

PARISH NEWSLETTER

May 2020

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

The Anglican ministers for the villages in the Parish of Alne are Revd. Debbie Coyne and Revd. Carmel Gittens. They can be contacted by telephone on 01423 360759 or by e-mail at rev.deborah.coyne@gmail.com and 01347 833437 or carmel-gittens@live.co.uk respectively.



So we are six weeks into lockdown and I wonder how you are all doing? I know many of us are isolated for the betterment of our health, with the excellent support of others from our villages, local services and shops, NHS volunteers, as well as friends and families. For those of you helping others at this time; "Thank you", you are doing a vital role and it is very much appreciated!

One of most searched for words on Google at the moment is “prayer”. Prayer is something we can all do. Put simply, it is a conversation between us and God. In last month’s newsletter I mentioned using the Lord’s prayer as we wash our hands, and that is an excellent starting point. But I am aware that sometimes it is hard to form words to God that express how we feel. I am also aware that some of you, in circumstances outside of lockdown, will regularly pop into one of our church buildings to pray by yourselves, and/or would pop in now if that was an option (which sadly it is not, as all church buildings are currently closed). I am already praying for all of you, it is something I do as part of my role as the Vicar in this area, and especially at the moment. But if you would like me to pray something specific for you then please get in touch. You can:

- E-mail me on: rev.deborah.coyne@gmail.com;
- Phone me: 01423 360 759 (if I am not available, leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can);
- Leave a message on: Benefices of Alne and Brafferton Facebook page: @BeneficesofAlneandBrafferton; Instagram: @beneficesab; or Twitter: @BeneficesAB;
- Write to me at: 1 Holly Garth, Brafferton, York, YO61 2NZ.

In any of these ways you can contact me anonymously and confidentially, if that is what you would prefer. Please note that in order to do this on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram you will need to send a direct message.

Alternatively, the Church of England are offering Daily Hope. a telephone line service available 24 hours a day on: 0800 804 8044, with prayers, worship, reflections and full services at the end of a telephone line.

Within the parish we are offering weekly Zoom services at 10.30a.m. on Sunday mornings, contact me for details, or alternatively visit our website: <https://beneficesofalneandbrafferton.wordpress.com> where we share the order of service for that Sunday, hymns, and the sermon for the week.

Take care, keep safe, Grace and Peace,

Debbie & Aslan

News from Alne Church

Churches across the land remain closed though churchyards stay open. Thanks to the continued hard work our volunteers the churchyard is a very accessible area - with plenty of room for social distancing.



Sunday services on Zoom

As the churches are closed the Revd. Debbie is holding a weekly service at 10.30a.m. on Zoom. This service is open to everyone. For access details please contact the Vicar or one of the wardens (details can be found on page 11 of this newsletter).

During the current pandemic the news has been mixed. In some areas the virus has spread rapidly and there has been significant suffering and loss of life. In rural areas we seem to have been more fortunate. In addition we are closer to the land and many of us find solace as the hedgerows and gardens turn green and crops start to grow.

It has been both humbling and heartening over the past month of isolation to see how generously members of the community have gone out of their way to look out for their neighbours. A big "Thank You" to everyone for their kindness and consideration.

We thank all those all those who contribute to the community whether they are farmers, health workers and all those who distribute food and essential goods.



Alne Street Fayre

In light of the current situation caused by the Coronavirus pandemic, it is with some sadness that, after careful consideration, the decision has been taken to cancel the 2020 Alne Street Fayre. The good news is that a new date has been set for **Sunday, 13th June 2021**. We hope that you will look forward with added anticipation to next year's event.

Alne Coronavirus Support Group

A coronavirus support group has been set up in Alne, initiated by the enthusiastic Street Fayre Committee and backed by Alne Parish Council. David Edwards has agreed to be the overall co-ordinator and the village (including Alne Station and Forest Lane) has been split into seven zones, each with its own team leader and its own group of volunteers. Every house should have received a leaflet identifying which zone it is in and who is its team leader with the relevant contact details.

