

PARISH NEWSLETTER

November 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 11 of this Parish Newsletter.

Generosity Encouraged

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”

2 Corinthians 9:6-9

This remarkable passage is a rich mine of material on Christian giving. Paul's instructions about giving are set against the backdrop of the “great collection,” Paul's gathering of resources from the Gentiles for the church in Jerusalem. In the previous chapter, Paul introduced the church in Macedonia as a model of healthy, gracious giving. Paul detects an eagerness to give among the Corinthians, but good intentions do not always translate into action. The Macedonians have given generously; now it is time for the Corinthians to do likewise.

As Paul invites the Corinthians to give, he highlights several important truths.

First, Paul is very concerned about their *attitude* toward giving. To Paul, grudging generosity is a contradiction. Indeed, Paul wants his churches to give *cheerfully*. In place of the compulsive, guilt-ridden giving that takes place in many churches, Paul demands that we give as Christ, “who for the joy set before him endured the cross”.

Second, Paul wants the church to understand the *effect* their giving creates. The Greek expression for “generous gift” (*eulogia*) commonly refers to an act of blessing. Not only does giving have practical effects; it also results in praise and thanksgiving to God and builds up the unity of the church. Corinthian giving, says Paul, will testify to the Jewish believers that Gentile faith is real. And the hearts of the Jewish people “will go out to” the Corinthians, demonstrating the unity in diversity that marks the church of God.

Third, Paul wants the church to understand the divine action that works through their giving. The sowing/reaping metaphor is used extensively in Scripture. It is tempting, to twist this metaphor into a simplistic health-and-wealth gospel, where financial giving to some kingdom cause assures our own material success. The abuse of this principle by some, however, should not blind us to the reality Paul is teaching here. “God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work”. Paul makes no distinction between spiritual and material blessings. He expects that, in a holistic sense, believers will be blessed by God the Giver, even as they bless others through their generous gifts. It is not difficult, of course, to find Christians in every congregation today who have experienced precisely this dynamic in their own lives.

Truly God is good to us in ways beyond our understanding. We ponder not how much we shall give, but how much we shall withhold. Our God says, “The world and all that is in it is mine.”

Our God owns the cattle on a thousand hills, yet those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice, bring honor to God. In humble gratitude, let us present our thanks to God.

Blessings Revd Carmel Gittens

Afternoon Concert

St. Mary's Church, Alne

Saturday 11th November at 2.00 pm

Helen Dawson (Cello)

Emma Hewison (Clarinet)

Simon Dawson (Cornet)

Adults £5

(to include refreshments)

Children Free



Proceeds to the Church Restoration Fund

Dear Parishioners

We have just received a letter from the insurance company "Ecclesiastical". This is the company through whom we insure the churches in our benefices. They have just been placed 1st ahead of all 46 other insurance companies when ranked by various critical measures for example "Who people trust".

This is according to the independent consumer group Fairer Finance, which collates feedback directly from customers across the UK. www.fairerfinance.com/home-insurance We believe that this top place ranking is driven by the charitable ownership and Christian values, ethos and approach of this company. This makes them distinct from other insurers whose operational tactics are driven by different values and motivations, some of which may well have contributed to the poor reputation of the financial services market today.

To reward churches for their loyalty in the company's 130th year, and as a gesture of goodwill in today's difficult financial climate for churches, they are offering that they will pay £130 to our parish churches for each and every new home insurance policy that is taken out by our parishioners. This would be a wonderful boost to our finances which are stretched beyond limits at this time.

As you know we are hoping to recruit a new Vicar in the New Year and although my post is only house for duty, the total costs to the diocese for my post and the post of a new incumbent exceeds £90K per year, with stipend, housing costs, expenses, training and pensions. Currently other (and I might add poorer) parishes across the area (for example Hull) are subsidising our costs. I know how much our churches mean to you all and how much our ministry is valued amongst the communities we serve. But future clergy numbers may have to be cut if we are unable to meet our costs.

