

PARISH NEWSLETTER

April 2023

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

Please contact the church wardens as the first point of contact – a full list of wardens is provided on page 20 of this Parish Newsletter.



The ultimate punchline

‘Knock, knock.’ ‘Who’s there?’ ‘Euripides.’ ‘Euripides who?’ ‘You rippa dese and you buy me a new pair.’

OK, it’s not the funniest joke in the world. There must be millions of better ones I could have chosen, but you know what it’s like trying to remember jokes. What interests me, though, is why a joke makes us laugh – something human beings do, but no other species.

Nearly every joke, it seems to me, contains a contradiction. It’s about being surprised (‘I didn’t see *that* coming’) but also having our expectations satisfied (‘Of course!’). We don’t expect an ancient Greek to have anything to do with ripped trousers.

But when the punchline smashes Euripides and trousers together, we suddenly see logic where we didn't think there was any. And that gives us pleasure.

For some reason, God has given us a capacity for enjoying jokes, even bad ones. I wonder why. Could the reason be that there's a big dose of comedy in the way God deals with us?

The Bible contains a huge cast of characters – beggars and kings, heroes and cowards, the wise and the foolish, the virtuous and the villainous, all muddling their way through life. But behind the individual stories, there's another story going on as God unfolds his plan for the human race. In this story, as in any good comedy, things are not what they seem on the surface. Defeats turn out to be victories; good comes from evil; the first are last and the last first.

For centuries, good men and women in the Old Testament wondered how a loving God was going to fix the problem of human sin and alienation. If God was awesomely perfect, what hope for fallen human beings? But if he simply forgave, where was the justice? Apart from a few premonitions from prophets such as Isaiah, no-one saw the answer coming the way it did.

But then it was obvious: God dying and rising again, himself suffering our punishment, was the only possible solution to the human condition. The resurrection of Jesus is the ultimate punchline – the surprise twist that could not have been otherwise.

Thanks to Easter, we now see how the divine story will end with laughter in heaven, death defeated and God and his people fully reunited.

It's not called Good Friday for nothing. Happy Easter!

Graham Jones
Reader in Alne Parish

News from Alne Church

We are delighted that Rev Kath McBride is able to complete the last few months of her curate position here with us in Alne Parish following the vacancy created when Rev Debbie Coyne moved on to the Sheffield Diocese to be part of a larger team there.

Kath led the Mothering Sunday service at Alne on Sunday 19th March and it was great to see some of our younger villagers taking part and choosing some flower posies at the end to give to family members. Several children also took advantage of some activities in the newly positioned children's area at the back of the church during the service.

The Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Monday (10th April) will end in church with some refreshments organised by parents. This follows the Egg Decorating Competition that has taken place in school, with prizes awarded in church followed by refreshments on the afternoon of 29th March.

HEATING DETAILS

A little more detail has been requested about the new heating system in church, which is more focused on heating people than the vast volume of the air inside the building, which we can't hope to heat properly. So there are two pew heaters under each pew which are positioned nearest to the aisle either side then again a little further along if you want to find the warmest spots to sit! There are also pew heaters under the pew that is regularly used for meetings in the North aisle.

In addition, for the other areas in regular use, there are some smaller fan heaters plus some high level wall heaters which direct 'far IR' radiation (without glowing red) to provide heat in meeting and preparation areas. The organ seat also has a heater underneath to keep the chill away from our organists as much as possible.

DATE FOR THE DIARY:

'Ladies of Lascaris' - a talk by Paul McDonald, author and former RAF pilot on **Friday 12th May**. The subject will be the defence of Malta during WWII and will focus on the bravery and stoicism of the people of Malta as well as the servicemen and women and the many volunteers who fought with them.

Parish Records

Funeral and burial: 9th March 2023 - John Robert Mitchell

Coffee at Alne Church

The informal gatherings in church for refreshments and snacks on the **first Tuesday** of each month are proving to be increasingly popular, with good attendance in March.

All are welcome to attend on the morning of **4th April**. For further information please contact Peter Cove (838346).

