

PARISH NEWSLETTER

November 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.

A Joint Statement from the Bishops of the Diocese of York

The Archbishop of York and the Bishops of Whitby, Selby and Hull have sent a joint message to the people, clergy and churches of the Diocese of York about the recent and continuing violence in Israel and Gaza.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We watch with grief and horror as the violence in Israel and Gaza intensifies, following the dreadful terrorist attack on Israel by Hamas. We remember that all people are created in the image of God, and therefore deserve to be treated with respect and dignity, to live lives free of fear and violence.

As the archbishops said in their joint statement last week:

“We are grieved and deeply concerned at the violence in Israel and Gaza, and we unequivocally condemn the attacks by Hamas. We pray for those who are mourning, those who are injured, and all those fearing for their safety. We pray for restraint on all sides, and renewed efforts towards a just peace for all. The way forward must be for both sides to build confidence in a secure future through which Israel and its people can live in security within its internationally recognised borders, and Palestinians have their own state and live in their lands in security, and with peace and justice.”

We condemn the acts of violence, particularly those that are targeting innocent civilians – men, women and children who are killed and held hostage while simply trying to live. We ask that leaders seek a way forward that ends the vicious cycles of violence and finds a way to build peace among peoples and nations, in which everyone can flourish and prosper.

We pray that the peace of God will reign; that justice and mercy will bring an end to war and terror. We pray for the freedom of all peoples, that they may live in unity with their neighbours, that their humanity may be respected and that they may live without fear.

We pray too for an end to violence in this country, particularly for an end to anti-Semitic violence; our Jewish brothers and sisters deserve to live lives free from fear. No school should have to close because of security threats; places of worship should not need security guards to keep worshippers safe. We stand in solidarity with those in our communities who may not feel welcomed and respected. Prejudice has no place in our society, whether anti-Jewish or anti-Muslim, and the war between Hamas and Israel must not be used to demonise whole communities and destabilise the peace that we so value in our cities and towns.

Finally, we invite the parishes of the York diocese to do all that they can to support Archbishop Hosam, the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem.

In the words of Archbishop Hosam, with people around the world, we pray:

O God of all justice and peace
we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma
of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering;
we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all
people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the
establishment of peace,
we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples.
Guide us into your kingdom

where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children for, to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

If you are able, please support the [JMECA appeal](#) for the Ahli Arab Hospital to continue providing life-saving medical care.

Stephen, Archbishop of York

Paul, Bishop of Whitby

John, Bishop of Selby

Eleanor, Bishop of Hull

News from Alne Church



Despite challenging times, a wide variety of items (more were behind the font!) were collected at the school harvest service in addition to the Sunday service. These were very gratefully received by the EDCCA food bank in Easingwold. Thank you to all who donated.

Shoe Boxes – there are more in the porch if you don't already have one. Please return these on **Sunday, 12th November** or any time during the following week so Samaritan's Purse can get these to children in need for Christmas, wherever that may be in the world. Suggestions and instructions to track your donation are in the leaflets within the boxes.

Unwrapped presents can also be left on the pew by the kitchen area for the **Salvation Army** Christmas Angel appeal. The deadline for this will be in December as presents go to needy children more locally, so this may suit some people better once they have had a chance to do some Christmas shopping.

Thank you so much for any donations you can make to children who might not otherwise get a present this Christmas.

The next service in St Mary's will be:

Remembrance Sunday – 12th November, 10.45a.m.

Easingwold Town Band concert

The church was full of people and music as the band very ably played a varied programme with something in it for everyone, including a bagpipe solo from the piper who played at the Queen's funeral last year. The sound was amazing in church throughout this very enjoyable evening.

Coffee Mornings

These will continue on the **first Tuesday of each month** in St Mary's for those who wish to call in for a chat and some refreshments.

A Christmas lunch will take place on **Tuesday, 28th November** – please contact Peter Cove to confirm attendance so that food can be prepared accordingly.

