

PARISH NEWSLETTER

February 2017

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

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Fair Trade Fortnight

27th February - 12th March 2017

Over Christmas in our church services, we looked at the theme of Jesus being the 'Light of the World.' If you were able to join us you may have heard these words.

'To the darkness of poverty Jesus came as light to change the hearts of those with more than enough, that they would share with those in need.'

One of the challenges we face today in a global economy, is how to enable those nations and their people who are poor, to be free from the punitive impact of poverty. Apart from direct aid, one of the most effective ways to liberate the poor is to buy fairly traded products. This is more about us changing the way we spend than how we give. Buying Fair Trade products enables people in poorer countries to trade their way out of poverty, and so afford education, health care, etc.

Today most supermarkets stock a range of fairly traded food products, and companies such as Traidcraft are still doing pioneering work to widen the product range of fairly traded goods.

For Christians, Jesus spoke very directly to his followers about giving to the needy – and also giving anonymously. (If you have two tunics give to the one who has none...., and do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.) Buying fairly traded goods means we help people who we are very unlikely to meet in this life – so our giving is anonymous as well as having a real impact in lifting people out of poverty.

Fair Trade Fortnight begins on the 27th February, so why not make a point of buying something new which is fairly traded this year. We also have the Alne Local and Fair Trade market (ALF) three or four times per year. The next one is April 29th.

If you would like to help with ALF please contact:

Tricia on tricia@themitchells.me.uk or
Gudrun on Gudrungaudian@yahoo.co.uk.

Rev Chris Park (Vicar)

Happy New Year!

Best wishes to everyone for the New Year, even though it will be February before you all get to read this. We were overwhelmed by the number of people who attended all the services over the Christmas period and by the kind comments and expressions of appreciation that people made. Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make Christmas so special this year for our Churches and our villages.

We have had some enquiries from people about the idea of getting a large outdoor crib in Helperby village for next Christmas. This would be lovely as a focal point for our children and families to visit, and we have had some offers of help with constructing it. It would however require some fundraising to buy the figures etc., so we may put our thinking caps on to hold some fundraising events throughout the year. Any ideas would be very welcome. I do appreciate all the support and patience shown to me whilst I have been so busy studying for my ordination. Trying to fit three years of study into one has certainly been challenging and I have spent a lot of my time engaged with reading and writing assignments. It will all be worthwhile however, as I am due to be ordained in York Minster on Sunday, 2nd July 2017, and I really look forward to the challenges of rural ministry that lie ahead.

The building repair of St Peter's is in the development phase with quotes and reports being obtained. The next phase will be starting hopefully in the summer with repairs to the roof and stonework and improvements to provide a kitchen area too. This will be funded by the lottery grant we were successful in being awarded. However, there is still pressure on meeting our diocesan parish share, and perhaps you may consider how you could financially support your village church in the year ahead if you do not already do so.

Over the Christmas period I have had several enquiries about my leading a Christian enquirers/house group. If this is something that you feel you would be interested in, or if you would like more information can you please give me a ring on 360702. If we have enough interest, we could set up a house group perhaps meeting once a fortnight at Holly Garth.

We have a great community here and I am sure that, with God's blessing, we will all continue to grow in love for one another.

With love and blessings
Carmel Gittens

Confirmation Service with Bishop John Thompson on Sunday, 30th April 2017 at 10.30a.m.

Confirmation in the Church of England is when we publically confirm our desire to follow Jesus in public.

If you are of secondary school age or older and have either been baptised as a baby and are now ready to confirm your baptism vows for yourself, or if you would like to be baptised and confirmed in the same service please get in touch with Rev Chris Park or Carmel Gittens who will be able to explain when the Confirmation classes will take place.

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News from Aine Church

Still recovering from Christmastime!?

Our sincere thanks to all who helped to clean, prepare, decorate and man the church during this very busy time! Special services, particularly the Carol Service, Christingle and Midnight Mass remained as popular as in previous years.

Following the Christmas services, contributions were made to the Salvation Army, Martin House Hospice and the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Dates for your diary

Coffee Club

Coffee Club - will be held on **Tuesday, 28th February at 10.30 a.m.**

LyCiG Local

LyCiG Local - Chris Park will continue with this course which re-starts during the week commencing **6th February**. All are welcome to join these informal discussion groups which explore how we might grow our churches. Please contact Chris for more details. 838122.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary:

We had a number of great events over the festive period. The Alne Village Choir Christmas concert was a wonderful evening enjoyed by everybody taking part and attending. Proceeds were split between the Village Hall and church restoration funds. The Christmas Eve Pub



Night proved extremely popular with both villagers and church goers, who came along to join us for a drink after the Christingle service. A cask of real ale helped the evening go with a swing. Then on January 7th we held our first quiz night of the new year and again this was a very popular event with over with 12 teams taking part. The winners of the quiz have kindly volunteered to take on the challenge of running the next quiz night, which will be held on **18th March 2017**, don't miss it.

