someone will call back to arrange a visit find out what sort of books or other materials are required and to explain how the service works.

We have volunteers ready and waiting to help!



EASINGWOLD COMMUNITY MINIBUS

Easingwold District Community Care Association has a new project.

It is the Easingwold Community Minibus

The 15 seater minibus has been generously funded by North Yorkshire County Council, Hambleton District Council and Easingwold Town Council and is available for hire by voluntary and community groups and schools.

EDCCA will be running a weekly assisted shopping trip to TESCO at Clifton Moor every Thursday. The pickup time will be 10:30am and return at 1:30pm. Cost £5

If you would like more details or to book a place on the minibus

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01347 822598 or email carscheme@edcca.org.uk



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METHODIST SERVICES – FEBRUARY 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
4th February	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	E Cushion Holy Communion
11th February	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	Circuit Service at Heworth
18th February	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	B Taylor
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	R Jackson (café service)
25th February	10:30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	10:30a.m.	Alne	United Service

**ANGLICAN SERVICES
FEBRUARY 2018**

February	4th February	11th February	18th February	25th February
Aldwark	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens		10:30 a.m. Baptism C Park	
Ale	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Canon Chris Hawthorn	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev C Mitchell	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. United Service (Methodist) TBA
Tollerton	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship Alison Dowson	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev A Dunn	10.30 a.m. All Age Arthur Harland
Brafferton	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Canon Robert Law	10.30a.m. Baptism Carmel Gittens 6.30 p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Methodist Service B Taylor	10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens
Myton		10.30a.m. Holy Communion Rev R Davill		10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer Warden
Thormanby	10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer Catherine Toase/Charlotte Cranfield			

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