

PARISH NEWSLETTER

July & August 2016

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

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Agreeing to disagree!



As I write this article for the July and August edition of the magazine we are 9 days away from knowing the result of the EU referendum – do we wish to remain in the EU or leave?

When you read this article that result will be known. Some people will feel like winners and some like losers. The statements made by both camps during the campaign have not always been that helpful for the voters so there is a lot of uncertainty around what the implications of either decision might be. However, we will now begin to work out the consequences of the decision we have made.

Whatever the result, one consequence will be that we will face the challenge of living together graciously with each other here in the UK, when a substantial number of people will be disappointed with the result. If the winners behave like football hooligans who have just beaten their local rivals, life will be difficult.

Beyond this question, will be the issue of how we see ourselves being a force for good in the world, for all people and not just for those who live here in the UK.

However we move forward, we do well to heed the advice which Paul gave to the church in Philippi 2000 years ago – *‘Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others’*.

Living well with people when we do not necessarily agree with their views is a challenge. It demands a willingness to listen to each other, humility to serve each other, and courage to look for a positive future for all. We agree to disagree, but if this is done with a generosity of spirit which is willing to be sacrificial and un-selfish, we can still look to build a healthy future for all.

Chris Park
Vicar

News from Alne Church

Alne Street Fayre and the Queen’s 90th Birthday

The theme this year was the Queen’s 90th Birthday and we were delighted that members of the Brownies and the Rainbows came to ring the church bells to mark the beginning of the Fayre. Visitors to the church were offered birthday cake and booklets commemorating the Queen’s Christmas messages over the many decades of her reign. As usual there was a display of the many entries to the various competitions (again with the theme of the Queen’s Birthday) organised by the Street Fayre.

We were very grateful to all those who helped to prepare the church for the Fayre – thank you!

Commonwealth War Grave – Robert Crosby (1891-1918)

Some may not be aware of the War Grave in the churchyard of Alne Church. Robert Crosby, from Laidley, Queensland, joined the Australian Army in 1916 and served in France. His family were originally from this area (some lived at the Mill on the Alne-Tollerton Road) and he was visiting relatives there when he died in the terrible ‘flu epidemic of 1918. He was accorded a military funeral at Alne Churchyard on the 10th October 1918. Various Australian members of his family have visited Alne and the surrounding area during recent years.

Dear friends,

In the ever popular Psalm 23 we are told that 'He (God) makes me lie down in green pasturesHe restores my soul. In these summer months we are all inclined to try to take a holiday and get some needed rest and relaxation, but we really do need to pay attention to our body's signals and emotional responses to the demands we place on ourselves. When we are tired to the point of distraction, we need to slow down and rest. Yes, there are seasons that require extra time and energy, but even in the midst of these seasons we need to find a way to take good care of ourselves. If we constantly ignore our body's aches and pains, work 24/7, live on ready meals, and run on caffeine and adrenalin, we will get sick and be **forced** to slow down because we wouldn't take care of ourselves.

I as much as anyone else am guilty of this; too quick to eat junk and fast food because I am too busy to do anything else. And too busy to take good quality time out for regular exercise. And the result is that I am steadily putting on more and more weight, and my poor joints are creaking! But through prayer and some quiet talking to God I have found a way forward that may help.

Knowing your 'speed limit' allows you to know when to stop, refuel, and replenish, to restore your energy and your soul. Many of us have abused our bodies for so long that we believe our healthiest days are behind us. Not necessarily so! No matter how bad your condition is, there's help! Your body has the ability to restore itself.

God will work with you and in you to bring you back to wholeness if you follow His guidelines for good health. Practice doing everything you do for God's glory, including eating. Look at your plate and ask if what you are about to eat is mostly what God created for you to stay healthy. Make a balanced diet a way of life! Each time you choose healthy foods you choose life, which is God's gift to you. Taking care of yourself isn't selfish, it's good stewardship. By eating well, sleeping enough, exercising, and taking regular breaks, you can increase the effectiveness of your life and bring glory to God.

May this summer be a time of blessing to you, where you can make time for you, and time for your relationships with others. May you get the rest and relaxation you need, the time to plan meals and exercise that will lead to better health, and the time to consider your spiritual life too.

Blessings

Carmel Gittens

Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary:**Saturday, 2nd July 8.00a.m. to 10.00a.m. - “Pop up Café”**

As many of you will already know the artisan bread van can be found outside the Village Hall every **Saturday** morning from **8.00a.m. until 9.00a.m.** Starting from **2nd July** the Village Hall will be running a **pop up café** from **8.00a.m. to 10.00a.m.**

This will be on the first Saturday of every month. Please join us. If you would like to come along and help, please let Gudrun know.

**Friday, 22nd July at 7.30p.m. to 10.00p.m. - “Pop up Pub”**

This is something completely new for the Village Hall. We would love to be able to host regular **“pop up pub”** nights throughout the year, but need your support to make this happen. This will be an excellent opportunity to relax, meet with friends for a natter and catch up on all the local news.

Celebrate the end of term and the start of the school holidays. Come and join us for a beer or a glass of wine. Hopefully, weather permitting, we will be “al fresco” and enjoying our new outdoor space.

