

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

October 2021

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

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## The power of prayer

Over the years people's faith can wax and wane. During these times we can feel far away from the Lord, but I believe that it is at this time He draws nearer. Times of trouble and stress often mean that we can forget to reach out to God to ask Him for our needs, and to also be thankful for prayers answered.

When, as a married woman, I tried unsuccessfully for four years to have a child. Then when visiting Paris, I knelt at the altar of Notre Dame cathedral and wept and cried out to the Lord. "Please Lord give me children". Over the months my prayers continued until the following April my first born arrived!

I now have 3 wonderful children, 4 amazing stepchildren, all grown up now. I have 12, soon to be 13 grandchildren and this summer we were blessed with a great grandchild. God has blessed me beyond measure.

The last couple of weeks has been so traumatic as my youngest daughter had health problems that caused her to go into early labour with her twins and at 31 weeks, they were delivered by C section. But I firmly believe that they are now strong and healthy, purely down to the power of prayer and the amazing the special care staff.

I have prayed fervently on my knees before the Lord. I have asked family, friends, and colleagues to pray, my clergy mummies group have prayed, and all of my daughter's contacts and her church too! God in heaven has heard and answered our prayers.... Praise Him.

There are many examples of women in the bible being faithful in prayer, and Jesus tells us that we should be persistent in asking God for our needs.

*Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.' "* And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you; he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

### **Luke 18:1-8**

But we must remember that although God **always** hears and answers our prayers, there are three answers: 1 yes, 2 yes but not now, 3 no! As any wise parent knows, we give our children these answers all the time based on what we know to be good for them. For example, a child asking for sweets may get a "yes", or perhaps "after your dinner", or perhaps they will get a "no, you have already had too many sweets and they are not good for you".

*For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*

**Jeremiah 29:11-29**

God is our infinitely wise Father, and he knows what is good for us. So, continue to pray faithfully and know that God hears and answers our prayers, and when they are answered remember to return to Him to give thanks and praise, whatever that answer may be.

Be blessed,  
Revd. Carmel Gittens

### **News from Alne Church**

It continues to be a busy time with baptism requests still coming through after the period of restrictions. It has been a real pleasure to see large numbers of family and friends supporting little ones as they join the church community.

We also had a lot of visitors passing through the church during the recent Street Fayre. Our organists very ably entertained those sitting for a while to have refreshments, both in and out of the sun, or watching the 'Alne Past and Present' slide show. Some fabulous competition entries were also on display and there was a chance to do some rubbings and bell ringing. Plans are already being worked on for June next year, including a church stall focusing on plant sales - if anyone wishes to start planting any seeds now to grow and donate!

Books left over from the church stall will be available for anyone to take from the pews against the far wall from **3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> October**. Any left will either be used for the permanent BOOK EXCHANGE on the grey trolley at the back of the church or taken to charity shops. Donations for any books taken would be most welcome in the wooden box fixed to the back pew by the main door for the Restoration Fund.

## **Christingle – a celebration for the village**

The Christingle service is usually one of the main events in our church service calendar at **4.00p.m. on Christmas Eve**. This year, we would like to use it as an opportunity for the village to celebrate being able to join together again within the church after some very challenging times for all.

If you can help to prepare a few of the Christingles for the children, candles and tape will be provided at the back of the church for collection in December.

As usual, proceeds will be shared between the church and The Children's Society, who help many children in various times of need.

## **Concert**

Helen Dawson's postponed Bach Cello Concerts are taking place with Suites 1,5 & 4 in St Peter's, Brafferton on **10<sup>th</sup> October** and Suites 3,2 & 6 in St Mary's, Alne on **17<sup>th</sup> October, both at 2.30p.m.** Tickets are £8 each, including refreshments, with free entry for children. These will be available on the door, but can be purchased in advance by contacting Peter Cove on 01347 838346 or Sharon Oliver on 07778 158770.

## **Parish Records**

### **Weddings**

25<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - Emma Tibbett and James Harrison

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Amber Klievens and Gavin Clarke are to be married, when their daughter, Rosa, will also be baptised

### **Baptisms**

5<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – Oscar Thompson

12<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – Freddie Forth

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> October - Sidney Smith will be baptised

A date for your diary

**Sunday 31st October 10:30 am**



A special service on

All Hallows Eve

to remember and commemorate all those who  
who have sadly died during the Covid pandemic.

If you would like a relative, friend, or neighbour  
remembered in the service please contact one of the  
church wardens.

