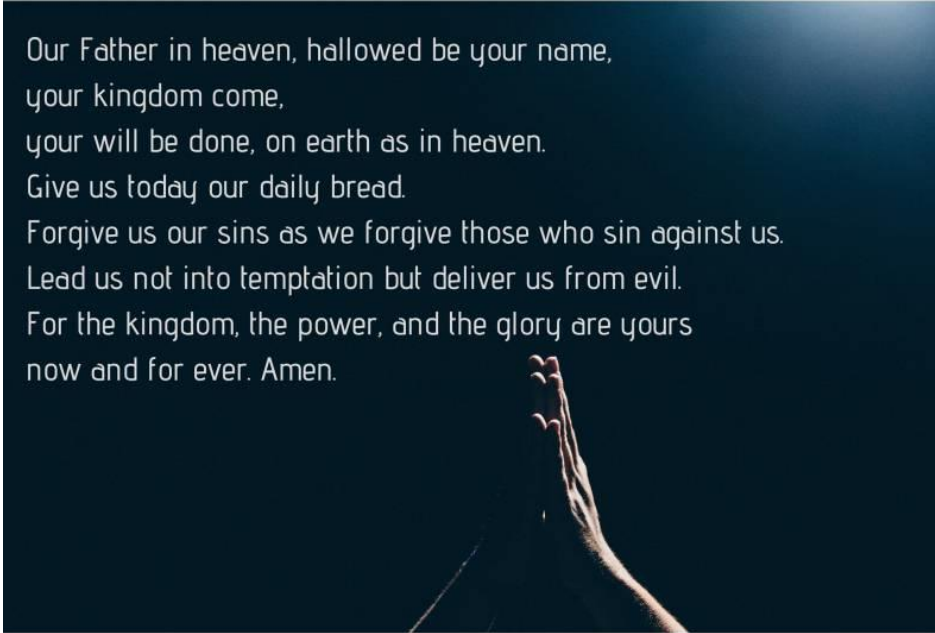


PARISH NEWSLETTER

September 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 12 of this Parish Newsletter.



Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell wrote in the Daily Telegraph about the challenge and vision of the Lord's Prayer. The article follows in full...

In his book on the Lord's Prayer, the New Testament theologian, Tom Wright makes the point that the prayer Jesus taught us is "not just the spiritual version of the babies mug and spoon set" that will teach us how to pray, but "a suit of clothes designed for us to wear in our full maturity" and into which we still have quite a bit of growing to do.

In other words, we say the Lord's prayer, but also the Lord's prayer says us.

It teaches us who God is. It teaches us how to pray. And it teaches us what to pray for.

Even the first two words are a revolution. Although there are a few other examples of calling God Father in the Old Testament, this was relatively unknown. But for Jesus, it is the starting point of his relationship with God, and it is the relationship he offers to us. Therefore, to call God Father, in the same way that Jesus did, is to enter into a relationship with God. In this relationship we understand ourselves to be profoundly loved and begin to live, as Jesus did - as a child of God's kingdom, following God's ways, and seeking God's truth.

We are praying, says Pope Francis, to "the one who has given us life." Not some cosmic entity, but a loving Father.

A few weeks ago, I found myself a little misunderstood when I pointed out that some people who have never known a father present in their life, or worse, been abused or neglected by their father, may find this word challenging. Moreover, as the Church of England, and all the mainstream denominations, come to terms with a shameful history of clerical abuse, being mindful of these things is really important. But what I wasn't saying, is that we should stop using the word. Simply, that we need to be sensitive as we lead people in prayer.

As Jesus taught us, we pray to the God who is 'Our Father', and we help those whose experience of earthly fathers has been negative, to discover the healing love of the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ. And as has always been the case, we use other language to describe God as well.

What I was actually talking about, was the very powerful first word of the Lord's prayer, which is our.

