

PARISH NEWSLETTER

July & August 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 16 of this Parish Newsletter.



BROTHER SISTER LET ME SERVE YOU

*by Richard Gillard c 1977 Scripture in Song, a division of Integrity
music/Kingsway's Thankyou Music*

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Dear friends

As I write this I will be preparing for my ordination, however by the time you read this I guess the ceremony will have taken place! So it is a little difficult putting things in the correct context.... however...firstly, I would like to thank all those who played any part in the services and celebrations of Rev'd Parks send off. I know that Chris and Angela and the girls were very grateful and moved, by your kind wishes and gifts. We wish them all the best as they begin this new season of their lives and the new ministry that Chris is being called to.

Secondly, I would like to thank you all for your patience, love and support, and most of all your prayers for the last 18 months of my vocation panel, and Ordination training. This has meant some sacrifices and rescheduling of services and my not being as available to visit as usual. But your goodwill and patience has been very much appreciated.

Thirdly for all those who will attend the Ordination service many thanks, for those who organised and supplied the refreshments at the village hall afterwards; many thanks, and for all who continue to pray and support me and my family now and in the future, we are truly grateful, and thank the Lord for you all.

When Billy and I came here from “over the hill” four years ago, I had a hymn played at my licensing called “brother sister let me serve you”. This hymn talks of the mutual serving of one another as we walk together as joint pilgrims on a journey towards faith in Christ. The words of this hymn have never been more heartfelt and real for me as I begin this new ministry as a vicar here among you. I have laughed in the good times and celebrations, and cried in the sad times of illness and loss of loved ones with you, I have grown, along with the lovely children I see regularly at school in my role as Governor and when I take assemblies at school or when they visit church. I have sung (often badly) with you, and danced with you, and been taken into your hearts and you have all been taken into mine. I promise that I will continue to serve this community first as Curate/Deacon; then in 12 months’ time, as priest in the best way that I can, not in my own strength but in the strength of the Holy Spirit, with God’s will and blessings.

Sunday, 9th July at 10.30a.m. at St Peter’s Brafferton, I really hope that you could wherever possible keep that date free in your diary, as it will be the first service after my ordination and I would love to see as many people from all our villages there. It will be a very joyful family service, but one where we will see contributions from all six churches in our benefices. My hope and prayer is that we can all come together to share services together at times, in this way in the future. We are after all, members of one church...the church of Christ... we just meet in six different buildings! Community and love for one another is at the heart of the message of Jesus, a message that has been so vividly important in the light of the terrible terror attacks we have seen amongst our country recently. Love and unity must prevail, it is the only way we can overcome the evil in this world. Let us be

shining examples of that love and unity as we meet to celebrate and give thanks for all that is good in our lives and in this world.

With love, thanks, and blessings

Rev'd Carmel Gittens

News from Alne Church

Flag at Half Mast

We have been flying the St George's Flag at half-mast since the massacre in Manchester. Since then there has been the terrible terrorist attack at London Bridge followed by the disastrous fire at the Grenfell Tower in London.

We continue to pray for all those who have been affected by these tragic occurrences and look forward to a more peaceable time for our country and indeed the world at large. The collection from Chris Park's final service at Alne has been donated to the victims of the atrocity in Manchester and we plan to make further donations for these other tragedies.

Rev Chris Park – although Chris has technically finished his ministry he has returned for occasional events such as the wedding on the 3rd June.

Alne Street Fayre - was another busy period for the church. As usual we had slide shows, competition results and stalls. The Brownies and Rainbows rang the bells to start the Fayre and we had guided tours of the church. In addition there was a magnificent display of quilts from the Alne Quilting group as well as much appreciated recitals given by Helen Dawson and Eleanor Kellett (cellos) and Ann Whiteley (organ). Our sincere thanks to all who have helped!

Restoration Project and Gift Day – the Gift Day total currently stands at £1,760 and more continues to arrive. A big 'thank you' to all who have contributed. Our Treasurer is away at present but we believe that the Restoration fund has now reached £40,000!

Duke of Edinburgh Awards – as part of their challenges, three Alne members of Easingwold School are helping at the churchyard by tidying the area, clearing weeds and carrying out minor repairs – we are most grateful for their efforts!

Services in July – please note there will be no service in Alne on **2nd July** (Carmel Gittens ordination at York Minster), **9th July** (Carmel's first service at Brafferton following ordination).

The service in Alne on **Sunday, 30th July** will be a shared service for all six churches in this area. All are welcome!

Volunteers Needed Please!!!

