

PARISH NEWSLETTER

October 2020

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

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Offering hope as we face a second wave – Archbishops' letter to bishops

In a joint letter to the bishops of the Church of England, Archbishops Stephen Cottrell and Justin Welby set out a stark assessment of the challenges facing the country amid the pandemic including hunger, homelessness, mental health pressures and domestic violence. The letter is reproduced below:



To All Bishops

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is clear that we now have to gear up for a second wave of the coronavirus. This is hard. Many people were starting to believe things could return to normal. They can't. But neither are we in the same place as before. We have learned a great deal.

In our leadership of the Church and in the witness we show to our nation we need to be determined, resilient and hopeful. We will need to be more critical in our response to restrictions that are above and beyond government regulations, helping the church at the local level, in parish and diocese, steer a course that is marked by responsible action towards each other, care for the most vulnerable, and witness for the poor and disadvantaged who are suffering disproportionately. All this is the nature of love.

Our national situation is much more complicated than it was in March. The divisions are deeper. There is public and reasonable concern about hunger – especially amongst children – and homelessness, with an expected rapid rise in evictions. Domestic violence remains a major issue which is concealed.

We are also in a situation which threatens the recovery from the huge decline in the economy in the second quarter. The most vulnerable to this second wave are the small companies who employ the most people, and especially those in the hospitality industry. It will be for us and others to encourage the banks, who received such help in 2009, to be equally merciful to others as the nation was to them. St Matthew 18:23-35 seems highly relevant. The poor, the elderly and isolated are especially vulnerable. There will be growing nervousness about Christmas, about mental health and many other issues that cannot be considered in this very short letter. We are called to be responsible, but we are also called to resilience and prophetic speech. We have the networks, long since mobilised, and the partnerships to serve especially the hungry and homeless. Our schools are a particular treasure.

However, there will also be a sense of tiredness; the weariness which comes with dealing with yet another threat and difficulty. To face this, we must continue to encourage one another and bear one another's burdens. We must in our meetings be transparent with each other, able to say difficult things in a way that avoids mistakes being made through unwilling acquiescence to the perceived view of the majority.

Most of all we need to draw close to Christ, and continue to offer the hope and stability of the gospel. It is this gospel joy, even in the darkest times, that alone can help us through this crisis, bringing hope and an eternal perspective to the very pressing trials of the moment.

We are so grateful for our partnership with you in this work. Do feel free to share this letter as you see fit. And please be assured of our prayers.

In the peace of Christ,



The Most Revd & Rt Hon Justin Welby
Archbishop of Canterbury



The Most Revd & Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell
Archbishop of York

News from Alne Church

Sadly, Covid-19 continues to have a massive impact on all of us. Alne Church continues to be open for personal prayer and meditation twice weekly – **Mondays 8.00a.m. 'til noon and Thursdays 6.30 – 7.30p.m.** The Thursday times will be altered as the days become shorter - details to follow.

Services

The Revds. Debbie and Carmel are planning a small number of “live” services starting with **Harvest Services at Aldwark on Sunday, 27th September and Brafferton on Sunday 4th October (4.00p.m.) respectively.** These will be held outdoors and are therefore weather dependant. Those planning to attend are asked to bring their own seats.

During October and November we are planning services at **Alne and Brafferton Churches** on the **last Sunday of each month.** Details for **Remembrance Sunday** will be announced later.

Future arrangements are dependent on government guidelines.

Services on Zoom will continue for the time being.

The Parish Newsletter - can be seen on the websites of both Alne and Tollerton Villages. Hard copies are available outside Alne Church and in local phone boxes.

ALL AGE OUTDOOR HARVEST SERVICE

ST PETER'S, BRAFFERTON-HELPERBY,
CHURCH YARD

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER

@ 4PM

Bring your own
chairs


Maintaining 2 meter
distance between
family groupings

Children - bring
a type of fruit
for you to hold
during the
service

SUBJECT TO & FOLLOWING: GOVERNMENT & CHURCH OF ENGLAND GUIDELINES,
& WEATHER PERMITTING



@BeneficesofAlneandBrafferton
@StPetersChurchBraffertonHelperby



ALNE PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP

- Purpose built setting within the grounds of Alne Primary School
- Highly qualified and experienced staff
- Ofsted rated "Good"
- Funded places for 3 & 4 year olds and eligible 2 year olds
- Childcare vouchers accepted
- Places available

Breakfast club

8:00 – 8:45

Toast, cereal or a cooked option available each day

Morning session

8:45 – 11:45

Lunch

11:45 – 12:30

Bring a pack up or purchase a hot cooked meal prepared
by Alne Primary School chef

Afternoon session

12:30 – 15:30

After school care

15:30 – 18:00

Including a light tea

For more information or to arrange a visit please contact
01347 830 011 or email - alneplaygroup@live.com

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

Alne Music Club – Becky Mills Concert Saturday 7th November

I am writing this on Tuesday, 22nd September, a day after the Chief Medical Officer and Chief Scientist highlighted that the national trends on Covid-19 were worryingly going in the wrong direction, and greater restraints were required.

The Prime Minister has now highlighted tonight that we are in for a 6 month period of tighter conditions that will restrict everyday life, unfortunate in its social and economic implications, but important for trying to protect the nation's health.

It has been a challenging start for Alne Music Club, already two previous concerts I had booked prior to lockdown have been and gone with no show. I have more recently been in touch with Becky Mills, a fine local North Yorkshire singer songwriter, regarding her provisional concert booking for **Saturday, 7th November**.

We have discussed and agreed how we might try to run her concert in a safe socially distanced way. This would be booking in advance with names, phone or e-mail contacts taken; limiting the total number of the audience attending to 30; priority for local people only, not from further afield; having no bar but instead inviting people to bring their own drinks and glasses; having hand sanitiser at the entrance; seats set out in the hall in "pods" at a safe distance from each other; a one way system: in and out of the hall; only one at a time into the toilets; and a full hall clean before and after the event.

I have been to a couple of live music events recently held outside, one in Easingwold at the Community Library, the other in the grounds of the National Centre for Early Music at York. Both were well managed, safe, and enjoyable; run in a highly responsible way.

Despite learning from how these events have been operating and trying to develop a cautionary safe approach as outlined above, I suspect that future restrictions are likely to tighten further. I will keep you all posted on the separate Alne Music Club Facebook Group Page; the Alne Village website; and in next month's Parish Newsletter. However, I currently believe it will be a longshot whether this concert will be able to go ahead and it may well be postponed until sometime in 2021. I will keep you all posted on any news as the situation evolves over the next few weeks.

I am also looking for a few volunteers to help steward and run our future concerts, if you would like to assist then please get in touch with me to notify your interest.

David Lepper
Alne Music Club Promoter
d.lepper27@btinternet.com or phone 01347 838 114

Becky Mills. in concert

“Mills is a master storyteller. Shot through with wisdom, her bewitching songs imagine the mysterious lives of others with enormous sympathy”
The Musician

“Superb musicianship - and a voice that will give you shivers”
FATEA

“A collection of warm humanity & emotional truth”
RnR ★★★★★

www.beckymillsgigs.co.uk



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
<http://www.amosandwelsh.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://reliancebuses.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Timetable-30.pdf>
- * Weekly bus to Morrisons in Boroughbridge. 11:00 Mondays.
See 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. Now in its 36th year.
The next Alne Street Fayre is on Sunday 13-June, 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>



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



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	Prescription collections & requests
Posting letters	Collecting deliveries
Connecting you to other services	Dog walking
Having a chat	

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.

Contact Details:

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