

PARISH NEWSLETTER

May 2017

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

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Thy Kingdom Come!



These words, 'thy kingdom come', will be familiar to many of you as coming from the Lord's Prayer.

From Ascension until Pentecost this year (25th May – 4th June) we are all invited to join in a global wave of praying.

In order to support this prayer initiative we will have material available in all of our churches to help encourage us to pray ordinary prayers to our extraordinary God. All of our churches, except Tollerton, are open during the day, so do please make use of this opportunity to join with millions all over the world praying for God's kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.

One of the questions I like to wrestle with is what would it look like if God's kingdom did come 'on earth as it is in heaven'. Can I suggest that the following are some of the answers to this question:

- The hungry would be fed and the homeless given homes.
- The sick would be healed.
- The lonely would be established in loving communities.
- Resources would be shared equitably.
- Creation would be cared for – reduce, re-use, recycle!
- God would be worshipped unhindered and uninhibited!

As God's people we are called to pray and work for heaven on earth. If it is happening in heaven we long for it to happen here. (e.g. There are no poor or sick people in heaven – so we work to help the poor and sick here.) If what we see happening here does not happen in heaven, then we reject it here on earth!

Rev Chris Park

More information is available on <https://www.thykingdomcome.global>

'Do you believe in God?'



As I prepare to move on from my role here as vicar I wanted to ask you this rhetorical question, 'do you believe in God?' and to explain what I do and do not mean when I say, 'I believe in God.'

The gospels tell a story of Jesus on a journey with his friends from the area around Lake Galilee to Jerusalem. This physical journey for his friends is also a journey of incredible spiritual awakening. They see the blind and crippled healed. Jesus walks on water and raises the dead. Then in Jerusalem hope becomes despair at the crucifixion and then hope and incredulous joy explodes into being at the resurrection.

However, belief in God for me is not simply about believing the Jesus story, in the same way as I would believe the stories about Constantine or Alexander the Great. Neither is it about trying to persuade anyone to believe the unbelievable when it comes to the miracles Jesus performed and that he died and rose from the dead. It is not about trying to sell Jesus as being in some way a superior spiritual choice in the market place of spirituality. An abstract belief in whether something is true or not, is not what I mean by belief in God.

Belief in God for me is an experienced reality, in much the same way as when you are in love with someone. When you are in love, your behaviour changes towards someone. There may be evidence of flowers and chocolates, but love itself is not something we prove so much as experience. Belief in God for me is similar to this.

For me this belief is about discovering God's love for me as a personal experience. It is realising that there is a God who knows me completely and is for me. That there is a God who I can talk to, and who speaks to me, a God revealed in Jesus whose love I can experience today. This experience of knowing God's love happened to me first in my late teens and has continued to happen ever since. Having made this discovery I am then faced with the choice of how to respond to the challenge of Jesus to 'come follow me!'

My own story has been that experiencing the love of God has led to belief and understanding rather than the other way around.

So what about you? Let me ask you again. 'Do you believe in God?' or should I say 'have you experienced the love God has for you personally?' If so how have you responded?

Rev Chris Park

The Vicar's leaving dos!

My last Sunday here will be 28th May. I will be licenced as the Associate Minister for Huntington on 4th July at 7.30p.m. in St Andrew's Church Huntington. You are all very welcome to this service.

By way of saying goodbye here I have arranged the following:

Saturday, 27th May:

- **10.00a.m. – 12 noon** – Coffee and buns in **Helperby Village Hall** at the Christian Aid Coffee Morning.
- **3.00p.m. Cricket Club in Aine** for a drink while watching the cricket.

Sunday, 28th May:

- **10.30a.m.** - Joint Service (adult focussed) in **Aine** followed by light refreshments.
- **5.00p.m.** - Games and BBQ and All Age Worship at **Tollerton** for families and folk of all ages.

You are all welcome to any of the above.

Many thanks

Rev Chris Park

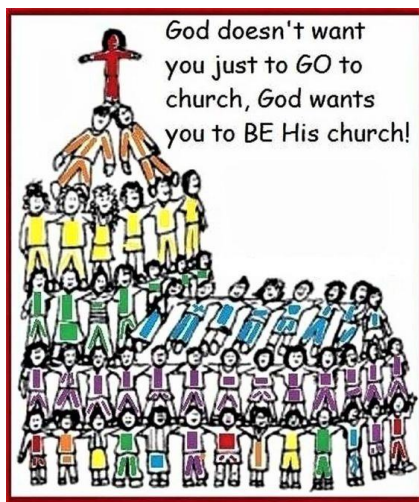
New life!