Parish Records

Funerals: 2nd October - Mike Darnell
 13th October – Christine North



In preparation for a new Priest in Charge, we are looking to the comments made in the questionnaire at the start of the year to set some priorities for St Mary's. Those who responded, regardless of religious affiliation, said they value our churches in the parish. In addition to this, another survey in Alne showed that villagers also value the recreation field and Street Fayre.

As current organisers of church events and other village activities are getting older and more fully retiring, more help will be needed for things to still take place in the village.

Several people asked for more **children's activities and parents' groups**, which can only start up with some support from some interested people who can work with a new vicar or others to provide these. These could be in the week if that suits families better than weekends.

Other **community and social activities** were requested, so if you have any ideas for what would appeal to you and others in the villages, please let us know as it would be great to make the most of all village facilities.

St Mary's church is now warm, has a good sound system and great acoustics, so is being regularly used for other meetings during the week too as the only charges made are to cover the heating and lighting costs.

If you would like to meet in church for any activities or have ideas about / can help with some that could take place, please get in touch with Maggie Bond (838287), Peter Cove (838346) or Sharon Oliver (07778 158770).

Without this detail and the people to make it happen, we won't be able to provide what your village would like to thrive and flourish.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS 2023

For the last two years, the churches of St Mary's at Alne, St Stephen's at Aldwark and St Michael's at Tollerton have run the Christmas Angel project collecting NEW toys to be given to children in the York area as we believe that every child should have a gift to open on Christmas Day. This project is run by the Salvation Army and they expect more families to be requesting help over the Christmas period this year.

The angels will be in our churches from November 19th. All you have to do is collect an angel which will have an age and gender on it, buy a toy and return it by **Sunday, 10th December**.

St Mary's and St Stephen's are open daily, and St Michael's is open on Tuesday mornings, Thursday lunch times and Sunday mornings.

Please do not wrap the gifts. This is so that if there are several children in one household, they receive gifts of similar value. The gifts will be wrapped before they are taken out to families for Christmas.

Suggested gift ideas:

0-3: dolls, teddy bears, cotton mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, CDs of suitable music, nursery rhymes, puzzles.

3-5: dolls, action figures, cars, lorries, DVDs and CDs, colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books and puzzles.

5-9: educational games and toys, stationery, CDs and family friendly DVDs, books, puzzles and word searches.

9-12: games and toys, stationery, DVDs, books, t shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats.

13-16: books, make-up and toiletries, (non-allergenic if possible), gloves, scarves, hats and t-shirts, hair accessories, and gift vouchers.

We hope that you will be able to join with us this Christmas in helping those who are struggling to buy presents for their children. It's not just a toy, but a gift of hope and light in this season. If you have any questions, please contact Alison, Sharon or Vivienne - details on the back of this magazine.

Thank you in anticipation.

Village Hall News & Dates for your Diary



Upcoming events

Quiz Night Friday 24th November at 7.00p.m.

Back again by popular demand. Come along and test your wits against your friends and neighbours whilst enjoying a refreshing beer or glass of wine. Bob Hayes has kindly volunteered to be quiz master so please come along and support us if you are free. There will be handicap scoring system in place to ensure that smaller teams are not at a disadvantage.

Christmas Tree Lighting Saturday 9th December

Following this very enjoyable and well attended occasion last year, we will once again be celebrating the approach of Christmas with the lighting of the Alne Christmas Tree at the Village Hall. This will be on **Saturday, 9th December**. Keep an eye out for more details about what should be a great event.

Christmas Pub Night Friday 22nd December at 7.00p.m.

Celebrate the start of the Christmas holidays by joining us for our Christmas pub night on **Friday, 22nd December 2023 at 7.00p.m.** It will be a warm, cosy and festive evening so don't miss out.

More pub night dates to follow for 2024

We urgently need your help

The Village Hall performs a vital role right at the heart of the community. Our vision going forward is to continue to improve the quality of the facilities we can offer whilst expanding the variety and number of activities and events we can deliver. At the same time, we need to recognise new opportunities to modernise our approach in order to remain relevant and attractive to younger members of the community, thus securing this important part of our local heritage and wonderful asset for future generations.

