PARISH NEWSLETTER October 2023

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

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Archbishop Stephen Cottrell gave a talk at Carlisle Cathedral entitled: Things that I learned on a very long walk – Pilgrimage unpacked. An abbreviated version of his talk follows:

In 1986 just over 1,800 people walked the Camino – it means 'the way' - the ancient, 1,000-year-old pilgrimage route to Santiago. We know this, because when you complete the journey, you get what's called a

Compostela from the Pilgrims' Bureau. They check the stamps on your 'pilgrim passport,' verifying that you have walked at least 100km.

In 2016 – just thirty years later – 300,000 people walked it. Again, we know the figure from the compostelas issued. That year, I was one of them.

Pilgrimage, is not simply a walk (however long or short); it is about following a route that many others have walked before, where they have encountered the Holy on route to a holy place. And often in the people they meet.



People make these journeys because they're looking for something. It may not be God, but it is a way of knowing themselves and their place in the earth. And it may also be a way of deliberately getting away from the pressures, demands and unrelenting busyness of so-called normal life. To go on pilgrimage is to be powerfully reminded that the whole of life is a journey; that this world as it is, is not our true home.

Pilgrimage – or any walking journey for that matter - requires us to slow down to God's pace.

And when we slow down things happen.

First of all, we learn what the very first Christians learned, that we are called to follow Christ and to walk in his way. Thus, it was that the first Christians were called 'followers of the way.'

When I walked to Santiago 6 years ago, this is what I learned about being a disciple of Jesus and following in the way.

I learned first that someone had been this way before me. Across the whole of northern Spain there are yellow arrows pointing you to Santiago.

I learned that you cannot choose your fellow travellers or your companions on the road. If you are walking in the mountains in northern Spain and someone is alongside you, then unless you choose to stop or run ahead then they are your companion for the day. And when you find a bed for the night in one of the little pilgrim hostels that are in virtually every town and village across northern Spain, then the person on the bunkbed below or above you and all those round about you are your neighbours, whether you like it or not. And you must decide whether the cacophony of snoring that strikes up every night and to which you no doubt contribute when you fall asleep yourself is going to drive you mad or bolster up your prayer.

Is there anything more important the Church needs to learn at the moment? That we are sisters and brothers and fellow companions, and we cannot choose who is in and who is out.

And I learned that there is a big and beautiful space between A and B, and that while in the rest of life I usually try to get between A and B in the quickest possible time by the shortest possible route, there is a spacious depth of loveliness in every moment and every footstep if you just find yourself forced to look, indeed to slow down to God's pace.

And I learned what enough looks like.

And I learned what that line in the Lord's prayer - give us today our daily bread - that I've said so many times and never really understood, actually meant, 'Please give me, Lord, enough for today; and save me, spare me, stop me, from wanting more than my share.'

Is there anything more important the world needs to learn?

And I learned how to receive the hospitality of strangers: so many acts of kindness that helped me on the way.

And I learned a vulnerability that, if I'm honest, I have never really experienced before in my life, for I am someone who has always known where the next meal is coming from and where I will sleep at night. With this taken away, not only was I dependent upon the hospitality of others, but I was also more open to them and, I suppose to God, that I'd ever been before.

But when you set out on pilgrimage – be it actually or virtually - you see things differently. You experience life differently. Conversations are richer and deeper. And slower. You seem to have more time.

And in a side-by-side 'walking along together conversation' silence isn't a problem. In fact, it is a blessed gift, from which deeper questions and observations emerge. Like with Jesus on the Emmaus Road.

Inviting people to go on pilgrimage therefore is also evangelism. And since secular pilgrims seeking mindfulness and closer proximity to the earth may well outnumber so called religious pilgrims at the moment, this is surely an area where we should be putting some effort.

Actually, this is happening.

As well as places in the UK such as Iona and Lindisfarne receiving over 150,000 visitors a year, and Walsingham around 250,000 pilgrims, and with pilgrims to Santiago de Compostela numbering in their millions, even if nowadays most of them arrive by bus, plane, or cruise liner, other sites within the UK are developing opportunities for pilgrimage.

New networks of pilgrim paths are also being developed, such as St Cuthbert's way from Melrose to Holy Island which I walked last year. Or

St Ninian's way, starting in Carlisle, which I haven't yet walked. Or the three-day, 25-mile, Cumbrian Cistercian Way from Piel Castle to Cartmel Priory.

And although they're not pilgrimages, we also read in scripture about Paul's missionary journeys. I think we might find that getting out on foot and walking the streets of our communities, might, as it did for Paul, open doors of opportunity to share the Christian faith.

