

PARISH NEWSLETTER

July/August 2020

**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.



**Bear with,
Bear with,
Bear with...**

I am a fan of the comedian Miranda Hart and her television sitcom “Miranda”. In the show one of the characters, Miranda’s friend Tilly, repeatedly said the phrase “Bear with...” as something else took her attention in the presence of her friends.

“Bear with...” feels exactly the correct phrase for this time. There seem to be a lot of things about “coming out of lockdown” which require us to wait a little longer, even when those things have already been promised to us.

We at the Churches in Aldwark, Alne and Tollerton are asking you to please “bear with” us, as we carefully consider reopening our buildings.

Many of our regular members are in the vulnerable category and my priority is to keep them and others as safe as I possibly can. It would be devastating to me to reopen buildings without the correct measures in place, and for someone to become unwell as a result. At present, it appears as though St Mary's Alne is the church building most likely to be opened, at some point, for private prayer, which is great news, but only if I am satisfied we are safe to do so. And this will extend to the use of our church buildings for funerals, weddings or other forms of worship going forward. It is also worth you knowing, when these services can take place, they will not be as they were prior to lockdown. At present songs will not be sung, little form of voice projection will be allowed, and services are likely to be far shorter in length. So please "bear with" us as we seek to open our buildings in a way and at a time that feels the safest for everyone.

As I mentioned in June's letter, we will each be experiencing the move out of lockdown differently. Some will be excited and embracing the change, others will be far more cautious and reluctant. Whichever you are feeling, please "bear with" one another, especially those who do not hold the same position or feel the same as you. In fact, I would urge us to especially "bear with" those who take the opposite perspective.

Did you know before Miranda coined the phrase "bear with" the Bible claimed it in the book of Galatians chapter 6? The writer, Paul, says "bear with one another in their burdens" or, in other words, try to see how things are from another person's world view. I have found that the best way to do this is to ask and to listen. It doesn't mean we have to agree, but it does enable us to see things from their position.

My continued prayer for us all at this time and moving forward is: "May the God of all hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope..." (Romans 15:13)

As always, if you want to talk further about what I have said, want to receive prayer, or join in our Zoom services at 10.30a.m. on a Sunday morning, you are very welcome to contact me on: rev.deborah.coyne@gmail.com or 01423 360759.

Take care, keep safe, Grace and Peace,

Debbie & Aslan

News from Alne Church

Church opening

The government has agreed that churches can be re-opened for private prayer and contemplation. We are working on plans to do so in the safest possible manner. Initially, we expect that the church will only be open during two half days a week so that it can be left empty for a few days to allow any virus to degrade. A one way system is planned and social distancing will be essential. More frequent opening may be possible if volunteers could help with the cleaning.

In the meantime the churchyard remains open and is in very good shape thanks to the hard-working team which includes Duke of Edinburgh students. Everyone is welcome to explore the churchyard (subject to normal social distancing rules).

Services on Zoom

The Revd Debbie continues to lead the Sunday service on Zoom at 10.30 am. Everyone is welcome to join this service which, though quite different from traditional church services, closely following our normal morning prayer services. As with any church service, those attending gain by 'meeting' friends and colleagues for a chat before and after the service. For access please contact Debbie or one of the wardens.

Duke of Edinburgh awards

Currently we have a small number of students carrying out various tasks in the churchyard. If anyone wishes to join this group please contact Chris (838287) or Peter (838346)



One of the carvings above the main door of Alne Church

Alne Church has a vacancy for a Treasurer starting later this year. Please contact Revd. Debbie (01423 360759) or Peter Cove (838346)

Newsletter

Just a reminder – the Parish Newsletter is available in digital form on the Alne and Tollerton village websites.

www.alnevillage.co.uk

www.tollerton.net

Paper copies are available in Tollerton Post Office and in telephone boxes in the area.

Rotary York Ainsty is asking for volunteers to help make 3,000 washable face masks which are given away free for local charities. If you would like to volunteer to assist with this project, please see details on the poster below. Local queries to David Robinson at d.robinson436@btinternet.com

Rotary
York Ainsty



Community Face Masks Project

In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, Rotary York Ainsty is putting its current Yorkists' knowledge & production capability into making and distributing 3,000 eco-friendly reusable community masks over the next three months.

The tri-layered fabric pleated masks are washable (but not of medical grade), reusable and are designed with full-mouth/nose/chin coverage to prevent individual wearers from spreading breath/cough/sneeze droplets when outside e.g. in shops or in crowds. Equally, it will offer some protection for the wearer's face from other people's 'droplets'.

Masks, in three sizes, will be made available to local communities around York.

CAN YOU HELP?