Thanks to the great support at all these events, we are able to buy and install two additional heaters for the main hall, which will be fitted in early January. This will help to make sure the hall is nice and cosy for all our hall users through the winter months.

Dates for your diary

Remember the **first Saturday of the month** we are running a café at the Village Hall from **8.00 to 10.00a.m.** Please come and join us for a bacon buttie and a natter.

Pub Night Friday, 24th February 2017

Quiz Night Saturday, 18th March 2017

Come and join us for our second quiz night of 2017. There will be something for everyone. Relax, chat with friends and enjoy a bit of friendly competition. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team. Doors will open at **7.30p.m.** Children welcome. A bar and light refreshments will be available.

Jumble Sale Saturday, 25th March 2017

Beautiful South Tribute – Saturday, 29th April 2017

Spring Plant Sale – Sunday, 21st May 2017

Watch out for further details of these and other events throughout the year.

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. If you would like to be included on the email distribution list (which is confidential) please let us know.

Alne Local and Fairtrade Market (ALF)

ALF dates for 2017 are now available. The Alne Local and Fairtrade Market will be held in Alne Village Hall from **10.00a.m. until noon** on the following dates throughout 2017:

Saturday, 29th April

Saturday, 17th June

Saturday, 23rd September

Saturday, 18th November

Freshly brewed coffee, tea or hot chocolate
Bacon / Egg butties
Locally produced crafts and cakes
& fairly traded goods from around the world.

Alne Street Fayre

Alne Street Fayre has discussed with North Yorkshire County Council their proposals for the road closures in Alne on **Sunday, 11th June 2017**. The plan, which takes into account the safety considerations proposed by NYCC, is the same as 2016 and is posted on the Alne Parish Council notice board. Emergency access and free off-site parking will be maintained as in previous years. If you have any comments, please contact Di Watkins, Alne Street Fayre Chairman, on dianewatkins@btinternet.com or 848366, by **Friday, 10th February**. Thank you.

Alne WI

We started the year on a serious note, we were privileged to have a worker/adviser from the independent domestic abuse services. She explained that abuse can take many forms: physical, sexual, economic, emotional and cultural [forced marriage for example]; and often a combination of several or all. The service provides both outreach and refuge services. Refuges offer women, children and boys under 15 years, an open ended stay. They are never placed locally, and it can take about 3 months to rehouse them, sometimes up to 18 months. They have given up everything, home, pets, friends, careers; and often arrive with only a bin liner of possessions. Safety planning is the priority, local solicitors advise on legal issues, women being able to keep their children, partners forbidden to approach the family; and the service liaises closely with the police. Two women per week are killed. The children's head teacher follows strict legal orders and a safety plan is in place. The service in York receives over 90 referrals a week. Men are affected to a much lesser extent. The service is funded by Council Social Care, the Police and fund raising. We were all very moved and I think Alne WI will find ways to help, we already donate toiletries. More government support for refuges is one of the proposed National WI 2017 resolutions.

Our next meeting is open to all. Our speaker is Dr Richard Smith who makes brass instruments, often for military bands. It is on **Wednesday, 8th February at 7.30p.m.** in Alne Village Hall, refreshments will be provided [*we ask for a small donation*].



Alne Oil Co-operative

Founder member of the Lower Swale Syndicate of Oil Co-operatives

Latest (10th January) delivered price for kerosene was 38.37ppl + VAT. The corresponding Boilerjuice price was 42.89ppl.

We are back to normal arrangements for ordering after the December close period. If you are already a Co-operative Member and need oil, either:

* log onto Tate's website <<http://www.tateoil.co.uk>> www.tateoil.co.uk (preferred option), look on the blue menu bar for the Buying Groups tab, select LSOS (Lower Swale Oil Syndicate) to login (you will need the password provided by Tate), then fill in the online form with your requirements, or

* if unable to use the website, phone the dedicated Lower Swale order line 01943 854888

Members can order at any time — Tate Fuels have undertaken to deliver within 10 working days from order (usually sooner). The price charged will be that applying on the delivery date.