(Arthur Harland 01347 823575 or Alison Dowson 01347 838138)

Further information will be published on St Michael's Facebook page

## Village Hall News

### Holmes and Watson – Thank you

Alne Village Hall Committee would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone local and farther afield who bought tickets for HOLMES and WATSON and supported our first big event in a very long time! In the words of Dr. Watson on Sunday night, it was lovely to have a little bit of normal!



Many thanks as well to the Committee member helpers! Rosie and Mike Ness for getting back in the swing of buying and stocking 'Our Bar' , Mike Ness, Shelagh Kenny, David Lepper, Pam Marlow for set up of stage and tables and Jean Macrae for doing tickets at the door.

If you are new to the village and would like to join our mailing list for our newsletter for updates for our various upcoming events please e-mail Rosemary Ness - [rosemary.ness@btinternet.com](mailto:rosemary.ness@btinternet.com). Also please check out our newly formed Alne Music Club postings on Facebook. Our first music event will be in October featuring the Folk Singer Becky Mills. Another 'little bit of normal!'



## **Running Track at Alne?**

Alne Parish Leisure Association (APLA), the charity that runs the leisure and sports facilities on the main playing field, are looking at the possibility of installing a wheelchair-accessible 500-metre running track around the perimeter of the park. Current thoughts are that this would be along the lines of the successful track recently installed at Millfield in Easingwold.

Would you be a user of this facility? Would you help to make it happen? We believe that APLA can fund this with the help of relevant grants but we will still need a small enthusiastic working group to take this project forward and bring it to fruition.

If you are interested in using such a facility and/or helping to make it happen, please register your interest by calling 838265, by emailing Robert at [brech28@btinternet.com](mailto:brech28@btinternet.com), or by using the Contact facility on the Alne Village website. Thank you.

Alne Parish Leisure Association (UK Charity No 516566)

## **Alne Sunday Newspapers (get ready for winter reading)**

A reminder that you can get Sunday newspapers in Alne by joining the Sunday Newspaper group. Pick up your own newspaper(s) every week at Alne church from 8.15a.m. and do the combined run to Easingwold approximately once a quarter. To join the group, send a message through the contact page at the Alne Village website or call Robert on 838265.

## **Alne WI Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (hooray, we are back!)**

The Village Hall had been professionally cleaned for our meeting by Southbank Pest Control (Sanitising & Disinfecting) 07920 797813.

A very warm welcome from our president Joan started our much anticipated, first in person meeting, since February 2020!

Joan thanked Jean and Diana for organising the recent successful summer dinner at The Stapylton Arms at Wass. The photos show some of the Members' joy at us all being together, (or possibly for the knickerbocker glories?) on the evening.


The priority for this evening's meeting was for it to be "a fun night", a catch up opportunity for all the members. WI business was kept brief by Joan and Diana (our brilliant secretary) who between them have kept us all up to date with WhatsApp & regular monthly WI updates. We moved onto a flower demonstration by Jenny, which enabled members to have the confidence to "have a go" themselves. Flowers, greenery, oasis & containers were all provided. As you can see from the photos a great job by all.

The committee provided a free raffle and supper, which was a wonderful opportunity to have tea, cake and a much welcome natter. A successful, enjoyable fun evening.

Next meeting: **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October**; speaker Patricia Stafford – "Being a Book Conservator". Visitors (£3) are always given a very warm welcome.







## 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](mailto:alneplaygroup@live.com)

## **Alne Music Club - Becky Mills Concert Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

The first concert presented by Alne Music Club is now finally happening after the hiatus of Covid lockdown scuppered our plans last year. The inaugural concert to open proceedings will be singer songwriter Becky Mills who is based in the North York Moors National Park just north of Pickering. Becky was previously in an all-female 4 piece band called Waking the Witch and played regularly around Yorkshire and also at the Glastonbury Festival, so she is a seasoned performer.

She has been a solo artist for some 10 years now, with her assured debut album, **Dandelion** being released in 2012, and her more recent follow up album **Tall Tales and Home Truths** coming out in 2019. I was fortunate to see a special gig in the Oak Room at the National Trust Nunnington Hall on a lovely summer evening with a crowd of family and friends supporting the album launch show. Becky is a storyteller with a set of fine personal songs relating to family history, and the love of the area she now calls home. She has a strong clear singing voice while playing acoustic guitar. She will be featuring some traditional folk, but mainly playing her own original songs.