“Ladies of Lascaris” **The defence of Malta during WWII**



A talk by author
Paul McDonald (ex-RAF)
Alne Church
Friday 12th May 2023 at 7.30p.m.
Tickets £5 (children free)
Refreshment



**Alne Parish Leisure Association - awarded
The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2022**

TOMBOLA PRIZES NEEDED

Our wonderful Alne Street Fayre will be held on June 11th this year and we are writing to ask if you have anything you could donate to the Tombola Stall. This is one of the main fundraiser events of the Alne Street Fayre, so we would really appreciate as many prizes as possible to make this year's tombola a huge success and help maintain the facilities within the village.

The success of this tombola relies solely upon the generosity of our donors, so any unwanted gifts, soft drinks, wine, beer, sweets and any other items suited to a tombola would be very gratefully received.

We have a new Tombola Team this year who will be making house-to-house collections of any donations on the 15th May, so if you could please leave your contributions on your doorstep or at the end of your drive by midday, that would be very helpful.

Alternatively, if you live in the main village you can drop them at:

Spring Cottage, Main Street, Alne **or** Pasture House, Gale Road, Alne.

If you are closer to Alne Station end:

Grange House, 7 Maltings Court, Alne **or** Agricole House, Station Road, Alne.

Of course, any donations you would like to offer before or after the 15th May we will gratefully receive, or if you have any that need collecting, please contact **Jenny on dalleywater@aol.com or Julie on jablaws@hotmail.co.uk**

With Huge Thanks **Your Alne Street Fayre Tombola Team**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Village Hall News & Dates for your Diary



Pub Nights

Our next pub night will be **Friday 14th April 2023 at 7.00p.m.** We do hope you can join us for a drink and a chat. It is very relaxed and everybody is welcome. It's a great way to get to know other villagers.

More pub night dates to follow for 2023

Quiz Night

Bob Hayes has very kindly offered to run our second quiz night of 2023. This will be on **Friday 21st April at 7.00p.m.** This should be a fun evening so get your teams together and come and join us.

Afternoon Tea – Helping Hands For Nepal Saturday 13th May 1.00p.m. to 4.00p.m.

Come and experience an afternoon tea with a difference.

Enjoy a scrumptious afternoon tea accompanied by a glass of prosecco, and a fashion show, by Hearts of Easingwold, with fabulous spring fashions.

Browse the stalls and watch demonstrations of local businesses.

Tickets are just £25 with all proceeds going to support Helping Hands work in Nepal.

Buy your tickets from Hearts of Easingwold, or call/text 07912 415266

If you would like to join our committee you would be very welcome. It's a great way to get to know people if you are new to the village. Please get in touch at rosemary.ness@btinternet.com.



**An afternoon of food,
fashion and fun – and
shopping
Saturday 13th May
Alne Village Hall**

Come and experience an afternoon tea with a difference.

Enjoy a scrumptious afternoon tea accompanied by a glass of prosecco, and a fashion show with fabulous spring fashions.

Shopping and demonstrations with local businesses

Tickets are just £25 with all proceeds going to support Helping Hands work in Nepal.
1pm to 4pm



For tickets call
07912415266



Alne Coronation Bank Holiday Celebrations

The Big Help Out is a national day of volunteering happening on **8th May 2023**, the Bank Holiday Monday of the Coronation weekend. Alne is a wonderful village with a great spirit - characterised by enormous numbers of residents volunteering occasionally or regularly, upon tasks big and small. It is hoped that as many of us can all come together in this spirit for our village, to undertake a little volunteering before enjoying the rest of the day with a picnic and football match.

The plan is for the morning to be dedicated to short volunteering jobs and the list so far includes:

- Playing a board game with a resident at Oak Trees care home (particularly good for children);

- Church Spring Clean (polishing brassware and dusting places that are not easy for regular helpers to reach);

- Litter-picking;

- Weeding the new Dennis Myers hedge at the playground.

More jobs may follow at the village hall and elsewhere – please do suggest away!

At noon, there will be a Picnic in the Park, organised by Jodie Roebuck. Please bring food and drink to share (or just for yourself!), a picnic blanket and eating utensils. Trestle tables will be set up for the sharing food, along with the obligatory bunting!