I hope that you all had a wonderful and blessed Easter, but wonder if now that all the chocolate has been eaten and perhaps summer holidays booked, if we are all turning to getting our bodies fit and in shape for the summer reveals on the beach. While getting our bodies trim and fit is really important and something I hope to be embarking upon in the coming months.....(watch this space)....it is even more important to think about the sacrifice Jesus made for us and how we are to respond.

*John 3:16 tells us **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.***

Is it time to think about our spiritual fitness? To consider living life in all its fullness as God wished for us. Perhaps the time is right to ask the questions regarding faith and our purpose here on earth, especially as we embark on this new season in our benefices with a new Priest in Charge to be appointed and my Curacy beginning in July.

I will be holding a Christian enquires course beginning Thursday, 4th May at 7.30p.m.-9.00p.m. at 1 Holly Garth. Call 01423 360702 to reserve a place. This is a great way to ask those questions and to begin to explore Christianity. Let's get our spiritual life as fit as we can this spring!



With love and blessings
Carmel Gittens

News from Alne Church

Services – *the number of services at the six churches has had to be curtailed because of the continued illness of the Revd Roy Wadsworth and also Dr Michael Darnell. We continue to pray for them and their families at this difficult time.*

In addition, as Carmel Gittens reaches the end of her training for ordination, she has additional commitments and this was particularly the case over Easter. As a result the Rev. Chris Park arranged a number of shared services during recent weeks including Mothering Sunday at Tollerton Church and Easter Day at Alne. Thanks for the considerable support from all our local communities and the many that attended and enjoyed these most special services! Following the Easter Day service special refreshments were served and the children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt in the churchyard.

GIFT DAY 2017 – Tuesday 23rd May

As we reported last month, the lottery grant will only cover roof and masonry work at the church. In order to complete the project we have to continue fundraising for the new heating, lighting and sound systems.

The priority must be to improve the heating of the church so we propose to direct all Gifts received specifically to help the cost of the new heating system

Please note that Gift Day morning will be on Tuesday, 23rd of May (10.00 am to noon) and will coincide with Coffee Club

COMMUNITY NEWS

Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary

Refurbishment News

The work to refurbish the old kitchen started on time as planned and should be finished by the end of April. Call in if you get the chance and see what a great new space this gives us. It is going to be the warmest part of the entire building so will be perfect for small groups of up to about 10 people, to get together for leisure activities and meetings. It has its own entrance, toilet facilities and basic kitchen facilities so users can make refreshments. It can also be used independently from the main hall, so gives us greater capacity for users. This is all thanks to a grant from Wren FCC Community Action Fund. We are planning an event to celebrate the opening of this great new facility and will have more news on this next month.



The work to replace all the flat roofed areas of the hall is planned to start in early May. This is partly funded by a £10,000 grant from the Big Lottery Awards. We will however be funding a major part of this work from our own reserves so we need to work hard to raise money and replace the amount we will be spending so that we can continue to maintain and improve the facilities we can offer.

Please help us by attending our events and fundraisers when you can.

Dates for your diary

Spring Plant Sale – Sunday 21st May 2017 10.00 to 13.00

Come along and buy all your summer bedding and add a splash of colour to your garden. Plants are supplied by Browns Nursery and our green fingered friends in the village. There will be a café, a raffle and a great chance for a chat with friends.

Pub Night Friday 26th May at 7.00p.m.

Get the bank holiday weekend off to a great start by joining us for our pub night. Hopefully the sun will be shining and we can drink and chat alfresco and enjoy the lovely light evening. Do come and join us if you get a chance it's a great way to get to know your neighbours and make new friends. Even better, if you would like to help to host a pub night, just let us know.

Quiz Night Saturday 1st July 7.00p.m.

Our summer quiz night will be held on **Saturday, 1st July**. Once again we have special guest quiz masters, so don't miss what should be a great evening. Tickets are £3 and the maximum number for a team is 6. There will of course be a bar and refreshments and plenty of time to chat with friends.

First Saturday of the month

Don't forget our Saturday morning pop up cafes on the first Saturday of the month.

If you would like to get involved in helping with or running any event, 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. If you would like to be included on the e-mail distribution list (which is confidential) please let us know.

Alne Street Fayre Teas, Sunday, 11th June 2017

I would love to have a few more Tea Fairies! Please consider joining us for an hour or two in the Village Hall.

Please contact Cassandra on 07906 934735 or 838481 or e-mail at messy.fairy@gmail.com

1st Alne Rainbows - URGENT PLEA TO PREVENT CLOSURE!!

