

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

**September 2022**

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

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## Summer heat

As I write this piece in mid-August, the temperature is 30 degrees, the lawn is the colour of Weetabix and Yorkshire Water has just announced a hosepipe ban.

By the time you read this, the summer heatwaves may be just a memory. Nonetheless, the sizzling temperatures of 2022 raise some serious questions. Are we seeing a fundamental shift in our climate and, if so, how worried should we be?

Judging from the media, the future indeed looks worrying and climate change anxiety is a growing phenomenon.

This seems particularly true among the young who clearly have a greater stake in the long-term health of the planet. NHS figures show that the number of antidepressants doled out to 13- to 19-year-olds rose by a quarter between 2016 and 2020 and it's likely that fear of climate change is a contributing factor. But let's bring God into the picture and see if it makes any difference.

I hope it's the case that we Christians are as active as anyone in protecting the environment. Like everyone else, we need a healthy planet for food, water, clean air and our very survival. More than that, Christians should be motivated to care because we know whose world it is.

'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it,' says Psalm 24. This little blue planet of ours has been fashioned in love with millions of variables precisely calibrated for human wellbeing. From its position 93 million miles from the sun so we neither fry nor freeze, to the tilt of the axis which gives us our seasons and a magnetic field to shield us from harmful radiation, the chances of such a beautiful, benign world existing by chance are vanishingly small.

'When I look at the sky, I see death,' said one of the (depressed?) founders of Extinction Rebellion. I'm struck how that's the very opposite of the creation story in Genesis where God, looking down, 'saw all that he had made, and it was very good'.

Get rid of God and it's not surprising if all you're left with is fear of future catastrophe. The antidote to that fear is to trust in a compassionate God who loves his creation in every detail, right down to the sparrow falling from the sky as Jesus assures us in his teaching.

That's not to be complacent or to say that human beings are not capable of wrecking the environment. We certainly are, and the Bible contains some very modern-sounding passages that speak of the earth being wasted and defiled through human sin. But the Bible also tells us again and again not to be afraid.

Why? Because through it all, and whatever happens, the Biblical message is loud and clear: 'The Lord reigns.'

Graham Jones  
Reader in Alne Parish

### **FLOWERS IN CHURCH**

In order to have regular flower arrangements in church, we are going to trial a system used in other churches. From 1<sup>st</sup> September, a list of dates will be put on the porch noticeboard each quarter of the year for anyone to sign up to - whether they wish to arrange flowers for that week or to just contribute to the cost of flowers. This is often done in memory of someone on the anniversary of their birth, death, etc.

Financial contributions can then be left (details on the notice) for one of our regular arrangers to purchase and arrange flowers or, if arranging your own, you are welcome to use the vases in the cupboard in the tower opposite the toilet, or the large stands located behind the organ.

Please contact Sharon Oliver (details on the back of this newsletter) with any queries about this.

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

We are extremely grateful to our regular volunteer cleaners, some of whom have been doing this role for many years now or have moved out of the area. So it is now time to ask whether anyone else in Alne would be willing to take a turn on the cleaning rota. Responsibilities are shared a month at a time, usually in pairs, and with sufficient numbers this would only mean taking on one month per year, though at the moment our few remaining volunteers are doing at least two.

Anyone interested should contact either Vanree Cove (01347 838346) or Sharon Oliver.

## **Parish Records**

### **Baptisms**

14<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – Grace Thompson

### **Weddings**

13<sup>th</sup> August 2022 - Thomas Forth and Gabriella Naismith

### **Interment of Ashes**

27<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – Robin Buteux

### **New Beginnings**

1<sup>st</sup> September sees changes for the Methodist churches in the villages surrounding Easingwold. The local congregations have decided that we should merge to become one larger united church body. The congregations affected are Alne, Huby, Husthwaite, Stillington and Tholthorpe.

The new church is to be called “Villages Together Methodist Church” and will worship from existing buildings and Alne Hall. Services will take place in each location in turn, in what will become a regular pattern, but notices will be displayed at churches showing where services are to be held each week.

Our new minister will be Revd. David Bidnell who can be contacted on 01904 345429 or e-mail to: [david.bidnell@gmail.com](mailto:david.bidnell@gmail.com)

Your local contact is Tricia Mitchell 01347 838569 or e-mail to: [tricia@themitchells.me.uk](mailto:tricia@themitchells.me.uk)

As a new church congregation, we look forward to working together on new ways of being Methodists across our local village communities in partnership with other local churches and organisations in the area.

