

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

**December 2022/ January 2023**

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

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## Happy Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Another year over and a new one just begun...* the Christmas song replays in my head as I start to write this article and I wonder, are you excited that we have reached December and are approaching a new year? Will you be pleased to see the end of 2022 or have you had an enjoyable year? Or, on a deeper level... are you watching the men's football world cup? ...What are your feelings about bounty being removed from the celebrations box this year? Are you utterly devastated or relieved you don't have to risk the taste of coconut after grabbing a handful of chocolates in the dark while watching your hundredth Christmas movie?

And...what is your favourite Christmas advert this year? Is it Kevin the Carrot for Aldi, or John Lewis' thought-provoking encouragement to remember what Christmas can be like for young people in the care system?

According to the Tesco Christmas advert, the UK is depressed and completely devoid of happiness this year. Apparently, the only way we will experience any joy this Christmas is if their food is part of our Christmas parties. I am sorry Tesco, but that is completely ridiculous. Sure, I like party food as much as the next person. But I can guarantee that when we are full and when we have eaten and drunk too much, our concerns around money, the climate, and wars, amongst others, will still be there. Any loneliness, anxiety, sadness, anger, etc. will still be with us. No amount of good food or drink will take that away, however much we enjoy it. Wow, Debbie...I can hear you say...that took a serious and depressing downturn...

Okay, I will get to my point. As a Christian, I believe Christmas is full of JOY, LOVE, HOPE, and PEACE. But they are only completely and fully found in Jesus, the baby's birthday we celebrate every 25<sup>th</sup> December. God, with us. God, who came in human form to have a relationship with us, invites us into a loving relationship every single day of our lives. Does this mean I am always happy? No. Does it mean I don't have financial worries or concerns about the state of the world? No. But it does mean I can receive JOY, HOPE, LOVE and PEACE from God when I talk to him about what is worrying and concerning me. It means I can receive comfort, and trust there is a better future than the one I can see or comprehend right now.

Just like the young lady is welcomed by name and just as she is into a loving environment in the John Lewis ad, so we are invited into a loving and personal relationship with Jesus, by name and just as we are this Christmas and every day.

If you want to know more, or just want to come and sing Christmas Carols, we would love for you to join us for any of our Christmas services in Alne parish throughout December. It would be lovely to see you and any of your family and friends. We are joining in with the Church of England's #FollowTheStar. There are resources online and an app you can download for free, that is child and adult friendly.

Equally, you might spot me and Aslan around at any of the Christmas events happening in the villages, if you do please come and say hello. Alternatively, please do get in touch, our contact details are in this magazine.

It has been wonderful to connect with many of you this year at special services and celebrations, be they happy or sad, or while walking Aslan around the villages. In January, Aslan and I will be leaving to join a new parish near Sheffield. We will miss those of you we have come to know well over the last three and a half years but trust God has opened this door for a reason. There will be an opportunity to say goodbye details about my last service are listed with the other services happening in December and January.

We wish you and those you love, wherever they may be, a JOY-FILLED Christmas and a very MERRY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Grace and peace,

Debbie and Aslan (Vicar and Vicar's dog)

### **Salvation Army Angels**

The Salvation Army are collecting presents for York children who might not otherwise have anything to open on Christmas morning.

After the success of our collection last year we would like to do this again.

If you would like to give a gift for a needy child this Christmas you can collect an Angel from Tollerton church or from Vivienne Bird, Handel Cottage, Aldwark. Then buy your gift, and attach the angel. Please **DO NOT** wrap it in Christmas paper – if it is wrapped, the Salvation Army have to unwrap it to ensure similar value gifts are given to families of more than one child.

Any new presents would be gratefully received anyway - without collecting a specific angel.

Please drop your donation into Tollerton church on **Thursday between 11.00a.m. and 3.00p.m.** or on **Sunday morning between 10.00 and mid-day**, or to Vivienne Bird, Handel Cottage, Aldwark anytime. Angels can be collected from the same point, where there are suggestions for suitable gifts if you need any inspiration. Donations can be made until **8<sup>th</sup> December**.

