

PARISH NEWSLETTER

October 2025

**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.



Harvest Festival

Harvest is a season for the whole community to enjoy, especially in rural villages, with harvest suppers and hot chocolate after school and work.

Harvest heralds the changing seasons with darker nights, crisp morning air and falling colourful leaves. The Harvest Moon in September or October is a particular delight, always large and bright and low. When you see it, it is breath taking and makes us stop in our tracks and take in its beauty.

The beauty of the season is not just in nature, but it is in giving thanks for what we have. We are so fortunate to know plenty and peace and provision in our villages.

A Harvest Festival is a traditional service when we can pause and thank God for all our blessings.

We pause too and pray for those who are in need and have no peace. From what we have, we give to those less fortunate than ourselves. Our local harvest services this year will be donating all the money given in the services to local Foodbanks in the area.

Giving is wired into our being. We come alive when we give in all shapes and guises – helping at a local children's football team; knitting for premature babies in hospital; spending time with a friend who is finding things tough, praying for someone in distress. You name it, we are generous beings.

Receiving is also wired into our being. We come alive when we receive love from our family, kindness from our neighbours and a peace from God that is beyond our understanding.

I hope the beauty of autumn blesses you and the Harvest Moon catches you off guard and you can delight in its beauty!

You are warmly invited to our Harvest services with refreshments afterwards. Come and let's be thankful together.

Blessings,

Reverend Lucy

News from Alne Church

Harvest Services

The church harvest service this year will be on **Sunday, 12th October at 10.30a.m.** This will be followed by the Alne Outwood Primary School Harvest Service on the morning of **Monday, 13th October.**

All donations given at both services will be transported to the Easingwold District Community Care Association (EDCCA) Easingwold food bank immediately after the school service. All donations are, of course, very welcome, especially tinned / packaged meals, cereals and toiletries.

Following the harvest festival service at St Mary's on Sunday 12th, there will be tea, coffee and cakes on offer to continue the celebration – all are most welcome for the service and/or the cakes (**approximately 11.30a.m.**)!

Remembrance

The Remembrance service, held this year on **Sunday, 9th November**, will start a little later than the standard service times to enable the 2 minute silence to be coherent with the rest of the Nation. **Remembrance Service will start at 10.45a.m. (9th November).**

Shoebox Appeal

Samaritan's Purse 2025 Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal aims to bring hope and joy to children in need around the world.

The shoeboxes can be filled with fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. You can personalise the box by adding a handwritten note or photograph of you and your family.

By sending a shoebox gift with Operation Christmas Child you will be sharing God's love and showing a child they are special and thought of.

Shoeboxes with instructions will be available from the end of October.

Thank you for your support

For more info: terryjennifershoeboxappeal@gmail.com

Christmas Angels

We will again be supporting both the Samaritans Purse shoe box appeal for children overseas and the Salvation Army Christmas Angel appeal for needy children in the York area.

Further information on the donation process for both will be available in the November newsletter, but please bear these in mind when doing your Christmas shopping if you feel able to support one or both.

Christmas Eve Services

There are two services planned for Christmas Eve this year:

Christingle

This is back to **Christmas Eve** this year ... and will **start at 3.00p.m.** Given that we are routinely a small congregation and it is a hugely busy time for all of us, we shall be looking for as much support from the wider community as we can garner! (mainly assembling the Christingle oranges!). There will be more on this in the coming weeks – please stay tuned and offer support where you can. In the meantime, any volunteers please feel free to reach out to Jan and Andrew on ajnstmarys@gmail.com.

Midnight Mass. This will **start at 11.30p.m.** and will provide the perfect platform for leading in to the joy of Christmas Day.

Both services will be officiated by Reverend Lucy.

EASINGWOLD DISTRICT COMMUNITY CARE ASSOCIATION

WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU TODAY?

FOODBANK & FOODSHARE

For those in need.
Available 24/7 call
message line
0772 44 44 750.

MINIBUS

There are regular trips to
various destinations.

CARERS SITTING SERVICE

A service for those caring for a
friend or relative.

