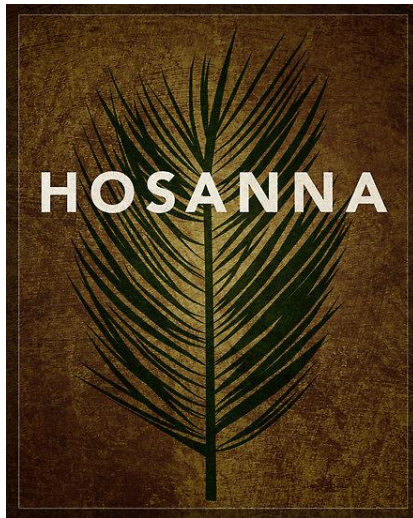


PARISH NEWSLETTER

April 2021

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

The Anglican ministers for the villages in the Parish of Alne are Revd. Debbie Coyne and Revd. Carmel Gittens. They can be contacted by telephone on 01423 360759 or by e-mail at rev.deborah.coyne@gmail.com and 01347 833437 or carmel-gittens@live.co.uk respectively.



As I ponder this Covid pandemic; and looking towards Easter I read this wonderful poem that sums up so beautifully our mixed emotions at this time. So I share with you.....

How Can We Hail Hosanna?

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As vivid screen and surround sound hurl horrors into our living room?

Hugh Edwards' lip curls as he reels off the daily death toll.

How much more gravitas can he give day after day?

And sitting silent, hands clenching coffee, our hearts sink slowly in the west.

Stuck in mire and deepest woe,

How can we hail Hosanna?

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You wept over Jerusalem.

Have your tears dried up now or do they still flow?

We lay tattered Palms in your path, remnants of the abundant life we once knew.

They are rags from our riches, ripped by the slow Tsunami that has crashed over our heads.

Is this a highway sufficient for our King?

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When the High Street has closed, tills ring no more and Amazon and FedEx our only visitors?

Their exhausted drivers no longer smiling behind the face-masks.

And, oh, the face-masks, the 2 metres apart, the hands red-raw from sanitising.

Squinting at screens, we praise the grandchild for the 'lovely' picture (though we can't make it out).

Bubble- barriers are breaking our hearts

How can we hail Hosanna?

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You were an early-riser.

Yet our early-risers sleepwalk into another hospital shift.

Unrefreshed from a restless night where those, gasping for breath, haunt their dreams.

The bounce on the bed comes far too early for the parent who faces another screen-bound, lockdown day.

A day demanding a juggling act worthy of Billy Smart's circus - except it's not entertaining.

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When a visit to mum is through a window, silently witnessing her confusion and decline?

When a friend's funeral is viewed on a livestream and the crematorium says, 'no hugs allowed!'

Or the aching pain of a final farewell through PPE and the bleep of the fading monitor.

Then the lonely grief, the lonely grief, the lonely grief.
They were not a statistic.
How can we hail Hosanna?

How can we hail Hosanna
To a Blesséd King/come Man of Sorrows?
As with your disciple friends, our minds can't comprehend your coming.
With the city, we ask, 'who is this?' What use is an ancient Prophet to us?
Yet, from the lips of children, the lesser ones,
sprung a 'Hosanna' to the One - the only begotten Son. So...
How can we hail Hosanna?

How can we hail Hosanna?
As you rode on in majesty and lowly pomp
Potting Priests in Synagogue sanctuary sought revenge.
Only your blood would atone - how little they knew - that was exactly true.
Their plot - Your plan!
With your face set towards Jerusalem, You turned the tables.
How can we hail Hosanna?

Then yonder light breaks a new and glorious morn!
Spring sunshine, a roadmap, a vaccine
pale insignificant compared to your glorious majesty.
Have you not heard, have you not seen?
Your King comes to you.
What kind of King is this who dies in our place, that goes ahead to heaven
that we might go there too?
How can we hail Hosanna?

