

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

## September 2025

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

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## September Focus: Generosity

For 4 Sundays this September, the 6 'West Galtres' churches are all going to focus in on the topic of generosity and giving. I am excited about exploring how we might increase sharing our resources of money, time and gifts, so that we can ...

- be generous in prayer. (During the first week in September our 6 churches are pledging to collectively pray for 24 hours for the world and our local communities)

- be generous with gifts at baptisms and weddings
- provide creative ways for people to explore faith for themselves – confirmation classes, book clubs, courses like Start for adults and Start-rite classes for babies and mums
- set up community hubs – toddlers, Youth café, family services, Hot Spot, Bible groups, bereavement cafés
- have warm inviting churches in the winter months
- reach out to those who can't get to church – in care homes and in their homes
- engage with our local schools
- modernise our buildings with toilets and facilities to make our buildings resources for the villages

Already many of you help us with your time, skills and talents. We are SO thankful to those people who help maintain our churchyards, wind up clocks, do maintenance, fundraising, cleaning, baking, bookkeeping, the list goes on! Thank you.

In terms of money, it costs about £1,000 per month to keep your parish church viable: electricity, heating, insurance, service costs, plus a 1/6<sup>th</sup> contribution per church towards the ministry costs of a vicar and support from York Diocese.

This monthly outgoing is partly funded by fundraising, regular giving from those who come to church, donations from visitors, one off legacy gifts, but then any short fall comes from drawing down from reserves. If you feel you would like to give a monthly gift to church, please get in touch. We'll be sharing some posters with more information in the coming weeks.

We would love to partner with more of you in our quest to become more generous. Can you play the piano/ organ? Could you be bookkeeper/ treasurer for one of our 4 PCCs? Would you like to join our Pop-Up Choir? Can you knit – as I'd love to give small knitted sheep to babies getting baptised, as they join the flock! Would you like to join us on Sundays, because you would be the most priceless gift of all!

Blessings,

Reverend Lucy



During the first week of September The West Galtres Churches, (Skelton, Shipton, Newton, Alne, Tollerton and Aldwark), will be joining in with this Global Week of Prayer.

In those churches that are usually open during the day, there will be some prayer spaces with craft materials, a world map and other prayer suggestions, so that we can all pray for the needs of our world, our villages and our families.

We want to set aside 24 hours of prayer! Although that sounds a lot we hope that each of

our 6 churches and communities will be able to pray for 4 hours, totalling a whole day! Some churches will be able to offer more, which is great 😊

If you'd like to pledge some prayer time, please go into your local church and on the sign-up sheet write your first name and length of time spent praying. Thank you in advance for praying with us.

### **COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY**

Are you interested in joining a lively group who simply enjoy being together exploring deeper into God's Word for today?

Community Bible Study is rooted in prayer and we share a strong desire to help all people who want to understand the world through the Bible. This year, over 30 weeks, we will be studying Deuteronomy, Galatians and Ephesians.

We meet at **9.30a.m. in Kurt's Bar, Galtres Centre**, where we offer a warm, safe environment for people to share and grow together in confidence starting on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**, following the school year for holidays finishing on **6<sup>th</sup> May**.

Why not come and try a session or two for free? If you decide to join us we ask for a small charge to cover refreshments, materials and room booking.

**For further information please contact Sally by e-mail to**  
[cbsi@dsign.plus.com](mailto:cbsi@dsign.plus.com)

# *Alne Singers*

## Free Open Evening



Thursday 4th September at 7.30 pm  
Alne Village Hall

Join us for a FREE informal session as we begin our Autumn term rehearsals. No previous singing experience necessary and you don't need to be able to read music.

For more information contact Helen Dawson  
838582/cellohelen@gmail.com

## **Alne Street Fayre – another success**

Alne Street Fayre, held on 8<sup>th</sup> June, lived up to its reputation of providing a superb family day out while raising much-needed funds for the Alne recreation, sports and play park.

Even a short, sharp shower midway through the afternoon, failed to dampen spirits and just filled up the beer tent instead!

£150,000 was spent on major additions and refurbishments to the park in 2024 and, although much of that cost was grant-funded, the charity's reserves were severely depleted.

So the £14,400 that was raised by the Fayre this year was greatly needed and will help to meet the ever-growing annual maintenance and insurance costs as well as starting to rebuild our reserves.

Works already completed in 2025 include a substantial refurbishment of the 20 year-old tennis pavilion and a new roof on the teenagers' folly.

Works in progress include fifty new metres of hornbeam hedging to the south of the playground and new mud-free flooring for the Pirate Ship as well as six bird boxes and two hedgehog houses in the orchard.

Longer-term substantial projects include the major refurbishment and/or rebuild of the skate park and the replacement of the field drains to finally get rid of the potential for flooding.

Do you want to be involved in the maintenance of the field, playground and/or orchard? If so, please contact Ian McCrae on 07703-400040 or [mccrae500@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mccrae500@yahoo.co.uk)

Alne Parish leisure Association (APLA)  
*UK Charity No 516566*

## **Alne WI – July & August Monthly Meetings**

We have had 2 WI Monthly meetings since I last wrote. Our July speaker was Lesley Newnham, who gave us a wonderful talk about Women at War. Such brave and heroic women, some of whom had to pretend to be men, just to be able to fight for their country. Lesley gave a fascinating insight into the role women played in the military.



And last Wednesday, our very own Treasurer Jane, prepared a Call My Bluff style wine tasting game. We were given a taste of 2 white and 2 red wines and with the descriptions we were given we had to work out which one applied to the wine we were tasting. A lot harder than it seems, but a lot of fun.