As we think about the whole of life as a journey home to God, and of pilgrimage as a specific way of setting aside a period of time to experience journeying and as a way of stripping back life and connecting with what is essential, then I hope we may become a pilgrim Church - a church on the move, a church inviting others to share the journey, a church with its sights set on God and on God's kingdom.

Finally, when I did walk the Camino to Santiago six years ago, I set myself the happy task of writing a sonnet each day.

These poems, and some stories to accompany them, have been published in the book "Striking Out", and I would like to finish with one of them:

I leapt! I leapt!

I put down the bird that was in my hand and found a flock of swallows in the bush. I purchased a pig from a man with a poke, and fashioned two silk purses from her ears. I held an acorn tightly, and felt the oak. It set my faint heart beating once again. Two plus two plus two doesn't equal six. Madrid is not the capital of Spain, Neither Santiago nor Seville. It set my faint heart breaking once again. The broth was delicious, even though I asked some other cooks to help with the cooking. The rain in Spain falls mainly on the hills. I leapt. I leapt. For once, I wasn't looking.

News from Alne Church

Harvest Festival Service – 8th October at 10.30a.m. – a chance to celebrate what we have around us

Once again, there will be a collection of food and household items for the EDCCA Food Bank, which will be supplemented by the Alne primary school service in church on 9th October.

Though the food bank is very grateful for all contributions, items that are particularly welcome at this time are:

UHT milk cartons, mayonnaise (standard or low fat), gravy granules, pasta sauces, dried pasta packs, small packs of dry rice, dry noodle packs, baked beans, tinned meat dishes, tinned/bottled sausages/frankfurters, tinned peas, tinned carrots, biscuits, crackers, small jars of coffee, tea bags, sweets, crisps, washing up liquid, men's and ladies deodorant, shampoos and conditioners, toilet rolls.

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

If anyone would like to take part in the service, whether you have any connection to the forces or not, please let Sharon Oliver know.

Recruitment of new Priest in Charge

Despite our best efforts to attract interest, unfortunately there were no applicants for our post, in common with others currently being advertised in the York Diocese. We will advertise again given that some potential applicants generally wait until after the summer period to look.

In the meantime, anyone who is willing and able to join the volunteers who help with the upkeep of the church building / graveyard (including specific maintenance projects), or with arrangements for services (including funerals and weddings) would be most welcome to contact Sharon Oliver for a discussion. For personal reasons, Sharon will need to reduce her input from the levels taken on during the Covid period that have increased in the post-Covid period without a Priest in Charge.

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.

DATE FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 30th September at 7.30p.m. - Easingwold Town Band concert Always a popular event, this will be a lively start to the autumn season! Tickets are £10 (children free) and include tea/coffee/soft drinks. Wine will be available at an additional cost.

PLEASE NOTE THE EVENT BELOW IS NOW CANCELLED

Friday 6th. October, 7.30p.m., Restoration of Victorian Rail Carriages - Nick Stringer

Parish Records

Baptisms: 24th September - Henry John Forth

Memorial service and interment of ashes: 12th September 2023 – Louise Robinson

Funerals: 19th September 2023 – Geoffrey Wood

On 2nd October, there will be a funeral service for Michael Darnell at 1.00p.m.

Alne Village Hall

Jean Macrae was a stalwart of Alne Village Hall for over 50 years. Jean took on many roles during this period. The committee felt it was only fitting to do something in memory of Jean. A few village people have indicated they would like to contribute to a memorial bench which will be sited in the front of the hall. If anyone would like to make a contribution please contact Shelagh Kenny 01347 838278 or e-mail shelaghkenny@yahoo.co.uk.



Alne Defibrillators

Numerous branches of the NHS, such as the Ambulance service are trying to spread the country with Defibrillators within 1/2 mile distances. Many lives are saved every day with Defibrillators situated in known and handy places such as Alne Village Hall.

The Parish Council felt that Alne Station deserved a Defibrillator to add cover for the whole parish. We looked for donations and grants and eventually raised the money (over £1,200) for a new Defibrillator.

The next stage was, where would we site it. The Coning Family kindly offered to site the new Defibrillator on their Garage wall nearly opposite the entry to Maltings Court.

We bought a Beneheart Mindray C1A with a heated cabinet. This machine can provide more detailed operator guidance for the rescuer if they are nervous or inexperienced.

Two years ago, we ran a Training Session with Yorkshire ambulance, unfortunately, it wasn't very well supported. There are many video's on line on how to use a Defibrillator. YouTube has numerous training sessions which don't take long, Yorkshire Ambulance also has Training on line under "Our Services" www.yas.nhs.uk/

You never know when you might be in an incident that will save someone's life.