Finally, after everyone has had time to digest their picnic, there will be a Village Football Match organised by Connor Clennan.

For more information on any of the above – especially if you can spare 30 minutes or so of your time in the morning to volunteer - please get in touch with Hannah Pilling on hannah.parmley@gmail.com.



MONDAY 8TH MAY

Alne Coronation Bank Holiday Celebrations

A day of village activities,
on the official "Big Help Out"
Coronation Bank Holiday,
is planned and everyone is
welcome to join for all
or part of the day!

MORNING:

"Half Hour"
Volunteering in the Village

NOON:

Picnic in the Park

AFTERNOON:

Village Football Match

Please contact Hannah Pilling on hannah.parmley@gmail.com
for more information or to register to volunteer

Alne WI Meeting Wednesday 8th March 2023

This month's meeting was opened by Joan Baram (President) happy to be in charge of the wooden gavel for the coming year. The meeting was well attended and Joan warmly welcomed members and visitors. Joan enthusiastically informed us of the future meetings (programmes were provided) and the many various outings that she has organised if members would like to attend. Diana (brilliant Secretary) kept WI news brief. This evenings speaker was - Lynette Evans Alne W.I. Member
Demonstrating – Amigurumi

Amigurumi (Japanese crocheted or knitted stuffed toy") is the Japanese art of knitting or crocheting small, stuffed yarn creatures. The word is a compound of the Japanese words *ami*, meaning "crocheted or knitted", and *kurumi*, literally "wrapping", as in 縫 *nuigurumi*" (sewn) stuffed doll". *Amigurumi* vary in size and there are no restrictions about size or look. While the



art of *amigurumi* has been known in Japan for several decades, the craft first started appealing to the masses in other countries, especially in the West, in 2003. By 2006 *amigurumi* were reported to be some of the most popular items on Etsy, an online craft marketplace, where they typically sold for £10 to £100.

Lynette (on the left of the above photograph) then showed us all that by learning just a few crochet stitches it was possible to produce a wonderful toy. Lynette gave very helpful advice on wools, stuffings & crochet hook sizes etc., by the end of her demonstration Lynette had produced a lovely toy egg cup cosy.

Joan then distributed craft materials for every member to make a gift of folding envelopes, which she then demonstrated how to make. A pleasant craft evening.

We then had an enjoyable Social time supper provided by lovely hostesses Rosie & Jane.



Next meeting: **Wednesday 12th April 7.30p.m.** (second Wednesday of the month)

Activity - Hearing Dogs
(Training dogs to help change the lives of deaf people)
Competition- Anything dog relative (no real dogs)
Hall Set Up - Debbie Bell & Karen Rogers
Hostesses - Nancy Burch & Sue Ward
Visitors (£3.50) always given a warm welcome

During the month we had the most amazing, “Afternoon Tea” held at Whiteley's at Home Farm, Alne.





FANTASTIC. A most enjoyable afternoon, filled with lots of chatter, laughter, fabulous food & drink (the photographers above are of just a few of our members enjoying the afternoon). Thank you Whiteley's.

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](https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/)
- * Sunday Newspaper delivery. See <https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/sunday-newspapers.html>
- * Bakery van outside Village Hall every Saturday 08:00 – 09:00
<http://www.amosandwelsh.com>
- * Farmshop making weekly (Wednesdays) deliveries in the village.
See <https://farmgatefarmshop.com>
- * Milk delivery (and cream, eggs, yoghurts etc.)
[Contact Liz and Andrew Wade on 838806](https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/)
- * Heating Oil purchase co-operative. See <https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/oil-co-op.html>
- * Regular buses to Easingwold and York. See <https://reliancebuses.co.uk/service-30-30x-30se/>
- * Weekly bus to Morrisons in Boroughbridge. 11:00 Mondays.
See [https://sites.create-cdn.net/sitefiles/29/8/9/298951/Morrisons bus.pdf](https://sites.create-cdn.net/sitefiles/29/8/9/298951/Morrisons_bus.pdf)
- * Sports: Thriving tennis and cricket clubs. See <https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/tennis.html>
and <https://www.alnecc.co.uk/>
- * Alne Street Fayre, raising funds for the Alne recreation ground, sports field and play park. Now in its 38th year.
[The next Alne Street Fayre is on Sunday 11th June 2023.](https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/)
- * 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>



Summer 2023 Alne Music Club Concert Programme

Sarah McQuaid - Friday 5th May at 7.30p.m.

