

PARISH NEWSLETTER

November 2014

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

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**“LIFE DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE WITHOUT
INTERDEPENDENCE. WE NEED EACH OTHER, AND
THE SOONER WE LEARN THAT, THE BETTER FOR
US ALL.”**

ERIK ERIKSON

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What makes us human? Interdependence

Jeremy Vine has been conducting a series of interviews on Radio 2 with people he invites to consider, 'what makes us human?' His speakers have included, Ruby Wax, Terry Waite and Bill Oddie to mention a few. The responses have been varied and I would like to add my own. 'What makes us human' is living interdependent lives.



At the beginning of the bible in the story of creation we read that God created Adam but realised that it was not good for him to be alone, so he created Eve as his companion. As human beings God made us to live in community and not in isolation....to be interdependent.

I wonder how many of you remember times when our village communities were more integrated and less cliquey. Certainly that is how I remember life growing up in Poppleton during the 1970s. I recall community events in which large numbers of people were involved, such as the church trips to Butlins, Carol Singing, or Youth Group weekends away. Others, like the May Day celebrations on the village green and the sports clubs, went wider than the church. Underlying this was a greater sense of interdependence. We knew each other better, so were able to do things which were fun together, as well as caring for each other when needs arose that we could meet.

Today it seems that we lead far more independent lives. This can be for a number of reasons. People are more mobile in terms of where they live, so move around more readily. Forming community is then more difficult in this mobile culture. Our increased wealth means we can be more independent. Fear of rejection may cause us to live behind closed doors. Technological changes mean that we relate less and less to each other face to face and more in cyberspace. However, there can be an 'unreality' to this when we construct profiles of who we would like to portray on social media web sites.

The reality in being human is I believe that I need you and you need me. We were created to be interdependent and without this we become less human – our potential to be who we are created to be is diminished. So it is good to talk face to face, to laugh and cry together, to be community in all it's different forms. This makes us human!

Rev Chris Park



Family Time Advent Celebration

Friday 30th November 2014

Meet 3pm at

**Shipton Community Centre
(opposite Shipton Church on A19)**

Fun: Games and Sport

Faith: Be prepared

Food: Everywhere!

Everyone Welcome

**Contact Rev Anna Lindley: 07714 325929
anne@lindley-york.freeserve.co.uk**

CALLING CHRISTINGLE MAKERS

I know we are a long way off from Christmas at the moment, however! If you would be happy to make Christingles for us for our Christmas Eve service at St Mary's Alne would you please contact Rev Chris Park on 01347 838122 or pastaparko@parkfamily.me.uk



We supply the candles and the ribbon, if you could supply the oranges, sweets and cocktail sticks.

NEWS FROM ALNE CHURCH

Tea Party - 12 November: we will be hosting afternoon tea in Alne Village Hall from 2 – 4 pm. Do come and enjoy the company; there will be a cake stall and a bric a brac stall. In aid of Alne church funds.

Concert and Carols - 7 December: Music will be provided by Easingwold Band and carols will be sung in the second half of the evening. Following their previous concerts, this should be a memorable evening!

Christmas lunch – 17 December: at Alne Church, more details to follow.

Steve and Val l'Anson have left Alne to start a new life in Southern Scotland. Steve has been one of the mainstays of the working party that has kept the churchyard in such good order for many years. He has also helped a lot in the church – from clearing gutters and drains to changing the bulbs of the ceiling lights. In addition Steve and Val edited the Newsletter for almost ten years. We wish them all good fortune in the future.

Alne Church roof - at long last the damage caused by lead thieves last December has been repaired. A non-metallic material has been used and future plans for the roof will be announced soon.

Parish Church Records

Baptisms

7 Sept 2014	Eli Michael Ward
7 Sept 2014	Lauren Benson
28 Sept 2014	Oscar Robert Herbert

Weddings

31 May 2014	Jason Ellis and Ann-Marie Greenfield
16 August 2014	Ian Corner and Hannah Abell

Funerals

3 February 2014	Mary Hare
28 February 2014	William Pratt
9 June 2014	Kathleen Alcock
23 June 2014	Trevor Harland



1ST ALNE RAINBOWS

Calling all members of 1st Alne Rainbows, past and present! The Unit is approaching its 10th birthday this November, and to celebrate 10 fun and happy years of Rainbow meetings and activities, we are holding a Birthday Party in Alne Village Hall on **Friday 21st November from 5:45 - 7pm**. This will involve a disco, games and a tuck shop, and a chance to meet up with lots of 'old' friends. We would like to invite anyone who has been a Rainbow with us to come along. We estimate we have had approximately 100 girls through the unit in this time, and hope we have managed to instil the principles of being kind and helpful, at the same time as having fun and adventures in a caring, all-girl environment. Please contact Liz Fox (830127) or Emma Hewison (838046) as soon as possible (but by 14th November at the latest) if you would like to come.

