

PARISH NEWSLETTER

November 2024

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

The Anglican minister for the villages in the Parish of Alne is Revd. Lucy Brencher. Revd. Lucy can be contacted by telephone on 07940 514492 or by e-mail at revlucybrencher@gmail.com.



Remembering

November is a month for remembering: the fallen in the World wars and those who subsequently have died in more recent wars on Remembrance Sunday. Towards the start of the month, close to All Souls and All Saints Day, some churches hold Memorial services so we can remember before God in prayer those we love, yet see no longer.

For me as a child, November has that endearing smell of bonfire and taste of toffee apples and chant like ear worm: 'remember, remember the 5th of November, gunpowder, treason and plot'!

Remembering is made possible through story telling. We do this naturally in families as we look over photos, and as a church family it is no different. Throughout the year our Bible readings tell Christ's story and we continually find our place within it. As we recount all the things that God in Christ has done for us and continues to do, we respond with thanksgiving by our turning our lives to Jesus.

We follow Jesus by living the way he shows us, because we know that it leads to fullness of life: even if at times it is counter cultural and we try to do things differently.

As we remember God's heart for rest, seen in the very beginning of the Bible, God shields us against the 24/7 culture of work, busyness and consumerism. God wants our wellbeing and so we pause, recognise that it's not all up to us, and set apart time to spend with God and with our family and friends.

Centrally at Communion services, Jesus asks us to remember him as we break bread and share wine together. This sacramental act of remembering Jesus' sacrifice of himself has a Hebrew understanding at its core. Jesus asks us to 're-member' his sacrificial, rebuilding love and make it part of our present experience.

Jesus' death on the cross deals with those memories we might have that cause us ruin, hurt or shame and we are invited to give over our sin and remember it no more. Only Jesus' transformative work on the cross in dying and then living brings us hope of being resurrected and set free. The plate and the cup on the altar are reminders of the mystery and beauty of communion that draws us close to God as we celebrate Christ's presence with us around the family table.

Happy remembering!

Rev Lucy

News from Alne Church

Harvest Services

Thank you to all who donated goods to the food bank in the church and school harvest services. This is gratefully received by Easingwold District Community Care Association (EDCCA) to pass on locally. It was lovely to see the church full and the children enthusiastically sharing their work and songs.

Shoe Boxes

Many thanks to those who have already taken boxes from the church porch. These need to be returned by **18th November** to be sent overseas.

For more info: terryjennifershoeboxappeal@gmail.com

Christmas Angels

Following the shoe box appeal deadline, we'll be collecting items for the Salvation Army appeal to ensure local children in need get a Christmas present. Drop off details to follow in the December Newsletter.

Christmas Services

The Christingle service in Alne will be on **Sunday 22nd December** this year **at 3.30p.m.** We hope all families will join us for this popular annual service.

There will also be a late service on Christmas Eve in Alne. Further details will follow in the December Newsletter.

Parish Records

Burials

Thursday 10th October - Helen Daniels was buried following a service in Tollerton.

Alne Charity Tinsel Tractor Run

Last year was the first year that we ran the Alne Charity Tinsel Tractor Run event and we were overwhelmed with the support from the local communities. Local businesses were very generous with sponsorship and raffle prizes - and they are again this year. We raised £2,500 for Alne Pre-School Playgroup.

We are supporting a different charity this year (see below) and hope it will be as well supported.

When: **Sunday 8th December from 4.00p.m.**

Where: **Starting from Alne Village Hall** and passing through the villages of Tollerton, Linton-on-Ouse, Newton-on-Ouse, Aldwark, Flawith, Tholthorpe, Myton-on-Swale, Helperby, Raskelf, Easingwold and Alne Station. Then back to Alne Village Hall for supper.

The tractors will be decorated with festive lights, tinsel etc.

This year we are raising money for the Children's Ward at York Hospital. Over the last two and half years we have been - and continue to be - regular visitors to the Children's Ward at York Hospital with our son, Bertie, for his frequent respiratory and chest infections, which normally mean overnight stays. The doctors, nurses, healthcare assistants and the play-team are always incredibly supportive, friendly, kind, and caring to our son and to us. The level of care they provide is brilliant.

To say a big THANK YOU, we want to fundraise this year to help replenish, renew and improve the play facilities and toys on the ward. When Bertie is in hospital, hooked up to oxygen, on regular nebulizers, and feeling miserable, the happiness and smiles that a visit from the play-team, some toys and playtime brings to him, means the absolute world to us.