At a recent audience I had with the Pope, he concluded the meeting by inviting us to pray together. As we uttered that opening word, it powerfully struck me that saying this prayer commits us to each other. If God is our heavenly father, then we who say this prayer are sisters and brothers, and with this comes a profoundly important set of responsibilities and obligations about how we order our lives and the world.

And the fact that it is our God, not my God, runs through the whole prayer.

Not my daily bread - but ours.
Not my sins forgiven – but everyone's.
Not my will be done - but God's.

Indeed, is there a more important lesson for our world to learn than to understand what it means to ask for daily bread, to live with enough, and to find ways of sharing the world's resources. And because it is our Father, not my Father, then the commitments we have to each other extend beyond usual human boundaries. The kingdom that we pray for is not a place, but a rule of love.

In the 8th century, no lesser figure than the Venerable Bede, one of the towering intellectual forces of his age, wrote to a bishop in the north, exhorting him to teach people the Lord's Prayer in their mother tongue.

I think we should be doing the same today, and I intend to make this a large part of my ministry in the north of England over the next few years.

Of course, many people still know this extraordinary prayer. But many don't. And even those of us who do know it, and say it every day, still need to grow into its challenging, capacious vision. Because we know it so well, we can easily take its meaning for granted. Knowing it by heart doesn't mean it is in our hearts. We need to say it again. We need to learn its lessons of love.

Stephen Cottrell

News from Alne Church

Recruitment of new Priest in Charge

The post that will cover the Parish of Alne alongside Newton, Shipton and Skelton is currently out to advert and interviews will take place in September.

As part of that process, there is an opportunity for members of each Parish to meet with any applicants with the aim of providing information and an overall impression of our communities. If anyone is able and wishes to participate on either the afternoon of 25th or morning of 26th September, please let Sharon Oliver know so appropriate arrangements can be made. It is hoped that applicants will be able to meet a cross-section of the Parish if possible, including new residents and families.

DATE FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 30th September, 7.30p.m. - Easingwold Town Band concert

Always a popular event, this will be a lively start to the autumn season!

PLEASE NOTE THE EVENT BELOW IS NOW CANCELLED

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

Parish Records

Baptisms: 21st July - Maximilian Lambert-Ellis
Sunday 24th September - Henry John Forth will be baptised

Weddings: Saturday 15th July - Rosemary Whitehead and Samuel Dean

Burial: 26th July 2023 – John Lancaster

Funerals: 28th July 2023 – John Teasdale
8th August 2023 – John Jones
12th September, there will be a memorial service for Louise Robinson at 11.00a.m.

Coffee Mornings

These will resume from **Tuesday, 5th September** in St Mary's for those who wish to all in for a chat and some refreshments.

ALNE SINGERS

OPEN EVENING – THURSDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

‘Alne Singers’ is a local community choir, led by musician Helen Dawson. We meet on Thursday evenings in Alne Village Hall and sing a wide range of material drawn from many different styles and cultures. The Autumn term will include songs with a seasonal flavour.

Anyone from the local area is welcome to join whatever their experience or ability. We sing for fun with an occasional concert for charity and there are no auditions, no need to read music and no pressure.

The new term starts at 7.30p.m. on Thursday 7th September. This will be an informal session with some fun, easy songs, followed by drinks and a chance to chat. The session is free of charge and open to anyone who is interested but wants to see what we do before deciding to join.

So if you think you’d enjoy singing with us why not come along and perhaps give it a try? For just £15 a term it’s great value and a lot of fun.

For more information give Helen a ring on 838582 or email cellohelen@gmail.com

Alne Recreation Ground – Ideas for Improvement

It is 23 years since the recreation ground was formally opened and since then it has been used and enjoyed by generations of Alne families. After so many years it must be accepted that the area as a whole is in need of 'refreshment'. As a consequence, the Alne Parish Leisure Association (APLA) are undertaking a review of the area with the purpose of seeing what improvements might be made, what activities might be added (or removed) and how the quality of the area might be enhanced.