## News from Alne Church

The Remembrance service on 13<sup>th</sup> November was well attended, despite our new heating not being up and running in time. Many thanks to all who participated in the moving service. Over £150 will be donated to The Royal British Legion from the collection.

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 4pm** with donations shared between St Mary's and The Children's Society.

**Making Christingles** – Please drop off or bring along oranges and appropriate sweets with cocktail sticks to assemble the Christingles from 10am to midday on the Saturday morning. All welcome to help with this, especially children. Ribbon and candles will be provided.

## FLOWERS IN CHURCH

The new list of dates is now on the porch noticeboard for anyone to sign up to either fund or arrange flowers for a particular week in memory of someone on the anniversary or their birth, death, etc.

Further details are on the notice or please contact Sharon Oliver (details on the back of this newsletter).

## CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL

Very many thanks to those who filled shoe boxes. These have now been collected for despatch to children in time for Christmas. Those who included a tracker code should hear more in due course about the destination of their donation.

## ALNE COMMUNITY LUNCHES

A combined group has started holding lunches at Alne Village Hall. These are very informal and will be open to everyone. The Village Hall will be warm and brightly lit and, judging by the first event last week, the food will be delicious! Please note that although the church is playing a driving role in this plan, the lunches are not restricted to church attenders!

## Parish Records

*Interment:* 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Enid Cox

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Village Hall News & Dates for your Diary**



### **Upcoming events**

#### **Pub Nights**

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December from 7.00p.m. to 10.00p.m.

Come and join us for a pre-Christmas drink with friends and neighbours. We will be serving our usual selection of beers, wines and soft drinks and mulled wine for that extra festive feeling.

More pub night dates to follow for 2023.

#### **Quiz Night**

We are planning a quiz night on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> February from 7.00p.m.

Tickets will be £3 on the door. This is our first quiz night for some years so please come along and support us.

If you would like to get involved in organising events we would really appreciate your help.

Please check our webpage on [www.alnevillage.co.uk](http://www.alnevillage.co.uk) for contact details and upcoming events. Follow us on Facebook. If you would like to be included on the e-mail distribution list (which is confidential) please let us know.

*Alne Singers*  
Christmas Concert



**Alne Village Hall**

**Thursday 8th December—7.45 pm**  
with  
**Festive Refreshments**

Free entry with retiring collection  
for Easingwold Food Bank

## **Alne Open Gardens Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Following on from my previous article I have already had a handful of brand new gardens come forward that have not featured in the previous 2 events, which is great news. This will help keep the overall programme fresh and interesting. I will be going back to all those gardens that have previously participated.

I hope that for our third Alne Open Gardens afternoon we will have more gardens involved with a range of opportunities for visitors to view, including a newly created wildflower meadow and an allotment style vegetable plot.

Alne WI has confirmed that they will once again be offering homemade refreshments, tea and coffee in the Village Hall which is much appreciated. Apart from a splendid range of varied gardens, I am hoping we can include some additional attractions in some of the gardens to entertain visitors. Previously we have had live music, craft stalls and plant sales, but I am open to any other suggestions being included in the schedule for the final event.

If you are still considering becoming involved offering your own garden, then I will be happy to come round to visit you, give you a copy of the previous two Alne Open Garden events programmes, and talk through what is involved. Similarly, if you have an additional attraction that you are able to offer that might be hosted in one of the participating gardens then please get in touch with me so that this can be incorporated in the early planning stage for the afternoon.

All profits raised from this event will go towards improvements and enhancement of Alne Village Hall. This is our main community hub run as a Charity by local volunteers, so it is all in a good cause.

**David Lepper**

**Alne Open Gardens Coordinator**

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## Alne WI Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Before the meeting started we had our Alne WI photograph taken.



As you can see we are a very happy WI.

