

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

September 2014

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

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## Family Time Harvest Celebration

Fun, Faith, Food

**Sunday 28 September 2014**

Meet 4pm at  
Wigginton Grange Farm YO31 2RD  
(Home of the Gill Family)

**Fun:** Games and Sport  
**Faith:** Harvest in the Barn  
**Food:** Everywhere!

All Welcome: young/old, married/single, with/without children  
For further info please contact Contact Rev Chris Park: 01347 838122  
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## Harvest – a time for giving!

For the past few years at Harvest Festival all the churches and primary schools in our area donated non-perishable food to support the work of the Salvation Army in York. We also now have boxes at a number of our churches for people to leave donations of food for the Hambleton Food Share, which is our local food bank.

The stories I increasingly hear now, are of people in need who we might call the 'working poor.' We hear that unemployment is down, but that inflation continues to outstrip pay rises and so, increasingly, it is those in low paid work who are in need of help, not just the unemployed and those on benefits.

Again this year at Harvest we will support the work of the Salvation Army through the churches and schools at Harvest Festivals. However, please do not forget the work of the Hambleton Food Share. The Hambleton Food Share boxes are now in our churches permanently. Though we live in a very affluent part of the UK there are still folk who struggle in our communities and who desperately need our help. Please donate non-perishable food including, tins, pasta, rice, tea, coffee, sugar, breakfast cereals etc.



The dates for our Community Harvest Festivals this Autumn so far include:

- Family Time – Wigginton Grange Farm – 28th September at 4pm
- St Mary's Thormanby – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 6.30pm
- St Peter's School tbc
- St Peter's Brafferton Messy Church 4<sup>th</sup> October 2pm – 3.30pm
- St Peter's Brafferton - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm
- St Michael's Tollerton – 12<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am
- St Mary's Myton – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm.
- St Mary's Alne – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am
- Alne School – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October
- St Stephen's Aldwark – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 10.30am

## MIDWEEK COMMUNIONS

In addition to the services in the Churches there are also midweek communion services on the last Monday of each month at 2 pm in Oak Trees, Alne and the last Tuesday of each month at 11 am and Alne Hall.

## Weeds and Flowers!



At this time of year, the weeds in my garden seem to grow up faster than the flowers, and often faster than I can pull them up. Mind you, I have to be careful when I yank them out, for the roots of the weeds are all tangled up with the roots of the flowers I planted. If I'm too vigorous, I also pull up the flowers I was trying to protect. A weed is only a plant in the wrong place, and sometimes I leave them there to enjoy them until autumn comes, when I pull them all up together and sort out which to throw away, and which to replant.

Jesus told a parable which echoes this about weeds and wheat. 'The slaves said to the farmer, "Then do you want us to go and root up the weeds?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them." Matthew 13.28– 29 - The Parable of the Weeds.'

The message is that good and bad are inextricably jumbled together in this world. You can't root out all the evil without risking destroying the good at the same time. In fact you cannot divide good people from bad people. We are all works in progress. So we should each recognize our imperfections, and resolve to improve as quickly as we can.

It is disappointing that the people who claim to follow Jesus are not yet how he wants them to be, but Jesus is working on us. A teacher in the Middle Ages called Meister Eckhart said, 'Grace is never a stationary thing, it is always found in a becoming.' In other words, God's love is not seen in a church full of perfect goody-goodies – God's love shines out from a church made up of forgiven sinners, whom God is trying to turn into better people. In fact, it's a good thing the Church is made up of sinners, otherwise there would be nowhere for me and you to find a home!

It is inevitable that the weeds and flowers will grow side by side until the harvest time. What everyone must do, then, is accept that we ourselves are as weedy as the people we may criticize, then beg God for his forgiveness, and work hard on our selfish faults, so that we shall become slightly better by the time our Father gathers us into his heavenly flower vases.