To enable this to happen, we urgently need new team members to join our committee. We would welcome any individual young or old who would like to get involved. Your time commitment can be as much or as little as you like, to fit around your own particular circumstances. Anyone with good ideas and enthusiasm is very welcome. It's a great way to get to know people and make friends, particularly if you are new to the village.

If you would like to get involved, please get in touch with Rosemary Ness at rosemary.ness@btinternet.com

Alne Annals 2024 – Do you have old Postcards or interesting histories?

A new edition of Alne Annals is planned for 2024.

If you have any old postcards or photos of Alne that haven't yet appeared in the current edition of Alne Annals, please let us have a look at them to see if we could copy them (with acknowledgement, of course) for the new edition. Or do you have, or can you write, an interesting history about Alne folk or your house or anything else that you think might appeal?

Contact Robert on 838265, 07724-185661, brech28@btinternet.com or through the Contact page of the Alne Village website.

Christmas Stocking Present?

For anyone with an interest in the Alne recreation ground or who has served on the committees, a copy of *A Ruby Treasury* would be an excellent Christmas stocking present. This publication gives the 40-year history of Alne Parish Leisure Association and lists all those who have served on the APLA or Street Fayre committees – alongside the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, bestowed on APLA in 2022. A snip at just £5. Online to the APLA bank account at Co-op Bank, APLA, 08-92-99, 67195084 with your name as the reference, or cash through the door at 6 Hallgarth, Alne YO61 1RN.

KIDS FESTIVE FANCY
DRESS COMPETITION
SUPERB PRIZES TO BE WON!

YOU'RE INVITED TO A CELEBRATION

XMAS
RAFFLE

ALNE VILLAGE HALL 2023 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS & MINI MARKET

COME AND CELEBRATE THE START OF THE FESTIVE SEASON
WITH THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS "BIG SWITCH ON" AT 6.00PM

- INDOOR CHRISTMAS MARKET STALLS FROM ALNE BUSINESSES
- CHRISTMAS CAROLS • HOT CHOCOLATE
- MINCE PIES • MULLED WINE

SPECIAL
VISIT FROM
SANTA

FUN FOR
ALL THE
FAMILY

EAT DRINK & BE MERRY

XMAS ADVENT
WINDOW TRAIL...
• MAPS AVAILABLE
• DONATIONS WELCOMED
FOR FOODBANK

SATURDAY
9TH
DECEMBER

FROM 5-7PM

CHRISTMAS TREE
COURTESY OF
DAWKINSON
TREES

FOR MORE INFORMATION HEAD TO:
Alne Community
ON FACEBOOK

Jack Hole
DON'T GET TOO CLOSE!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE-WIN A HOST OF GREAT PRIZES

ALL KINDLY DONATED BY ALNE VILLAGE BUSINESSES.

DESIGN & PRINT KINDLY PRODUCED BY YORK APOTHECARY.

Alne Recreation Ground – An Update

Thank you to all those who responded to the consultation about possible improvements to the Recreation Ground. This is an update on developments since then.

At their meeting in October the APLA Trustees agreed a report on immediate and future development for the Ground. They allocated an initial spend of around £16,000 to try to get some immediate work done for improvements.

The biggest priority is the Play Area which will get a new 'Bee Springer' for toddlers as well as new seats for the seesaw. The ZIP Wire is to have a total makeover and the ship will get a new woodchip cushion fall surface to replace the existing grass and very muddy floor. The Carousel will get a new safety pad around its perimeter. The Musical Chime, which sadly passed away in the summer, will be replaced and the sand pit will be made bigger so that 3 or 4 children can play together. The Trim Trail will get new tyres as their treads are well below the legal limit! We are hoping to get some volunteers to help to put preservative on the wooden equipment. Some of the most urgent work is scheduled to start w/c 13th November.

In other news, we are getting a Tree Surgeon to start the process of tidying up the Orchard Area and may be looking for volunteers soon to help with the less specialised jobs! The existing rabbit fences will be repaired so hopefully fewer holes in the field.

Hopefully all the above will be completed by Spring 2024.