The gavel then came down and the meeting was opened by our President Joan, with her usual warm welcome.

Diane (Secretary) then took charge as we had a lot of WI business to get through. Firstly she invited, Maggie who had represented us at the recent Annual Federation meeting to give us a briefing, which was interesting and entertaining.

Diane then started the process for this year's "Resolution".

The Women's Institute is democratic and member-led, and the resolutions process is unique in putting members at the heart of decisions about our campaign activity.



Every issue that we campaign on stems directly from a resolution put forward by members and adopted at the Annual Meeting. WI members have a unique opportunity to turn a concern into a national campaign every year, backed by the whole of the WI.

Diane had organised 4 breakout tables to discuss the 4 shortlisted resolutions.

1. Save our Water - every drop matters.
2. Women to women - turning over a new leaf in the lives of women tea pickers.
3. Online gambling harm - time for action.
4. Clean rivers for people and wildlife.

Table leaders then gave the feedback to the whole room. We will vote & Diane will forward our choice to WI.

Our President Joan (Baram) had organised her highly anticipated “Posh Carrier Bags Charity Tombola” - such fun & all proceeds go to charity.

This year’s charity is The Salvation Army Homeless Hostel. **The total raised was £210.** Thank you Joan for organising this great event and well done members for being so generous.

Fantastic Hostesses this month: Debbie Bell and Karen Rogers.

Next meeting: **14<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Dinner – The Victoria at Cattal.



### **2023 Concerts - Miles and the Chain Gang & Ninebarrow**

It was disappointing that we had to cancel the Johnny Campbell Concert due to take place on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> November due to poor advance ticket sales. If you want quality live music concerts to continue in the future it really makes a positive difference to events happening if you can buy your tickets well in advance. If for any reason a gig is cancelled we will guarantee and return a full refund.

Our first concert of 2023, on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February**, is something a bit different to our previous offerings. **Miles and the Chain Gang** are a York based four piece band that play an exhilarating and highly entertaining mix of their own original songs plus covers of well known classic songs you will be familiar with. These may include Joni Mitchell's Big Yellow Taxi, the Rolling Stones Honky Tonk Woman, Bob Dylan's All Along the Watchtower, and Steve Miller's The Joker.

I saw them perform at Helmsley Arts Centre in the summer to an audience who had not seen them before, and they went down a storm and played their socks off in a fantastic rambunctious concert. The band with enthusiastic lead singer Miles Salter, and the audience, all had a great fun enjoyable time with accessible songs to get your foot tapping and sing along to. Tickets are a very reasonable £12 available to order online from: <https://buytickets.at/alnemusicclub/801952>



Miles and the Chain Gang in Concert at Helmsley Arts Centre on a hot July night 2022.

To see a clever YouTube video link of their catchy last single “Love is Blind” go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=duvTcVDSmLg>

Our second concert of 2023 will be the fine critically acclaimed “As seen on BBC Countryfile” Dorset duo Ninebarrow. They have now released a handful of fine albums, with largely acoustic based guitars plus keyboards, and lovely vocal harmonies. Proud of their Dorset roots, this is the farthest north they are venturing on their spring 2023 tour, so a special opportunity to see and enjoy them locally. Tickets are available from their website <https://ninebarrow.co.uk>. If you like Simon and Garfunkel then you will relish seeing this great duo of Jon and Jay live.

I have seen them several times in concert, they have always been superb, highly accomplished playing of instruments, great original songs, lovely singing and vocal harmonies. They also have green credentials, planting a new woodland to offset their carbon output when touring and leading local guided walks in their Dorset homeland. Tickets are £16 plus a 43p booking fee in advance, or £18 on the door if still available, from their website above on **Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023**.

Ninebarrow are a multi-award-winning folk duo, who are impressing audiences across the country with their innovative and captivating take on the folk tradition. Described by Mark Radcliffe as sounding 'like two halves of one voice' and by Mercury Music Prize nominee Kate Rusby as "absolutely amazing", Jon Whitley and Jay LaBouchardiere combine breath taking vocal harmonies and melodies, delivering original songs that are inspired and rooted in the landscape and history of the British Isles.