If you are over 70, pregnant, vulnerable or with underlying health conditions, these volunteers have put their hands up to be of service to you. They can do shopping, collect prescriptions, post letters or do anything else (within reason!) that you might be prevented from doing by current government regulations.

If you are in need, please contact your designated team leader. If you need to contact the overall co-ordinator, or you have not received the leaflet, contact David Edwards on 833269, 07583 377276 or daviedwards8@gmail.com.

Alne Parish Council

Alne Scarecrow Festival

Unfortunately with the current Coronavirus lockdown in operation and uncertainty on when things might return to normal for public events, it is with regret that the Alne Scarecrow Festival, previously scheduled for **Sunday 12th July 2020**, has now had to be cancelled.

David Lepper

Alne Music Club

I originally had the first 3 concerts booked for this year, starting in July, through to the autumn. However, we have been overtaken by the Coronavirus lockdown, and all concerts in front of a live audience are understandably currently on hold. Once the situation returns to something like normal, I will go back to the artists to rearrange new dates.

In the meantime I have not been idle and I have submitted a grant application to the Calor Community Fund. This is for Alne Music Club to acquire a decent Sound System, with speakers, stands, amplifier and microphones, together with some stage lights. Some artists are self-sufficient and bring their own equipment, but others may travel with perhaps just a guitar, and then plug into the public address system provided by the venue. Obtaining our own equipment will save performing artists needing to bring as much gear, and it can also be used to support other events, like travelling theatre, or illustrated talks. We have got through the initial application process, and now individual cases will be judged by the amount of local support they can demonstrate, via a Crowdfunding Campaign.

In the current circumstances where people may have lost their job, and money is likely to be tight for many, I will not be asking for any direct financial contributions. Instead, it will be good to be able to clearly demonstrate the level of local support for our new venture acquiring its own sound and lighting system.

I have now set up a new Alne Music Club Facebook Group Page, and if you can "Like" this page, to show your support for us putting on live quality music concerts in the Village Hall in the future, that will be really helpful. Alternatively, if you don't use Facebook, you can send an e-mail to d.lepper27@btinternet.com, or telephone 01347 838114, leaving your name, so I can report back on the number of supporters that we have for launching this new venture. The greater the support we can demonstrate, the better the chance that we may secure a grant, up to £1,000, to help us with obtaining this initial equipment.

I will keep you posted on how this application proceeds, and in due course will advise you of forthcoming concerts we will be putting on. I will give a profile of each artist we book, together with details of the date, time and cost of the performance. Something positive to look forward to.

David Lepper, Alne Music Club Promoter



Alne Village Sunflower Growing Competition

A FREE TO ENTER

Sunflower Growing Competition for Alne Village!

Instead of being judged on height
this competition will be judged
on how well you can grow your free sunflower seeds in a
pot!

Enter as an individual or as a team!

Here's how to enter:

- 1. Collect your FREE packet of seeds & recycled plant pot outside the Nursery Gate in Alne**
- 2. Complete the ENTRY FORM & put it in the Black Honesty Box**
- 3. Get sowing & growing your Sunflower Seeds!**
- 4. 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Prizes will be awarded by Stella Exley of Hare Spring Cottage Plants**
- 5. Final date & venue for judging will be announced once things are clearer on freedom of movement**

Only 50 packets of seeds available

So Don't miss out!

Seeds & Pots available

From 4 May to 10 May 2020



**Sponsored by Hare Spring Cottage Plants
Church Orchard, Alne**

Contact: stella@harespringcottageplants.co.uk

COMMUNITY AMENITIES

Do you know what is available in Alne?

