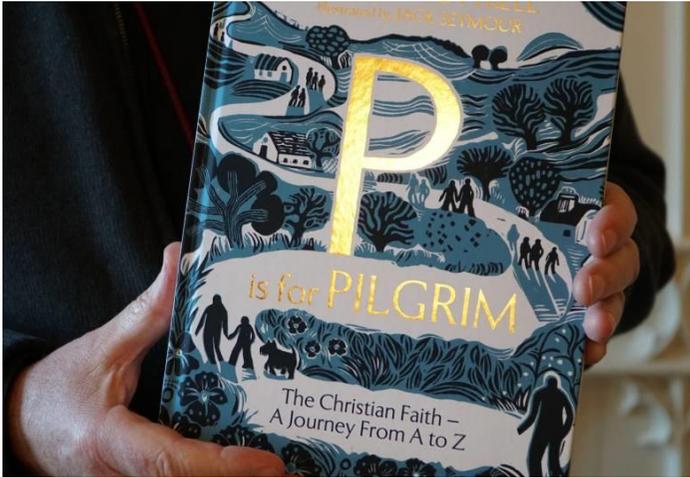


PARISH NEWSLETTER

February 2024

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.



P is for Pilgrim The Cristian Faith: A Journey from A to Z

As you explore Christianity, whatever your age, you will soon encounter some challenging words: Trinity, Sacrament, Reconciliation, Sin. Sometimes it might feel easier to avoid these difficult words... Sometimes it just feels embarrassing to ask... everyone at church seems to know – or, at least, act as though they know. [But] it is simply not possible to be a Christian without understanding sin and forgiveness, without knowing what a sacrament is, or without accepting Jesus as the Christ... This book is here to help... a simple book about complex things... accessible, comprehensive and friendly.

Archbishop Stephen

“P is for Pilgrim belongs in every Christian home,” writes Archbishop Stephen.

“It aims to be a resource for Christians of all ages, providing an introduction to the basic words, ideas and concepts that you will encounter as you journey in faith and become part of the church... a set of reference points for anyone who wants to understand the Christian faith. If you’re searching for meaning in life and want to know more about the Christian faith, this book is for you.”

In this handsome hardback book – beautifully illustrated throughout with original lino print illustrations by Jack Seymour – Archbishop Stephen explores and explains nearly 80 key Christian terms, ideas, concepts, people, events and occasions concisely and clearly.

It will be a valuable resource for adults and older children alike, both those wanting to understand more about the Christian faith as well as those who are already Christians. It would also make an ideal Baptism, Holy Communion or Confirmation gift.

The book will be available to buy from [Church House Bookshop](#) or other retailers.

York Minster are hosting a [children's trail](#) connected to *P is for Pilgrim* from 10 to 18 February 2024.

News from Alne Church

We were very lucky to have such good Christingle and Midnight services on Christmas Eve, despite not yet having our own Priest in charge. These services were very ably led by Rev Chris Key and Bishop John, with great attendance and participation.

Please note that a Christingle service next year could be on days in December other than Christmas Eve if that is preferred but, in any case, a small group of volunteers is required to help organise things as this service obviously involves a lot of additional work. Many thanks to our Christingle makers and supervisors for their help this year.

Anyone who wishes to be part of a small group to run a Christingle service for next year should get in touch so that this popular village service can continue.

We now return to our regular pattern of services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 10.30a.m. led by retired clergy who are of great help and very interesting as they share different thoughts and experiences with us.

Parish Records

Interment of Ashes:

There will be a service of thanksgiving for Olive Davey on **Friday 2nd February at 3.45p.m.** following her funeral, which took place in Harrogate on 10th January.

All are very welcome to join in and share memories of our ex-churchwarden who was a vibrant and active part of the Alne community and also did so much for young people in general.

There will be some food and drink refreshments in church after the service.

Maintenance and repairs

Various woodworks will be completed shortly in the church and tower to fulfil the requirements of the last 5 yearly building inspection. These will include detailed investigation of tower beams to ensure they are structurally sound and have not been affected too much by woodworm.

There are funds available from previous fundraising activities to cover the costs of this remaining work, but should any further repairs be required, further fundraising will be needed.

An easy way for everyone to contribute small amounts on a regular basis at no additional cost to themselves is via Easyfundraising:

You can raise FREE donations for St Mary the Virgin - Alne every time you shop online - just use #easyfundraising! Over 8,000 brands will donate, including all the big names like John Lewis & Partners, Expedia, Argos, Just Eat and many more!

Sign up here: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/st-mary-the-virgin-alne/th2u7f/c2s/S6FltupB/CR063/facebook/>

Please sign up for donations to the chosen charity of St Mary the Virgin, Alne as there are also opportunities for the church to win additional cash prizes if more supporters join.

The QR codes in church now provide the opportunity for Gift Aid by supplying a few details with your donation. If you can't get a connection in church, please take one of the paper QR codes in the wooden bowl by the font to try again at home.

Village Hall News & Dates for your Diary

Upcoming events

Pub Night Friday 26th January at 7.00p.m.

Don't miss our first pub night of 2024. Four weeks is quite long enough....time for a drink. Come along and join us for a relaxing, warm and cosy evening with friends and neighbours. Everybody is welcome, including well behaved and supervised little ones.