1ST AND 2ND EASINGWOLD GUIDES



Girlguiding is the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK. It is a girl only space, open to all girls, of all faiths and backgrounds, and it aims to give girls a voice, both in the UK and abroad. We are currently looking for someone who can help run one of the 2 Guide units in the local area, volunteering one evening a week, with girls aged 10-14 years. The volunteer would work with the existing leader, and be given full 'on the job' training under the supervision of an experienced mentor. Girlguiding UK provides a comprehensive supply of resources to use at meetings, and there is a wide local support network. All you need is yourself, and the enthusiasm to do it! If you think you might enjoy helping out then please contact Belinda Channing on 01347 823077 or Anne Johnson on 01347 838933.

ALNE LOCAL AND FAIRTRADE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Ane Local and Fair trade Christmas market is on **Saturday 22 November**, 10 am to 1pm . Drop in for some unusual Christmas gifts, cards wrapping, decorations, Advent calendars & candles. Locally sourced bacon butties and fairly traded drinks to sustain you while you browse from our fair trade cafe. No entrance fee and no pressure to buy.

ALNE VILLAGE HALL News and dates for your diary



The Village Hall is a community asset and any income is ploughed into the maintenance and refurbishment of the building. Please support our events – or tell us what you'd like to attend! Better still, why not organise an event you'd like to see in the hall?

Alnestock: 22 November 7.15 to 11 pm.

In 10 years' time you will be saying 'I wish I was there!' The music festival featuring, The Blue Notes, Girl and The NeoYork Soul Collective. Bar with Real Ale. Great sound and light systems. Tickets £10. For more information and tickets contact Pete Hall (phall19528@aol.com) or 833190, or Gudrun 838864).

Seasonal Wreath-making demonstration: 26 November, 7:30pm. Chris Brown of Brown Nurseries will be holding a wreath-making workshop in the village hall. All welcome and refreshments served.

Check out www.alnevillage.co.uk for more information on the hall and upcoming events.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

The Guide Dogs for the Blind will be holding the Annual "Afternoon Tea" in the Alne Village Hall on Wednesday 5th November 2pm - 4p.m. There will be Stalls and an opportunity to buy Christmas cards and gifts and enjoy tea and home-made cakes. Please come and join us.

TOLLERTON CAROL SINGING

All are welcome to come carol singing around Tollerton on Monday 15 December 2014. Meet on the Village Green at 6.30 pm **TOLLERTON** All proceeds to be used in aid of Tollerton Sports Field. Dot Hornby.

TOLLERTON CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tollerton Children's Christmas party will be held on Sunday 7 December in the Village Hall between 3 and 5pm, with a disco, raffle and food. For all children up to primary year 6. Please add your name to the list when it is put up (likely to be November) or email Ann Morrisson at annmorrison@hotmail.co.uk.

TOLLERTON ART GROUP

The group continues to meet on Wednesday afternoons in Tollerton Church Hall from 1.30 to 3.30 pm. Come and join us to share in the fun, as we help and encourage one another. For more details ring Jean 838212 or Margaret 838226.

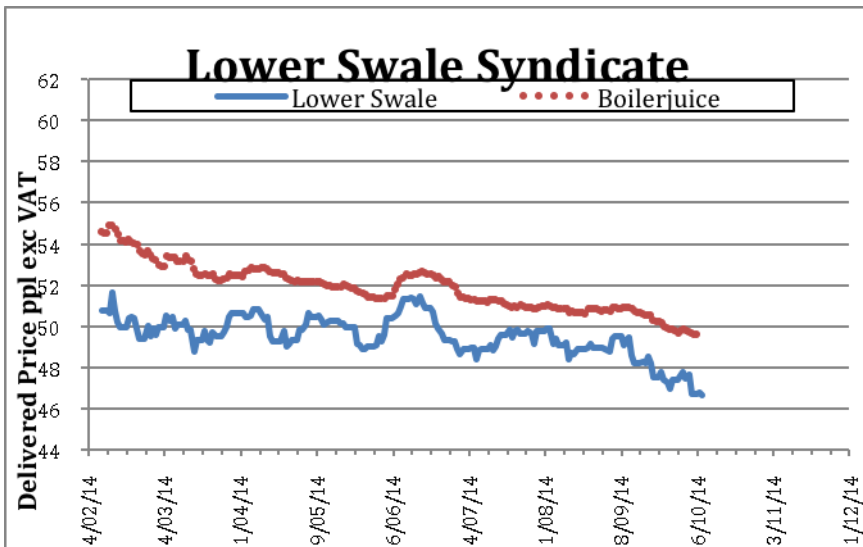


Alne Oil Co-operative

Members, please note:

Orders for delivery before the Christmas/New Year break must be placed before 14th November. Any orders placed after this date will not be eligible for Syndicate terms and will be supplied at the standard market price.

Syndicate Members are enjoying low prices as they stock up on oil for the winter months ahead. In September, members took delivery of 87,600 litres of kerosene at a median price of 48.19p per litre compared with Boilerjuice 50.63p. This represents a saving across the Lower Swale Syndicate for the month of £1,900. (Plus 5% VAT on all prices.)