Thank you.

Gemma Chapman

Alne WI Meeting Wednesday 9th October 2024

We had a whole lot of fun at October's WI meeting in Alne, thanks to one of our committee members, Maggie Soper, organising and running a blind taste test, where we had to vote on which, of a variety of foods, from a variety of shops, that we thought were the best.



The results were very interesting as to where the foods actually came from and we were quite surprised and it was quite revealing in some cases and certainly brought lots and lots of laughs, especially with the questionable scoring in some instances - you know who you are!!! 😂

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h November starting at 7.30p.m. in Alne Village Hall, it is our AGM, but we also have our wonderful annual raffle all organised by our President Joan, with so many goody bags filled with prizes.



We are amazed how she does it, so we have another excellent evening to look forward to share with the friends we have made at our fabulous WI.

Visitors are very welcome, with guest entry only £4.

Come and see for yourselves how much fun we have.

Alne Annals – A Highlight

My favourite photo in the new 2024 edition of Alne Annals is that of the up and down Flying Scotsmen passing each other at Alne around 1930. I am not aware that any other collector in Alne has an original copy of this photo and we can wonder how the photographer achieved his result. How come that he and his camera and the two express trains were all together at the same moment in Alne? The trains have to pass each other somewhere, of course, every day, but the event lasts two or three seconds at most and why wasn't the photographer at Raskelf or Tollerton or anywhere else? Had he stood on the Alne road bridge day after day awaiting the perfect shot or was it just serendipity?

To buy the new edition of Alne Annals, pay £20 online to Co-op Bank, APLA, 08-92-99, 67195084 with your name as the reference, and send a confirming e-mail to Robert at brech28@btinternet.com stating your delivery address.

Proceeds to the APLA recreation ground, UK Charity No 516566.

Robert Brech

Tollerton War Memorial Institute (Village Hall)

The TWMI committee would like to thank all those who attended the History talk by Rachael Whitbread. A very successful evening, which will hopefully be repeated in 2025, with a different local history topic.

Thanks also to everyone who supported the Snake Davis event. A fantastic evening, a great success and fund raising get together.

Up and coming events:

Sunday November 10th 2024 – Remembrance Day Parade & Brunch

Join the Local Scouts on the village green to commemorate the day, followed by a Butty at the **Village Hall, 11.30a.m.-1.30p.m.**

Saturday December 7th 2024 – Christmas in the Hall

Please join us for Mulled Wine, Hot Chocolate, Mince Pies and sing along to some Carols. There will also be a visit from Santa, before his big day, with a surprise or two to start the festivities.



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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<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

Come and meet the neighbours
you never knew you had in
St Michael's Church

for a delicious light lunch
and a chat



12.00 - 3.00pm
Thursdays



7th & 21st November 2024
5th & 19th December 2024
2nd, 16th & 30th January 2025
13th & 27th February 2025
13th & 27th March 2025

Well-behaved dogs welcome!
No charge

Aldwark Dates for your Diary:

Aldwark Christmas Fair - Saturday 23rd November
In **St Stephens, Aldwark 10.30a.m. to 12.30p.m.**

A rich array of craft stalls, Christmas gifts and tombola.
Mulled wine, coffee and nibbles.
In aid of the Church and Village Funds.
A great start to the Christmas Season!

ANGLICAN SERVICES

November

Venue	3 rd Nov	10 th Nov	17 th Nov	24 th Nov
Aldwark				10.30a.m. Baptism
Alne		10.45a.m. Remembrance Day		10.30a.m. Holy Communion
Tollerton	10.30a.m. Baptism	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



November Services

Date and Time	Led by (including)	Location
3 November, 10.30a.m.	H Hanson <i>Holy Communion</i>	Methodist Church, Huby
10 November, 3.00p.m.	D Bidnell <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	Alne Hall Alne
17 November, 10.30a.m.	C Staton <i>Café Service</i>	Methodist Church, Huby
24 November, 3.00p.m.	D Bidnell <i>Holy Communion</i>	Methodist Church, Tholthorpe
1 December, 10.30a.m.	R Jackson <i>Advent Sunday</i>	Methodist Church, Huby

Community Café, Saturday 2nd November, 10.00a.m.-noon, at Huby Methodist Church.

All welcome to drop in for coffee, cake, conversation.

Contact Details:

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