God bless you all!  
Carmel Gittens  
House for Duty Reader

## COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

The **C**ommunity **B**ible **S**tudy **I**nternational group start meeting again at 9:30am on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, in Kurts Bar, Galtres Centre, Easingwold.



**CBSI** is a non-denominational, independent, Christian teaching ministry, dedicated to providing accessible, in-depth Bible study in a supportive group setting which is open to everyone.

Through supplied material it offers a four step approach to studying God's word; individual study at home; discussion; teaching through a visiting speaker; and a commentary paper on the relevant Bible scripture.

Why not come along, or contact Roy Wadsworth Leader on 01904 471645 ([roy.wadsworth@btinternet.com](mailto:roy.wadsworth@btinternet.com)) or, Babara White Co-ordinator 01423 360041 ([whitebabara901@btinternet.com](mailto:whitebabara901@btinternet.com)).

### JOINT SERVICE 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 10.30AM

#### ST PETER'S BRAFFERTON

#### RIGHT REV BISHOP JOHN THOMSON



The new Bishop of Selby, Rt Rev John Thomson will take a United benefice Communion service at St Peter's Brafferton. Bishop John was recently ordained in York Minster and joins us from the Diocese of Sheffield. This will be a great opportunity to meet our new bishop.

## NEWS FROM ALNE CHURCH

We are pleased to report that over £2,200 was raised for the church at the **Canapé evening** and with the Gift Day donations. We give our grateful thanks to all those who have supported these events. We also wish to thank everyone who helps on the church cleaning and flower rotas.

**Coffee club** at the church continues from 10.30 am on the third Wednesday of every month. All are welcome.

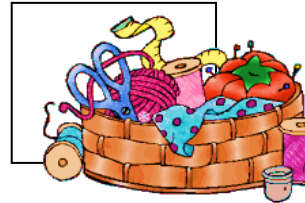
During September: Church cleaning rota -Liz Wade & Carol Glen; and Flowers by Joyce Statner.

## TOLLERTON STAY & PLAY

Just a reminder that we run a Stay & Play session for under 5's every Monday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 am. This is held in the Church Hall, Tollerton (look out for our rainbow sign). We charge £2 for the first child with any subsequent children £1 each, all babies under 6 months are free. Come along and see what great activities we do each week. Drinks and snacks included. First session free!

## KNIT, STITCH AND NATTER

In the **Aldwark Arms** on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month between 2 - 4pm. Join us when you can. No skills required! A chance to get to know your neighbours.



## THOLTHORPE WI

The title of our July meeting was 'The Railway King'. Some of us thought we knew what it was to be about, but the opening scene was Mr Chris Cade, dressed in his finest clothes, at the altar, waiting for his bride Elizabeth Nicholson. Born in Howsham, 12 miles north east of York, in 1800, on leaving school he was apprenticed to a firm of Drapers in York, and married the daughter of one of the partners in 1821. Chris told us all about the 'ups and downs' of the life of George Hudson, the man York has to thank for the prominent role in the railways. He involved his audience throughout his talk and we listened with such interest, that afterwards one member said she wished he had been her history teacher. Those of you who are not familiar with George Hudson, who was Lord Mayor of York 1837-8, his life makes fascinating telling. He died in London in 1871 and fittingly his coffin came back to York by train.

Our August meeting is every woman's favourite 'allure of the shoe'. All new members will be warmly welcomed.

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday 27 September**

**10 am to 12 Noon.**

Please support our coffee morning at St Michael's Church, Tollerton. Come along for Coffee & Cake and stalls. All proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Support.



### **MINI- EXPLORERS (TOLLERTON) PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**

We are pleased to announce the latest Ofsted inspection grading of Good which we have recently received following our assessment in March 2014. We are thrilled that the efforts of our team have been recognised through this grading. The full report will be available on the Ofsted website soon but if you would like to understand more about our recent inspection then please contact Liz our Manager, details below.