As part of this review, APLA is keen to get the views of residents and users about what they see as priorities for improvements and how the ground might continue to reflect their needs. Comments about what works and what is successful would also be welcome.

As a reminder the area currently supports the following facilities:

- 3 Tennis Courts

- A children's playground

- A Multi-use Games Area

- A small skateboard park

- A BMX trail (in disrepair)

- An orchard area

- A large grassed area that is used for football & other ball games.

And of course, it is a significant part of the Annual Alne Street Fayre.

If you would like to comment, criticise or suggest improvements please e-mail or just drop a note to:

Ian McCrae. e-mail: mccrae500@yahoo.co.uk

Address: Spring Cottage, Main Street.

Contributions by **12th September** please.

ALNE CRICKET CLUB

COMPETING FOR THE PETER PINK TROPHY

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PRESENT XI

**SUNDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER 2023
FROM 1.00PM**

BBQ - BAR - CAKES

FUNDRAISING RAFFLE £1.00 per ticket

Prizes can be donated on or prior to the day
If you would like tickets but cannot attend then email sandraps@sky.com to arrange for online purchase of tickets up to 2nd September 2023 (Prizes to be collected)

Please support this fun event by attending and enjoying yourselves

Alne WI Summer Meal - Wednesday 9th August 2023

Each August our meetings are replaced with us all going out for a 'Summer Meal'. This year we went to The White Bear in Stillington. A lovely evening was had by all. The meals were fabulous and the staff were great. We'll be back!



Next meeting: - 7.30p.m. Wednesday 13th September 2023 (2nd Wednesday of the month).

September's meeting sees the return of James Wood. On this occasion he will be talking all things Ceramic. This is an open meeting, so husbands, partners, friends are all invited. All visitors are charged £4 each.

Alne Pavement Hedges

Thank you all for the excellent efforts that have been made to improve access along the Main Street and other pavements in Alne. The yardstick is the ability to wheel a pram unimpeded along the pavement. September is a good time to do a further trim back ahead of the winter so we can all look forward to improving and maintaining the good standard already reached.

Alne Parish Council

River Kyle Bridge Update

Good news for the village is that the missing bridge crossing the River Kyle and a key part of the Public Right of Way footpath to Tollerton will be replaced shortly. North Yorkshire County council has appointed contractors and they are expected to be on site in early September to finally install the bridge after over 3 years. The bridge will reopen the footpath links to Tollerton with its local amenities and also re-enable circular walks from Alne and Tollerton alike. Big thanks to all who have helped get to this point where reinstatement of our local Public Rights of Way is almost a reality.

Colin Fletcher

Tollerton War Memorial Institute (Village Hall)

Dates for the diary - up and coming events:

Sunday November 12th 2023 - Sunday Brunch

Come and join us on Remembrance Day 11.30a.m.-1.30p.m. Enjoy a community get together with a bacon, sausage, egg or vegan butty, a cup of tea/coffee and a chat.

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.

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th December 2023 - Rumpelstiltskin

Tangent Media presents the spectacular Rumpelstiltskin – ‘Oh Yes They Are’ – More Information to follow in October.



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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.



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ANGLICAN SERVICES

September

Venue	3 rd Sep	10 th Sep	17 th Sep	24 th Sep
Aldwark	10.30a.m. Holy Communion			
Alne		10.30a.m. Holy Communion		10.30a.m. Baptism
Tollerton	10.30a.m. Morning Worship	10.30a.m. Morning Worship	10.30a.m. Holy Communion	10.30a.m. Harvest Celebration 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

September 2023

Date / Venue	Alne	Huby	Husthwaite	Stillington	Tholthorpe
3 Sept. 10.30a.m.		David Bidnell			
10 Sept. 3.00p.m.	Elizabeth Cushion		10.30a.m.		
17 Sept. 10.30a.m.				Ruth Duck	
24 Sept. 3.00p.m.			10.30a.m.		David Bidnell Holy Communion

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

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