

PARISH NEWSLETTER

March 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.



Fair Trade Fortnight
27th February - 12th March 2017

Lent



Lent in the church year, is the season of 40 days leading up to Easter (excluding Sundays). Lent is a time which is set aside traditionally for fasting and prayer, before we celebrate Easter and the death and resurrection of Jesus. In the early church Lent was the season in which people were prepared for baptism, and baptisms only happened once a year on Easter Day. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (1st March this year) and so we also mark the day before - Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day – when historically all the leftover food would be cooked up so as not to go to waste, as people prepared themselves to fast during Lent.

While not everyone observes Lent as a Christian, there are still a number of folk who 'give something up' for Lent as a challenge to their self-discipline. This can be chocolate, wine, TV or even social media.

Fasting as a Christian discipline is an emptying of self, in order to be filled with the goodness of God. This in turn then leads to actions which display this godly goodness. Lent then not only becomes a season of abstaining, but also a season of positive action, something we do for the good of others. These positive actions could be to do with justice for those who are oppressed, care for creation, or enhancing the life of the community.

Whatever your position of faith why not choose to abstain from something during Lent this year and turn that abstinence into something positive. A simple idea would be to use the money saved by not eating chocolate to give to charities supporting the Syrian refugees.

Rev Chris Park
Vicar

Retired Clergy Help

Many of you will realise that sadly Rev Roy Wadsworth who has been helping me to run the churches here has had to stand down before Christmas because of ill health. Roy has been here much longer than myself and has been an invaluable support to many here in the communities.

We have already been receiving help from Canon Chris Hawthorn, Charlotte Cranfield and Catherine Toase, but as a result of this loss to the ministry team of Roy I have asked some of the retired clergy in the wider Easingwold Deanery if they would mind helping out when there is a need. This means that for some Sunday services, weddings, baptisms and possibly funerals you may find some new faces helping us to provide the Christian Ministry here. So far Rev Robin Davill and Revs Peter and Beryl Bowes have already kindly offered to help.

As Carmel completes her training for ordination the need for help from retired clergy should diminish.

Rev Chris Park

WISDOM

The gift of Wisdom is often overlooked these days, one can have knowledge aplenty but having the wisdom to use it in the right way is a different matter. We see the world and all its problems, and despair, but if we pray for wisdom for ourselves and for our world leaders, we will be praying for the right thing.

The beautiful verse below was written in the 12th century by Saint Hildegarde of Bingen a visionary Abbess. It speaks of the gift of Wisdom coming from God and being in all of nature including ourselves.

I, the fiery Life of Divine Wisdom-
I ignite the beauty of the plains,
I sparkle the waters,
I burn in the sun, and the moon, and the stars.
With Wisdom I order all rightly.
Above all I determine truth.

I am the One whose praise echoes on high.
I adorn all the earth.
I am the breath that nurtures all things green.
I encourage blossoms to flourish with ripening fruits.
I feed the purest streams...
I am the rain coming from the dew that causes the grasses to laugh with the
joy of life.
I call forth tears, the aroma of holy work.
I am the yearning for good.

Holy Spirit, through You clouds billow, breezes blow,
Stones drip with trickling streams,
Streams that are the source of earth's lush greening.
Likewise, You are the source of human understanding.

You bless with the Breath of Wisdom.
Thus all of our praise is Yours,
You who are the melody itself of praise,
The joy of life, the mighty honour, the hope of those
to whom You give the gifts of the light.
Limitless love, from the depths to the stars!
Flooding all, loving all, It is the royal kiss of peace!

What a beautiful verse, and a prayer that we might all want to speak, asking
God for the blessing of wisdom on our lives and this world; it particularly
spoke to me as we welcome the warmth of spring on our lands, see the new
buds and flowers, and nature coming back to life. We must pray for the
wisdom to discern God's plan for us. And for this seemingly crazy world in
which we live, may God's wisdom be given.

Blessings
Carmel

News from Alne Church

This winter has been harsh, not just because of the weather, but also due to the loss of a number of our kinfolk and neighbours. We pray for all those who have been bereaved and confirm that the church is always open (during daylight hours) for those who seek refuge and tranquillity.

