

PARISH NEWSLETTER

September 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.

"PEACE IN THE STORM"

I have recently returned from a study trip to Jerusalem and during that trip was so blessed to be able to go on a boat on the Sea of Galilee. As I looked around from the boat to the mountains on the shoreline; in awe that I was looking at the same vista that Jesus would have seen two thousand years ago, I was struck by the strong image of Jesus calming the storm and another time walking on the water.

Before I left for Jerusalem many of you will know that my precious mum aged 91 had fallen outside of my house and broken her leg in a very nasty break. There were so many thoughts going through my mind as I watched her over the following two weeks battling with the pain and readjustments to get back on her feet. My first reaction was to cancel the study trip, but my hubby, friends and family reassured me that they could cope while I was away helping to look after mum, and so it was that I went; in the midst of a personal storm, to be sitting on a boat on the sea of Galilee.

The trip was amazing, and whilst meditating on the sea, I was struck by the following thoughts, that God gives us 3 things for peace in our storms:

1. His Word

It is the Word of the Living God that guides and instructs us when storms arise. The scriptures are full of promises of peace.

God's Word promises us that He will keep us in "perfect peace" when we trust in Him "for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength" (Isaiah 26:3-4).

It also tells us that when we dwell in God's "secret place," we can be assured of His protection and deliverance; having no reason to fear (Psalm 91) - now that's what I call peaceful assurance!

2. His Spirit

The Spirit of the Lord is called by many names in the Bible. One of the names He is called is "Comforter." This term, although in today's language, is relative to something you use to keep you warm, can better be used as "Advocate". An advocate is one that helps us, and even argues on our behalf.

The Holy Spirit is given to advocate for us! Jesus told His disciples that He would not leave them "comfortless" when He leaves, but give them "another Comforter" to live with them (us) forever (John 14:16,18). It is the ministry of the Holy Spirit to be the representative of Jesus - abiding in us.

It is through His ministry that we can be calm in the storms of life. Like Jesus, we can experience rest or peace when all hell is breaking-loose all around us!

Does God intend for us to be caught up in the turmoil of the storm or to tell the storm to be still and quiet down?

Our example, Jesus, was resting in the midst of a storm and probably would not have gotten up; were it not for the fright of the disciples—who should have commanded the storm to cease. They failed to remember His word "let us pass over unto the other side." (Mark 4:35).

That word should have carried them from their starting place, through whatever storms may arise, on to their destination. But they cried out for fear! What has the Lord told you that you have allowed the storms of life to speak louder than God's Word—worse yet— or make you forget it?

3. Each Other

The final point I want to make is: God also, uses us to help each other make it through difficult times—He expects us to help one another.

Jesus' life and teachings exemplified this. Whether it was when He healed the sick, raised the dead, cast out devils, fed the multitudes, or taught; i.e., the "four friends" that brought the man to Jesus by letting him down through the roof (Mark 2:3-5); or the "good Samaritan" who found a man beaten and left in a ditch, and took care of his needs (Luke 10:30-37); He commands us to "go and do likewise." (Luke 10:37).

It is our responsibility and privilege to help calm the storms in each other lives as much as we are able. Maybe, all you can do is pray—then pray and stand in faith that God will send the help needed.

Do what you can and God will do what you cannot!

Love and blessings
Revd. Carmel Gittens

News from Alne Church

Services

We are grateful for the continued support of retired members of the clergy who are leading some of our services during the current vacancy. Please note that our Harvest Festival will be on the 8th October and the Alne School festival will be held at the church on the following day.

Restoration Project

We are pleased to be able to report that the Restoration Project Fund has now reached £46,170. This includes over £1,700 for Gift Day and a grant from the Allchurches Trust. With the Lottery grant we now have enough to cover the cost of the roof and masonry repairs so we are now focussing on the internal work including heating and lighting.

Treasurer for Alne Church

We are very sorry to announce that Ron Taylor will be standing down as Treasurer at the end of the year. Please contact one of the wardens for information if you would be interested in taking over this post.

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.

Below are details of the above rota from Jean Teasdale for the months of September through to December. I would be grateful if you could put them in the Parish Magazine at monthly intervals please. I apologise for sending them all at once but I will be away quite a lot from September to beginning of December and it will be difficult to get the details to you for the correct deadlines.

September

2nd & 9th - Liz Gilholm

16th - Jan Naismith

23rd & 30th - Carol Barrett

October

7th - Gill Charlton - Harvest Festival

14th & 21st - Lynette Evans

28th - Jan Naismith

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

Summer of Events

We have had a busy sociable summer at the hall. On July 1st we held events all day including afternoon tea and a quiz night.

This was to celebrate the completion of our new meeting room and to give everybody a chance to take a look.



We have also held a number of very successful pub nights throughout the summer holidays. We intend to continue holding pub nights on a regular basis throughout the year so keep an eye open for the dates.

Together with generous donations from very kind people in the village, and the money raised at our events, we have been able to buy some comfy furniture for the meeting room. We intend to buy more as soon as we have the funds available. If you would like to sponsor a chair (or part of a chair) please contact Gudrun on 838864.

