

PARISH NEWSLETTER

September 2016

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

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Harvest time!



Harvest - A time to look upwards and outwards



Harvest Festivals have been a time when historically we have thanked God for providing us with food to eat – a time to look upwards to God. It has also been a time for us to look outwards, when we have sought to give to those less fortunate than we are – those who are not so sure when they will next eat.

Once again this year we will be inviting schools and the local community to bring along non-perishable food at our Harvest Festivals to support the work of the Salvation Army in York. (There is a notice in this month's magazine detailing the Harvest Celebrations this Autumn.)

One of the reflections I have had over this Summer is that 'fear causes us to look inwards, while love causes us to look outwards.' Fear causes us to hold on to our possessions, our relationships. Fear causes us to live with insecurity.

Fear causes us to be self-centred, and is the enemy of both love and faith.

Love on the other hand, causes us to look upwards in gratitude to God and outwards to those who need our help. Jesus once said that the summary of the law was; 'love God and love your neighbour.'

One of the more extra-ordinary stories of 'love' I came across this Summer, was from a Christian Youth Camp in Northern Ireland called 'Summer Madness.' Here a group of 2000 16-20 year olds were invited to raise or give money to support those helping the refugees coming out of Syria fleeing the war. It is often said today that the younger generation tend to be quite tight when it comes to financial giving. This group were the complete opposite. I was thrilled to hear that these 2000 young people gave a total of £75,000. This included one girl giving all her life savings of £6,000.

I also saw a photograph at Summer Madness of this largely Protestant group of young people praying for Martin McGuinness (the leader of Sinn Fein) who had been invited to share his hopes for the future of Northern Ireland. Wow! These young people were certainly looking outwards and to the future, and not imprisoned by the history of Northern Ireland.

Once again this year at Harvest let's look upwards and outwards in our gratitude for what we have, and avoid being inward and fearful.

Rev Chris Park
Vicar

Carmel Gittens' Ordination Training

As many of you may have heard; Carmel Gittens, our House for Duty Reader living in Brafferton, has been recommended to train for ordination. She will begin training this September, and her training will last for one academic year. She will then be ordained Deacon at the beginning of July 2017, and will be priested the following summer. This is great news for the churches here!

The type of training Carmel will do means that she will continue to live in Brafferton and be available for most (though not all) Sunday services. However much of her time will be taken up with her studies.

Please bear with us this year as more of the pastoral work load falls on Chris, Roy and the wardens.

**The dates for our Community Harvest
Festivals this Autumn.**



St Peter's School Harvest - **Friday, 30th Sept 2.30p.m.**

St Mary's Alne – **2nd October 10.30a.m.** tbc Harvest lunch tbc

St Peter's Brafferton - **2nd October 12.00 – 2.00p.m.** Harvest lunch

St Peter's Brafferton - **2nd October - 6.30p.m.**

Alne School in St Mary's - **Monday, 3rd October 10.00a.m.**

St Mary's Myton - **9th October 4.00p.m.**

St Michael's Tollerton - **2nd October 10.30a.m.** All Age Harvest

St Mary Magdalene Thormanby - **2nd October 6.00p.m.**

St Stephen's Aldwark – **30th October 10.30a.m.**

We will again be collecting non-perishable food to give to the work of local food banks.

Retiring offering in support of refugees.

News from Alne Church

Regarding the restoration project, our main effort currently is working on the application for grants. Currently we have £35,500 in the restoration fund – our target is £100,000 so we still have a long way to go! In the meantime we wish to give a massive ‘thank you’ to all who have contributed to this appeal and to Gift Day this year (£1,781).

The churchyard wall along Church Wind has been deteriorating recently and thanks to a generous grant from Alne Parish Council, the wall has now been repaired.

Events

Harvest Festival – **2nd October 2016**

Remembrance Sunday – **13th November 2016**

Coffee Club continues at the Church on the fourth Tuesdays mornings at 10.30 a.m.

Parish Register

Baptisms

5th June 2016 - Chloe Roberts

10th July 2016 – Benedict Lowthian

Funerals

23rd March 2016 – Margaret Doris Wilson

20th May 2016 - Christine Ann Sledmore

10th June 2016 – George Wetherill – Interment of Ashes

30th July 2016 – Donald Glenny Lockie

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lost in Alne

Lost in Alne on or before Wednesday, 10th August, man’s plain gold wedding band, approx. 3mm wide, 18ct gold, but not hall-marked.

Please call 838968. Many thanks.

Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary:

Pop Up Pub Nights

During the summer holidays we held two pop up pub nights which were both a great success. Friday, 22nd July was one of those rare, warm summer evenings when we could all sit out in the back garden and relax. On 19th August the weather was not our friend but we still had a great turn out and enjoyed wonderful pizzas baked by one of our kind villagers. Over the two evenings we made over £500 towards the upkeep of the Village Hall and the donations for the pizzas were passed to Macmillan Cancer Support.



