

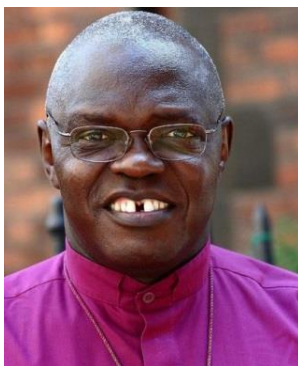
PARISH NEWSLETTER

April 2016

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

The Anglican ministers for the villages in the Parish of Alne are Rev. Chris Park and Carmel Gittens. They can be contacted by telephone on 01347 838122 or by e-mail at pastaparko@parkfamily.me.uk and 01423 360702 or carmel-gittens@live.co.uk respectively.

Archbishop Sentamu Pilgrimage in the North of England



Archbishop Sentamu is currently on a pilgrimage around the North of England. He will be in Easingwold Deanery during w/c **3rd May** and specifically in the Alne and Brafferton area on **Wednesday, 4th May**. His schedule will be:

- 10.45a.m. Walk from Tholthorpe to Brafferton.
- 12 noon Brafferton School for lunch
- 2.00p.m. Alne School
- 4.00p.m. Walk from Alne to Tollerton
- 5.30p.m. Meet the youth leaders and have tea with youth group.

If you would like to join him on either of the walks you would be very welcome and we hope he will have chance to meet staff and parents at both schools.

Further details of his pilgrimage around Easingwold can be found on <http://www.easingwolddeanery.org.uk/>

Come on Leicester!



For those of you who follow Premier League football you will realise that Leicester City have had quite an extraordinary season. Having only just escaped relegation last season, as I write they are five points clear at the top of the league table.

For the neutral fan like me this is great news. It is so uplifting to see a team which cost relatively little, being able to beat teams who have rich benefactors who think they can simply buy success. I would love it if Leicester win the Premier League, but by the time you read this, things may have changed.

Without being particularly knowledgeable about what goes on behind the scenes in football clubs it strikes me that one of the reasons for Leicester's success is that they are a team playing for each other rather than a group of individuals who are paid so much that the team ethic has gone out of focus.

In this there is a lesson from Jesus. We are invited by Jesus to lead inter – dependent rather than independent lives....to be a team! We are to be dependent on him and each other. Inter dependence can mean practical help, but it can also go deeper and be costly – when we share our vulnerability.

Jesus told his friends that they were to love each other in the same way that he had loved them. This love means that we need each other, in fact we depend on each other. Jesus' love was focussed on wanting the best for others.

We have just celebrated that love at Easter. Jesus loved us so much that he died for us. If we loved each other the way Jesus loves us what a difference that would make in our families and village communities.

Rev Chris Park

“Spring’s sprung the grass is riz I wunder where the flowers is”?

With the mild and wet weather we have had, it seems the plants and flowers are not sure what season it is. Last autumn I planted lots of spring bulbs, hoping they would flower around the end of April, but to my surprise they are all almost in bloom!

Life is full of surprises, and I imagine Jesus’ disciples were very surprised at the events of holy week. Their friend, teacher and the man they believed would be their king and saviour in Jerusalem had been horrifically killed and they were left alone. They must have been devastated and bereft. But then; just as they were alone and terrified for their own lives, and had gone into hiding, the news reached them that Jesus was alive! To say that they were surprised would be an understatement.

But just like our confused plants and flowers they were confused about their future, especially once Jesus was taken; body and soul, back into heaven at the Ascension. But Jesus had promised he would send His Holy Spirit to remain with them, and indeed us, forever. They most certainly did not understand what this meant until Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came upon them all and their own ministry began in earnest.

Now that the Easter season is over, we await Pentecost when we remember the arrival of the Holy Spirit. We are reminded of the inner peace, strength and courage that was given as a gift to the disciples and claim that gift too when we invite Him into our lives. May the blessing of Easter and Pentecost be with you all and the depth of God’s love for you the biggest surprise of all!

Blessings
Carmel

FAMILY CELEBRATION SERVICE- ST PETER’S BRAFFERTON

To celebrate the redecoration, improvements and repairs to our beautiful church we will be holding a celebration on **Sunday, 8th May at 10.30a.m.** Bishop John of Selby has kindly agreed that he will officiate at the family service. It will be followed by tea, coffee and cake! So please do come along and see how lovely our church looks now and let’s celebrate together.

