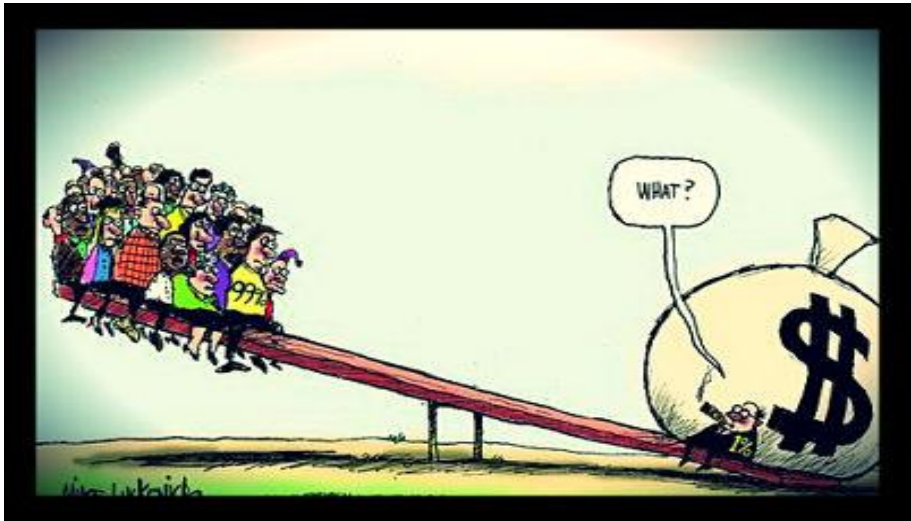


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March 2015

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

The Anglican minister for the villages in the Parish of Alne is Rev. Chris Park. He can be contacted by telephone on 01347 838122 or by email at pastaparko@parkfamily.me.uk.



Note from the Editor:

I send my heartfelt thanks to Steve Gilholm for stepping forward to sit in the (sometimes quite) hot seat as editor of the Parish Newsletter. Please be kind to him, remember the editorial service is provided by him on an entirely voluntary basis, and send your copy as usual to the newsletter email, details given below.

Copy for April 2015 issue to news@abchurches.org.uk on or before 16 March please. Or by hand or post to The Vicarage, Monk Green House, Main Street Alne, York YO61 1TB.

How income inequality harms society!

On YouTube recently, I came across a TED talk by Richard Wilkinson with the above title. Using 20 Western nations and data from the UN, he explained what happens when we widen the gap between the rich and poor in society. His talk is not about how much total wealth is generated, but rather how fairly that wealth is shared. His conclusion was that the wider the income inequality gap becomes, then not only is an injustice occurring, but the greater the health and social problems suffered in that society.



The social indices measured included:

- Life Expectancy
- Maths and Literacy
- Infant mortality rates
- Homicide rates
- Imprisonment
- Teenage births
- Trust
- Obesity
- Mental Health, inc addictions
- Social mobility

Of the 20 countries he surveyed, the UK was third worst, in that we have one of the widest gaps between the rich and poor, with only the USA and Portugal having a more unequal society. Japan and the Scandinavian countries were at the other end of the scale. One of his more pithy comments was that, 'if you want to live the American dream (of wealth, health and happiness) you best go live in Denmark.'

In the Old Testament the Jews were given laws concerning rest and justice – the Sabbath laws. One in seven days was to be a day of rest from work, one in seven years a year of rest for the land, and every 50 years - a year of Jubilee -was to be a time when not only the land was restored but also

personal and economic freedom was restored. Slaves were freed and all wealth returned to its original family owners – so no one became too rich, and no one was too poor.

The idea of resting was coupled with that of trusting God to provide for their needs.

So often we are fed the line that the generation of wealth at all costs will be the silver bullet to solve our society's woes. We already have 24 hour shopping, and economic growth is what the politicians aspire to.

But the wisdom of the year of Jubilee and Richard Wilkinson's talk suggest there is more to growing a just and healthy society, than the pursuit of wealth at all costs.