**Tickets for the concert are £10**, we are limiting the audience to a maximum of 50, and seating will be cabaret style around table with plenty of circulation space. To reserve your place please obtain a ticket(s) from [www.beckymillsgigs.co.uk](http://www.beckymillsgigs.co.uk). For anyone locally who does not have a computer or do "t'internet" please ring me to reserve a ticket, I have just a handful set aside. The concert is being promoted on Becky's website so will attract an audience from further afield, so book early to avoid the disappointment of missing out on our opening event.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> concert will be a more contemporary duo with Michelle Plum and Nick Hall, playing a set of songs from their 2 albums on **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> December**. Tickets will be on sale shortly for £12, more information in the next Newsletter.

For more details on what is coming up, and reviews of new folk, roots and singer songwriter albums that I rate please look up our **Facebook Group Alne Music Club**, and join up to be kept informed on what is happening. I am already lining up several further concerts for the first half of 2022 to keep you entertained.

**David Lepper**

**Alne Music Club Promoter - 01347 838114**

# 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](http://www.beckymillsgigs.co.uk)



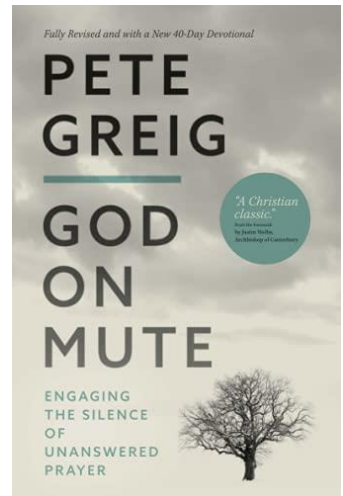
## Do you know what is available in Alne?

- \* Everything about Alne and up-to-date news. See <https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/>
- \* Daily Newspaper delivery and general stores  
[Tollerton Stores 838436](https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/)
- \* 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](https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/)
- \* Heating Oil purchase co-operative. See <https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/oil-co-op.html>
- \* Regular buses to Easingwold and York. See <https://reliancebuses.co.uk/service-30-30x-30se/>
- \* Weekly bus to Morrisons in Boroughbridge. 11:00 Mondays.  
See [https://sites.create-cdn.net/sitefiles/29/8/9/298951/Morrisons\\_bus.pdf](https://sites.create-cdn.net/sitefiles/29/8/9/298951/Morrisons_bus.pdf)
- \* Sports: Thriving tennis and cricket clubs. See <https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/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 37<sup>th</sup> year.  
[The next Alne Street Fayre is on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022.](https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/)
- \* 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>

## “God on Mute:- Engaging the silence of unanswered prayer”

Have you ever questioned why God doesn't answer our prayers about the Covid pandemic, or our concerns for the people of Afghanistan?

“God on Mute:- Engaging the silence of unanswered prayer” is itself an engaging and easily-read book written by Pete Greig. It is not a theological treatise, but a moving book written from the author's personal experience of unanswered prayer. The author, Pete Greig, the founder of the 24/7 prayer movement, grapples with this personal dilemma when shortly after the birth of the family's second child his wife has an epileptic seizure caused by a brain tumour. The book is grounded in his own personal experiences and is full of anecdotes to which the reader can relate.



The book's structure parallels Easter week from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday and takes the reader through the varying emotions of Easter week with the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, Jesus' betrayal and subsequent crucifixion and the empty tomb on Easter Sunday. I particularly related to Pete's discussion of Easter Saturday where he points out that in the New Testament God appears to be totally absent on the Saturday between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. How often have I felt the same when God has seemingly been absent?

The cover of the book is dedicated to *those who are hurting and secretly wondering "Where is God?" and "Why is this happening to me?" and "How come my prayers aren't working?"* As one who has often fallen into one or other of these categories, I can wholeheartedly recommend this book as an inspiring read.

David Beverley



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## **St Michael's church**

now has a Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelstollerton>

If you want to know  
about services at St Michael's Church  
or any of the other activities  
taking place in the church  
look for us on Facebook

## ANGLICAN SERVICES - OCTOBER 2021

Venue	3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	31 <sup>st</sup> Oct
Aldwark	9.00a.m. Holy Communion				
Alne		10.30a.m. Holy Communion		10.30 a.m. Joint Anglican Methodist service & Baptism	
Tollerton	10.30a.m. Morning Worship	10:30a.m. Morning Worship	10:30a.m. Holy Communion	10.30a.m. Morning Worship	10.30a.m. Special Service of Remembrance
Brafferton			6.00p.m. Joint Harvest Festival Celebration		

## METHODIST SERVICES – OCTOBER 2021

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.

Date	Time	Venue	Service Details
3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct		At Huby	
10 <sup>th</sup> Oct		At Stillington	
17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	M Chester
24 <sup>th</sup> Oct		At Stillington	
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct			

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

Elizabeth Cushion 01347 821460

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