After running 1st Alne Rainbows for the last 14 years, Emma and I are finally hanging up our Rainbow Guiders hats at the end of this coming summer term, in July 2017. We have loved the opportunity to be involved with hundreds of girls over the years, and hope that they have gained as much fun and a zest for life as we have tried to put into each and every meeting. Rainbows has always been popular, and the unit always full, with a long waiting list of eager girls hoping to join. At the age of 7, they move on in their Guiding family to join Brownies, ably led by Emma, who will continue as Brown Owl.

Would you like to take over running this Unit? Or do you know somebody who might? It could be done as a joint venture perhaps - Emma and I have built a very special friendship, giving each other mutual support, help, and sharing immeasurably fun times and so many laughs together over the years. It is also a wonderful opportunity to be involved in the village and to contribute to the lives of the children, outside school.

We would be very happy to give you training, contacts and resources to take it over (including some favourite tried and tested meeting plans!!), and this would be continued by the District Commissioner after we finish in July. Currently meetings are held on Friday evenings 5:15 - 6:30p.m., but other days/times may be available on discussion with Alne Village Hall.

PLEASE consider this. It has been so rewarding and huge fun. It would be such a shame to see it close after all this time.

Please contact Liz (foxy.doc@hotmail.com or telephone 01347 830127) if you think you can help, or just want to know more details in order to make a decision.



Alne Oil Co-operative

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

The Lower Swale Syndicate of Oil Cooperatives is a group of Heating Oil Co-operatives around the Easingwold area. Run by volunteers, the aim is to secure the best value for Members when purchasing oil. By consolidating orders, we have made a significant contribution to the environment by reducing road tanker miles.

Latest (31st March) delivered price for kerosene was **35.97ppl + VAT**. The corresponding Boilerjuice price was 38.26ppl.

If you are already a Co-operative Member and need oil, either:

- log onto Tate's website www.tateoil.co.uk (preferred option), look on the blue menu bar for the Buying Groups tab (centre top), 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 website, phone the dedicated Lower Swale order line **01943 854888**

Members can order at any time — Tate Fuels has undertaken to deliver within 10 working days from order, though deliveries will often arrive sooner. The price charged will be that applying on the delivery date, and is calculated from the commodity price plus an agreed margin.

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 householders — if you live in or around Alne and want to know more about the Co-operative, please e-mail: alne@swaleoil.org.uk or take a look at the Alne Village website. Please note, that to join the Co-operative, you must apply through the local coordinator.

Tollerton Children's Outing To Scarborough 2017

Tollerton Children's Outing to Scarborough this year will be held on **Friday, 28th July**. The coach leaves Tollerton Village Hall at 9.00 a.m. and departs from Scarborough at 6.00p.m. The Outing is also open to children from surrounding villages at a charge of £4, Tollerton children go free and the charge for all adults is £8.

If you are interested in joining us for a very enjoyable day please contact Pauline Metcalfe, tel. 01347 838794 or Dot Dawson 01347 838272.

New Bridge Allotments – Tollerton

Tollerton Parish Council has developed 7 new allotments in response to demand from our local residents. These are situated to the south of Poppy Croft just down Intake Lane which turns off Sykes Lane. These are now called the New Bridge Allotments due to the generous gift of a new parking area for the allotments created by AMCO Rail.

The wild area below the new carpark is to be redeveloped as an orchard area with fruit trees that anyone from the village can pick. This is a boggy area and so the lowest part next to the pond will be left as a wildlife bog area. We hope that the area next to the carpark will be dry enough for people to picnic if they wish.

If anyone wishes to donate a fruit tree then please contact Tollerton Parish Council via the Parish Clerk.

Tollerton Parish Council News

A big thank you to all who helped with the community litter pick on Saturday 15th April. Some 12 bags of litter were picked up from in and around the village including the junction of Warehills Lane and Newton Road; and between the Station Inn and the end of the caravan park. Further litter picks will continue throughout the year in an effort to keep the village tidy.

Aldwark, Flawith and Youlton Parish Assembly 9th May at 7.00p.m.

All residents of Aldwark, Flawith and Youlton are invited to this open meeting on **Tuesday, 9th May at 7.00p.m.** at **Aldwark Manor Hotel**. Although it is organised and chaired by the Parish Council, it is not a formal Council meeting but an opportunity for local people to raise any matters of concern or interest.