BEFRIENDING SCHEME

For those who would like
someone to chat with.

COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

For those who have
difficulty with public
transport.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Two course hot meal
delivered to your
door: Mon-Fri.

HUB CLUB

Tuesdays & Fridays,
for people living with
Dementia.

SHOPPING

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do the rest.

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Open 4 ½ days a week.
Telephone
01347 820078.

MEN IN SHEDS

Social group for men.

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Tuesday & Thursdays.

MONTHLY CITIZENS ADVICE

Minibus in the Market Place and
Advisor at the office.
Call for details.

TEA & TARTS

Monthly get together with
cake!!

WEEKLY CROSSWORD CLUB

WHEELCHAIR HIRE

KNIT & NATTER CLUB

For more information on any of the above
services please contact us on **01347 822875**
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9.30 - 12.30pm

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Alne WI – October Meeting

Our September WI speaker last week was David Grant talking about life as a film extra. David has had a lot of experience working as an extra since 2014 and he gave us an interesting and entertaining insight into the way extras are managed in a big production.



He has worked on many films and TV series, including Downton Abbey, Victoria, Gentleman Jack, All Creatures Great and Small and a Bollywood production.

It was interesting to hear about the massive teams working on the film sets and the great expense of setting everything up.

A word David kept referring to for its great importance was 'continuity', explaining about the appearance of actors and extras having to remain identical for the many retakes of all the scenes.



Also the weather and the positions of the extras/ actors in relation to the sun and sky because of the light having to remain consistent. It made us realise how much more there is to TV and film production.

October's Open Meeting:

We have the amazing Meredith Towne.

Meredith is a costume historian and dressmaker and has delighted WI audiences before with her incredibly entertaining presentations.

Next month she will be telling us about Sewing the 60's. Guests are always welcome and as this is an open meeting please bring anyone else you want, including the menfolk.

At only £4 entrance, it will be money well spent.

Refreshments and biscuits follow, offering a chance for a catch up with new and old friends. We are such a friendly group, we know you will have a great evening.

Wednesday 8th October starting at 7.30p.m. in Alne Village Hall.

Tollerton Coffee Club

Tollerton Coffee Club meets weekly on **Wednesdays at 10.30a.m. to 12.00 noon** at St. Michael's Church Hall, Tollerton.

Join us for coffee/tea and biscuits.

All Welcome

Tollerton Bowling Club

Indoors at the Village Hall

Wednesdays 7.30pm

From September to March '26

Come along for a game!

Contact: Ian 07873 763465

**St Michael's Church
invites you to**



Pre-Christmas Dates

Thursdays

6th November

29th November

4th December

18th December

12-2.30pm in the Church

**All welcome for a delicious light lunch and
chat (that's the best bit!)**

ANGLICAN SERVICES

October 2025

Venue	5th Oct	12th Oct	19th Oct	26th Oct
Aldwark	10.30a.m. Joint Harvest Celebration			
Alne	10.30a.m. At Aldwark	10.30a.m. Harvest Celebration		10.30a.m. Morning Worship
Tollerton	10.30a.m. At Aldwark 6.00p.m. Sunday at 6 with Holy Communion	10.30a.m. All Age Harvest Service	10.30a.m. Family Communion	10.30a.m. Morning Worship

METHODIST SERVICES for Villages Together

Rev Alex Middleton-Laing is the Methodist Minister for villages around Easingwold.

Contact details are yet to be announced.
In the meantime please contact Tricia
on 838569.



You are welcome at all of the village services listed below

October Services

Date	Alne @ Alne Hall	Huby @ Methodist Church	Tholthorpe @ Methodist Church
5 October 10.30a.m.		Alex Middleton- Laing Holy Communion	
12 October 3.00p.m.	Andrew Foster		
19 October 10.30a.m.		Robin Jackson	
26 October 3.00p.m.			Alex Middleton- Laing

**Villages Together, Community Café on the first Saturday of each month:
10.30a.m. – Noon, Methodist Chapel, Huby.**

Tea, filter coffee, cake and conversation –
drop in or stay throughout! Books and crafts on sale.

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