Coffee Club

Coffee Club - will be held on **Tuesday, 28th February at 10.30 a.m.**

Parish Registers

Baptism

18th December 2016 – Alexander Ellis

Funerals

23rd November 2016 - Lavinia Shaw

8th December 2016 – Betty Barnaby (interment of ashes)

6th January 2017 – Betty Wood

20th January 2017 – Peter Dalby – Service of Thanksgiving

13th February 2017 – George (Alan) Hailstone – Service at Tollerton Church and burial at Alne

15th February 2017 – Freya Westerman – Service of Thanksgiving

Heritage Lottery Funding (HLF) Co-Ordinator Help!

Many of you will realise that at St Mary's church in Alne we are raising a significant amount of money in order to secure the building as a viable place for both public worship and community events for generations to come.

In order to do this we have applied for a grant from the HLF which we hope will be successful

We are now in urgent need of someone to co-ordinate with the HLF during the next stages of this major project. We envisage that the project could last a further 18 months, so it does require a degree of commitment.

We need someone who is supportive of the church, but not necessarily someone who is a regular member of the worshipping community

If you think you could help then please contact Rev Chris Park on 383122 or pastaparko@parkfamily.me.uk.

Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary

We have installed two additional heaters in the main hall.

On the grants scene, we have been successful in securing grant support for flat roof replacement and repairs, continuing with the renovation of the old kitchen into a comfortable meeting room, and for a new fire door. More details on these in the next newsletter.



Dates for your diary

Every **Saturday morning** the bakery van stops outside the Village Hall from **8.00 to 9.00a.m.** – get your freshly baked breakfast goodies here!

Remember every **first Saturday of the month** we are running a café in the Village Hall from **8.00 to 10.00a.m.** Please come and join us for a bacon buttie and a natter. Would you like to volunteer for a session? We would very much appreciate this, as we are only a small band of volunteers.

Quiz Night - Saturday 18th March 2017

Come and join us for our second quiz night of 2017. The winning team of January is setting the quiz! 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 7.00p.m.** Children welcome. A bar and light refreshments will be available.

Jumble Sale Saturday March 25th. 2017 – 1:30p.m. Please leave your jumble on your doorstep on the **Friday, 24th**, and we will collect it in the evening – or bring it straight to the village hall in the evening, at **7.00p.m.** when we will be sorting and setting up. No electricals please.

Beautiful South Tribute – Saturday April 29th 2017

Spring Plant Sale – Sunday May 21st 2017

Watch out for further details of these and other events throughout the year.

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.

Macmillan Afternoon Tea on Saturday 18th March

I am holding a Macmillan Afternoon Tea on **Saturday, 18th March** at Alne Village Hall from **3.30p.m. to 5.00p.m.** There will be tea, coffee, cream teas, and homemade cakes!

On Sunday, April 23rd I will be running the London Marathon 2017 with my sister Mel - we are 'Sole Sisters'!

I have been training hard in the cold, dark nights, running through the streets of Middlesbrough and through the North Yorkshire country lanes at weekends banking those miles! Over 200 so far in training!

We are fundraising for Macmillan which is a cause close to my heart both professionally and personally. I work in the Head and Neck Cancer Team supporting people going through diagnosis and treatment. This may be radiotherapy, chemotherapy or surgery and may be a combination of treatments.

I am involved in helping them with their speech, voice and swallowing during this time, all of which are often affected by their treatment or cancer. I have met some amazing people as they go through their journey and face the challenges thrown at them daily.

We are also running in support and in memory of friends and family who have battled with cancer.

You can also support my fundraising through our sponsorship page (virginmoneygiving.com - search Mel Wordsworth).

All profits from the afternoon will go towards our fundraising target.

THANK YOU

Jo Hall

Tel: 833190 or e-mail: jojogoodson@aol.com

Alne Local and Fairtrade Market (ALF)

ALF dates for 2017 are now available. The Alne Local and Fairtrade Market will be held in Alne Village Hall from **10.00a.m. until noon** on the following dates throughout 2017:

Saturday, 29th April

Saturday, 17th June

Saturday, 23rd September

Saturday, 18th November

Freshly brewed coffee, tea or hot chocolate

Bacon / Egg butties

Locally produced crafts and cakes

& fairly traded goods from around the world.

