

PARISH NEWSLETTER

April 2020

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

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I can't believe it has only been a month since the last time I wrote to you all. With all the Covid-19 information being updated and new regulations coming in almost daily, it feels like a month has happened in the last week.

On Thursday 12th March, at a service marking the start of the "Come and See" Mission (I mentioned in the last Parish Newsletter) the Archbishop of York, The Most Reverend & Right Honourable Dr. John Sentamu, stated that the Lord's Prayer is a great thing to wash your hands to, as it take 20 seconds to say. I have never said the Lord's Prayer as much as I have this last few weeks and I have found it a great comfort. Some of you won't have said the Lord's Prayer since you left school, unless it was at a wedding, baptism (christening) or funeral. While others of you, perhaps despite not attending church every Sunday, will say it daily.

Life at the moment is uncertain and strange. We are confined to our own homes for the betterment of our health and that of others. Navigating a pandemic is something new for us all. For some it is lonely. For most of us I think it is stressful and it is hard. It is something that keeps us apart; and yet we are all a part of; and so we are together in it. For the first time ever, some of you won't have seen your mothers, children or grandchildren on Mothering Sunday. For others of you, like me, this will be more the norm, for whatever reason. Quickly, some of you are adapting by learning to use new forms of technology, well done. Some of you will be terrified by the concept of staying at home and it will be a dangerous place for you to be (if this is you please reach out for help!). Or it may be not a nice atmosphere for whatever reason. For most of us it will require a lot of adaptation, for an unprecedented time period. Most of us will be used to being independent and not being reliant on others to get us food or do errands for us. But if nothing this disease is showing us, we are all interdependent. So much so that we need to limit our interaction with one another in order to slow this virus down. So take the help offered. Reach out, even if it is hard. And for those of you doing all you can to help others, in whatever form that takes, thank you!! You make it a better world for us all to live in at this time.

As someone who has been, previously, housebound with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/ ME, who lives on her own (with Aslan of course), I was asked what I would recommend for people during this time, for whom being housebound or limited is new. And this is what I would say to all of you:

In all of this take comfort. Take comfort in the conversations you can have with those you love, even if it is only by an electronic device. Take comfort in watching a favourite tv program. Take comfort in the sunshine, the birds singing and signs of spring (even if it is only from the window). Take comfort in the care of a neighbour, friend or family member. Take comfort in listening to the radio or your favourite piece of music. Take comfort in reading a familiar book or something new. Take comfort in wearing comfy clothes while working from home and navigating the children. Take comfort from watching silly YouTube videos or things on Instagram. Whatever it is that makes you smile and makes you feel cared for, make a list. There will be things on that list that you won't be able to do, but there will be things you can do. For example, I can't go to the beach at the moment, but I can sit in the garden and have a coffee, with Aslan.

Take comfort. You might even find it helpful to say the Lord's Prayer, it might give you comfort. It might remind you of a good time in your life: a wedding or baptism you attended. Or the words might start to mean something as you say them over time. It is said in times of need people turn to prayer. I don't have faith because it is comfortable, but I do find comfort from the God of love who I believe and have faith in. And at the very least what is the harm in trying and praying? So I invite you to join me in saying the Lord's Prayer. In taking comfort from a God who is with us in this. Please be assured of my prayers and those of Rev Carmel as well as many others. We held a National Day of Prayer on Sunday 22nd March at 7.00pm, with people of faith lighting a candle and praying about the Covid-19 situation.

Please get in touch if I can be of any support, at a distance, at this time. My telephone number is 01423 360579 or my e-mail: rev.deborah.coyne@gmail.com, they are always available and found in this Newsletter.

There is a blog at: <https://beneficesofalneandbrafferton.wordpress.com> with written services updated weekly you are welcome to join in with. Other resources for services at this time include:

- BBC Radio 4 daily service at 9.45a.m. and Sunday morning worship at 8.00a.m.
- The Church of England Prayer for the day: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/todays-prayer>
- The Church of England Facebook page has lots of resources: <https://www.facebook.com/thechurchofengland>
- Time to pray app.

There will be more available over time. Keep an eye on the Church Near You page and look up @beneficesAB Twitter and Instagram, and Benefices of Alne and Brafferton on Facebook, for further updates.