We look forward to welcoming you.

## Alne WI Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022

This month's meeting was a members only afternoon - Mocktails & Cocktails at Maggie Bond's.

Joan opened the meeting on a beautiful sunny (slightly windy) English afternoon.

Maggie & Peter had worked hard to have their wonderful garden in tip top shape. They had provided gazebos & umbrellas for plenty of shade. A perfect garden party setting. We were greeted immediately with a cocktail & the party had started. The buffet tables groaned with the abundance of delicious plates of food that everyone had brought. The afternoon was filled with all members enjoying each other's company, being able to celebrate our WI together was joyful as you can see from the photos of some of our members. A wonderful afternoon.



Thanks were given to Gill, Helen & Sue for keeping the cocktails flowing etc., a massive thanks to Maggie (& Peter) for hosting a hugely enjoyable event, also thanks to Helen & Mal for helping put up the gazebo.

The next meeting of the Alne WI is on **8<sup>th</sup> September** in the Village Hall (not 14<sup>th</sup> September as previously published).

## **ALNE COMMUNITY PLAN**

In 2009, Alne Parish Council commissioned a Community Plan. To quote from that document – a copy of which many households in the village will still possess – such a plan “sets out a vision for how a community wants to develop over the next five to ten years and brings together the views, needs and opinions of the whole community”.

Although not binding, a Community Plan looks to influence local strategic plans and development frameworks, providing members of the community, local authorities and healthcare trusts with insight into the community’s achievements to date, its current concerns, and its aspirations for the future.

The intended lifespan of the Community Plan was 10 years: now that the pandemic is largely past, the question of whether to prepare an updated Plan should now be considered. And, if so, should it be a Community Plan or a more complicated (but more binding) Neighbourhood Plan?

Preparation of a new Plan would, as before, require input from the entire community of Alne. Views on a diverse range of issues such as local facilities, health, roads, transport, housing and the local economy would all need to be considered and collated.

The preparation of a Community Plan for 2023 would therefore be no small task.

Although Alne Parish Council would once again commission it and cover necessary expenses, an independent Steering Group would manage the exercise and produce the finalised Plan.

Before going any further, therefore, certain practical questions must be answered.

1. Does the majority of the community of Alne support such an undertaking? Would most people be willing to actively engage with it?
2. Having been part of the 2009 Steering Group, I am willing to lead it this time.

I could draw on the previous experience and also provide an obvious liaison point with Alne Parish Council being its Vice-Chairman. But would there be sufficient volunteers (nine or so) to form the rest of the Steering Group?

If we don't have a Steering Group, we will not have a plan. The first step is therefore to source volunteers to join the Steering Group. If you are willing to put your hand up, please contact me on [davidwalker1969@btinternet.com](mailto:davidwalker1969@btinternet.com) by the end of September.

Thank you for your interest

David Walker, Vice-Chairman, Alne Parish Council



## FREE OPEN EVENING – THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> September**. This will be an informal session 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 e-mail [cellohelen@gmail.com](mailto:cellohelen@gmail.com)



Now that summer is over we are entering our Autumn Programme of concerts. The next two concerts where tickets are currently available are for Plumhall and Chris Wood.

**Plumhall** are an exciting critically acclaimed West Yorkshire duo of Michelle Plum and Nick Hall who will be performing for us on **Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30p.m.** They have earned a fierce reputation on the UK live circuit,

delivering memorable powerful acoustic guitar and luscious harmony driven textures of their original contemporary folk- rock songs, some with an Americana flavour. I can report that they will win an audience



unfamiliar with their songs around, having seen them do this at Thorganby Folk Club very successfully. They can rock out on some number with an electric guitar making an occasional appearance. Tickets are available now online at £13.20 (which includes a £1.20 booking fee) from [www.plumhallmusic.com](http://www.plumhallmusic.com), with more information about the duo. Alternatively, tickets are also available locally from David Lepper for £12 cash in advance. There will be the usual bar available on the night **from 7.00p.m.** seating will be cabaret style round small tables with plenty of circulation space.