We need your support and skills in one or more of the following areas, all of which occur around York:

CUTTERS: Cutting and collating materials to correct size and pattern

COURIERS: Delivering materials to cutters, collecting completed materials from cutters and completed masks from sewing machinists

Delivering completed mask packs to communities / charities

SEWING

MACHINISTS: Machine sewing pre-cut materials to a designated pattern and method

PACKERS: Packaging completed masks for delivery to communities

If you are a 'Person of action' interested in volunteering to help this valuable community project **please email: masks4community.rotaryya@gmail.com putting which key skill(s), identified above, you could support in the subject bar.** Please provide a contact telephone number and also identify in which part of York you live.



Unable to help but would like to make a charitable donation towards the running of this community project? It will only take a couple of minutes.

Go to: www.justgiving.com/rotary-ainsty and click on the "Donate" icon, then follow instructions.

Thank you very much for your support

Rotary York Ainsty promises to respect the confidentiality of any personal data you share with us or that we have access to, to keep it safe and we will always take every effort to protect your privacy. For full details, please see our Privacy Notice on our website at: www.tinyurl.com/rotaryyorkainsty

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

Easingwold Food Bank

Easingwold Food Bank serves the surrounding villages (including Alne) and would welcome any donations of groceries, toiletries or cleaning products. No fresh food thanks. A Food Bank collection / donation point has now been created by Ian McCrae at Spring Cottage, Main Street, Alne (old Mrs Dunnington's house), to save residents having to go into Easingwold to drop donations off.



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**



Alne Music Club – Becky Mills Concert Saturday 7th November 2020

With the Coronavirus shutdown the 4 concerts that I had provisionally booked to launch the new Alne Music Club in the Village Hall understandably came to a grinding halt. As social distancing restrictions are starting to ease, I am now revisiting and refreshing the Programme of concerts we plan to put on to entertain you.

The first to be reconfirmed is a lovely local North Yorkshire singer songwriter who hails from Pickering, Becky Mills. She has previously been in an all-female group, but more recently has produced 2 solo albums. She is proud of her local family connections and association with rural North Yorkshire. Her guitar playing is accomplished, her singing clear and true, but it is her story telling songs, some deeply personal, that are the real stars.

I saw her last year at a special concert in the Oak Room at Nunnington Hall, where she had a lot of her friends and family present for what was in effect a home concert to launch her 2nd album, “Tall Tales and Home Truths”. This is a mature assured album, adding to her debut, Dandelion, there is not a weak track, it is all great stuff.

This will be a memorable enjoyable concert at Alne Village Hall, which has been provisionally booked for the evening of **Saturday, 7th November**. Please reserve the date in your diary, and we will put tickets up for sale a few weeks beforehand, probably sometime in September, subject to the overall situation nationwide improving and being safe.

We will be keeping an eye on how live concert events pan out over the next few months, but we hope that this will be one of the first concerts that we can put on here. More details will be available in a future Parish Newsletter. Please come along and support us in this new venture.

David Lepper
Alne Music Club Promoter
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We operate as a sub group of the Village Hall Committee and any profits will go back towards improvements to the Village Hall

3 Months In The Horn Of Africa by Sally-Anne and Darrell Lardner

Sally-Anne retired in July 2019. Her midwifery registration did not expire until March 2020. So we opted to do some volunteering and visit our son and daughter in Australia.

Jesus tells the parable of the growing seed in Mark 4 verses 26 – 28. This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters the seed. The seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.

We set off assuming we would be of use to a Christian organisation and wondered what God's plan was. We had made many applications to Christian organisations for short term volunteering with little response. We had an immediate e-mail 2 hours later from Edna Adan Ismail and a welcome to go to the Edna Adan hospital in Hargeisa, Somaliland.

Independence for modern Somaliland began in 1992 after a terrible civil war. The communist dictator Siad Barri was overthrown, but not before bombing the three major cities in Somaliland. Only three buildings in Hargiesa were left with roofs and there was a genocide of over 100,000 people. Somaliland is relatively peaceful. The government has established the Rule of Law and has been able to take weapons out of the community. Whereas War Lords and Clan leaders in Somalia are still armed.

Somaliland is not recognised as a country by the rest of the world. It borders Ethiopia and Somalia in the horn of Africa. Somalilanders were very welcoming to us and we were often greeted by strangers in the street, some of whom had seen us running at 4 a.m. It is no hardship to rise early as the Muslim call to prayer begins loudly at 3.40a.m.!

Sally-Anne spent the mornings working alongside midwives and nurses and ran a suturing course for midwifery students. She also did English language tuition for doctors and some of the staff. Darrell worked with Abdi the hospital maintenance man. As Abdi was casual about turning up to work (TIA -This Is Africa!) Darrell spent his days rehangng doors replacing locks and making himself useful.