Take care, keep safe, Grace and Peace,

Debbie & Aslan

Our Father, who is in heaven,

Hallowed be your name,
Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the Kingdom,
the Glory and the Power,
Forever and ever,
Amen.

News from Aine Church

Coronavirus

This is the only news at present. The pandemic is having an unprecedented effect on all of us at present and the situation seems to be changing by the hour.

All routine services are cancelled. Weddings and baptisms will be postponed during the current crisis. All social events at the church are postponed

Church services will continue on the media, although we noticed the very restricted attendance at the service at Lambeth Palace on Sunday, 22nd March.

Like the rest of the community, church members are keeping in touch with each other by telephone, internet and social media.

Community aid groups have been formed in this area to provide help for those in high risk groups. Details are available on the **Aine Village (833269, 07583 377276)** and **Tollerton Village websites (07835 532918 and 07831 306795)**.

On behalf of myself and others in the 'old Brigade' I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all those who have offered help to us all.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary

Dates For Your Diary



Planned Events

In view of the recent Government advice in relation to coronavirus, we have no option but to cancel our planned pub nights for a while. We will let you know as soon as we are up and running again. Hopefully we can make up for it during the warmer summer months.

Friday June 19th pub night and summer BBQ

No decision on this will be made until nearer the time. Hopefully by then we will be free to relax and enjoy ourselves.

Upcoming Music Events

We have a number of music events planned from July onwards. Hopefully the situation will have improved and we can proceed with our plans. Watch this space for more information.

The Lottery

The February Lottery winners are:

First Prize Nathan Horsley £25

Second prize Lloyd Taylor £15

Third Prize Helen Dawson £10

Bat and Chat

Many thanks to those of you who responded to the note on Table Tennis in last month's magazine.

We had planned to run 3 or 4 drop in sessions in the Village Hall to gauge interest.

Based on initial feedback these 'Bat and Chat' sessions would likely to be sometime during a midweek afternoon.

However given the current circumstances this is now on hold. An update will be placed in the Parish Newsletter when things pick up. Thanks again for the interest expressed.

In order to maintain the Village Hall for future generations we need your help. Please come along and support our events if you can. If you would like to be involved in the running of the Village Hall or organising an event, please get in touch.

If you have any ideas for events or activities please let us know.

Please check our webpage on www.alnevillage.co.uk for contact details and upcoming events. Follow us on Facebook. If you would like to be included on the email distribution list (which is confidential) please let us know.

Alne Coronavirus Support Group

A coronavirus support group has been set up in Alne, initiated by the enthusiastic Street Fayre Committee and backed by Alne Parish Council. David Edwards has agreed to be the overall co-ordinator and the village (including Alne Station and Forest Lane) has been split into seven zones, each with its own team leader and its own group of volunteers. Every house should have received a leaflet identifying which zone it is in and who is its team leader with the relevant contact details.

If you are over 70, pregnant, vulnerable or with underlying health conditions, these volunteers have put their hands up to be of service to you. They can do shopping, collect prescriptions, post letters or do anything else (within reason!) that you might be prevented from doing by current government regulations.

If you are in need, please contact your designated team leader. If you need to contact the overall co-ordinator, or you have not received the leaflet, contact David Edwards on 833269, 07583 377276 or daviedwards8@gmail.com.

Alne Parish Council

Alne Music Club

Over some 40 years I have been a keen concert goer and I still regularly see on average a concert a month. Nowadays I tend to prefer smaller more intimate venues, and some of the best and most memorable concerts I have attended have been in community venues in more rural locations. As a member of the Alne Village Hall Committee, I have decided to try and do something more pioneering and innovative that will enhance the entertainment offering for local people, bring in some new visitors to our village and increase the use and income for the Village Hall.

I am going to try to establish a regular programme of good quality singer songwriters, who perform their own songs, or interpret traditional folk songs. I will aim to put on some critically acclaimed artists, many who are local to Yorkshire, but some who will be on national tours, dropping into Alne as part of their schedule. I aim to host a handful of concerts each year. Typically the acts will be solo artists or duos and the ticket price will be in the range £10-15. If our first few concerts prove successful, then hopefully this will become a regular ongoing long term event. However, if we do not get enough "bums on seats", then we will go back to just the occasional music offering. So this is a bit of a pioneering experiment, I have seen it work well elsewhere in smaller community venues, but it does require local support to make it an ongoing viable proposition. This will ultimately be down to the commitment of you as the local audience.