Sarah was born in Spain (to a Spanish father and an American mother) and raised in Chicago and was taught piano and guitar from an early age. She toured the US and Canada with the Chicago Children's Choir, then at 18 spent a year in France studying. In the 1990's she lived in Ireland where she reviewed albums and concerts and was a columnist writing a regular folk music column for the Evening Herald.

She released her debut album in 1997, and now has 6 fine albums to her credit. In 2007 she moved to rural West Cornwall not far from Land's End. Here she collaborated with long-time producer and engineer who will be supporting her on this tour, Martin Stansbury, who will provide excellent sound and lighting for the concert.

I saw Sarah in concert 4 years ago in Malton, then last autumn at Thirsk. She is a distinctive classy singer songwriter who stands out from the crowd and leaves a memorable lasting impression.

She has recently just completed an extensive European tour taking in Holland, Germany and Denmark over the early Spring.

Critics say:

"One of the most instantly recognisable voices in current music. Shades of Joni Mitchell in a jam with Karen Carpenter and Lana Del Rey." Neil March, Trust the Doc

"Brilliant musicianship, a warm and welcoming stage presence and a voice as rich, matured and knowing as the finest thrice-distilled Irish malt whiskey."
- fRoots Magazine

Sarah plays acoustic and electric guitars, piano, and occasional drums, mainly performing her original songs with a few covers like Justin Heywood's Forever Autumn.

Tickets will be £14 in advance or £15 on the door if still available from:
<https://buytickets.at/alnmusicclub/835198>

Carrie Martin - Friday 23rd June at 7.30p.m.

Carrie is a lovely singer songwriter from Hull, her 4th album "Evergreen" is coming out in the spring and songs from it will be heavily featured in the show. "Carrie is a triple treat possessed with the ability to craft a fine song, nimble finger-picking skill and a beguiling voice" Trevor Ragat RnR Magazine.

She is a featured artist endorsed by Vintage Guitars playing at specialist Guitar Shows, I saw her perform at Thirsk last autumn. She has been nurtured and closely collaborated with guitar maestro Gordon Giltrap and has a bright sunny disposition and wears beautiful colourful outfits. She will be performing solo in an intimate show for us, not to be missed.



Tickets are a bargain £10 available from:
<https://buytickets.at/alnmusicclub/860918>

David Lepper

Alne Music Club Promoter

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SARAH McQUAID

**Lifetime Achievement Award Winner,
Ard International Guitar Festival**

**'Her subtle mastery
onstage launches
her straight into my
fave shows ever,'
Huffington Post**

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Photo by Phil Nicholls

APRIL - MAY 2023 TOUR DATES: DETAILS ON REVERSE



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SARAH McQUAID

APRIL-MAY 2023 UK TOUR

Apr 28	CHITTLEHAMPTON: St Hiertha's Church (Beaford Arts)	May 14	DRUMHARDROCHIT: Craigmorie Centre
Apr 29	NORTON ST PHILIP (BATH): Church of St Philip & St James	May 15	CROMARTY: The Stables At Comarty Arts Trust
Apr 30	TOTTEN (SOUTHAMPTON): Hanger Farm Arts Centre	May 16	ABERDEEN Arts Centre
May 2	TENKESBURY: The Roses	May 17	IRVINE Folk Club
May 4	BARNARD CASTLE: The Witham	May 19	SALTBRUN-BY-THES-SEA: Seaside Folk
May 5	ALNE (YORK): Alne Music Club	May 20	HEBEN BRIDGE: Wainsgate Chapel
May 6	MARKSTON (NORTHWICH): The Salt Works Sessions	May 21	BURTON IN LONSDALE Village Hall
May 7	WATER YEAT (ULVERSTON): Water Yeat Village Hall	May 25	BARNOLDSWICK Music & Arts Centre
May 8	LEADHILLS (BIGGAR): Almost A House Concert @ Hopetoun Arms	May 26	DONCASTER: Roots Music Club Doncaster
May 11	CARRADALE (CAMPBELTOWN): Kilbrannan Sound Events @ Carradale Village Hall	May 27	FULBOURN Arts
May 13	GARTLY: Tin Hut Sessions	May 29	FAVERSHAM: St Mary of Charity Church

See sarahmcquaid.com/tour for details of all events.