Thanks to all those who have attended our events and helped to make them a success.

Also in July the Alne Singers choir performed a concert for the community. This was very well attended and the money raised on the evening has contributed towards the purchase of a brand new piano for the Village Hall. Donations towards the piano were also given by choir members and APLA. This is excellent news and means that the piano will be available for use for future events at the Village Hall.

Dates for your diary

Pub Night Friday 8th September 7.00p.m.

Ceilidh Saturday 23rd September 7.00p.m.

Don't miss this great night. Come and dance the night away to live music provided by Celtic Blend. This year the format of the event is slightly different, to allow for more dancing! Tickets are just £5 for adults and children go free. Of course there will be a bar and some light refreshments (no fish & chips this year. Places are limited as we need plenty of space for the dancing so please buy your tickets in advance. Tickets are available from Gudrun on 838864 or Rosemary on 838384.

Quiz Night Saturday 14th October 7.00p.m.

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 10th November 7.00p.m.

Pub Night Christmas Eve after Christingle

Pop up Café 8.00a.m. to 10.00a.m.

First Saturday of the month come and get your bacon butties and relax with friends. We now also have a book exchange at the hall so you can choose a book at the same time.

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 Village 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.



ALNE SINGERS OPEN EVENING - 7th SEPTEMBER

“Alne Singers” is a local community choir, led by musician Helen Dawson. We meet on Thursday evenings in Alne Village Hall and sing a wide range of material drawn from many different styles and cultures. The Autumn term will include songs with a seasonal flavour.

Anyone from the local area is welcome to join whatever their experience or ability, but we particularly need more male singers. We sing for fun with an occasional concert for charity and there are no auditions, no need to read music and no pressure.

The new term starts on **Thursday, 7th September at 7.30p.m.** This will be an informal session open to anyone who is interested but wants to see what we do before deciding to join.

So if you think you'd enjoy singing with us why not come along and perhaps give it a try? For just £10 a term it's great value and a lot of fun.

For more information give Helen a ring on 838582 or email cellohelen@gmail.com

David Newton's Alne Annals

With kind permission of the Newton family and the financial support of Alne Parish Council, Alne Annals is being reprinted. The opportunity is being taken to add new material so, if you have historical information relating to Alne and its inhabitants that you think would be of interest to a wider readership, please send it to Robert Brech at brech28@btinternet.com by **30th September**.

Alne Pre-School Playgroup

Alne Pre-School Playgroup Committee would like to say a big Thank You to all those who filled a Rag Bag for us. We really appreciate your help. We raised the fantastic sum of £136 and we are going to buy the children a new sandpit, which we are sure they will thoroughly enjoy. Thanks again.



Posies, Peppers And Pampering At Alne WI

At our May meeting we made "friendship posies" which we gave to Alne Hall, Oak Trees and older members in our community. We enjoyed it so much and the posies were so well received that we plan to do it again next year.

In June our speakers were Pam and her daughter Tilly from "Tilly Pepper's Café" in Harrogate. They obviously work very hard 6 days a week and love it, both having given up their jobs to run the Café. After giving us some background information they organised a quiz around the Café which was hilarious and at the break we had a lovely cake to eat.

Helen Farrar from the Body Shop was our July speaker. We learnt about the products, all plant based and never tested on animals. We had the chance to try so many things that we ran out of arms and legs to test them on.

Jean Macrae told us of many courses and outings organised by our North Yorkshire East Federation, including a visit to Chatsworth House to see the exhibition, "Five Centuries of Fashion". Our summer dinner was on Wednesday 9th August at the Stapleton Arms, Wass.

Our programme and details are on www.alnevillage.co.uk, If there is anything which interests just come along, you will be made very welcome.

Defibrillator in Easingwold

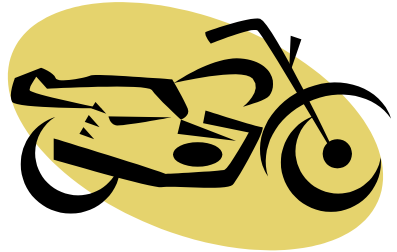
The reality is, anyone can suffer sudden cardiac arrest anytime, anyplace and anywhere; if this happens outside hospital you have around a 6% chance of survival. Early intervention (within 3-4 minutes) with a defibrillator can be vital to restart the heart's correct rhythm. Target ambulance response time is 8 minutes - the emergency services do a great job, but even 8 minutes is too long in this critical situation.

With this in mind it was great for Easingwold and District Lions to be involved locally to provide a defibrillator to be provided and housed right in the centre of Easingwold Market Place next to the entrance of The George Hotel. Pictured here is Kevin Hunter, President of Easingwold Lions, who stated 'it had been a pleasure to join forces with Easingwold Town Council, Forest of Galtres Masons, NYCC and The George Hotel to provide this potentially lifesaving device'.