David (Eddie) Edwards

Alne WI Meeting Wednesday 13th September 2023

This month's meeting was open to husbands/partners/friends and was very well attended. Joan (President) warmly welcomed everyone. Joan enthusiastically informed us of the success of the outing to Alne Brickyard photograph below:



followed by tea & cake at Alne Cafe & informed us of future outings available if members would like to attend. Diana (brilliant Secretary) kept WI news brief.

Then followed a lively, informative, interesting talk by James Wood builder/thatcher (from Alne) on: "Bricks, slates & land drain tiles".

Jim led us through a fascinating explanation of how, after shipping Yorkshire sheep to Holland, the Dutch had sent back clay bricks as ballast, which sent



the "canny" folk of Yorkshire to source their own local clay & commence making their own bricks. With the use of the many bricks and tiles he had brought to demonstrate, he took us through the history of various types of bricks, the usage as well as the clay pipes that were used in many of the local very old land drains.

Fascinating us with a social history that was captured inside them, from

human footprints, without shoes and proceeding to the wearing of shoes, many animal footprints, plants & the signing of names.

Who knew bricks & land drains would make a fascinating talk. A most enjoyable evening



We then had a Social time supper provided by hostesses Diana & Margaret.

Next meeting: **Wednesday 11th October 7.30p.m.** (second Wednesday of the month)

Speaker: Jane Ashby on "The Silk Road" Competition- Silk Scarf Hall Set Up - Pam Marlow & Maggie Soper Hostesses - Heather Candy & Barbara House

Visitors (£4) always given a warm welcome



ALNE MUSIC CLUB





Winter Wilson Concert Friday 20th October 7.30p.m.

The nights are drawing in now and the temperature is dropping, so a great time to enjoy a cosy classy live music show in our community run Village Hall this autumn.

Kip Wilson is proud of her Hebrides roots and has a beautiful singing voice to die for and performs on accordion, guitar and flute. Dave Wilson is Lincolnshire based and mainly plays Martin guitars and banjo, his original

have been songs covered by many other artists. They have been touring as a duo for over 10 years now Europe, includina Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. Mike Harding dubbed them as one of the hardest working duos on the circuit. Winter Wilson excel in live with performance



stunning harmonies and accomplished musicianship and have released a string of critically acclaimed albums. They will bring a sense of intimacy with their often hard-hitting original songs with sometimes hilarious humour including tales of life on the road. Tickets available for £12 in advance now from: https://buytickets.at/alnemusicclub/950923 or £14 on the door.

David Lepper 01347 838114 d.lepper27@btinternet.com

Winter Wilson

"A tour-de-force display of outstanding songwriting."

John Waltham, The Living Tradition



"Kip Winter simply has a voice to die for."

John Roffee, Maverick Magazine

"Winter Wilson just get better and better."

Dai Jeffries, RnR Magazine

"An unmissable album."

Johnny Whalley, Folk Radio UK





Alne Music Club

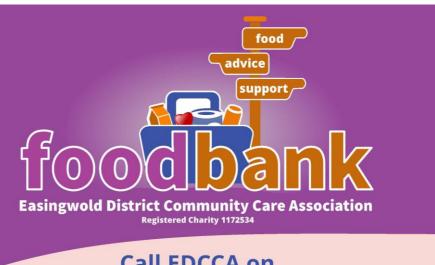
Alne Village Hall, YO61 1RP Friday 20th October 7:30pm

Tickets £12 in advance or £14 on the night.

To book, scan the QR code

or go to www.tickettailor.com/events/alnemusicclub www.winterwilson.com/dates

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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.



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

ANGLICAN SERVICES

October

Venue	1 st Oct	8 th Oct	15 th Oct	22 nd Oct	29 th Oct
Aldwark	10.30a.m.			10.30a.m.	
	Holy			Joint Parish	
	Communion			Harvest	
				Celebration	
Alne		10.30a.m.			
		Harvest		At Aldwark	
		Celebration			
Tollerton	10.30a.m.	10.30a.m.	10.30a.m.	At Aldwark	10.30a.m.
	Morning	Morning	Morning		Holy
	Worship	Worship	Worship		Communion
					followed by
					lunch

METHODIST SERVICES for Villages Together

Revd 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

October 2023

Date/ Venue	Alne	Huby	Husthwaite	Stillington	Tholthorpe
1 Oct 3.00p.m.		David			
		Bidnell			
		Café			
		Service			
8 Oct 3.00p.m.	Andrew Foster		10.30		
	Holy				
	Communion				
15 Oct				Own	
10.30a.m.				arrangem	
				ent	
22 Oct 3.00p.m.			10.30		John
					Hayward
					Café
					Service
29 Oct 10.30a.m		Vic		United	
		Paylor		Service	
		United			
		Service			

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

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