CALLING ALL OUR TALENTED FLOWER ARRANGERS



We are holding a flower festival at St Peter's Church Brafferton on the weekend of **1st, 2nd & 3rd July** to celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday. If you would like to be involved in any way especially contributing flowers, time or talents we would love to hear from you.

Call Carmel on 01423 360702

NEWS FROM ALNE CHURCH

A very big "thank you" to those kind people who have agreed to help in the churchyard and also with flower arranging in the church. Thanks to the newcomers the work should be less arduous but we still have more room for those who are interested.

Gift Day – Saturday 7th May

The Church restoration fund now stands at £35,252 but such has been the support for the restoration we now find that we are running short of funds for the general account of the church. We therefore suggest that money collected for the Gift Day appeal will support these funds.

Alne Street Fayre – Sunday 12th June

In the meantime our plans for the church's contribution to the Street Fayre (**12th June**, which is also the Queen's 90th Birthday celebration!) are underway and we are grateful for the offers of help we have already received. If anyone else would like to join us for an hour or so on **14th June** please contact Peter Cove (838346).

Coffee Club – 26th April

Just to confirm that Coffee Club will return to the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary:

The quiz night in February was very well attended with 15 teams participating in a lively and diverse quiz. Thanks to all those who supported us on the night. In addition to having a very enjoyable night, we made over £300 towards the ongoing maintenance and refurbishment of the hall. We will definitely be doing this again soon, watch this space for details.



Old Red Eyes – Saturday, April 16th 2016 7.30pm. Now time for something different. If you liked The Beautiful South and The Housemartins you will love this event. Join us for a musical evening featuring this very popular acoustic tribute act. We guarantee everybody will know some of these songs. The evening will be relaxed and fun and there will be a bar and refreshments. For a taster you can listen on line to www.soundcloud.com/oldredeyes. Tickets are only £5 in advance and will also be available on the door at £6 until we reach capacity. You can buy tickets on-line at www.wegottickets.com/event/340256 or reserve your tickets by contacting Gudrun on 838864 or Rosemary on 838384.

Spring Plant Sale Sunday, May 15th 2016 10.00a.m. to 1.00p.m. Following the great success of last year's event we will once again be holding a spring plant sale. There will be a good selection of plants to buy, supplied by Brown's Nursery and also plants donated by our green fingered friends in the area. If you have any spare plants you would like to donate please drop them off at the Village Hall after **3.00p.m. on Saturday, 14th May**. Refreshments and bacon butties will also be available to give you the strength to carry home all your new plants.

Monthly Coffee Club

On the **second Tuesday** of each month from **10.30a.m. to 12.00 noon**. All are welcome, young and old. Come and join us for a chat and a coffee and get to know a few locals. Please help us and attend our events if you can, we cannot provide them without your support.

Refurbishment Update

We are delighted to announce that thanks to a grant from **The Big Lottery Fund, Awards for All**, during January we were able to carry out works to completely eradicate the rot in the old kitchen. This involved the removal of all the old kitchen fixtures, the wooden floor and joists and the replacement with a new insulated floor. We now have an empty room and a blank canvas in which we want to create a comfortable and modern informal meeting room with independent facilities, which can be used for social gatherings.

Also, thanks to a grant from the **North Yorkshire County Council Locality Budget** we have been able to add an extra fire door to the rear of the hall.

We are still in need of an upright vacuum cleaner. If anybody has one they don't need, please let us know.

You can contact us at alnevillagehall@gmail.com You can check our webpage on www.alnevillage.co.uk for more information on the hall and upcoming events or follow us on Facebook.

Alne Street Fayre Tombola - Sunday, 12th June 2016.

We were very fortunate to have many kind donations last year and we are hoping for another successful tombola this year. Please help us again with suitable tombola prizes. They can be dropped off at the following addresses:

Liz and Mark at White Cottage, Main St, Alne

Robert at Alne Croft, Main St, Alne

Dennis at 4 Gale Rd, Alne

Angela at Fairhaven, Alne (facing the Village Hall)

or call 838633 (Liz & Mark) for collection at a time that suits you.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

Burns Supper Saturday, 23rd January

This year's Burns Supper was hosted by the Friends of Alne School on Saturday 23rd January and was a huge success.

The event is our biggest fundraising activity and it raised over £800, which will go towards enhancing the lives of children at Alne Primary School. Following this fund raising event we agreed to support Alne Primary School with a donation of £2,000 to enable Mrs Robson to purchase laptops to assist with Year 6 studies.