Great Alne Spring Clean

We are organising a litter picking spring clean for Alne Parish on **Sunday, 5th March, 9.00-11.00a.m.** meet outside the Village Hall. All welcome, including children!

Please wear sturdy shoes / wellies, bring your garden gloves, and if you have, your wheelbarrow (easier to lug the bags along), and wear something bright. We provide the bags and litter pickers. And as a thank you – I will provide refreshments in the village hall afterwards.



For more information contact Gudrun- 838864. Thanks for coming!

Restoration of the Alne Verges

Alne Parish Council is pleased to announce the confirmation of a project, in partnership with North Yorkshire County Council, to restore the Alne verges. This project will provide for vertical granite setts to be installed on both sides of Main Street from the Village Hall to the junction with Gale Road together with a further 70 metres bordering the old pond area towards Easingwold. See Uppleby in Easingwold for a similar design.

A substantial part of the project will be financed by Alne residents and you will see an increase in the Alne Parish Council precept from this April to fund this. The increase (which will remain for five years) will be just under £40 a year for a Band D house and this is within the budget agreed overwhelmingly at the Parish Assembly in May, 2016. We have negotiated that the contribution from Alne will be fixed, with any cost over-runs being borne by NYCC.

A compromise is necessary between the old width of the road, as defined by the existing drains, and the maintenance of an adequate carriageway width for today's larger cars. NYCC Highways surveyors (with their various road markings) will therefore be on-site doing detailed design work throughout the summer, with a view to the main verge works starting in the first quarter of 2018 and lasting for about six weeks. We are also trying to ensure that all remaining Yorkshire Water repairs take place this year before the verge work starts.

Complaints about the state of the verges have been noted in the Parish Council minutes for at least the last forty years. But the verges have deteriorated sharply in the last few years and the present Alne Parish Council is very pleased to be able to bring this project to fruition. Once it is complete, we shall be relying on all residents to assist us in ensuring that no further damage occurs.

In the intervening period, it would be appreciated if you and your visitors, including delivery vans and builders, could keep all vehicles off the existing verges and minimise any further erosion. Thank you.

Alne Parish Council www.alnevillage.co.uk

Alne Conservation Area Rules

You are reminded that there are a small number of extra controls which apply in a conservation area. Planning permission, conservation area consent or written authority from Hambleton District Council is needed for the following work:

- The demolition (total or partial) of any building larger than 115 cubic metres (equal to a large double garage).
- The demolition of walls, gates or fences.
- Any extensions to properties.
- Additions and alterations to the roof of a house (including dormer windows).
- The cladding of the outside of a house with stone, timber, tiles or any render.
- The installation of satellite dishes on the front of a building.
- Any cutting down, topping or lopping of trees. Unauthorised works to trees in conservation areas may result in prosecution and the payment of a fine up to £20,000.

The Alne conservation area covers most of the village. A definitive map can be found at:

https://sites.create-cdn.net/sitefiles/29/8/9/298951/Alne_map_with_legend_V2.pdf

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Tholthorpe WI - February Meeting

We all met at Tholthorpe Village Hall on Wednesday, 15th February at 7.30p.m. dressed for the occasion. In this case loose comfortable clothing and trainers!

In a departure from our more usual meetings we all enjoyed a session of gentle exercise provided by Bernie and Laura from Level 10 Wellness. After the CobraCore exercise, which really was suitable for all ages and levels of fitness, we listened to Laura giving an interesting talk on health and wellbeing, both physical and mental.

We then enjoyed some light refreshments and concluded the evening with our business meeting. Our next meeting is our AGM which will be followed by a light supper, and our April meeting is a wine and flavour matching event. We meet monthly on the **third Wednesday of the month** and welcome new members.

Community Defibrillator Installed in Aldwark

Aldwark Area Parish Council has installed an automated external defibrillator (AED) on the outside wall of the Aldwark Arms pub in the car park for community use. The life-saving potential of AEDs in dealing with heart attacks is well documented.

The portable machine is located inside a locked cabinet. The number for its combination lock can be obtained by ringing 999 and explaining to the operator where you are and what you are doing. You should also request an ambulance.