Jon and Jay of Ninebarrow in Concert performance at the Black Swan Folk Club, York.

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

# Hot Spots

Every week from November 4<sup>th</sup> (except Christmas)  
until the end of February.



at the Black Horse Pub  
Saturdays 11.30am - 5.00pm



at St Michael's Church  
Thursdays 11.30am - 3.00 pm

**Come and cosy up with us for a soup or stew lunch!**

**All villagers are welcome to either (or both) venues.**

**Children welcome too!**  
*No charge*

Hotspots will continue in **December** up to and including **15<sup>th</sup> December** and then restart after Christmas on **Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> January**.

## ANGLICAN SERVICES

### DECEMBER

| Venue            | 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec          | 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec         | 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec              | 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec               |
|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Aldwark</b>   | 10.30a.m.                    |                              | 4.00p.m.<br>Carol service         | 9.00a.m.<br>Christmas Day Service  |
| <b>Alne</b>      |                              | 10.30a.m.<br>Communion       |                                   |                                    |
| <b>Tollerton</b> | 10.30a.m.<br>Morning Worship | 10.30a.m.<br>Morning Worship | 6.00p.m.<br>Carols by Candlelight | 10.30a.m.<br>Christmas Day Service |

**The Christingle Service will take place at St. Mary's, Alne at 4.00 pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December.**

### JANUARY

| Venue            | 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan          | 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan         | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan                    | 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan   |
|------------------|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Aldwark</b>   |                              | 10.30a.m.<br>Communion and Leaving Service for Revd Debbie Coyne at St. Mary's Alne |                              |   | Parish Vision Day in Alne Village Hall<br>Start time to be confirmed |
| <b>Alne</b>      |                              |   |                              | 10.30a.m<br>Anglican/ Methodist Service |  |
| <b>Tollerton</b> | 10.30a.m.<br>Morning Worship |   | 10.30 a.m.<br>Holy Communion | 10.30a.m.<br>Morning Worship            |  |

## METHODIST SERVICES for Villages Together

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)

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### December 2022 – January 2023

| Date/Venue   | Alne   | Huby                             | Husthwaite | Stillington      | Tholthorpe             |
|--|--|----------------------------------|------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 4 <sup>th</sup> December<br>3.00p.m.                                 |  | David<br>Bidnell<br>Café Service |            |                  |                        |
| 11 <sup>th</sup><br>December<br>3.00p.m.                             | Ruth Duck<br>Carol<br>Service<br>Alne Hall             |                                  |            |                  |                        |
| 18 <sup>th</sup><br>December<br>3.00p.m.                             |  |                                  |            |                  | Christingle<br>Service |
| 24 <sup>th</sup><br>December<br><i>Christmas<br/>Eve</i> 6.00p.m.    |  | Christmas<br>Eve Service         |            |                  |                        |
| 25 <sup>th</sup><br>December<br>9.30a.m.<br><i>Christmas<br/>Day</i> |  |                                  |            | David<br>Bidnell |                        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> January<br>10.30a.m.<br><i>New Year</i>              | Service at Easingwold<br>David Bidnell, Holy Communion |                                  |            |                  |                        |
|  |  |                                  |            |                  |                        |

| <b>Date/Venue</b>        | <b>Alne</b>                | <b>Huby</b> | <b>Husthwaite</b>                                 | <b>Stillington</b> | <b>Tholthorpe</b> |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| 8 <sup>th</sup> January  | David Bidnell<br>Alne Hall |             |   |                    |                   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> January |                            |             | David Bidnell<br>Covenant Service, St Nicholas PC |                    |                   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> January |                            |             |   | Robin Jackson      |                   |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> January |                            |             |   |                    | Elaine Thompson   |

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