I know that many will consider giving a tenth of their *disposable* income as a matter of their obedience to biblical commands and faith, and do this via standing order to their parish church, however would you also prayerfully consider if you could switch your home insurance to Ecclesiastical insurance next time it is up for renewal? This generous offer by this company would be at no extra cost to you over and above your premium and would really help with our contributions for the above costs.

If this is something you would like to consider please let me know and I can provide further information. Many thanks for all your support

Revd Carmel Gittens

News from Alne Church

Forthcoming events at Alne Church

Saturday 11th November at 2.00p.m. – Concert – Helen Dawson (Cello), Emma Hewison (Clarinet) and Simon Dawson (Cornet). This will be an attractive and varied programme (to be followed by tea and cakes). See advert. Tickets available from Helen Dawson, Cassandra Bullock or Peter Cove (also available at the door).

Sunday 12th November at 10.45a.m. - Remembrance Sunday Service

Tuesday 28th November at 12 noon – Christmas Lunch – contact Peter Cove (838346) for tickets and details

Saturday 9th December at 7.00p.m. – Carol Service

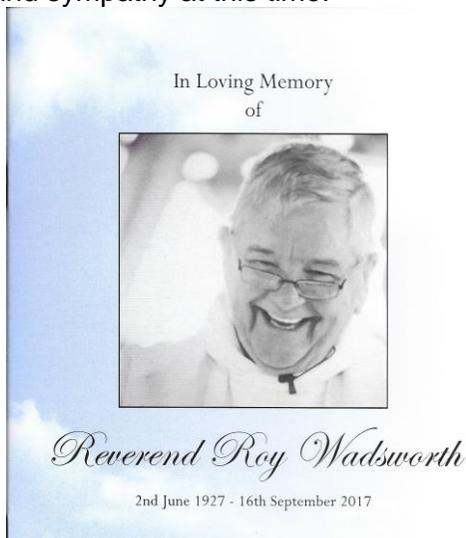
Remembrance Sunday 12th November – 10.45 a.m.

As many are aware, the memorial to those from Alne who were lost in the two World Wars is located in the church. Join us for the Remembrance Service to give thanks for all those from every country who gave their lives in these conflicts. The service will take place on the **Sunday 12th November, starting at 10.45a.m.** Refreshments will be served after the service

TREASURER – We are seeking a Treasurer for Alne Church starting in January 2018. This is a small task for those who are nimble with numbers! Please contact Peter Cove (838346) or Carmel Gittens (01423 360702) for further information.

Funeral – Revd Roy Wadsworth

The funeral service and burial of the Revd Roy Wadsworth took place on Monday 2nd October. Alne Church was packed with family and friends from the community including former work colleagues from Rowntrees and members of the many churches and Bible study groups in this area. The service was led by the Rev Chris Park and eloquent testimonies to Roy were given by his daughter Michelle and those who had worked closely with him over the years. A large collection was made for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. As we grieve at the loss of our friend we wish Jean and her family all our love and sympathy at this time.



Flower Rotas

We are extremely grateful to all those who continue to help with flower arranging and church cleaning. There are still some vacancies if anyone wishes to help – please contact Jean Teasdale (838431) for flower arranging and Gill Charlton (838325) regards cleaning.

November

4th - Jan Naismith

11th - Carol Glen - Remembrance Day

18th & 25th Dianne Rex

December

2nd/16th Advent

The Team – Christmas

COMMUNITY NEWS

Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary

Refurbishment News

The next job to complete at the Village Hall is the refurbishment of the toilets. We will be busy applying for grants and fund raising for this over the coming months. Please help us by supporting our events.



Dates for your diary.

Pub Night Friday 10th November at 7.00p.m.

The first pub night of the winter so come and join us in our lovely cosy surroundings to enjoy a drink with friends and neighbours. It's a great opportunity to get to know your neighbours if you are new to the village or just to meet up with old friends for a natter.

ALF - Aine Local and Fairtrade Market 18th November 10.00a.m. to 12.00 noon

Come and do some early Christmas shopping and enjoy a cup of tea and a bacon butty too.