Sarah McQuaid's lush, chocolatey voice combines with her engaging personality, "subtle mastery onstage" (*Huffington Post*) and "williant musicianship" (*Roots*) on acoustic and electric guitars, piano and (occasionally) drum to create a truly immersive experience. Born in Spain, raised in Chicago, holding dual Irish and American citizenship and now settled in rural England, she brings the eclecticism of her background to her "captivating, unorthodox songwriting" (*PopMatters*) and choice of material, spanning genres and defying categorisation. All this is abundantly demonstrated by her new live album and video series *The St Buryan Sessions* — but needs to be savoured in person to be fully appreciated.










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Third Alne Open Gardens Update

With some 3 months to go until the Third Alne Open Gardens afternoon on **Sunday 25th June 2023**, the details for the event are now firming up. We have 15 gardens confirmed, half of them new entries, creating our biggest and best event to date.

A big thank you to all of those who have kindly volunteered to open your gardens for this afternoon, without you this day would not happen.

The text for the printed program is now being finalised, and 3 local garden related businesses have generously promised sponsorship with an advert that will help cover the printing costs for our program Guide.

A smart new cover and central map for the Open Gardens Guide are being produced by Yvonne Costello. The Alne Art Group, run by Yvonne Costello and Jenny Dalleywater, will be providing some locally produced art in the Village Hall on the day which will be a welcome addition. We will also have children's games on offer in one of the gardens.

A final call if anyone is able to offer some local live music, a craft stall, or home grown plants to be located in one of the gardens on the day, then **please get in touch with details** so they can be incorporated in the final Program.

David Lepper

Alne Open Gardens Co-ordinator

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or our 24/7 message line
0772 44 44 750

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- We deliver to Easingwold and our many surrounding villages.
- If you wish, we can discuss further help and offer confidential support over the telephone during lockdown.
- Our food packages contain tinned and dry goods for 3-5 days supply. We include UHT milk, bread and spread as well as toiletries. We can also try to supply fresh fruit and vegetables.



info@edcca.org.uk



<https://edcca.org.uk>

ANGLICAN SERVICES

APRIL

Venue	2 nd April (Palm Sunday)	9 th April (Easter Day)	16 th April	23 rd April	30 th April
Aldwark	10.30a.m. Joint Parish Holy Communion				10.30a.m.
Alne	followed by Palm Sunday walk	10.30a.m. Holy Communion		10.30a.m. Morning Worship/ Vision service	Joint Parish Service at Tollerton Holy Communion
Tollerton		10.30a.m. Holy Communion	10.30a.m. Morning Worship	10.30a.m. Morning Worship	

Good Friday Meditation

A time of meditation and quiet reflection will be held at St. Mary's Alne on Friday 7th April at 2.00 pm

METHODIST SERVICES for Villages Together

Rev'd David Bidnell is the Methodist Minister for the villages around Easingwold. David can be contacted on 01904 345429. You are welcome at all of the village services listed below

APRIL

Date/ Venue	Alne	Huby	Husthwaite	Stillington	Tholthorpe
2 April 10.30a.m.		Robin Jackson Café Service			
9 April 10.30a.m.	Easter Morning Service at Easingwold David Bidnell, Holy Communion				

Date/ Venue	Alne	Huby	Hustwaite	Stillington	Tholthorpe
9 April 3.00p.m.	John Schofield HC @ Alne Hall				
16 April	Flourish Weekend Scarborough				
23 April 3.00p.m.			10.30a.m.		John Hayward Café Service
30 April		United Service Tbc		United Service Tbc	

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