Easingwold Lions also support CPR and Defibrillator Awareness Training so if you have a group who are interested in this training please contact John Sutherland by email johnsuth@talktalk.net<johnsuth@talktalk.net> or call mobile 07809 612155.

Wheels 2 Work

Problems travelling to work, training or education? We have the answer – Wheels 2 Work (a not for profit charity) has a fleet of mopeds for loan. Since its launch in 2001 hundreds of local people have benefitted from the scheme.



Successful candidates receive a moped, safety equipment, insurance, tax and bike servicing for a small weekly contribution.

To be eligible for the scheme you must:

- Live in North Yorkshire
- Be 16 or over
- Have no suitable transport to travel to work, training or education
- Hold a provisional licence

For more information and to apply online, visit www.hambletoncommunityaction.org or telephone Andy Reddick 01609 780458 Ext 209.

St Stephen`s Church Aldwark Charity Golf Day

St Stephen`s Church Aldwark held it`s Charity Golf Day at the Q Hotels Aldwark Manor Hotel and Country Club on Wednesday 5th July.

The event was another success for the Church, being the tenth year the competition has been held. At the prize presentation Bill Ormerod representing the DCC thanked both Aldwark Manor Hotel and the golfers for their continued support. Many golfers have attended each year from the inception helping to raise funds which have been used to contribute towards the new church organ, repairs to external stone carvings, a new sound system and a stained glass memorial window. This year`s event raised in excess of £1300 and will be put towards updating the internal lighting system which will enhance the accessibility of services.

The weather was very kind as the teams matched their skills against each other. The overall winners were Phil Hartley, Phil Richardson, Phil Clarke and Billy Barton with a convincing victorious 99 points using the Stableford system. This was their third appearance at the event but the first time they have taken first place. In second place with 87 points were Paul Moysley, Mark Moysley, Laurie Burden and John McLaughlan.

As in previous years, as important as the golf, the home baked cakes at the half way house situated in the church yard proved to be the real winner for all. Our thanks go to the bakers Vivienne Bird, Siobhan Cliffe, Linda Davis, Ingrid Kotari, Flick McKee, Helen Ormerod, Julia Padgett, Carol Proudley, Sue Proudley, Sue Southall, Lilian Taylor Jo Taylor, and Geoff Whittaker.

We also would like to thank our prize sponsors who contribute to the day's success ,The Aldwark Manor Hotel and Country Club, The Aldwark Arms Country Pub, The Blue Bell Country Inn Alne, The Curious Table, Tee Hees, Knaresborough Golf Club, Pannal Golf Club and Easingwold Golf Club.

We are again looking forward to next year's event and interest for entry can be registered by contacting anyone on the St Stephen's Church DCC.

Easingwold District Lions Centennial Summer Fayre & Band Contest 24th June 2017

The Summer Fayre this year saw the resurrection of the popular Marching Band Contest in the Market Place. The Fayre was officially opened by Gp Captain Taylor from RAF Linton on Ouse. Although a rather cloudy start by the time the Marching Bands started the sun shone throughout the evening.

With 21 stalls of varying types and entertainment provided by, Joe's Owl Encounters & exotic mobile zoo, Beggar's Bunce, ARC and Professor Fiddlesticks. The ATC cadets did a brilliant job of face painting and other tasks requested on the day. Marshall Honda York provided two cars: one with balloons inside for people to guess how many. There were 98, we had 2 winners.

Thirteen bands took part in the competition. Fishburn were the overall Best Band winning the Galtres Challenge Shield and presented at the end of the event at 9p.m. Sincere thanks are extended to Gary Hallas of the Yorkshire and Humberside Brass Band Association, without whom the event would not have happened.

The outgoing President Di Watkins said "The event was a fitting end to my two years as President of Easingwold District Lions, especially during our Centennial Year, and I'm delighted that the feedback we have received so far has been positive and encouraging to run the event again in 2018, especially as we have been asked to support the idea of also resurrecting the Fun Run. Our Summer Fayre, a fun run and the Marching Band Contest would be an outstanding Community Event for everyone".

The final note is to thank all who organised, supported, sponsored, helped, local catering establishments and most importantly 'attended' the event - Thank you.

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METHODIST SERVICES - SEPTEMBER 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
3 rd September	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	Circuit service
10 th September	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Alne	K Hopwood
17 th September	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	B Taylor
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	Rev E Cushion
24 th September	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	10.30a.m.	Alne	United Service

**ANGLICAN SERVICES
SEPTEMBER 2017**

September	3rd September	10th September	17th September	24th September
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 Chris Hawthorne	10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer Warden	10.30 a.m. Baptism Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. TBA
Tollerton	10.30 a.m. Baptism Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Warden and visiting clergy	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship Alison Dowson	10.30 a.m. All Age Worship Tim Adams
Brafferton	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Canon Robert Law	6.30 p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Methodist	10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens
Myton		10:30 a.m. Baptism Carmel Gittens		10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer Warden
Thormanby	10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer Catherine Toase/Charlotte Cranfield			

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