Pub Night Christmas Eve after Christingle 5.00p.m. to 8.00p.m.

This event was a huge success last year and very well attended. The format will be the same this year. **Doors open at 5.00p.m.** All are welcome. There will be real ale on draught and mulled wine in addition to the normal bar.

Quiz Night 13th January 2018. Give your brain some exercise after the Christmas and New Year break. Come along and pitch your wits against your friends and neighbours. Maximum 6 in a team. **Doors will open at 7.00p.m. for a 7.30p.m. start.**

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.

Spring Plant Sale Sunday 20th May

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

POP up Café. Unfortunately due to other commitments the pop up cafes will stop during the winter months. We hope to resume these in the Spring. If you can volunteer to help, then please get in touch.

Don't forget, 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 email distribution list (which is confidential) please let us know.

Sunday Newspapers in Alne

A scheme has started in Alne whereby Sunday newspapers are delivered to the church each Sunday for participants to collect. The scheme is administered by Towlers in Easingwold and participants take their turn in collecting all the newspapers from Towlers approximately once a quarter. To join the scheme, please contact Robert on brech28@btinternet.com or 838265.

Yorkshire Cancer Research
Galtres Committee

Christmas Fair

Tuesday 7th November 2017

10:30am - 7pm

The Ox Barn,



The Durham Ox
Crayke

£5.00 entry on the door

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to include coffee & mince pies in the morning
mulled wine & mince pies in the afternoon/evening


yorkshire cancer
research

Saving Yorkshire Lives

Registered Charity 516898



Many stalls for you to enjoy including jewellery, fashion, childrens clothes and toys, cakes, Christmas gifts and many more...

Tollerton Sports and Recreation club

Every year the Parish Council pay for a RoSPA safety inspection. This year's inspection raised concern about the structural integrity of the swings, with a recommendation to decommission them until a replacement can be found. Because of this, we have taken down the swings and chains, and apologise for the disappointment caused by this.

We have a need to replace the swings, and other equipment, and have a plan to initially search for the right equipment for the field, before we can search for funding to pay for this. It will take us time to achieve this, but rest assured we are striving to give the village the best play space we can.

Please note that our playing field is privately owned, and not provided by the state or council. We have very limited funds, and a small committee made up of volunteers from the village. We don't have a large village event similar to Alne Street Fayre, which generates large amounts of income to benefit us. We do have the Mini Show, which was held on Sunday, 3rd September at the Black Horse. Once again, this was a great family event, raising around £1,500. From this, the sports field is very grateful for a donation of £500. This will be used towards the upkeep and running costs. Big projects can only happen through donations and the support from our Parish Council.

Carol singing around Tollerton - Monday, 18th December

On **Monday, 18th December**, the Sports field committee, partners and friends, will be carol singing around Tollerton. Please support this, as it makes a major contribution to the field.

Tollerton Tennis Club

The tennis club is always keen for new members. Please find details on their notice board located by the courts. You can pay and play while there.

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)

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.



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METHODIST SERVICES – NOVEMBER 2017

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.

Date	Time	Venue	Service Details
5 th November	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	J Schofield
12 th November	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Alne	K Albans
19 th November	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	E Royle
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	Café – own arrangements
26 th November	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	10.30a.m.	Alne	United Service

**ANGLICAN SERVICES
NOVEMBER 2017**

November	5th November	Remembrance 12th November	19th November	26th November
Aldwark	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens		9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Mitchell	
Ale	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Canon Chris Hawthorn	10.45 a.m. Remembrance Service Rev Ron Philpot	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion TBA	10.30 a.m. United Anglican Methodist Service
Tollerton	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship Warden	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Jim Roberts	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship Warden	10.30 a.m. All Age Worship
Brafferton	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Canon Robert Law	10.45 a.m. Remembrance Service Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Methodist Service 6.30 p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens	10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens
Myton		4.00 p.m. Remembrance Service Carmel Gittens		10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer Warden
Thormanby	10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer Catherine Toase/Charlotte Cranfield			

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