The code number is CO147X which you may wish to save in a handy place but you should always ring 999 for an ambulance before using the machine. No training is needed to use the machine which will tell you what to do when you open it up. It is designed to be fool-proof.

The PC is grateful to county councillor Peter Sowray for obtaining a grant from NYCC towards the cost of the AED and to the Aldwark Arms for hosting it.

Colin Stroud
Chair Aldwark Area PC

Kyle Valley Scout Group
Back Lane, Tholthorpe

SCOUTS have made a human piano using a device called a "makey makey" and have been preparing for an expedition by cooking on camping stoves, learning how to navigate. In future weeks we will be making electronic compasses, completing the expedition training with an overnight trip and looking forward to campfires as the nights get lighter and we can do other outdoor challenges.

cubs have recently had one of our Young Leaders run a fantastic French night including games and French food. We have the fire service due in a few weeks too so the Cubs are really looking forward to that

BEAVERS are welcoming a new Leader who has recently started however, we are on the lookout for more people to help out as we have another Leader leaving later in the Spring who will need to be replaced.

We also **need help** to keep our programme of activities fresh and interesting so if you have a job or hobby that may be of interest to the Beavers, Cubs or Scouts, please do come along and share with us, you will be well looked after.

We meet on the following days and times at the Scout Hut, Back Lane, Tholthorpe:

BEAVERS (6 - 8 years) Tuesdays 6 - 7 pm
CUBS (8 - 10.5 years) Thursdays 6:30 - 8 pm
SCOUTS (10.5-14 years) Tuesdays 7.15-8.45pm

We change lives by offering six to 14 year-olds fun and challenging activities, unique experiences, everyday adventure and the chance to help others so that we make a positive impact in the community.

For more information about joining please contact: kvgs1@sky.com

www.facebook.com/1stKyleValleyScoutGroup



Alne Oil Co-operative

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

The latest (31st January) delivered price for kerosene was 36.77ppl + VAT.
The corresponding Boilerjuice price was 41.97ppl.

Members will have been given the ordering information when their account was set up.

Remember that you must order a minimum of 500 litres, as this is a legal requirement under Weights and Measures legislation.

When estimating the quantity of oil you need for a “fill”, please remember that there are calibration data for the common Atlas and Titan storage tanks on the Alne Village website at:

http://www.alnevillage.co.uk/oil_tank_information.html

The road tankers carry an exact amount of fuel to satisfy the orders that day, so being as accurate as possible in determining your requirement.

If not a Member, 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

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

Opportunities for Prayer

Monday Bible Group meets in Alne Hall on **alternate Monday** afternoons at **2.30p.m. 13th and 29th March**. The group is beginning a new series looking at the Apostle Paul.

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 – MARCH 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)

Time	Time	Venue	Service Details
5th March	10.30a.m.	Huby	Revd Graham Carter incl Holy Communion
	10.30a.m.	Hustwaite	Mrs Christine Stephenson
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	Mr Stephen Leah
	6.30p.m.	Stillington	Revd Christopher Humble
12th March	3.00p.m.	Alne Hall	Mrs Lis Johnstone
	6.30p.m.	Stillington	Revd Leslie Newton, Holy Communion
19th March	10.30a.m.	Brafferton/ Helperby	Locally led service
	10.30a.m.	Huby	Deacon Corrinne Brown
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	Revd Andrew Foster, Café Service
	6.30p.m.	Stillington	Revd Richard Andrew
26th March	10.30a.m.	Alne St Mary's Church	United Service
	6.30p.m.	Stillington	Revd Ian Hill

**ANGLICAN SERVICES
MARCH 2017**

March	5th March	12th March	19th March	26th March Mother's Day
Aldwark	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park		9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Peter Bowes	
Alne	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park	10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer Warden	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Peter Bowes	
Tollerton	10.30 a.m. All Age Worship Angela Park	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park	10.30 a.m. Joint All Age Mother's Day service Rev Chris Park
Brafferton	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Robin Davill	10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 6.30p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Methodist – locally led service	10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens
Myton	10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer Dorothy Bailey	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park		9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens
Thormanby	10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer Mike Fildes		9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park	

Ash Wednesday 1st March 9.30a.m. - Holy Communion with ashing Brafferton
Rev Chris Park

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