Mini-Explorers provides a safe, caring and nurturing environment for 2-4 year olds to learn through play. Our philosophy is that the children lead their own learning whilst our highly qualified staff support and direct them. Our rates are very competitive and we accept childcare vouchers. As we get ready for September we still have a small number of funded and unfunded places available but please hurry as following the outcome of our recent inspection these are going fast. Our current opening times are Monday to Friday from 9am to 3pm however we are looking to extend some of our days on a trial period to fit more in line with working parents, if this is something you'd be interested in then please let us know. If you'd like any information on the above or anything else please contact Liz at MiniExplorersTollerton@gmail.com or telephone number 07731 552124. Website: [www.miniexplorerstollerton.co.uk](http://www.miniexplorerstollerton.co.uk). (Registered charity number: 1033657).

### **TOLLERTON CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Tollerton Children's Christmas party will be held on Sunday 7 December 2014 between 3 and 5pm, with a disco, raffle and food for all children up to primary year 6. More details will follow nearer the date.

### **ALNE LOCAL AND FAIRTRADE MARKET**

The next ALF is on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 10 am to 12 noon at Alne Village Hall. A warm welcome awaits you along with local hand made goods and foods fairly traded food and crafts, and of course the Fair Trade Café incl bacon / egg butties. Do drop in and browse, chat and enjoy.

### **PARISH EXCHANGE**

A blue leather three seater Natuzzi settee (good condition) free to anyone who can collect from house in Tollerton. Please contact, 07778158770.

## ALNE VILLAGE HALL

### News and dates for your diary

We are delighted to welcome Peter Gobbi and Rosemary Ness to the small group of volunteers who manage the village hall in Alne. The Village Hall is a community asset and any income is ploughed into the maintenance and refurbishment of the building. Please support our events – or tell us what you'd like to attend! Better still, why not organise an event you'd like to see in the hall?



- **Ceilidh:** 27 September, 7:30pm. Live band, fish & chip supper and licensed bar. Dance into the evening. Tickets selling well: £12 adult, £6 child (12yrs and under), inc supper. Available from Gudrun (838864) or David & Lee (830077).
- **Alnestock:** 22 November further details to follow.
- **Seasonal Wreath-making demonstration:** 26 November, 7:30pm. Chris Brown of Brown Nurseries will be holding a wreath-making workshop in the village hall. All welcome and refreshments served.

Check out [www.alnevillage.co.uk](http://www.alnevillage.co.uk) for more information.

## SAMARITANS PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL

Alne Methodist Church and Alne Primary School are once again collecting Christmas shoeboxes to send to children around the world. Find out more on the [operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://operationchristmaschild.org.uk) website, where there are details of what to pack in your shoebox. Completed boxes, items for inclusion in a box (e.g. small toys, facecloth, toothpaste, small items of stationery) or donations of money can be brought to **Alne Local and Fair Trade Market** on 27<sup>th</sup> September. We don't have the collection date for our boxes yet but it is likely to be in mid October. For more information ring Tricia 838569. Thank you for your help in making Christmas 2014 special for more children around the world.

## ALNE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our meeting in July was held at Coxwold Tea rooms, where we had a delicious afternoon tea. I would like to thank all the ladies for their kind messages and the wonderful Hydrangea you gave me as a leaving present. I have sent the remaining money left over in our funds to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, which was £43. I wish you all well and hope someone will come forward to continue running the fellowship. Please keep in touch. With love to you all. Sue Hufton.