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

Visit us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/AlneOilCooperative



The Ministry of Gideons International

At the heart of the Gideon ministry is our love of God's Word as it is written down for us in the Bible and the belief in the power of His Word to bring people into a saving relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ. So, we seek to witness to people and give them a copy of God's word, or if we can't personally present His Word to people, then we place copies of it in what we call the 'highways of life' so that they might find an opportunity to read it whenever the desire to do so arises. The most well known of these is probably hotels, but we also place them in hospitals, prisons, residential care homes and many other places where people might read it. We offer all Year 7 pupils a personal copy, with the aim that every young person in this nation (and indeed in 198 countries throughout the world!) might have the opportunity to read God's Word for themselves.

We know, sadly, to use the image from the parable of the sower, that some of this 'seed' will fall on the path, or stony ground, or on ground overcome by weeds, but we know too that much falls on good ground, and so often we hear both of the effect that a copy of God's Word has had on one person's life, and also of the wonderful harvest that has followed, as that person has witnessed to others.

Take, for example, Lee, who as a 15 year old child received his school testament and then proceeded to read it by night, by the light of the street lamp outside his bedroom, for fear of being discovered by his parents. It wasn't that they were particularly anti-God, but God just wasn't a part of their lives – there was no church in the city suburb where they lived, no Bible in the house, no history of Christianity in the family, so Lee thought he would be embarrassed if his parents discovered him reading his Bible. And he hid it after reading it. This pattern continued for two years, after which he was willing to accept an invitation from a friend to attend a church service --- and his story

continues to the present day when he is an ordained minister in Nottingham.

If you are interested and want to know more, or would like to support this work, check out our national web-site at www.gideons.org.uk or ask around at your church – we have many supporters within the congregations of churches in the York area and we'd love to hear from you. Arthur Harland, York branch. 823575

VILLAGE VOICES

Village Voices is for those in all our local villages. It is a light hearted, often humorous, sometimes thought provoking, sociable evening of reflections. This month it has a World War 1 theme, and takes place in Huby Chapel on Friday 7 November from 7.15 pm. To round off the evening there will be coffee and cake (some using World War 1 recipes!). You will be given a warm welcome.

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. These take place at:

- **Alne:** every Tuesday Morning at 9am in the vicarage with Chris Park 838122.
- **Tholthorpe:** every Wednesday Morning at 8.45 am – 9.15 am at the Methodist Chapel - with Pam and John Lancaster 838266. All are welcome.
- **Helperby:** 'Step aside' at 14 The Leas, Helperby.

MIDWEEK COMMUNIONS

In addition to the services in the Churches there are also midweek communion services on the last Monday of each month at 2 pm in Oak Trees, Alne and the last Tuesday of each month at 11 am and Alne Hall.

St Stephen's Aldwark Flower Rota

Nov – Sue Southall

Dec – Jenny Rudd

VILLAGE 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
2 Nov	10.30 am	Husthwaite Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion Communion Service
	3.00 pm	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Rev Christopher Humble Holy Communion
9 Nov	3.00 pm	Alne Hall	Rev Elizabeth Cushion Remembering Service
	6.30 pm	Stillington Methodist Church	Mr Paul Carter Evening Worship
16 Nov	10.30 am	Brafferton Helperby Church	Rev Leslie Newton, United Common Service
	3 pm	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion Café Service
23 Nov	10.30 am	St Mary's Church Alne	United Service
	4 pm	Huby Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion Café Service
30 Nov	3.00 pm	Alne Hall	Rev Elizabeth Cushion Villages together Advent Sunday Service

THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUP

This will meet at Alne Hall on

- Wednesday 12th November at 2.30 pm when Superintendent Minister Rev Leslie Newton will share some of his stories and on
- Tuesday 25th November at 2.30pm, led by Rev Elizabeth Cushion, beginning our Advent theme. All are very welcome.

**ANGLICAN SERVICES
NOVEMBER 2014**

Sunday 2 November

Aldwark	10.30 am	Harvest Festival	Rev Chris Park
Alne	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Brafferton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Hawthorn
Myton	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Carmel Gittens
Thormanby	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Charlotte Cranfield
Tollerton	10.30 am	Morning Worship	John Rhodes/Mike Darnell

Sunday 9 November

Alne	10.45 am	Remembrance	Rev Chris Park
Brafferton	10.30 am	Remembrance	Carmel Gittens
Myton	4.00 pm	Remembrance	Rev Chris Park
Tollerton	10.30 am	All Age Remembrance	Tim Adams

Wednesday 12 November

Brafferton	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
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Sunday 16 November

Aldwark	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Alne	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Brafferton	10.30 am	Methodist HC	Rev Leslie Newton
Thormanby	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Tollerton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park

Sunday 23 November

Alne	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Mike Darnell
Brafferton	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Myton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Tollerton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth

Sunday 30 November

Alne	10.30 am	Joint Service	Rev Chris Park
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Sunday 7 December

Aldwark	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
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