We hope to hold another pop up pub night in October, watch this space and keep an eye open for posters in the village or watch us on Facebook.

Pop up Cafes

Come and join us on the **first Saturday of the month**. Following feedback from those who joined us in July, at the August café we served bacon butties too. It's a great opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours and find out what's going on in Alne. If you would like to come along and help, please let Gudrun know.

Saturday 3rd September at 7.30p.m. – The All New Quiz Night

After the summer holidays what better way to get the brain cells working again than a quiz night. There will be something for everyone and children are welcome. Entry is £3 on the door for adults and children are free. There will of course be a bar and light refreshments. It's a really fun evening with lots of opportunity to chat and relax, so do come along. Don't worry if you don't have a team, you can find one on the night.

Saturday 24th September. Ceilidh

Join us for a great evening of music, dance and fun. Music will once again be provided by Celtic Blend. Ticket price is £12.00, including a fish & chip supper and there will of course be a bar offering a variety of drinks and snacks. The **doors open at 7.00p.m.** Tickets are now available, so to avoid disappointment book early. Contact either Gudrun on 838864 or Mark on 838633. Alternatively you can e-mail us at the address below.

Saturday November 26th Alnestock is back. More details to follow.

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.

2016 Alne Street Fayre

Another dry day (at least until the clearing-up had to start!) ensured another success for Alne Street Fayre. 2,000 people attended and enjoyed three great music stages together with teas, BBQ, and, of course, the ever-popular bar.

The wide-ranging selection of trade and craft stalls sold everything from soft furnishings and fabrics through to baskets, bird boxes, jewellery and toffee, with a few candles, gifts, plants and cakes in between.

Children enjoyed excellent rides in all sorts of shapes and sizes, and could test their skill with tennis and football speed guns, while the audience could enjoy the amazing birds of prey. This year, the famous Alne Duck Race was flown rather than swum – the winners were 1st (£50) Mark Scott-Rix; 2nd (£25) Dot Metcalfe; 3rd (£15) M. Jackson and 4th (£10) Tim Booth.

Many favourable comments were received both on social media and verbally and the 2016 Alne 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 was also able to make a substantial grant last year to Alne Village Hall's renovation project and was also able to 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 Alders Caravan Park and stimulates general interest to visitors with St Mary's Saxon Church and other historical interests such as Alne Cross.

Alne Street Fayre in 2017 is on Sunday, 11th June.

ALNE WI

Angela Spencer and her daughter Molly from Sugar Mouse were our speakers in July. Angela has had a very interesting life as a journalist covering national news, amongst other things, the miners' strike from the picket lines. She then became the first female crime correspondent on The Yorkshire Evening Post, reporting on such important events as Hillsborough and Lockerby as well as local crime. She won both national and regional awards for her work then moved on to Yorkshire Television as a journalist then producer on Calendar, which she loved. Her husband was offered a post in London and the family moved there. She spent 10 years freelancing, during which time she was involved with Yorkshire Forward, and worked with people like Garry Verity, James Martin and Lloyd Grossman. Then, it became too much! She had long been interested in projects which have "public value" and set up a friendly old fashioned sweet shop in Easingwold, where children and their parents could relax, which was a great success. The shop moved to the snug building, Molly joining to bake the cakes. They had very generously brought lots of yummy samples for us to try, the chocolate cake was incredible. We all felt enthused by Angela's wonderful "can do" attitude.

We had a report on the AGM and information on how to propose a national resolution, and news of visits and courses. Jean and Pam reported on their visit to Stockbridge Research centre, which was fascinating, and Pam reported on the tapas demonstration by York Cookery School.

Alne WI is hosting York Cookery School demonstrating how to make macarons: **Wednesday, 14th September at 7.30p.m.** in Alne Village Hall.

This WI event is open to everyone irrespective of gender or age. Please come along, £3 on the door or through Pam Marlow: p.marlow27@outlook.com

Friends of Alne School (FOAS) news

A huge thank you to everyone who supported May's FOAS Ladies Pamper Evening; either by buying tickets, donating prizes, providing canapes or helping on the night. We raised a fabulous £550 for school funds, which will help fund next term's Planetarium and improvements to the library provision in school in the future. We enjoyed fashion shows, beauty treatments, shopping, delicious food and fizz on the evening. We look forward to repeating the event in coming years.

Burns Supper 2017

Alne Burns Supper will be held on **Saturday, 21st 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 Hall News

10th August was my last day at Alne Hall as the Cheshire Home's Volunteer Coordinator. Irene, Service Manager, the Activities and kitchen staff gave me a wonderful retirement party in the sensory walled garden. I have been involved with the Cheshire Home since 1998, when I joined as a volunteer driver and never left!