If not a Member, why not join? — you will undoubtedly save money by comparison with your existing supplier and Tate's service has been outstanding! Membership is open to all — if you live in or around Alne and want to know more about the Co-operative, please e-mail: <alne@swaleoil.org.uk> alne@swaleoil.org.uk. There's more information on the Alne Village website: www.alnevillage.co.uk/groups_oil.html. If you don't have internet access or e-mail, please ask a relative, friend or neighbour to help you.

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Thank You from Easingwold Lions

Post-Christmas and New Year Celebrations send us all thinking about how we can start the year in a positive way, many people are taking part in Dry January for both personal health, wellbeing and charitable feel good factors. For Easingwold Lions we would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to some people.

Along with all the Lions who organise the Santa Sleigh visits, the whole thing could not happen without the amazing help of all the volunteer collectors who join the Lions each evening walking miles at each outing in all weathers. This year we have to say a huge thank you to Marshall Honda, York for loaning Easingwold Lions the vehicle to tow the sleigh around; to Tesco for supplying the huge amount of chocolates for Santa to hand out; and last, but by no means least, to every member of the public who took time out to wave at Santa, run out and say hello to Santa, met in groups ready to see Santa as we toured around each area and for all the wonderful messages received after the sleigh had visited. This annual event really has become part of some family's lives at this special time of year.

We would also like to thank Jessa Liversidge who led the singing at the "Carols In the Market Place" along with the Easingwold Community Singers and Wigginton Singers; to Clarks for providing mince pies and baking the jacket potatoes; and to everyone who came along to Easingwold Market Place and enjoyed the evening.

We also acknowledge the publications who advertised the schedule of visits, some commercial some voluntary, all appreciated and helped to inform everyone where we were visiting and when.

So THANK YOU, Easingwold Lions wish everyone a very happy and healthy 2017. See you all next year ☺

Alne Singers Needs Men!

This friendly informal choir, led by local musician Helen Dawson, meets on Thursday evenings in Alne Village Hall, to sing a wide variety of material from Gospel to Pop. The choir welcomes all-comers whatever their age, experience or ability, but particularly needs more male singers.

So if you enjoy singing in the car or in the shower, why not give it a go? For just £10 a term it's a great deal and a lot of fun.

For more information give Helen a ring on 838582 or e-mail cellohelen@gmail.com

Thank you to Alne Brownies

I would like to thank everyone involved in the organising of the surprise party held to celebrate my 40 years in Guiding, I must admit I have never been as speechless as I was on this occasion. Thank you for the lovely gifts, cards (with such nice thoughts written on them) and the beautiful cake. Finally a big thank you to Alne Brownies who were hostesses for the evening, thank you once again girls.

Shelagh Kenny

Opportunities for Prayer

Prayer meeting: Tholthorpe Methodist Church **every Wednesday at 8.45a.m.**

Bible Group meeting: the Bible Group meeting will be held in Alne Hall at **2.30p.m.** on **Monday, 13th & 27th February** and **13th & 27th March.**

METHODIST SERVICES – FEBRUARY 2017

Revd Elizabeth Cushion will be on Sabbatical during February, March and April. Anyone wishing to contact a Methodist minister during these months can call Revd Vivien Firth (822697), Revd Christopher Humble (01904 426483) or Superintendent Minister Leslie Newton (01904 491224).

Time	Time	Venue	Service Details
5th February	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	C Humble
12th February	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Alne	R Jackson
19th February	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	B Taylor
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	Villages Together @ Huby
26rd February	10.30a.m.	St Mary's Parish Church Alne	United Service Revd David Priestnall
	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service

ANGLICAN SERVICES FEBRUARY 2017

February	February 5 th	February 12 th	February 19 th	February 26 th
Aldwark	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park		9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens	
Alne	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Canon Chris Hawthorne	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Ang/Meth Joint Holy Communion Rev D Priestnall

February	February 5 th	February 12 th	February 19 th	February 26 th
Tollerton	10.30 a.m. All age Worship Helen Gill	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park (With Godzone)	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park (with Godzone)	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship A Dowson and Rev C Puckrin 6.00 p.m. Worship/Food Games - Team.
Brafferton	10.30a.m. Baptism Rev Chris Park	10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens 6.30 p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Methodist P Carter	10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens
Myton	10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer Warden	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park		9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer Carmel Gittens
Thormanby	Morning Prayer 10.30a.m. Catherine Toase/ Charlotte Cranfield.		9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park	

Wednesday, 1st February Brafferton 9.30a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park

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