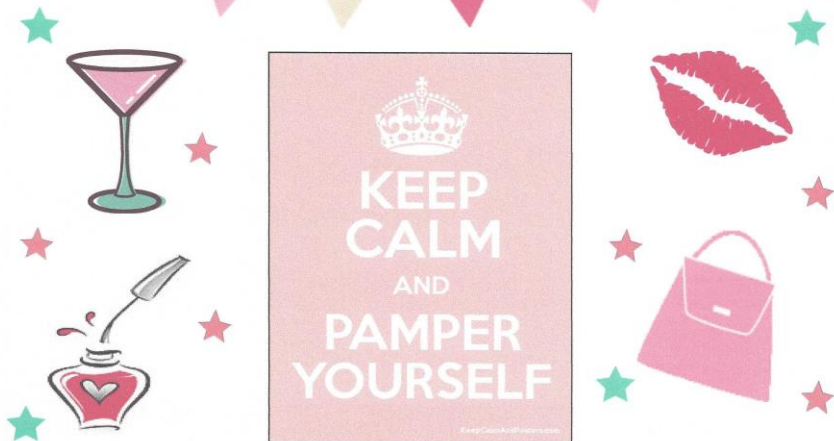
A big thank you to everyone who supported the event, including our speakers, Di Hunter, Steve Gilholm & MC Jackie Hurley. Thank you also to the team of FOAS parents and residents in Alne who helped in cooking food, making trifles and other desserts, setting-up, donating raffle prizes and selling raffle tickets. A special thank you to Sarah & Andy Morgan who again donated a barrel of beer, Andy Fundell who donated the vegetables, Joyce & Malcolm Whitehead for leading our Burns supper ceremony and Michael who kindly came home from Warwick university to pipe in the haggis. Many thanks to Debbie Downey & Joyce for leading our Scottish dancing.

We ask you to save the date for our **Burns Supper 2017 on Saturday, 21st January**. In order for the night to continue we need to ask people to volunteer to make a speech. We already have an MC and a lady speaker to reply on behalf of the lassies, but if you do feel you are able to offer to make a short speech on behalf of the laddies then please get in touch. The event is fairly informal and everyone is welcome to come along, please don't feel you have to be Scottish or wear a kilt!

Our next fund raising activity is the Ladies Pamper evening on **Wednesday, May 18th 7-10p.m.**, tickets are available from school reception, please see poster (next page), at school & on the village notice boards. All are welcome, it will be a great fun night!

Ann Morrison
Chair FOAS

FOAS Ladies Pamper Evening!



Wednesday 18th May 2016

7pm - 10pm

Alne Village Hall

Come along for a girlie night of fun!

Pamper yourself, shop and relax.

We have fashion shows (7.30pm & 8.30pm), treatments, manicures, beauty products, clothing, jewellery, home accessories, licensed bar and much, much more ...

Fab raffle - all proceeds go to FOAS.

£10 per ticket - includes glass of prosecco on arrival with canapés plus a gift voucher for

HEART'S Easingwold!! (£12 to purchase ticket on the door).

Tickets will be sold after Easter from reception at school and there will be the opportunity to book treatment appointments there too. More details to follow.

Alne WI

We had a fabulous evening when the "Knaresborough Mummers" came to our March meeting. Mark Ellison talked about the history of "mumming". The first written play was in 1746, although there is mention of it in Shakespeare. Mummers traditionally disguise themselves with blacked or reddened faces, jackets inside out, costumes, hats & wigs. These days they perform in pubs, folk clubs and festivals, but way back they were a sort of "trick or treat", a bit threatening, hammering on your door, to make some needed money although now all money goes to charity. They named themselves "Blue Stotts" after a local play they discovered. We can see them locally in Helperby, Raskelf, Easingwold, Crayke & Tollerton near Christmas. We watched two plays, an established one & a premier of their latest play. They write their own plays with a strong modern influence, very Monty Python.

We have been asked to contribute small knitted jumpers for bunting when the Tour de Yorkshire passes WI house [to be donated to charity], and draft excluders to help keep people warm. We heard about visits to Stockbridge technology centre and a tapas evening for example.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, 13th April**, an Open meeting [£3 visitors, refreshments included] Nicki Nixon is talking about cricket bats. More details on www.alnevillage.co.uk.