Rev Chris Park



Family Time

Fun, Faith, Food

Sunday 22 Mar 2015

3pm – 6pm

St Michael's Tollerton

The Big Clean

Everyone Welcome

Contact Rev Chris Park 01347 838122

NEWS FROM ALNE CHURCH

Parish Church Records

Funerals

10 Feb 2015 Hilda Wood

Coffee Club

Reminder! We continue to hold the Coffee Club at Alne Church on the third Wednesday of each month at 10.30 am. All are welcome to join us!

Owls In Alne Churchyard!



The ancient ash in Alne churchyard has been home to a family of owls for some time. The attached photo shows the entrance to the nest and we can confirm that an owl was seen in the nest by tree surgeons last summer.

ALNE LOCAL AND FAIRTRADE MARKET

Saturday 7 March, 10am – Noon

Alne Village Hall

Fairtrade Café

Locally sourced bacon / egg butties

Stalls by Local Traders

All welcome to drop by for conversation, to browse, a cuppa or brunch....



ARE YOU READY?

Lent is a very special part of our Christian calendar and this year Lent began on Wednesday February 18, marking the beginning of the six weeks leading up to Easter. I wonder how many children understand the true meaning of Easter? Or why we use the Easter egg as a symbol during this time.

The empty Easter egg represents the empty tomb where Jesus had risen from the dead on Easter morning, and of course the egg also represents new birth. As yummy as our chocolate eggs are, what might that coming celebration look like if we first take this opportunity to really think about all that the Resurrection means in our lives? Death doesn't get the last word. That's the joy we will celebrate on Easter!

In a recent survey thousands of people from around the world shared what they'll be doing to prepare their hearts during Lent. Let their examples help you decide how you'll observe this special season!

They were asked two very important questions as to how they would prepare for Lent

1. During Lent, what spiritual practice are you challenging yourself to focus on?

82% said that they were going to pray or meditate more

66% said that they were going to read the bible more

35% said that they were going to attend church gatherings more

2. As an act of personal sacrifice, what are you giving up?

33% meat

58% sweets fizzy drinks or junk food

31% alcohol

24% social media

22% coffee

24% television

18% other

Perhaps as you focus on the real meaning of Lent you may want to know more about the gospel message or how we can understand the supreme sacrifice of Jesus. If you would like to know more please do contact me or Chris Park, we would love to see you.

Blessings, Carmel Gittens House for Duty Reader

ALNE VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary:



Spring Plant Sale. This will be a fund raising event for the Village Hall, to be held on **Sunday 17 May**. There will be a good selection of plants to buy, supplied by Brown's Nursery. We also hope to sell plants donated by our green fingered friends in the village so please sow a few **extra seeds** for this excellent cause.

JuJitsu the new class started as planned on Friday 23 January. There are plenty of spaces in the class still available so why not bring your 4 to 11 year olds along to learn some new skills. 3.45pm to 4.45pm. For more information see info@rockcrossmartialtraining.com or call Dean Harker 01347 868876 or 0780 8514914.

Please note that **Alf** is back. The first Local and Fair trade market for 2015 will be held on 7 March at 10am to 12noon.

Refurbishment Update. Progress is continuing with the refurbishment of the village hall. Recently, in addition to the creation of a new room which can be booked for smaller groups, we have also added a new servery to the kitchen. Depending on getting the necessary grants and donations, we hope to complete major renovation work to the main hall during 2015 - making the Village Hall an even better venue for both community and private events.

We need your help to raise funds for the maintenance and refurbishment of the Village Hall. Please support our fund raising events and let us know what sort of events you would like to attend. Why not organise an event yourself. Send us your ideas at alnevillagehall@gmail.com or post an idea on our Facebook page.

ALNE STREET FAYRE TOMBOLA

We are once again collecting prizes for the popular tombola stall at the Alne Street Fayre. If you have any suitable items, please drop them off at White Cottage, Main Street, Alne, or telephone 01347 838633 if you have any items for collection. More drop off addresses for prizes will be added nearer the time. Thank you in advance for your support. Liz and Mark Brewer.



Alne Pre-school Playgroup Kiddy Kit 50/50 Sale

A sale of good quality, used baby and children's clothes, toys, books and nursery equipment, to raise vital funds for Alne Playgroup. There will also be a raffle and cake stall.

Saturday 7 March, 10am-noon, Alne Village Hall

Come and grab a bag full of bargains or have a good clear out and make some easy money!