For example the Parish Council would like to hear how people in Aldwark would like us to spend the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment of £5,197 received from Hambleton District Council in respect of the development 3 new houses in the village. This can be used in any way which improves the village infrastructure such as new play or leisure equipment, anti-speeding measures or improvement to broadband reception - and must be spent within 5 years. We would also like to discuss a suggestion to develop an e-mail communication network within the villages.

We hope you will come along and have your say. If there are particular matters that you would like to raise and wish to discuss before the meeting please contact me.

The Assembly will be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, details of which can be found on the website www.aldwarkparish.co.uk

Colin Stroud – Chair, Aldwark Area Parish Council
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DANCE DANCE DANCE

At **Helperby Village Hall**, couples or singles.
Would you like to learn to dance?
Latin, Ballroom and Salsa
Keep fit and have fun

Lessons dates:
**Wednesday, 26th April, 10th May, 24th May, 7th
June**
All start at 8.00p.m.



Easingwold Lions Centennial March and Hymn Tune Contest

We are delighted to announce the return of the well-loved marching contest to Easingwold this year. It will be held on the evening of **Saturday, 24th June**. The first band will march off at **5.00p.m.** and the last at **8.45p.m.** with the prize-giving at about **9.30p.m.**

The Easingwold Contest was one of the most popular events in the YHBBA calendar both for participants and audiences. Centred on the Market Place of this attractive North Yorkshire town it formed the culmination of a day of fun and fundraising at the Spring Fayre earlier in the day organised by The Easingwold Lions' Club. Sadly, fewer bands were entering and with regret the decision to abandon the contest was made in 2012.

The new contest will consist of a march played on the road and a hymn and a march played on the stand.

Route: The march will begin on Tanpit Lane, turning left and following the Market Square anti-clockwise until level with The George Public House.

Prizes: Championship, First, Second, Third and Fourth Section; 1st Prize will be £200. Further prizes may be added dependent on entries.

Championship, First, Second, Third Fourth and Unregistered bands will all receive a trophy for winning their section.

There will be a prize of £100 for the best Marching band, determined by combination of Marching and Playing on the road.

The Overall Champion band will also receive a further prize of £100 and a trophy. Further prizes may be added as funding is secured.

If you have any questions please contact Garry Hallas Contest Controller at garryhallas@hotmail.com or tel. 07732 396776

Tholthorpe WI April Meeting

After our AGM and social evening last month April saw our institute and guests enjoy a lively and informative presentation by Michael Best an educator working for the Wine and Spirit Education Trust.

We were treated to a tasting of five different wines with different flavour pairings, the subsequent change of flavour of the wines after tasting different foods was a revelation. The whole evening was a great success, as evidenced by the lively chatter and laughter that filled the village hall at the end of the evening.

We meet on the **third Wednesday of the month**, the meeting in May will be Zumba session - guests are, as always welcome.

Opportunities for Prayer

Monday Bible Group meets in Alne Hall on **alternate Monday** afternoons at **2.30p.m. 8th and 22nd May**.

Communion Service in Oak Trees Nursing Home on the **last Monday in each month** and in Alne Hall on the **last Tuesday in each month** – led by either Anglican or Methodist Churches.

METHODIST SERVICES – MAY 2017

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 |
|----------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 7th May | 10.30a.m. | Brafferton | United Service |
| | 3.00p.m. | Tholthorpe | Rev E Cushion (HC) |
| 14th May | 10.30a.m. | Brafferton | United Service |
| | 3.00p.m. | Alne | Rev E Cushion |
| 21st May | 10.30a.m. | Brafferton | Rev E Cushion |
| | 3.00p.m. | Tholthorpe | Rev E Cushion cafe |
| 28th May | 10.30a.m. | St Mary's Parish Church Alne | United Service |

ANGLICAN SERVICES - MAY 2017

| May | 7 th May | 14 th May | 21 st May | 28 th May |
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| Aldwark | 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park | | 10.30 a.m. Baptism Rev Peter Bowes | |
| Ale | 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Canon Chris Hawthorn | 10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer Warden | 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens | 10.30 a.m. United Holy Communion Rev Chris Park |
| Tollerton | 10.30 a.m. All Age Worship Tim Adams | 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion with Godzone Rev Chris Park | 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion with Godzone Rev Chris Park | |
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| Brafferton | 10.30 a.m. Baptism Rev Chris Park | 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 6.30 p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens | 10.30 a.m. Methodist Communion <i>Rev E Cushion</i> | |
| Myton | 10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer Dorothy Bailey | 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park | | |
| Thormanby | Morning Prayer 10.30 a.m. Charlotte Cranfield | | 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park | |

Wednesday 3rd May Brafferton 9.30a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park

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