Saturday, 3rd September at 7.30p.m. – The All New Quiz Night

Following the great success of the last event, we will be giving you all another chance to flex the grey matter. Put the date in your diaries now.

Village Hall Referendum Day Raffle

Thank you to all who bought raffle tickets on Thursday, 23rd June. The Village Hall raised £220.05 – which will go towards the cost of new blinds for the Village Hall. On behalf of the Village Hall, we would like to offer the Street Fayre our thanks. The referendum entry fund-raising opportunity was handed over to the Village Hall instead of APLA selling ducks and the Tombola donated a few of the prizes we had left to make up the hamper.

Saturday, 24th September – Ceilidh

Watch this space, tickets will be on sale soon. The ever popular ceilidh including music, dancing and a fish and chip supper.

Saturday, 26th November - Alnestock

Alnestock is back. More details to follow.

Defibrillator Familiarisation Session on Saturday 23rd July 2016 at 9:30a.m.

Thanks to the efforts of the Parish Council, Alne is now the proud owner of a defibrillator. This is a life saving device, it is situated on the external wall of the Village Hall, by kind permission of the Alne Village Hall management committee.

Yorkshire Ambulance Service is holding a familiarisation session on the use of the defibrillator in the Village Hall on **Saturday, 23rd July 2016 at 9.30a.m.** You are warmly invited to attend this demonstration which will show how easy the device is to operate. Please try to come along, this is a lifesaving piece of equipment. It is hoped that an evening Familiarisation Session can be arranged at a later date for those unable to attend on 23rd July.

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 e-mail distribution list (which is confidential) please let us know.

Alne WI

Making cricket bats and painting with coffee

At our April WI meeting, members and visitors enjoyed a talk from Nick Nixon about how he makes cricket bats from scratch, for individual players. He explained the process from a piece of willow to a bat, shaped the way the customer likes. Girls are taking the game seriously, their bats are made from willow in the same way, but are lighter.

At our May meeting Dereck Stansfield demonstrated watercolour painting, we were very impressed, his first landscape was so good and took about 5 minutes! Then he moved on to painting with coffee, amazing the different shades that can be made with different additions of water. Coffee paintings need to be dried with a hairdryer, sprayed with acrylic and mounted behind glass to stop them fading. A very talented artist.

Our WI is 90 years old this year so June's meeting will be a dip into our archives. Each member has an old minute book to read out bits that interest them.

Our meetings are a chance to hear speakers, have a chat and a giggle with friends and find out opportunities for courses and visits both locally and nationally. Find details of our programme and contacts on www.alnevillage.co.uk.

Alne Cricket Club forthcoming events

- 9th July** Nets opening and lottery members free BBQ. As a thank you to all lottery members we are offering a free burger or hot dog at our members BBQ. This coincides with a first team game and will be the official opening of the nets. Match starts at **1.30p.m.** and BBQ from **6.30p.m.** subject to the time the cricket finishes.
- 29th July** Quiz night. Quiz starts at **8p.m.** prompt.
- 21st Aug** Women's and girls' cricket day. Alne ladies play host to Moreton Ladies from Oxfordshire. BBQ and girls challenge match.
- 28th Aug** Novice cricketers challenge match Villagers v Caravanners. If any men and ladies want to get involved please get in touch. No or little experience compulsory. Cricket teas available to players and spectators alike. Come and give the game a go.
- 30th Sept** Quiz night.

If you would like to attend any of these events please ring Margaret on 838119 or book on line (pay on the day) at www.alne.org.uk.

Alne Village website

The Alne village website has clocked up another 12,500 hits in the last 12 months, equivalent to 35 visits each and every day. Please ensure that you know that this is the place for the Alne calendar of events, information on all the village activities and communities, historical stories and snippets, bus timetables, maps, local sport, the Hovingham tennis league, and links to schools, churches and local councils. The website address is www.alnevillage.co.uk and many people use it as the home page on their computer so that they are up to date on local activities every day.

Alne Pre-school Playgroup - Treasurer

Alne Pre-school Playgroup is looking for a Treasurer to work with the committee and Playgroup management to help manage the charity's financial affairs. Previous finance experience would be helpful. The time commitment would be approximately 3 hours per week, plus 1 committee meeting per term. If you would like further information, please contact Dawn Grainger (manager - 01347 830011) or Cat Ellis (current treasurer - dpe@btinternet.com)



Alne Pre-school playgroup are running a summer holiday club for children aged 2 to 11 years

28th July – 26th August 2016
8a.m. - 6p.m.
(part days available)

Term time, half term and Easter holiday club places also available

- Purpose built setting within the grounds of Alne Primary School
- All weather outdoor play space with ride on toys, riding track with traffic lights, construction toys, wheelbarrows, sports games and much more
- A fun, caring and stimulating environment with a great range of activities and equipment
- Highly qualified experienced staff
- Ofsted awarded outstanding
- Funded places for 3 & 4 year olds
- Childcare vouchers accepted

For more information please contact Dawn

Tel - 01347 830011

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www.alnepreschoolplaygroup.org.uk



Black Horse Tollerton Village Charity Mini Show

Sunday, 4th September 2016 at the Black Horse and Village Hall Tollerton. Pop-up Kitchen run by the Village Hall committee in the morning and exhibits and auction of produce starting from **1.30p.m.** at the pub.