Top class revered singer songwriter **Chris Wood** is performing for us on **Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October**, a rare treat to host this Kent based artist who is a really special performer that will give you a "One in a Million" night to remember. Tickets are £15 available from <https://buytickets.at/alnemusicclub/631669> going fast

**David Lepper Alne Music Club Promoter**  
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# PLUMHALL

**FRIDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2022**

ALNE MUSIC CLUB, ALNE, YORK

Doors 7pm,  
Show 7.30pm



"Articulate, penetrating lyrics with captivating melodies and irresistible choruses.  
Arresting vocals and that distinctive big acoustic sound." *R2 Magazine*

"A fine duo...go and see them if you get the chance" *Steve Knightley - Show of Hands*

TICKETS FROM [WWW.WEGOTTICKETS.COM](http://WWW.WEGOTTICKETS.COM)  
PLEASE BUY IN ADVANCE TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

We are pleased to announce the opening of a new café at Home Farm,  
Monk Green.



WHITELEY'S  
AT  
HOME FARM

## NOW OPEN

Our café and small shop at Home Farm in Monk Green is now open and looking forward to welcoming you for delicious coffees, teas, cold drinks, home made cakes, pastries, scones and ice creams. We are open daily from 9am until 3.30pm. Our small shop currently stocks our Home Farm Aberdeen Angus Beef, Hartley's sausages and bacon, Home Farm honey, local jams, Moonshine ice cream from Coxwold and a limited selection of other local produce.

(We hope to be able to stay open during the winter months from November until March and will notify our winter opening hours in due course)

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

### **Forthcoming Events:**

#### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022: The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Chilli Hoedown**

Time to practice your 'YeeHaws' and dust off your cowboy Hat & Boots. There will be 'dancin', grubbin' & drinkin' - 7.00-11.00p.m.

Ticket prices held as previous years - £12.50 if you're a 'growd up' cowboy & £7 for the 'young-uns'. Tickets on sale from the Village Shop and Yvonne Brown on [yvonne52b@aol.co.uk](mailto:yvonne52b@aol.co.uk) from September 2022.

#### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022: 'A hundred years of Tea & Cake' & a New Roof.**

During Remembrance week the front of the Hall will be draped with a Poppy Cascade and a memorial sculpture will be installed. Please join us for an Afternoon Tea to remember not only our fallen but to commemorate 101 years of Tollerton War Memorial Institute. If you have any old images of the original Hall or any information about any Tollerton Service Men, that we can display on the day, please contact Yvonne Brown or Tim Brook on [timbrook757@hotmail.com](mailto:timbrook757@hotmail.com) or mobile: 07789 298117. We will be leaving Memorial Stones round the village for residents to place around the Sculpture at the Hall during Remembrance week – further details to come.

#### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022 (TBC): Christmas on the Green**

After last year's success we are doing it again – Mince pies, mulled wine/cider or hot chocolate, twinkly lights, a visit from Santa to switch on the Christmas tree lights and some carol singing on the village green to get us in the festive mood.

## **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 also 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: [www.alnevillage.co.uk/the-pearson-trust](http://www.alnevillage.co.uk/the-pearson-trust) or [www.tollerton.net/the-pearson-trust](http://www.tollerton.net/the-pearson-trust)

To find out more about the charity and how to apply, please contact the Chair, Colin Stroud on 01347 838780 or 07779 552484 or by e-mailing [colinstroud456@gmail.com](mailto:colinstroud456@gmail.com)



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**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.



[info@edcca.org.uk](mailto:info@edcca.org.uk)



## **Tholthorpe WI - Reports from July and August meetings**

### **July**

Our July meeting was held on home ground at Tholthorpe Village Hall and WI members were looking forward to the opportunity to hear what our speaker for the evening, from NYCC Police Fraud Awareness Team, had to say about how to keep safe in these times of ever more sophisticated and troublesome frauds and scams. Having had a previous session with NYCC Police on this topic a couple of years ago, which we found very valuable, we were disappointed when unfortunately our speaker had to cancel unexpectedly at the last moment! Hopefully the session can be rearranged for another time in the next few months.

So, as an alternative, business matters were dealt with including the regular administrative and financial information, correspondence, local WI news and items from Newsletter news with a wide variety of opportunities to participate in activities ranging from e.g. A Murder Mystery Evening to Make a Willow Christmas Wreath.

The remainder of the meeting was taken up with refreshments and social time when members were able to have a good old chat and catch-up with each other – always popular!