Don't be afraid, people of Jerusalem.
Look your King is coming, riding on a donkey's colt.
The Psalmist's cry forms in our heart then is birthed on our lips.
'Open for me the gates where the righteous enter, and I will go in and thank
the Lord.'
'Give thanks to the Lord for He is good! His faithful love endures forever.'
We SHALL hail Hosanna.

Quoted from a poem by Liz Pinnock

Blessings, Revd Carmel Gittens

News from Alne Church

Easter Services at Alne Church

Good Friday - 2.00p.m.

Easter Sunday – 9.30a.m.

These will be “live” services and will be open to a limited number. To attend please contact the church office on office@abchurches.org.uk or contact one of the wardens.

Alne Coronavirus Support Group

A coronavirus support group has been set up in Alne, initiated by the enthusiastic Street Fayre Committee and backed by Alne Parish Council. David Edwards has agreed to be the overall co-ordinator and the village (including Alne Station and Forest Lane) has been split into seven zones, each with its own team leader and its own group of volunteers. Every house should have received a leaflet identifying which zone it is in and who is its team leader with the relevant contact details.

If you are over 70, pregnant, vulnerable or with underlying health conditions, these volunteers have put their hands up to be of service to you. They can do shopping, collect prescriptions, post letters or do anything else (within reason!) that you might be prevented from doing by current government regulations.

If you are in need, please contact your designated team leader. If you need to contact the overall co-ordinator, or you have not received the leaflet, contact David Edwards on 833269, 07583 377276 or daviedwards8@gmail.com.

Alne Parish Council

Commonwealth Day – 8th March 2021

Not a lot of attention is paid to Commonwealth Day, especially during the pandemic. However we have good reason to remember our cousins from overseas who played such significant roles in the past.

Robert Crosby was buried in Alne churchyard in 1918. He was an Australian soldier and his family originally came from this area (they ran the mill on the road between Alne and Tollerton). Robert died of flu in October 1918.

The crew of a Canadian Air Force bomber died when it crashed on Home Farm in 1944. Apart from one airman who came from Carlisle, all the crew were from Quebec.

A happier link is with Arthur and Barbara Barrett. Arthur was with the Royal Canadian Air Force at Tholthorpe and married Barbara who came from Huddersfield. After the war they lived in St John's, Newfoundland. They wished to have their ashes laid to rest in Alne and happily their son John was able to arrange this thanks to the good offices of Geoffrey Wood of Tholthorpe.



Visitors from Commonwealth countries visit this area from time to time and often explore the church and churchyard. Some are descendants of those servicemen whom we remember.

During those terrible wars we were fortunate that so many came and fought with us. We pray that such sacrifices will never again be necessary. Let us hope that visitors from every corner of the world will continue to visit the UK and enjoy every aspect of both the country and the people.

Alne Street Fayre 2021 is ON – new date announced

We are delighted to announce that Alne Street Fayre 2021 will take place on Sunday, 5th September. Rest assured that the organising group will ensure that all safety requirements in force at that time will be fully met but we are very hopeful that we will be able to run a great outside event, with plenty of space to enjoy the entertainment with friends and family, and that this can be a celebration of leaving behind us the dark days of the last 18 months.

Alne Street Fayre is the annual fund-raising event for Alne Parish leisure Association (UK Charity No 516566) which runs the playground and the recreation and sports field in Alne. Now in its 36th year, it has been hailed by *The Times* newspaper as one of the “*Top Twenty UK Family Days Out*” and one of only two in the North of England.

You can expect the usual mix of bands (in three locations), Trade Stalls, Teas, BBQ, Bar, Children’s and Street Entertainers and the ever-popular Tombola and Duck Race. Located in the main street and on the recreation field, the highly-rated playground makes a delightful place for children to play while the adults can relax over Pimms, beer and music.

Please keep an eye on the Alne Street Fayre website at www.alnestreetfayre.co.uk which will keep you informed as new attractions and entertainers are booked or use Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/AlneStreetFayre>.

We hope you will have a great day out.





2nd Alne Open Gardens Sunday 27th June - still time to join

A big thank you to the handful of new gardens that have now come forward to be added to this year's Programme. This will help to refresh this event, with an opportunity to view new gardens, not previously open, to make it interesting for local people & visitors.