It was a surprise to meet many American and also some Norwegian Christians. We never expected when we came to a Muslim country, to be among so many Christians. These Christians were committing themselves long term, many with families. We were invited to a Thanksgiving celebration. There were over 50 Christians here all long term. Some were working at Edna's hospital and others for other NGOs.

We could only stand in awe at the long hours, the love and the humility we saw. Through all the Christians we met we saw God at work. Like the sower we see the seed scattered the seeds sprouts and grows though we do not know how.

We have only seen a glimpse of God's plan for a small Muslim country although we do not pretend to understand it. We find it amazing God has drawn so many Christians to be in Somaliland.

Sally-Anne and Darrell Lardner

The Pearson and Others 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.

The trustees are particularly keen to help people affected by the Coronavirus pandemic.

The charity also makes grants to local organisations for charitable activities which benefit people 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 go to: <https://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 by e-mailing strouds2@btinternet.com

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>

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.

**ALDWARK ANNUAL GOLF DAY
WEDNESDAY, 22ND JULY 2020**

With the very kind assistance of the Aldwark Manor Hotel we are delighted to announce we are planning to hold our 14th Annual golf Day at Aldwark Manor Golf Club in support of St. Stephen's Church in Aldwark.

Put the date in your diary now!

This will be a team event for 4 players and if anyone is keen to enter a team or would like more details please contact one of the people listed below and we will be pleased to help.

On the day we also hold a raffle which has proved to be extremely popular and needless to say we are in urgent need of as many raffle prizes as we can arrange. If you are able to donate a prize – and it most certainly doesn't have to be golf related – please again contact any of the people listed.

We hope you can help!

Bill Ormerod – Paddock Cottage, Aldwark - 01347 838357
Peter Davis - Court Field House, Aldwark - 01347 830088
Ian Southall - Aldwark House, Aldwark - 01347 838040
David Bird - Handel Cottage, Aldwark - 01347 833062
David Robinson - Maiden's Folly, Youlton - 01347 838006

**Dr John Sentamu retired as the 97th Archbishop of York on
Sunday 7th June:**



As I watch the strangely quiet River Ouse from our apartment at Bishopthorpe Palace, my mind is taken back to a day in 2005 when the river was far from quiet!

Many of you will remember my arrival by boat at York Minster on the day I began my ministry as Archbishop here, a day full of life, noise, celebration and excitement. A bitterly cold day, I decided not to release the seven doves of peace – they could not get to Wigan safely.

There is much talk of change at the moment. What has happened in the last few months is, as has been said so often, unprecedented, and what will happen over the coming months still uncertain. In the midst of these unwelcome and sudden changes, may I encourage you to reflect on a different kind of change – the gentle, constant and yet life-transforming change brought about by God's Spirit working through his church to bring love, joy, peace, power and salvation to us and to all who will receive God's generous gifts.

In nearly fifteen years as Archbishop of York, I am humbled and filled with thankfulness when I consider the changes God has brought about in me and in this Diocese.

Through God's generosity and through yours, through God's limitless hospitality and through ours, and most of all through God's strong and saving love poured into our hearts and shaping us together into the likeness of Christ, I have been blessed and privileged to see our generous churches making and nurturing disciples, our relationships, our prayer and our witness transformed, becoming more and more a reflection of our calling to be the embassy of heaven on earth.

There are too many highlights to mention them all here – outdoor baptisms outside York Minster, the change to Free Will Offers, my Pilgrimage of Prayer, Witness and Blessing, the Deanery Missions, Come and See... the list would never end! Friends, thank you for allowing me to become part of you – loving each other into holiness, bearing each other's burdens, and of course becoming Yorkshireman of the Year in 2007!

It is in many ways hard to leave now, when we are all in such need of leadership and of care. But I leave without fear, for the Lord our God is with us – God our loving Father, God the Son, Jesus Christ our eternal friend, and God the Holy Spirit, the giver of life. He is the same yesterday, today and for ever, and I am thankful to him for all that he has done in and through me during my time as Archbishop, for all that he is doing in these troubling times, and for all that is yet to be, for myself and for the Diocese of York.

The Best is yet to be.

With love and prayers

+Sentamu Ebor

Bishop Stephen Cottrell will be confirmed as the 98th Archbishop of York at 11.00am on Thursday 9th July 2020, in a service broadcast entirely via video conference due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

To view the service on the Church of England website:

www.churchofengland.org/aby98

The link will be live just before **11.00a.m. on Thursday, 9th July 2020.**

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

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