- * Everything about Alne and up-to-date news. See <https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/>
- * Daily Newspaper delivery and general stores
Tollerton Stores 838436
- * Sunday Newspaper delivery. See https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/sunday_newspapers.html
- * Bakery van outside the Village Hall every Saturday 8.00a.m. – 9.00a.m.
<http://www.amosandwelsh.com>
- * Farmshop making regular deliveries in the village. See <https://farmgatefarmshop.com>
- * Milk delivery (and cream, eggs, yoghurts, etc.)
Contact Liz and Andrew Wade on 838806
- * Heating Oil purchase co-operative. See https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/groups_oil.html
- * Regular buses to Easingwold and York. See <https://reliancebuses.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Timetable-30.pdf>
- * Weekly bus to Morrison's in Boroughbridge. See https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/buses_morrison.html
- * Sports. Thriving tennis and cricket clubs. See https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/sport_tennis.html & <https://www.alnecc.co.uk/>
- * Alne Street Fayre, raising funds for the Alne recreation ground, sports field and play park. Now in its 36th year.
The next Alne Street Fayre is on Sunday, 7th June 2020.
- * Maps. Historical maps are displayed in the Village Hall. There is an indexed map of Alne houses on the Parish Council notice board. Other maps of Alne and Alne Station can be found at <https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/maps.html>

Tollerton Coronavirus Support

A Tollerton support group, in conjunction with the Parish Council, Doctors' Surgery and the Church, has been set up by local villagers to offer support to anyone who is affected by coronavirus. If you are self-isolating or needing support we can help you with:

Food shopping

Posting letters

Connecting you to other services

Having a chat

Prescription collections & requests

Collecting deliveries

Dog walking

We can assure you that we will respect your privacy and your health security. If you would like our help then please call or text either of the following numbers and we will put you in touch with a neighbour who will help.

07831 306795

07835 532918

If you need any help at all please do get in touch, we are here to help.

**ALDWARE ANNUAL GOLF DAY
WEDNESDAY, 22ND JULY 2020**

With the very kind assistance of the Aldware Manor Hotel we are delighted to announce we are planning to hold our 14th Annual golf Day at Aldware Manor Golf Club in support of St. Stephen's Church in Aldware.

Put the date in your diary now!

This will be a team event for 4 players and if anyone is keen to enter a team or would like more details please contact one of the people listed below and we will be pleased to help.

On the day we also hold a raffle which has proved to be extremely popular and needless to say we are in urgent need of as many raffle prizes as we can arrange. If you are able to donate a prize – and it most certainly doesn't have to be golf related – please again contact any of the people listed.

We hope you can help!

Bill Ormerod – Paddock Cottage, Aldware - 01347 838357

Peter Davis - Court Field House, Aldware - 01347 830088

Ian Southall - Aldware House, Aldware - 01347 838040

David Bird - Handel Cottage, Aldware - 01347 833062

David Robinson - Maiden's Folly, Youlton - 01347 838006

Contact Details:

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York Minster plans Memorial Service to comfort those bereaved by the Covid-19 pandemic

A memorial service to comfort relatives and friends bereaved during the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic will take place at York Minster, the Mother Church of Diocese of York, later in 2020.

The impact of the virus, and the national lockdown that has been in place to support the NHS and essential services during the emergency, has made it nearly impossible for relatives and friends to comfort and support their loved ones in their final hours and social distancing measures have resulted in restrictions for funerals and cremations.

The Revd Michael Smith, Canon Pastor at York Minster said that the circumstances have left many people feeling desolate and heartbroken. He said:

“One of the most painful aspects of the current ‘lockdown’ is that many people have been unable to sit by the side of loved ones as they died or to attend their funerals. When regulations are lifted there will be a Memorial Service at York Minster to enable those bereaved during the pandemic to grieve and to give thanks for loved ones who have died.

“The proposed York Minster Memorial Service will complement local, personal church services held across the Diocese of York for families wishing to commemorate a loved one who they were unable to visit at the end of their life and whose funeral they were unable to attend.

“We will announce the date for this service as soon as we can but we wanted people to know that in addition to what local ministers and churches will be doing for individual families, there will be an opportunity for anyone to come to a service at York Minster to grieve and give thanks for loved ones who have died, and to light a candle in their memory.

“We hope that in this way we will be able to walk alongside all who have been bereaved during the pandemic, and, by sharing the good news of God’s love, to bring some comfort and healing to all those who have been unable to grieve properly because of the present situation.”

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