I am arranging the flower rota for St. Marys Church, Alne and looking for volunteers who would be prepared to provide flowers in the church, one week, two weeks or a whole month if you wish. You do not need to be a flower arranger, a bunch or two of flowers in a vase on the font and/or alcove are quite adequate to make the church look cared for and used.

However if you are interested in flower arranging it is an excellent opportunity to practice and do something different.

Please contact Jean Teasdale – 01347 838431 e-mail: jeanteasdale48@gmail.com

1st & 8th July - Gill Charlton & Pat Stafford.

15th July – Jean Yorston

22nd & 29th July - Alison Brech and Joy Robinson:

1st August – Wedding

12th & 19th August - Jean Teasdale & Lynette Evans

26th August – Carol Barrett

Many thanks.

Jean Teasdale

COMMUNITY NEWS

Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary

Refurbishment News

Last month we told you about the exciting refurbishment work done in the hall making the old kitchen into a great new meeting room and lounge area. This was all completed thanks to a grant from Wren's 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.

No sooner was this work completed then further work commenced on the hall. During May all the flat roofed areas at the hall were replaced with a new modern and very well insulated roofing system. We now have a water tight and much warmer village hall and will feel the benefit of this next winter. This work was completed thanks to a £10,000 grant from "The Big Lottery Awards Funds For All" and a further grant of £2000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation. The shortfall was funded from our own reserves which have been raised through our various on-going fund raising efforts so a big thank you to all those who attend our events and support us.

Dates for your diary

1st July - A Day of Events

To celebrate our new room and give everybody a chance to take a look, we are running a day of events on 1st July.

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

Afternoon Strawberry Tea 3.00p.m. 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 and a selection of freshly baked cakes. We would welcome any offers of help with baking cakes or scones and helping on the day.

Quiz Night 7.00p.m. Also on 1 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.

As promised, the sun did indeed shine for our first pub night of the summer on 26th May and all those who attended enjoyed a lovely warm evening in the back garden. The next one will be held on **Friday, 21st July** to mark the beginning of the school holidays. Hopefully the weather will be just as good and we can enjoy another lovely evening.

We are planning to hold a number of pub nights throughout the summer so watch out for the dates. If you would like to help run one, let us know, it is a great way to meet people if you are new to the village.

Ceilidh Saturday 23rd September at 7.00p.m.

Put this in your diary now so you keep the date free. Once again, back by popular demand "Celtic Blend" will keep us dancing. Watch this space for further details.

Don't forget our Saturday morning pop up cafes, from **8.00-10.00a.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!

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.

2017 Alne Street Fayre

The weather was kind to us again this year and despite a brief heavy shower late afternoon and a slight wind we had another successful Alne Street Fayre. The footfall was 10% down on last year however those who attended enjoyed live music from ARC, Alligator Gumbo, Easingwold Town Band and the Dynamic Community Band plus teas, BBQ, and, of course, the ever-popular bar. Professor Fiddlesticks entertained the children with juggling and balloon modelling. This year there was a beautiful exhibition of quilts in the church with organ music and a recital. The Sensory Garden at Alne Hall was also part of the Fayre with art by residents and pupils of Alne Primary School.

The wide-ranging selection of trade and craft stalls sold mouth-watering chocolate brownies, plants, Indian food, bird boxes, jewellery and everything you can think of in between!

Children were catered for with excellent rides in all sorts of shapes and sizes, hook a duck, smash the crockery and a coconut shy. Nature-lovers could enjoy the amazing Birds of Prey and walking an Alpaca! The famous Alne Duck Race was flown rather than swum this year – the winners were 1st (£50) Neil Hawkins; 2nd (£25) Vivienne Bird; 3rd (£15) Dot Metcalfe; and 4th (£10) Alan Nerva.

Many, many favourable comments were received both on social media and verbally and the 2017 Street Fayre fully lived up to its position as one of *The Times'* Top 20 UK Family Days Out.

Alne Street Fayre is the annual fund-raising activity for Alne Parish Leisure Association (APLA, registered charity no 516566) which runs the sports, leisure and play facilities on the Alne recreation field. While these facilities cost a lot to maintain, insure and improve each and every year, APLA has been able to make a substantial grant to Alne Village Hall's renovation project and continue to support other ventures in the village such as the Cricket Club. The Fayre also serves to generate income to the Village via the Caravan Park and stimulates general interest to visitors with St Mary's Saxon Church and other historical interests such as Alne Cross.

We are, as ever, grateful to the residents of Alne for their help and support for this historic annual event.