The mini show over the past years has attracted more professional exhibitors and we have had experienced professional judges.

Over the last few years exhibitors have dwindled so the new committee have decided to change the format a little to encourage local exhibitors to enter the fun of friendly competition and helping to raise funds for a number of local and national charities.

We also decided to have local people to do the judging.

Make an apple pie, enter a bottle of homemade vino or beer, make a quiche, enter flowers or vegetables all are auctioned to raise monies. There are also photography, handicraft and children's classes, these are not auctioned, but come and show off your talents and give the kids something to do in the holidays.

Watch out for schedules in the shop and pub for information.

This year's charities we hope to support are:

- York Blind and Partially Sighted
- Macmillan Nurses
- Tollerton Playground
- A local child with Cri-du-chat (cats cry) syndrome for some equipment

Please mark this date in your diaries and come along and join in the fun,

MC

Opportunities for Prayer

Monday Bible Group at Alne Hall on **Monday, 13th June.**

Midweek Communion at Alne Hall, **Tuesday, 28th June.**

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

METHODIST SERVICES – JULY/ AUGUST 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.

Time	Time	Venue	Service Details
3rd July	10.30a.m.	Huby Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion; Holy Communion
	10.30a.m.	Hustwaite Methodist Church	W Swires
	10.30a.m.	Stillington Methodist Church	Locally arranged service
	3p.m.	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion; Holy Communion
10th July	11.00a.m. to 2.00 pm	York Barbican	Together Service
17th July	10.30a.m.	Brafferton-Helperby	Mr K Hopwood, United Service
	10.30a.m.	Huby Methodist Church	E Royle
	10.30a.m.	Hustwaite Methodist Church	L Hassal; Holy Communion
	3p.m.	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	J Recchia, Café Service
	6.30p.m.	Stillington Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
24th July	10.30a.m.	St Mary's Parish Church Alne	G Carter United Service
	10:30	Brafferton	United Service
	6.30p.m.	Stillington	P Turner

		Methodist Church	
	10:30a.m.	Husthwaite	R Jackson
	4p.m.	Huby Methodist Church	J Freeman, Café Service
31st July	3.00p.m.	Cheshire Home	Revd Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
	10:30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	10:30a.m.	Huby Methodist Church	B Tibbetts
	10:30a.m.	Husthwaite	A Stoner
	10:30a.m.	Stillington	United Service
7th August	10.30a.m.	Huby Methodist Church	Revd A Foster; Holy Communion
	10.30a.m.	Husthwaite Methodist Church	V Paylor
	10.30a.m.	Stillington Methodist Church	Locally arranged service
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	L Newton
14th August	3.00p.m.	Cheshire Home	Rev E Cushion
	10:30a.m.	Husthwaite	Rev E Cushion
	6.30p.m.	Stillington	Own Arrangements
21st August	10.30a.m.	Brafferton-Helperby	J Morley, United Service
	10.30a.m.	Huby Methodist Church	Own Arrangements
	10.30a.m.	Husthwaite Methodist Church	Own Arrangements
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	E Cushion Café Service
	6.30p.m.	Stillington Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
28th August	10.30a.m.	St Mary's Parish Church Alne	United Service
	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	10.30a.m.	Husthwaite	V Firth
	4.00p.m.	Huby Methodist Church	E Cushion, Café Service

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JULY 2016**

July	3rd July	10th July	17th July	24th July	31st July
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 Rev Chris Park	10.30 a.m. Baptism Rev Roy Wadsworth	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Joint Holy Communion Meth G Carter	
Tollerton	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship Helen Gill/Arthur Harland	10.30 a.m. Morning worship (All age) Tim Adams	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Roy Wadsworth	
Brafferton	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens	10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 6.30 p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Methodist K Hopwood	10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens	10:30 a.m. Joint All-Age Carmel Gittens
Myton	10.00a.m. Morning Prayer Terry Croarkin	10.30 a.m. Baptism Rev Chris Park		9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens	
Thormanby	6.00p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens		9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park		10.30a.m. Baptism Rev Roy Wadsworth

Wednesday, 20th July Brafferton **9.30a.m.** Holy Communion

**ANGLICAN SERVICES
AUGUST 2016**

August	7th August	14th August	21st August	28th August
Aldwark	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park		9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens	
Ale	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Roy Wadsworth	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens	10.30 Joint Methodist Morning Prayer L Johnstone
Tollerton	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship John Rhodes	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship Rev Chris Park	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Roy Wadsworth	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Roy Wadsworth
Brafferton	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens	10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 6.30 p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Methodist J Morley	10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens
Myton	10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer Dorothy Bailey	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park		9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer Carmel Gittens
Thormanby	6.00p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens		9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer Mike Fildes	

Wednesday, 10th August Brafferton **9.30a.m.** Holy Communion

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