Easingwold District Guides Association – Jumble Sale

A big thank you to you all for your support of our recent jumble sale. So far we have raised £322. Owing to the large amount of items given, we are holding a second sale in Easingwold Methodist rooms on **Saturday, 2nd April** from **10.30a.m**, please come along and get a bargain.

Shelagh Kenny - District Secretary

Tollerton Children's Outing 2016

Please note the date for this year's coach outing to Scarborough will take place on **Friday, 29th July**. Further details will follow in a later edition of this newsletter and posters around Tollerton Village.

St. Stephen's Church, Aldwark - OPEN GARDEN

Please make a note of the evening of **1st July**, when Weland and Audrey Stone will open their garden at Manor House, Tollerton in aid of St. Stephen's. Wine and canapés will be included in the ticket, which will go on sale in June.

Tollerton Village Hall

Thank you to everyone that came to the pop up tea shop on the 23rd January, we raised just over £480, which will help support the Village Hall. We are hoping to have the next one towards the end of April, so please look out for posters, and the tea pot & pallet sign on the green, nearer the time.

Over the past few weeks we have been decorating the Hall with a much needed coat of paint, while making one or two improvements and enhancing the bar area. When this has been completed, new curtains will be fitted. Our thanks go to the Parish Council for contributing to the cost of the curtains. We hope that this will make the hall a much more enjoyable space for parties and functions. When the overhaul has been completed photos will be put on the Tollerton village website: <http://tollerton.net> and on Facebook.

We are thinking of organising a regular craft night, possibly on a Friday night. If you are interested then please let us know, e-mail: villagehall@tollerton.net or contact us on Facebook: Tollerton Village Hall events. Many thanks, Tim.

Bus stop



The Christian youth Bus will be in Aldwark Village on **Friday, 3rd June from 9-12 noon** and then in Myton **1-4p.m.**, for all our young people to visit, come and have a great time with Emily, Carmel and the team.

METHODIST SERVICES - APRIL 2016

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
3rd April	10.30a.m.	Huby Methodist Church	Led by Revd Elizabeth Cushion
	10.30a.m.	Stillington Methodist Church	Locally led
	10.30a.m.	Husthwaite Methodist Church	Locally led
10th April	10.30a.m.	Husthwaite Methodist Church	Led by Revd Elizabeth Cushion
	10.30a.m.	Raskelf Parish Church	All Age Worship led by Mrs Kim Gabbatiss
	3.00p.m.	Alne Hall Leonard Cheshire Home	Led by Revd Elizabeth Cushion
	6.30p.m.	Stillington Methodist Church	Led by Revd Ann Vaughan
17th April	10.30a.m.	Brafferton / Helperby	Led by Mr Paul Carter
	6.30p.m.	Stillington Methodist Church	Led by Mr Paul Carter - Villages Together
24th April	10.30a.m.	St Mary's Parish Church, Alne	United Service
	10.30a.m.	Husthwaite Methodist Church	Led by Professor Edward Royle
	4.00p.m.	Huby Methodist Church	Led by Revd Hazel Hanson - Cafe Service

On **Sunday 17th April** all from local villages are invited to join together in worship in a celebration of the Easter Season at **Stillington Methodist Church at 6.30p.m.** Everyone welcome.

The Alne Hall Bible Fellowship group meets on **Mondays at 2.30p.m.** on **11th and 25th April.**

Midweek Holy Communion at Alne Hall on **Tuesday 26th April.**

Contacts and prayer meetings at Tholthorpe as before

**ANGLICAN SERVICES
APRIL 2016**

April	3rd April	10th April	17th April	24th April
Aldwark	9.00a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park		9.00a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens	
Alne	10.30a.m. All Age Carmel Gittens	10.30a.m. Holy Communion Ven Chris Hawthorn	10.30a.m. Morning Prayer Carmel Gittens	10.30a.m. United Service Carmel Gittens
Tollerton	10.30a.m. Morning worship Helen Gill/Arthur Harland	10.30a.m. Morning worship (All age) Rev Chris Park	10.30a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park	10.30a.m. Holy Communion Rev Roy Wadsworth
Brafferton	10.30a.m. Baptism Rev Chris Park	10.30a.m. Morning Prayer Carmel Gittens 6.30p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens	10.30a.m. Methodist P Carter	10.30a.m. Baptism Rev Chris Park
Myton		9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park		9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer Carmel Gittens
Thormanby	Compline 6.00p.m. Carmel Gittens		9.00a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park	

Wednesday, 13th April Brafferton 9.30a.m. Holy Communion

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