Alne Parish Council have agreed a grant of £8,500 to support the remedial work and County Councillor Nigel Knapton has agreed to put in a further £1,000 from his NYC locality budget to help with the work on the Orchard. Many thanks to both.

The Trustees also agreed priorities for more major projects and detail about these will be publicised very soon. If anyone would like more information, or wants to join a volunteer list, or just wants to sound off, then contact Ian McCrae who can be found at mccrae500@yahoo.co.uk.



BEETLE DRIVE

Alne Village Hall 6PM

Food 6-7pm | Beetle drive at 7pm

Adults £8 (Admission & chilli/ vegan chilli)

Children £4 (Admission & hot dog/ vegan sausage bap)

(please let us know if any dietaries in advance)

Cash Bar - alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks



**Friday 10th
November
2023**



**Pay in advance at Alne Primary School/ Alne
Playgroup**

In aid of FOAS/ Alne playgroup

Alne WI Meeting Wednesday 11th October 2023

This month's meeting was very well attended. Joan (President) gave apologies from members who couldn't attend and warmly welcomed members, guests and visitors. Joan enthusiastically informed us of the many coming events available for Alne WI members. Di then did a brilliant job as Secretary to brief us all on the upcoming Federation events and order of business for next month's A.G.M.

Joan then welcomed and introduced this month's speaker.

Jane Ashby on "The Silk Road"



Jane gave her talk on her journey to Central Asia, where she had explored some of the ancient lands and medieval cities of the fabled Silk Road. Through her slides, she shared with us the incredible diversity, both scenic and cultural, experiencing incredible history.

Tucked between India, Russia and China and comprised of mountains, steppe grassland and desert, they were once a mix of feudal khanates and nomadic people and later formed republics under Stalin's rule. Amongst this varied landscape traditional villages and ancient towns reflecting the glories of the passing Greek and Persian armies, the marauding Mongolian hordes, the traders who would sell their wares along the Silk Road, and the philosophers and astronomers that trod these roads in bygone times.

Perhaps amongst some of the world's least visited and least well-known destinations, making her trip a true journey of discovery and allowing us all to enjoy it through her eyes and slides.

Turkmenistan's breath-taking sights, including Merv, a desert city sacked by Genghis Khan, the sandy Kopet Dag mountains and the famed Akhal-Teke horses.

Discovering the architectural wonders of Uzbekistan's Silk Road cities of Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva, where preserved mosques and madrasas hide behind fortress walls, and Soviet-era architectural oddities can be found. Kazakhstan blends the two, with a few attractive Silk Road ruins and impressive landscapes.

Jane early on in her talk, advised us that there would be quite a few slides of mosques, maybe too many? As each mosque was so beautiful and different, each had an individual history, which at the end of her fascinating, interesting talk, our answer to her observation was "never too many mosques".

Maggie Soper gave the vote of thanks.

We then had a Social time supper provided by hostesses Heather and Barbara

Next meeting: **Wednesday, 8th November at 7.30p.m.** (second Wednesday of the month).

A.G.M. followed by "Posh Carrier Bags Charity Tombola" organised by Our President Joan.

Hall Set Up - Lorraine Earnshaw & The Committee.

Hostesses - The Committee.

Visitors (£4) always given a warm welcome.

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/tollerton-stores)
- * 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>
- * 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.
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.
[The next Alne Street Fayre is on Sunday, 9th June 2024.](https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/alne-street-fayre)
- * Coffee at Alne Church: Informal gatherings in church for refreshments and snacks on the first Tuesday of each month.
For further information please contact Peter Cove (838346).
- * Historical maps are in the Village Hall. An indexed map of Alne houses is on the Parish Council notice board. Maps of Alne & Alne Station are at <https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/maps.html>

Tollerton War Memorial Institute (Village Hall) for November 2023 Newsletter

A big thank you to all those who supported the Snake Davis event. It was a great evening and a successful fund raiser. Look out for news of next year's Music Event in 2024.

Up and coming events 2023, come and join us on:

Sunday, November 12th 2023, Remembrance Day Sunday Brunch at 11.30a.m. to 1.30p.m.