More pub night dates to follow for 2024

New Booking Platform

You can now visit us on-line to request a booking or simply see what is going on. Find us on:

<https://hallbookingonline.com/alne/>

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

Up And Coming Music Event



Miles and the Chain Gang - **24th February 2024** at Alne Village Hall
7.00p.m. for a 7.30p.m. start. Bar will be open.

Tickets on the door - £12.

2024 Alne Annals

A number of people in Alne are writing brief house histories for inclusion in this new edition.

If you would like to join them, please contact Robert at brech28@btinternet.com or on 07724-185661. The deadline for copy is the **31st March 2024**.

Road Closure for Alne Street Fayre

The proposed road closures for Alne Street Fayre on **Sunday 9th June 2024** are the same as usual and are shown on the map on the Parish Council notice board in the centre of the village.

If you have any comments, please contact Suzi Rix, Alne Street Fayre, on 07767-848317 or alnestreetfayre@btinternet.com by **Saturday 10th February**. Thank you.

Alne Street Fayre is the annual fund-raising event for the Alne recreation field and playground. This will be the 26th Street Fayre and the 39th Fayre/Show since we started in 1984.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Ian & Chris McCrae on mccrae500@yahoo.co.uk or 07703-400040.

River Kyle Depth Gauge

A new record depth was recorded at Alne on 4th January 2024 at 2.95 metres above normal.

This is the highest since the gauge was installed in December 2021 and exceeds the previous high of 1.88m in January 2023 by over a metre. Neither, of course, is anywhere near the highs seen in 2000 and 2015 when a reading would have been impossible except by boat!

Sunday Newspapers

A reminder that there is a Sunday Newspaper group in Alne. The good news is that you can pick up your Sunday paper from the church porch most weeks. Approximately once a quarter, you have to do the pick-up run to Easingwold. To join the group or find out more, send a message through the village website Contact page at:

<https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/contact.html>

Alne WI Meeting Wednesday 10th January 2024

Joan (President) started the meeting by wishing everyone Happy New Year. We then sang Jerusalem (our once a year rendition) to mark the start of our WI new year followed by a toast to 2024. The atmosphere was friendly and everyone was pleased to be together again. We had various WI matters to address, including information on this year's WI Resolutions. The Resolution with the most votes from WI members UK wide will become next year's WI National Campaign.

Dental Health Matters

There is a chronic shortage of NHS Dentists and people are suffering health issues as a result. The NFWI calls on the Government to increase investment in the training and retention of dentists and to review the current inadequate NHS contracts in order to ensure everyone can access an NHS dentist wherever they live.

Impacts of poor housing conditions

Poor housing can have a deleterious effect on human health and wellbeing, safety and quality of life and can disproportionately affect the most vulnerable groups in society.

The NFWI calls on the UK Government to boost housing standards and regulations, increase funding for housing renovations, increase the supply of affordable and secure housing and strengthen collaboration with local authorities, housing associations and other relevant stakeholders to develop strategies that address local housing challenges.

Say 'no' to gambling advertising

Harm caused by excessive gambling is a global problem. Some countries are already addressing this by banning advertising. The NFWI calls on members, the government, regulators, the NHS, educationalists and gambling charities to work together towards achieving a complete ban on gambling advertising. This will reduce gambling harm, save the NHS money, protect family relationships and decrease the number of gambling related suicides, around 400 per annum in the UK at present.

Improving Outcomes for Women in the Criminal Justice System

There is an urgent need to radically reform decision-making in respect of women in the criminal justice system and in particular, pregnant women and women with children. We urge cross-government collaboration to deliver on the 2018 female offender strategy by setting goals, robust governance and performance measures to reduce the number of women who have committed non-violent offences from being imprisoned.

After the serious side we were treated to a light hearted quiz organised by Lynette, which was great fun. The diversity of Alne W.I.



The winning table.

We then had a Social time supper provided by hostesses Rosie and Cassandra.

Hall Set up was Denise and Chris.

Next meeting: **Wednesday, 14th February at 7.30p.m.** (second Wednesday of the month).

Speaker: Gardening ~ Sarah Hopps

Competition: Decorated Plant Pot/Holder

Hall Set Up - Karen Rogers & Debbie Bell

Hostesses - Helen Thompson & Maria De Cosmo Beaumont

Visitors (£4) always given a warm welcome. Come and meet us, we would like to meet you.



Easingwold District Community Care Association

Registered Charity 1172534

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.



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ANGLICAN SERVICES

February

Venue	4 th Feb	11 th Feb	18 th Feb	25 th Feb
Aldwark	10.30a.m. Holy Communion			
Alne		10.30a.m. Holy Communion		10.30a.m. Holy Communion
Tollerton	10.30a.m. Morning Worship	10.30a.m. Morning Worship	10.30a.m. Holy Communion	10.30a.m. Morning Worship

METHODIST SERVICES for Villages Together

Revd 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

February

Date/ Venue	Alne @ Alne Hall	Huby @ Methodist Chapel	Tholthorpe @ Methodist Chapel
4 February 10.30a.m.		Ruth Duck Holy Communion	
11 February 3.00p.m.	David Bidnell		
18 February 10.30a.m.		Elaine Thompson Café Service	
25 February 3.00p.m.			John Hayward Café Service

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

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