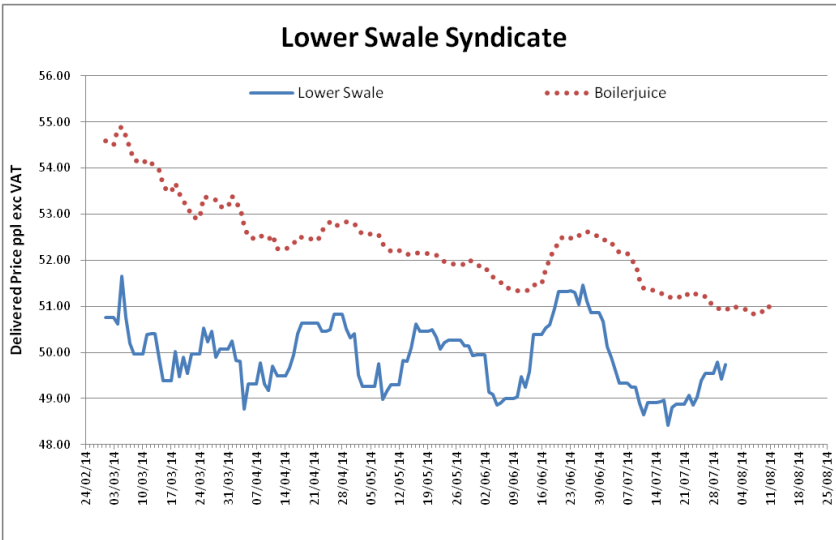
ALNE OIL CO-OPERATIVE



Alne Oil Co-operative

Founder member of the Lower Swale Syndicate of Oil Co-

Syndicate Members took delivery of 59,000 litres of kerosene during July at a median price of 49.24p per litre (compared with Boilerjuice 51.28pp/litre (plus 5% VAT on all prices).



If you are already a Cooperative Member and need oil, log on to Tate’s website [www.tateoil.co.uk](http://www.tateoil.co.uk) and fill in the online form with your requirements (you will need the password provided by Tate Fuels). Deliveries will be made as soon as Tate Fuels have enough orders for a full tanker load to this area, with a guaranteed maximum wait of one month. In practice it will be very much shorter.

If you live in or around Alne and want to know more about the Alne Heating Oil Co-operative, please visit the Alne Village website at: [http://www.alnevillage.co.uk/groups\\_oil.html](http://www.alnevillage.co.uk/groups_oil.html) . Visit us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/AlneOilCooperative](http://www.facebook.com/AlneOilCooperative).





## **ST STEPHEN`S CHURCH ALDWARD ANNUAL GOLF DAY**

With the Tour de France, Silverstone, The British Open and Wimbledon now in the past – what next? Well on the 16th July we had yet again St Stephen`s Annual Golf Day in aid of church funds. What a day it was. The kind weather, the course in great condition and fantastic support from both the golfers and our sponsors all contributed to what was a very enjoyable event.

The day started in a relaxed way with coffee, bacon sandwiches and good banter. This was followed by the seventy two golfers all competing for a place in the top five teams and all in a very good cause. Golfers came from as far afield as Nottingham, a little nearer Doncaster and of course our more local competitors. They raised a contribution of over £2,500 which will be used towards the installation of a new electronic microphone and hearing loop system ensuring all the congregation can enjoy and be part of future services.

Many of our golfers have returned for the sixth time and each year insist that a condition of playing is that the home made cakes at the half way house are available as a treat to look forward to during the earlier stages of the round. Yet again they were not to be disappointed as there was a veritable feast at the turn. Again our thanks go to both the RAF Linton on Ouse for allowing us the use of the rowers boat house adorned by hand sewn bunting and the artisan skills of our bakers.

The winning team with 84 points were Easingwold`s Chris Able, Peter Robinson, Ray Denton and James Cliffe. Close runners up from Knaresborough Golf Club, Brian Marshall, Brian Smith, Steve Jackson and Alan Mellor. Congratulations to them in the face of tough competition. Q Hotel`s Aldward Manor and Country Club hosted the day and without their support the event would be difficult to run. In particular our thanks to Karen Taylor their Weddings and Events Coordinator for the smooth preparation of the Hotels facilities.

We would also like to thank all our sponsors , HSBC, Nestle, Taylors of Harrogate, Molton Coors Brewing Company, Porche Centre Leeds, Tollerton Stores, The Farm Shop Beningborough, Feast Yorkshire Events Catering , The Blue Bell Country Inn Alne, The Aldward Arms Village Pub and

Restaurant Aldwark, York City Football Club and Aldwark Manor, Easingwold, Knaresborough and Pannal Golf Clubs.