If you'd like to sell items, it's simple:

- Goods are to be for newborn to 11 year olds
- Label everything clearly with your name, price and size/age. All labels must be securely attached (with string, sellotape or safety pins no sticky labels please).
- Pricing items is totally up to you but please remember that items are second hand and people are looking for a bargain
- Bring any items you wish to sell to Alne Village Hall on Friday 6th March (between 7.00 – 8.30pm) or on the morning of the sale, Saturday 7 March (9.00 - 9.45am).
- We then collect your labels from items that are sold and use them to calculate how much money you have made. If sold on the day, half of the money goes to the seller and half to Playgroup. For any unnamed goods, the profit all goes to Playgroup.
- If you would like any unsold goods to be returned, please collect them from the Village Hall after the sale (between 12 and 12.30). Otherwise, unclaimed/unsold items will be donated to charity or used to raise further funds for Playgroup.
- We ask that all large items of equipment eg. cots, large outdoor items, car seats, large prams be collected after the sale if unsold.

For more information please contact

Dawn - 01347 830 011

Visit our facebook page

Or email - alneplaygroup@live.com



Alne Oil Co-operative

Formerly a member of the Lower Swale Co-operative of Oil Co-

The delivered price for heating oil in the January delivery was 33.79ppl + VAT (Boilerjuice price = 39.46ppl — a saving to co-operative members of nearly 6p litre with the VAT; even greater if one takes into account the higher prices charged on 500 litre minimum size loads which many Members ask for).

If you are already a member of Alne Oil Co-operative and need oil, either:

- log onto Tate's website www.tateoil.co.uk (preferred option), look for the Lower Swale login button, and fill in the online form with your requirements (you will need the password provided by Tate) or
- If you are unable to use the website, phone the dedicated Lower Swale order line: 01943 854 888

Tate Fuels has undertaken to deliver within 30 days of order, but in practice it is very much less — usually within a week. The price charged will be that applying on the delivery date.

In a recent e-mail, a member said:

Just tested the system, ordered a top up on the 5th January, delivered early pm 6th - fantastic! Being a member, as I have said before, is a "NO BRAINER".

Membership is open to all. If you live in or around Alne and want to know more about the Alne Heating Oil Co-operative, please e-mail alneoil@yahoo.com or visit the Alne Village website at: http://www.alnevillage.co.uk/groups_oil.html



Follow us on Facebook:
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Please note we are using the new e-mail address: alneoil@yahoo.com to try to overcome a problem with missing e-mails that have occurred with the BT account.

COMMUNITY NEWS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TOLLERTON

Survey

A site has come forward for an affordable housing scheme in Tollerton and residents are asked to participate in a telephone survey that is being undertaken to assess housing need on our behalf by Arc4. Those residents who have a member of their household or they are in need are asked to let us know what their need requirements are. This survey will also be extended to the neighbouring parishes. All information provided will be kept confidential and not passed to any other third parties other than those involved in the potential scheme.

Please contact Amanda Madden, Rural Housing Enabler at Richmondshire District Council if you have a housing need and would like to take part in the survey.

NEWS FROM ALDWARK AREA PARISH COUNCIL

Grass Cutting

As part of its measures to reduce expenditure, North Yorkshire County Council has decided to cut its programme of grass-cutting throughout the county from April 2015. Whilst grass-cutting along road verges will be maintained where it is essential for road-safety, amenity cutting in towns and villages will be discontinued. This means that the parish council will no longer get a grant of about £500 which it has hitherto used to have the verges cut in our villages. To keep our costs down, but the villages looking tidy, we are therefore asking all residents who have grass verges along the roadside, to kindly keep this grass trimmed wherever possible. We appreciate that many householders do this already, but some, perhaps because of old age or infirmity, may be unable to do this, and in these circumstances it would be appreciated if neighbours would help them out. But if for any reason this is not possible, please contact me, or your local councillor, and we will try to arrange assistance.

May Elections

There are elections for our Parish, District and Parliamentary representatives coming up on 7th May this year. Three of our long-serving councillors, Roland Croke, Henry Dean and Allan Boddy have decided not to stand for re-election. Information about the forthcoming elections will soon be posted on noticeboards and on our website www.aldwarkparish.co.uk and residents are encouraged to consider standing for election.