This year is speeding past and we are next looking forward to our next meeting on **10<sup>th</sup> September**. We will be welcoming David Grant who will be telling us about Life as a Film Extra, which should be very interesting indeed.

If you aren't a member, but would like to join us for the evening, you would be made very welcome. We are a very friendly group. Entrance for guests is only £4 and a £1 for the raffle. Refreshments are served after the talk which gives a chance to chat to the members and meet and make new friends.

The meetings are held at Alne Village Hall and the meeting starts at 7.30p.m.

We look forward to see you.

## **Tollerton War Memorial Institute (Village Hall) Information**

The TWMI Committee would like to thank all those who participated in the 'Build a Boat' event on 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> August. There were many entries all of which were brilliant & very creative. Congratulations to the winners and all those who entered. Thanks to those who bought maps, went round & scored all the entries, they were the actual 'judges' selecting the best entries.

Thanks also to everyone who came to the pop-up Tea Shop on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August and to the Black Horse Pub for letting the TWMI Committee sell Cakes on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August, to help raise funds for the Village Hall.

## **Forthcoming Events**

### **An Evening with Award Winning Author Mike Craven on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Mike is a recognised, international crime writer, whose works include; The Puppet Show, Black Summer, The Botanist and Fearless, to name but a few, and he is now an official James Bond author!

An evening not to be missed for book readers, especially crime enthusiasts.

A great opportunity for local book groups to come and join us for a stimulating discussion with Mike Craven about his latest novels.

Tickets £5 - Licenced Bar on the night.

### **SNAKE DAVIS BAND on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

Come & join us for an entertaining evening of great music from a fantastic renowned musician. Snake has played with such amazing artists as George Michael, M People, Lisa Stansfield and Annie Lenox.

Tickets £22 per person - Licenced Bar on the night.

**TICKETS for all events - contact Yvonne Brown at**  
**[Tollertonvillagehall75@gmail.com](mailto:Tollertonvillagehall75@gmail.com)**

## **REMEMBRANCE BRUNCH on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

Please join the Local Scouts Parade on the village green to commemorate Remembrance Day, followed by a 'Breakfast Butty' at the **Hall, 11.30a.m.-1.30p.m.**

### **Interested in joining us?**

We are always on the lookout for new members. It is a very friendly committee, and not too onerous, with 4 committee meetings and 4-5 fund raising events per year. For further information please e-mail [tollertonvillagehall75@gmail.com](mailto:tollertonvillagehall75@gmail.com)

### **Planning an Event?**

The Village Hall is a great place to hold a party/event to celebrate important occasions. There is full use of kitchen facilities & hall equipment. We offer very competitive prices. Please e-mail [tollertonvillagehall75@gmail.com](mailto:tollertonvillagehall75@gmail.com) , you will not regret it!



**Book your  
flu vaccine  
now**

### **Tollerton Surgery Patients**

Bookings are open for your flu vaccine if you are 65 years old or over OR you are in a recognised Department of Health 'at risk' group.

Flu vaccinations will take place at Tollerton Surgery on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October.**

Ring 01347 838231 to get your appointment.



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## **Imaginative / Contemplative Prayer, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

Are you looking for a different approach to your prayers? Ignatius of Loyola was convinced that God can speak to us as surely through our imagination as through our thoughts and memories. In the Ignatian tradition, praying with the imagination is called contemplation. It is a very active way of praying that engages the mind and heart and stirs up thoughts and emotions.

Contemplative prayer is suited especially to the Gospels, but also other passages of scripture and poetry. We can accompany Jesus through his life by imagining scenes from the Gospel stories. By paying attention to the details: sights, sounds, tastes, smells, and feelings of the reading we can be immersed in the narrative.

Contemplating is not simply remembering or going back in time. Through the act of contemplation, the Holy Spirit makes present a mystery in a way that is meaningful for us now. Using our imagination to dig deeper, God may communicate with us in a personal and evocative way.

On **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September** we will be restarting our Imaginative / Contemplative Prayer group. We plan to meet in **St Michael's church at 7.30p.m.**, and the meeting will last about an hour. There is no expectation for you to contribute, as it is a time for personal space and reflection.

David Beverley, Tall Trees, Tollerton

## **ANGLICAN SERVICES**

### **September 2025**

<b>Venue</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Sep</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>
<b>Aldwark</b>	10.30a.m. Family Communion			
<b>Alne</b>	10.30a.m. At Aldwark	10.30a.m. Holy Communion		10.30a.m. Morning Worship
<b>Tollerton</b>	10.30a.m. At Aldwark 6.00p.m. Sunday at 6	10.30a.m. All Age Service	10.30a.m. Family Communion	10.30a.m. Morning Worship

## METHODIST SERVICES for Villages Together

**We welcome Rev Alex Middleton-Laing as our Methodist minister for this area from 1 September 2025.** Alex will be living in Easingwold and will be welcomed to the Methodist Circuit in the service at Huntington Methodist Church on 7 September. Contact details are yet to be announced. In the meantime please contact Tricia on 838569.



### September Services

Date	Alne @ Alne Hall	Huby @ Methodist Church	Tholthorpe @ Methodist Church
7 September 10.30a.m.	Circuit Service @ Huntington Methodist Church		
14 September 3.00p.m.	Elizabeth Cushion		
21 September 10.30a.m.		Alex Middleton- Laing	
28 September 3.00p.m.			Alex Middleton- Laing Holy Communion

**Villages Together, Community Café** on the **first Saturday** of each month:

**7<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30a.m. – Noon, Methodist Chapel, Huby.**

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

## **Contact Details:**

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## **Church Wardens/ Co-ordinators**

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### **St. Stephen's Aldwark**

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### **St. Michael's Tollerton**

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