There is still time for you to offer to join this event with your garden, the more the merrier.

We will also have live music on offer from Peter Hall and his Mayfly3 Group in his own open garden.

I will be setting up an e-mail group to communicate updates to those involved instead of having a face to face meeting, due to current Covid restrictions. Hopefully this will be one of the first local open events to happen when lockdown is lifted. **Sunday, 27th June, noon until 5.00p.m.**

I am happy to visit anyone who is considering coming on board, to view your garden and advise on what will be involved.

Roadside verge signs to promote the event have been ordered and we have an entry on the national website www.opengardens.co.uk.

All profits from the event go towards Alne Village Hall improvements.

If you can help on the day, selling tickets, or offering another appropriate attraction to include in this event, please get in touch.

d.lepper27@btinternet.com or 01347 838114

David Lepper
Alne Open Gardens Coordinator

COMMUNITY AMENITIES

Do you know what is available in Alne?

- * Everything about Alne and up-to-date news. See <https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/>
- * Daily Newspaper delivery and general stores
Tollerton Stores 838436
- * Sunday Newspaper delivery. See https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/Sunday_newspapers.html
- * Bakery van outside Village Hall every Saturday 08:00-09.00
<https://www.amoandwelsh.com>
- * Farmshop making weekly (Wednesdays) deliveries in the village.
See <https://farmgatefarmshop.com>
- * Milk delivery (and cream, eggs, yoghurts, etc)
Contact Liz and Andrew Wade on 838806
- * Heating Oil purchase co-operative. See https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/groups_oil.html
- * Regular buses to Easingwold and York. See <https://www.reliancebuses.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Timetable-30.pdf>
- * Weekly bus to Morrisons in Boroughbridge. 11:00 Mondays.
https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/buses_morrisons.html
- * Sports: Thriving tennis and cricket clubs. See https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/sport_tennis.html and <https://www.alnecc.co.uk/>
- * Alne Street Fayre, raising funds for the Alne recreation ground, sports field and play park.
The next Alne Street Fayre is on Sunday 5th September 2021.
- * Maps. Historical maps are displayed in the Village Hall. There is an indexed map of Alne houses on the Parish Council notice board. Other maps of Alne and Alne Station can be found at <https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/maps.html>

Alne Community help required post 29th March 2021

Litter pick on Forest Lane

9.30a.m. on Sunday, 4th April.

Contact David on d.lepper27@btinternet.com or 01347 838114

"BMX track"

Restoration and improvement on the APLA field. Contact Izzy on

izzyrochester1980@gmail.com

Telephone Box Library

Restoration and improvement. Contact Sue on 07984 402084, 01347 838664 or sue@laycock1.plus.com

Organisers will ensure that all current government rules are followed.

Tollerton Coronavirus Support

A Tollerton support group, in conjunction with the Parish Council, Doctors' Surgery and the Church, has been set up by local villagers to offer support to anyone who is affected by coronavirus. If you are self-isolating or needing support we can help you with:

Food shopping

Posting letters

Connecting you to other services

Having a chat

Prescription collections & requests

Collecting deliveries

Dog walking

We can assure you that we will respect your privacy and your health security. If you would like our help then please call or text either of the following numbers and we will put you in touch with a neighbour who will help.

07831 306795

07835 532918

If you need any help at all please do get in touch, we are here to help.



Call our 24/7 message service
0772 44 44 750

We will always call you back.
Confidentiality assured.

Our service:

- We deliver to Easingwold and surrounding villages.
- If you wish, we can discuss further help and offer confidential support over a cuppa in your home.
- Our food packages contain tinned and dry goods with milk, bread and spread as well as toiletries. We can't supply fresh fruit and vegetables.

**Run by volunteers for
local people in need**



Contact Details:

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Revd. Carmel Gittens 01347 833437 e-mail: carmel-gittens@live.co.uk

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

Elizabeth Cushion 01347 821460

Church Wardens

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Church Warden Posts vacant

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St. Michael's Tollerton
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