Enjoy a community get together with a Bacon, Sausage, Egg or Vegan Buttie, a cup of tea/coffee and a chat.

The 1st Kyle Valley Scouts will be walking from the Sports and Recreation Car Park along Newton Road to the Village Green, on Remembrance Sunday, arriving at approximately 10.50a.m. There will be a selection of readings and poems before 'The Last Post' and the observation of 2 minutes silence, to remember the service and sacrifice of all those who have defended our freedoms. After the laying of a wreath they will walk to the Village Hall. Residents are more than welcome to join them on the walk, at the Green and at the Hall.

Saturday, 9th December 2023, Christmas on the Green

Start the festivities with the Christmas Lights switch on, a bit of Carol Singing, Mulled Wine/Hot Chocolate, Mince Pies and not forgetting a visit from Santa. Time of event to be confirmed soon.

Due to unforeseen circumstances Tangent Media are unable to bring us the Pantomime Rumpelstiltskin on the 16th & 17th December 2023.

Tangent Media are very disappointed, as are we, that it can't go ahead this year but hopefully they will be able to present the pantomime in December 2024.

NEW Pilates classes

Tollerton: **Mondays** 10.30a.m. to 11.30a.m. & **Wednesdays** 2.00p.m. to 3.00p.m.

Alne: **Wednesdays** 10.00a.m. to 11.00a.m. & **Thursdays** 2.00p.m. to 3.00p.m.

For further information please contact Sophie 07931 964114.



Call EDCCA on
01347 822875

or our 24/7 message line
0772 44 44 750

Our service:

- 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>

The Pearson and Others Charitable Trust

The Pearson Trust is a small local charity which was established in 1882 to help people in need who live in the parishes of Aldwark, Alne, Flawith, Tholthorpe, Tollerton and Youlton.

The charity makes grants to residents of these villages who are perhaps struggling to meet their everyday living costs or who have a particular need. This might include help to pay for essential household items or repairs, fuel bills, healthcare, or clothing and equipment for a baby or children and young people who are in education or training. All applications are treated in the strictest confidence.

The trustees are particularly keen to help people who are experiencing financial difficulties caused by the pandemic or the rising cost of household essentials.

The charity makes grants to local organisations for charitable activities which benefit people in need living in these villages. Organisations must have a bank account and a constitution. Applications can be made at any time using the appropriate application form which can be downloaded at the Alne and Tollerton websites:

<https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/the-pearson-trust.html> or

www.tollerton.net/the-pearson-trust

To find out more about the charity and how to apply, please contact the Chair, Colin Stroud on 838780 or 07779 552484 or by e-mailing colinstroud456@gmail.com

Tollerton

Hot Spot

Every Thursday

2nd Nov-21st March

(except 21st & 28th December)

at St Michael's Church

11.30am - 2.30pm



**Come and meet the neighbours you never knew you had over a
delicious light lunch!**

**All villagers are welcome - children too-
(and the odd dog)**

No charge

ANGLICAN SERVICES

November

Venue	5 th Nov	12 th Nov	19 th Nov	26 th Nov
Aldwark	10.30a.m. Holy Communion			
Alne		10.45a.m. Remembrance Day Service		10.30a.m. Holy Communion
Tollerton	10.30a.m. Holy Communion	10.30a.m. Morning Worship	10.30a.m. Morning Worship	10.30a.m. Morning Worship

METHODIST SERVICES for Villages Together

Rev'd David Bidnell is the Methodist Minister for villages around Easingwold.

David can be contacted on 01904 345429. You are welcome at all of the village services listed below

November 2023

Date/ Venue	Alne @ Alne Hall	Huby	Stillington	Tholthorpe
5 November 3.00p.m.		David Bidnell Café Service		
12 November 3.00p.m.	Robin Jackson			
19 November 10.30a.m.			David Bidnell Holy Communion	
26 November 3.00p.m.				Marion Moverley

Husthwaite services in the Parish Church on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Contact Details:

Please Contact the Church wardens / Co-ordinators in the first instance.

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