### **August**

Our August session was given over to our Annual summer outing. This year we had decided to stay more locally rather than trundling off to some no doubt very beautiful but far flung part of the county/country (just as well, with current fuel prices!). Instead our destination was a local Bird of Prey centre close to Huby.





The Centre has been running in its present location for about 5 years and is run by the owner, members of his family and volunteers. Living at the Centre are over 100 birds, comprising of 45 different species from around the world and including many varieties of eagles and owls.

During our visit we were entertained and educated through a talk, with demonstrations of various birds and their remarkable abilities and beautiful plumages, and those of us brave enough had the chance to hold and handle some of the birds, also the thrilling experience of 'flying' the birds as part of their daily exercise routine.

Fortified with mugs of tea and chunky sandwiches and cakes we went on our way after our most enjoyable day (and it was dry, with sunshine!)

Our next meeting will be a charity Quiz Night to be held on **Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September** at Alne Cricket Club, all welcome.



# **The Archbishop of York to unveil and bless York Minster's new statue of Her Majesty the Queen on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

A statue of Her Majesty the Queen, designed and carved by York Minster stone mason Richard Bossons, will be officially blessed and then unveiled by the Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell, at the West Front of the cathedral on **Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September**.

Earlier in the afternoon, Archbishop Stephen will view 'Sculpting the Monarch' a new exhibition in the Minster's North Transept, which tells the story of the making of the statue. A spectacular full-sized model of the statue will dominate the exhibition.

The statue was commissioned by the Chapter of York, the governing body for York Minster, to mark Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – the first British monarch to reign for 70 years. The statue honours her life of service and dedication to the nation and the Commonwealth.

The statue was installed in its niche on the West Front of the Minster on 2<sup>nd</sup> August. For the unveiling ceremony, the statue will be covered by a large cloth. Archbishop Stephen will bless the statue and then pull a cord to reveal the spectacular work to the world.

Archbishop Stephen said: "I'm looking forward to unveiling the statue of HM The Queen and thrilled that York Minster has commissioned this statue as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The Queen has been a wonderful beacon of hope, integrity, stability, and unity for our country and beyond. Few of us remember a monarch before her. This stability is a reassuring and encouraging presence in the midst of so much change."

The sculpture was designed and carved by Richard Bossons of the York Minster Stoneyard, with advice and support from York Minster's Fabric Advisory Committee (FAC), the Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England (CFCE) and The Royal Collections Trust. Buckingham Palace was informed of the project.



The vision to create a statue has been a core element of the York Minster Precinct Neighbourhood Plan since its inception in 2018. It is the first phase of a wider scheme of urban regeneration at the West Front of the Minster to create a new public square and civic space. Queen Elizabeth Square will be the first new public square in York in 200 years.

The blessing and unveiling of the statue will be followed by a special service of **Evensong at 5.30p.m.** All are welcome.



The Diocese of York is running an online conference on **Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30a.m. to 1.00p.m.** with keynote speaker Professor Tim Lang, and contributions from Archbishop Stephen Cottrell and the National Farmers Union.

The conference aims to raise awareness of food-related issues from a Christian perspective - food production, food security, environment and climate change, food justice, food trade, healthy eating and geopolitical issues.

To book a free place register via Diocese of York website at: [Feeding Britain Tickets, Sat 8 Oct 2022 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)



## ANGLICAN SERVICES

### SEPTEMBER

Venue	4 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	11 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	18 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	25 <sup>th</sup> Sept.
Aldwark	10.30a.m. Holy Communion			
Alne		10.30a.m. Holy Communion		10.30a.m. <b>Anglican/</b> Methodist Service
Tollerton	10.30a.m. Morning Worship	10.30a.m. Morning Worship	10.30a.m. All Age Communion	10.30a.m. Harvest Festival

## METHODIST SERVICES

The Rev Elizabeth Cushion is the Methodist Minister for the villages around Easingwold.

Elizabeth can be contacted on 01347 821460. You are welcome at all of the village services listed below.

### SEPTEMBER 2022

Date	Time	Venue	Service Details
4 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	10.30a.m.	Huby	Bidnell
11 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	3.00p.m.	Sheriff Hutton	E Cushion
18 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	Bidnell Café Service
25 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	3.00p.m.	Stillington	D Priestnall

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

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