In an effort to keep our costs and your rates down, the parish council has not replaced our paid clerk, who resigned earlier this year. The jobs previously carried out by the clerk are being shared amongst the other councillors in an unpaid capacity.

Broadband Latest

Finally, we are pleased to inform you that the parish council has arranged for high-speed broadband to be available to residents of Aldwark and Flawith at a reasonable cost. Anyone interested in making use of this should contact LN Communications on 0845 643 5811 or visit www.ilovebroadband.co.uk

Colin Stroud, Chairman & Clerk Appletrees, Youlton, YO61 1QL – Tel 838780 Email: strouds2@btinternet.com

Other members of the Parish Council are:

Cllr. Allan Boddy, Rising Sun Farm, Aldwark, YO61 1TY, 01347 833340

Cllr. Sue Southall, Aldwark House, Aldwark, YO61 1UB, 01347 838040

Cllr. Roland Croke, Windhovers, Flawith, York YO61 1SF, 01347 833340

Cllr. Henry Dean, Maidens Folly, Youlton, York YO61 1QL, 01347 838289

TOLLERTON ART GROUP

Please come and join this friendly group which meets every Wednesday afternoon 1.30 – 3.30 pm in St Michael's Church, Tollerton. Own equipment needed, come along for friendship and encouragement. Please contact Margaret Wray for more details, 01347 838226.

PRAYER

Prayer is a vital part of the life of the church whichever denomination. You are warmly invited to join us at our regular prayer meetings.

Every Tuesday morning at 9am in the vicarage with Chris Park 838122.

Tholthorpe ecumenical prayer group meets weekly at Tholthorpe Methodist Church on Wednesday mornings 8.45-9.15am. All are welcome.

The Tuesday Bible Fellowship Group at Alne Hall meets on Tuesdays 3, 17 and 31 March at 2.30pm.

METHODIST SERVICES

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	Details
1 Mar	10.30 am	Huby Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Husthwaite Methodist Church	Mrs Mo Onvett
	3.00 pm	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Rev Christopher Humble Holy Communion
8 Mar	10.30 am	Husthwaite Methodist Church	Mr Brian Taylor
	3.00 pm	Alne Hall	Rev Elizabeth Cushion
	6.30 pm	Stillinton Methodist Church	Prof Edward Royle
15 Mar	10.30 am	Brafferton Helperby Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion
	10.30 am	Huby Methodist Church	Mrs Lydia Harrison
	3.00 pm	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Rev Ann Vaughan, Café Worship
	6.00 pm	Stillington Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion
22 Mar	10.30 am	St Mary's Church Alne	Rev Elizabeth Cushion United Service
	10.30 am	Husthwaite Methodist Church	Mr David Onyett
	3 pm	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Rev Vivien Firth
29 Mar	Palm Sunday Walk beginning at Tholthorpe Chapel		
	10.30 am	Huby Methodist Church	Mrs Freda Taylor
	10.30 am	Husthwaite Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion

ANGLICAN SERVICES MARCH 2015

Sunday 1 March

Aldwark	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Alne	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Brafferton	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Myton	10.00 am	Morning Prayer	Dorothy Bailey
Thormanby	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Carmel Gittens
Tollerton	10.30 am	Morning Worship	John Rhodes

Wednesday 4 March

Brafferton	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
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Sunday 8 March

Alne	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth
Brafferton	6.30 pm	Compline	Carmel Gittens
Myton	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Tollerton	10.30 am	Youth Service	Youth

Sunday 15 March Mothers' Day

Aldwark	10.30 am	Baptism	Rev Roy Wadsworth
Alne	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Brafferton	10.30 am	Methodist	Rev Graham Kidman
Thormanby	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Tollerton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park

Sunday 22 March

Alne	10.30 am	Anglican Communion	Rev Chris Park
Brafferton	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Myton	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Carmel Gittens
Tollerton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth
Tollerton	4.00 pm	Family Time	Team

Sunday 29 March – Palm Sunday United Service

Tholthorpe	10.00 am	Methodist Chapel	Rev Roy Wadsworth
Myton	11.00 am	All Age Service	Rev Chris Park