A special mention to our bakers namely Lynne Adamson, Vivienne Bird, Linda Davis, Ann Hardisty, Anne MacDonald, Helen Ormerod, Carol Proudly, Sue Proudly, Sue Southall Lilian Taylor ,Linda Whitaker, Jean Willets and Edna Haig for both a cake and the attractive bunting. We are already looking forward to next year's event and thanks again to all who made this day a success.

### **YOUR CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING "SPECIAL"**

North Yorkshire Police is recruiting for volunteer police officers, known as "Specials", who can use their skills and local knowledge to enhance the service provided by North Yorkshire Police. Special Constables work on the front-line, and provide a vital link between local people and the police service. They play a crucial role in fighting crime and making our county safer.

North Yorkshire Police is looking for people from a variety of backgrounds, age-groups and walks of life, who could commit four hours per week to helping their community. Full training is given. If you are interested, please visit [www.nypspecials.com](http://www.nypspecials.com) for more information or to complete a short Expression of Interest Form.

The deadline for Expressions of Interest is 29 August 2014 but if you are reading this too late, don't worry. North Yorkshire Police will be recruiting again in the New Year.

### **PRAYER**

Prayer is a vital part of the life of the church whichever denomination. You are warmly invited to join us at our regular prayer meetings. These take place at:

**Aine:** every Tuesday Morning at 9am in the vicarage with Chris Park 838122.

**Tholthorpe:** every Wednesday Morning at 8.45 – 9.15 am at the Methodist Chapel - with Pam and John Lancaster 838266. All are welcome.

**Helperby:** 'Step aside' at 14 The Leas, Helperby.

## VILLAGE 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.

Date	Time	Venue	Details
7 Sept	10.30 am	Huby Methodist Church	Rev Hazel Hanson, Holy Communion
	3.00 pm	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
14 Sept	10.30 am	Husthwaite Methodist Church	Mr Vivien Firth
	3.00 pm	Byland Abbey	United Churches Together open air service
21 Sept	10.30 am	Brafferton Helperby	Rev Geoffrey Walthon-Pratt, Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Huby Methodist Church	Mrs Jennifer Powley
	10.30 am	Husthwaite Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
	3.00 pm	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion, Café Worship
	6.30 pm	Stillington Methodist Church	Rev Leslie Newton
28 Sept	10.30 am	St Mary's Church Alne	United Service
	10.30 am	Stillington Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
	4.00 pm	Huby Methodist Church	Philip Turner Church Anniversary

### THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUP

This will meet at Alne Hall on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 2.30pm.

#### St Stephen's Aldwark Flower Rota

Sept – Pat Stafford

Oct – Jenny Rudd

**ANGLICAN SERVICES  
SEPTEMBER 2014**

**Wednesday 3 September**

Brafferton	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
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**Sunday 7 September**

Aldwark	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
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Alne	10.30 am	Baptism	Rev Chris Park
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Brafferton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Hawthorn
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Myton	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Carmel Gittens
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Thormanby	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Charlotte Cranfield
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Tollerton	10.30 am	Morning Worship	John Rhodes
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**Sunday 14 September: Joint Service with Bishop John Thomson**

Brafferton	10.30 am	Joint Communion	Bishop John Thomson
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**Sunday 21 September**

Aldwark	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
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Alne	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
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Brafferton	10.30 am	Methodist HC	Rev Geoffrey Walton-Pratt
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Brafferton	6.30 pm	Compline	Carmel Gittens
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Thormanby	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
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Tollerton	10.30 am	Deeper	Rev Chris Park
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**Sunday 28 September**

Alne	10.30 am	Baptism	Rev Roy Wadsworth
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Brafferton	9.00 am	Holy communion	Carmel Gittens
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Myton	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Carmel Gittens
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Tollerton	10.30 am	Deeper	Rev Chris Park
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