It has been a privilege working there. Through that time I have got to know many local people in the 6 villages where our Parish Magazine is delivered to. For Alne village there have been many people who have assisted me whilst getting our residents out into the local community events and the church.

Thank you to everyone for your support. I could not have done it without you. You, along with Alne Hall and the wonderful residents, staff and volunteers have given me so many happy memories to treasure for the rest of my life.

Heather Candy

Community Service personnel working in Alne

Alne has received two working parties of individuals doing community service. They have cleared the pavements along Main Street of encroaching grass and earth which has made an immense improvement. Not only are the paths seen to be clear, but the movement of wheelchairs, buggies, prams and individuals is now much easier. This work has been organised by Alne Parish Council and our thanks are due to the Humberside Lincolnshire & North Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Co. Ltd. who provided the personnel and their overseers.

St. Stephen`s Church Aldwark - Charity Golf Day

Wednesday, 29th July saw 50 golfers battling it out to win this year`s competition. Despite humid heat and threatened thunderstorms all managed to complete their rounds with some very good scores. The homemade cakes and friendly faces at the halfway house much reviving any flagging soles. The winning team members Richard Mell, Adrian Sloanes, Mark Westaby and Dave Flintoft came in with a prize-taking 88 points earned from the best two scores on each hole and all four scores on the 18th. The team won golf related items and also chose a round of golf at Pannal Golf Club. In second place was the team of Phil Clark, Phil Hartley, Phil Richardson and Billy Barton. Both these teams are regulars in the competition.

The day was, as usual, great fun and played in great spirit, managing to raise a figure in excess of £1,500 in aid of St. Stephen`s Church. The funds help the community to maintain what is a church much admired from far and wide.

As usual the competition would not take place without the kind support of all our sponsors, and in particular Q Hotel`s Aldwark Manor and Country Club for the use of both the very well prepared course and the hotel facilities. Our thanks to Nestle, Tollerton Stores, The Curious Table and Tee Hees in Easingwold, The Blue Bell Country Inn Aine, The Aldwark Arms, Talysis, Linda and Geoff Whittaker, Pannal, Knaresborough, Easingwold and Aldwark Golf Clubs. Again their support is invaluable to the success of our day. Now for the Cakes – and what a unique attraction they were. All homemade and including mouth-watering Lemon and Orange Drizzles, Victoria Sponge, Carrot Cake, Coffee and Walnut cake and many more. The bakers were Anne McDonald, Carol Proudly, Geoff Whittaker, Helen Ormerod, Ingrid, Jo Taylor, Julia Padgett, Linda Davis, Lynette Evans, Lilian Taylor, Sue Proudly, Sue Southall, Siobhan Cliff and Vivien Bird. Well done to all.

Of course the day would not be a success without the golfers themselves and our appreciation goes to them. Teams are already signing up for next year`s event (**5th July 2017**) and we welcome both old and new participants to what is always a memorable day.

Photos: Richard Mell receives the winning prize, Mike Eve holing out for nearest the pin, the halfway house.

Opportunities for Prayer

Midweek Communion at Alne Hall, **Tuesday, 27th September.**

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

METHODIST SERVICES – SEPTEMBER 2016

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 September	10.30a.m.	Huby Methodist Church	W Swires
	10.30a.m.	Husthwaite Methodist Church	Rev E Cushion
	10.30a.m.	Stillington Methodist Church	Locally arranged service
11th September	3.00p.m.	Alne	Own Arrangements
	6.30p.m.	Stillington	E Royle
18th September	10.30a.m.	Brafferton-Helperby	B Taylor, United Service
	10.30a.m.	Huby Methodist Church	Rev E Cushion
	10.30a.m.	Husthwaite Methodist Church	G Carter
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	E Cushion H C
25th September	10.30a.m.	St Mary's Parish Church Alne	United Service
	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	4.00p.m.	Huby Methodist Church	J Recchia, Café Service

**ANGLICAN SERVICES
SEPTEMBER 2016**

	4th September	11th September	18th September	25th September
Aldwark	9.00a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park		10.30a.m. Baptism Rev Roy Wadsworth	
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Tollerton	10.30a.m. All Age Worship Angela Park	10.30a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park	10.30a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park	10.30a.m. Morning Worship Rev Jim Roberts/Alison Dowson
Brafferton	10.30a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens	10:30a.m. Morning Prayer 6.30p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens	10.30a.m. Methodist B Taylor	10:30a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens
Myton	10.00a.m. Morning Prayer Dorothy Bailey	9.00a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park		9.00a.m. Morning Prayer Carmel Gittens
Thormanby	6.00p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens		9.00a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park	

Wednesday, 7th September Brafferton 9.30am Holy Communion Rev C Park

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