Alne Street Fayre in 2018 is on Sunday, 10th June



Alne Singers

Summer Concert

Raising funds for a new village hall piano

Alne Village Hall

Thursday 20th July—7.45pm

Entry: £5 for adults (children free)

Free interval refreshments and
entry into the 'lucky ticket' prize draw

Tickets on the door, or in advance at the pop up cafe on 1st July
and from Helen Dawson (cellohelen@gmail.com)

Alne Street Fayre Teas

A very BIG THANK YOU to all of you who helped over the Street Fayre Weekend and made the TEAS a success. And thanks too, to those who baked all the yummy cakes.

Cassandra and Margaret

Alne Singers

Alne Singers would be delighted if you would join them for their Summer Concert on **Thursday, 20th July at 7.45p.m.** in **Alne Village Hall**.

Tickets £5 for adults, children free, on the door or in advance at the pop-up café on **1st July** or from Helen Dawson (cellohelen@gmail.com). Free interval refreshments and entry into the 'lucky ticket' prize draw. We're raising funds for a new Village Hall piano.

DANCE DANCE DANCE

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

Latin, Ballroom and Salsa. Lessons dates **Wednesday 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 (14th June) delivered price for kerosene was 32.99ppl + VAT. The corresponding Boilerjuice price was 34.89ppl.

Did you visit Tate's stall at the Alne Street Fayre? We were pleased to welcome them to one of the many local events they will be supporting this year.

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 Fuels have 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 Coffee Morning

A Coffee morning in aid of Yorkshire Air Ambulance, **Saturday, 2nd September 2017 10.00 – 12.00noon** at St. Michael's Church, Tollerton will be held by Alne and Brafferton Church Group together with Tollerton Art/Craft Group.

Tollerton Children's Outing to Scarborough 2017

Tollerton Children's Outing to Scarborough this year takes place 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 adults is £8.

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

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

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.

**METHODIST SERVICES
JULY 2017**

Time	Time	Venue	Service Details
2nd July	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	Rev E Cushion (HC)
9th July	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Alne	Rev E Cushion
16th July	10.30a.m.	Central	FaithWorks Together
23rd July	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	10.30a.m.	Alne	United Service
30th July	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	10.30a.m.	Stillington	Villages Together

**METHODIST SERVICES
AUGUST 2017**

Time	Time	Venue	Service Details
6th August	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	Rev E Cushion (HC)
13th August	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Alne	K Gabbatiss
20th August	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	A Haith
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	I Hill
27th August	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	10.30a.m.	Alne	J Freeman

**ANGLICAN SERVICES
JULY 2017**

July	July 2nd	July 9th	July 16th	July 23rd	July 30th
Aldwark	Carmel Ordained 9.30a.m. for 10.00a.m. start York Minster		9.00a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Mitchell		
Ale	Carmel Ordained 9.30a.m. for 10.00a.m. start York Minster		10.30a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens	10.30a.m. Methodist Service TBC	10.30 a.m. Baptism Canon Robert Law
Tollerton	Carmel Ordained 9.30a.m. for 10.00a.m. start York Minster		10.30a.m. Morning Worship Alison Dowson (Godzone)	10.30a.m. Holy Communion Rev Jim Roberts (Godzone)	
Brafferton	Carmel Ordained 9.30a.m. for 10.00a.m. start York Minster	10:30a.m. Joint All Age Service – Carmel Gittens	10.30a.m. Methodist Service 6.30p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens	10:30a.m. Baptism Rev Robin Davill	
Myton	Carmel Ordained 9.30a.m. for 10.00a.m. start York Minster			10.00a.m. Morning Prayer Warden	
Thormanby	Carmel Ordained 9.30a.m. York Minster				

**ANGLICAN SERVICES
AUGUST 2017**

August	August 6th	August 13th	August 20th	August 27th
Aldwark	9.00a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens		9.00a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Mitchell	
Ale	10.30a.m. Holy Communion Canon Chris Hawthorn	10.30a.m. Holy Communion Bishop John Thompson	10.30a.m. Morning Prayer Wardens	10.30a.m. Methodist Service J Freeman
Tollerton	10.30a.m. Morning Worship Carmel Gittens	Service in Ale	10.30a.m. Morning Worship Alison Dowson	10.30a.m. Morning Worship Alison Dowson/John Rhodes
Brafferton	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Canon Robert Law	12.30p.m. Baptism Carmel Gittens 6.30p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens	10.30a.m. Methodist Service A Haith	10:30a.m. Baptism Carmel Gittens
Myton		10.30a.m. Baptism Carmel Gittens		10.00a.m. Morning Prayer Warden
Thormanby	10.30a.m. Morning Prayer Catherine Toase/Charlotte Cranfield			

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