Please look out for details of upcoming concerts in future newsletters. If you have ideas on people you have seen and enjoyed who you think will go down well here, then please contact me with some details and I will follow them up. The initial artists I hope to put on for you are Edwina Hayes (who has supported Van Morrison and Jools Holland on tours); Plumhall, Michelle Plum & Nick Hall, a contemporary singer songwriter duo from near Leeds with a new album just out; Becky Mills, a songwriter telling local personal family stories from Pickering; Megson, a lively fun husband and wife contemporary folk duo, who originally hail from the North East; Boo Hewerdine, a superb songwriter with over 400 songs, writing Patience of Angels for Eddie Reader and Last Cigarette for KD Lang; and Chris Wood, probably the best contemporary British singer songwriter, a moving memorable performer who is a national treasure not to be missed.

David Lepper Alne Music Club d.lepper27@btinternet.com 01347 838114.
We operate as part of the Village Hall Committee, any profits go to the Village Hall

Alne WI Meeting Wednesday, 11th March

There was a warm welcome from our president Joan Baram to members and visitors.

Diane our secretary had been advised by NFWI that WI meetings will not be suspended at present despite the coronavirus. We are invited to a Fred Olsen ship visit on 1st May. Jean reminded us of Federation events and our Jumble sale on 2nd May (*see the footnote at the end of this article*).

Last month Mary told us about Project Linus, whose aim is to provide a sense of security and comfort to sick and traumatised babies, children and teenagers through the provision of new home made quilts and knitted blankets, all made by volunteers. This month Mary brought some of the quilts to show us. They were beautifully made using materials with book, film and TV characters appropriate to age. As we no longer give “pennies for friendship” Joan suggested that we donated our spare change to the Project instead, it was unanimously agreed.

Joan then introduced our speaker Glenis Wedzicha, who has just stepped down from being our Federation Science Co-Ordinator for the last 12 years. She summed up her role in the context of the WI philosophy of *information *education *empowerment. Glenis has a brilliant science background, representing the NFWI at international conferences and through her many contacts organising some very memorable, exclusive events for members.

She showed slides and gave us background information for some of those events; Bletchley Park, shown around by one of the ladies who actually worked on breaking the German Enigma code; Jodrell Bank with its giant telescope; Fylingdales where we were shown round by the Station Commander; Stockbridge Technology Centre, with its rows of vegetables right up to the roofs all growing in carefully controlled artificial conditions, [red light = red lettuces!]; and The Food Health research meeting at Betty’s in York, where we heard how EU scientists verify, or otherwise, health claims made by food manufacturers. Finally a visit to the Cambridge University spider silk research centre, spider silk being one of the strongest fibres in the world. These were but a few and brought back happy memories for those of us lucky enough to have attended.

Maggie and Helen provided lovely cakes and savouries for supper and Pam Marlow gave the vote of thanks.

Alne WI continued

Our next meeting was to be on Wednesday, 8th April, with Nancy Norton as the speaker, talking about life as a JP.

Important Update

Owing to the Coronavirus outbreak the April meeting of the Alne WI and the Jumble Sale on 2nd May have both been cancelled.

Alne Street Fayre

The annual Alne Street Fayre will be held on 7th June. To help make this a successful fundraising event we need lots of prizes for the Tombola Stall.

Please turn out your cupboards and donate any unwanted gifts, or other items that would make suitable prizes. All donations will be very welcome, but please ensure that donated toiletries are unused and unopened and children's colouring books etc. are also unused.

Thank you very much.

Donations can be dropped off at 3 Gale Garth with Diane and Laurie Hunter, or ring Diane on 07568 067589 to arrange collection.

Alne Scarecrow Festival

Please note a revised date for the new Alne Scarecrow Festival will now be **Sunday, 12th July.**

We have slipped the date back a week to avoid conflict with the popular Sutton and Huby Show. More information about arrangements for this event will be included in the next Newsletter.

David Lepper



ALNE STREET FAYRE

SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 2020
12.00 - 4.30PM

Are you a budding musician who would like the opportunity to play live and maybe earn a few pennies for doing so?

We are looking for musicians of any age who would like to perform for a 15 minute slot in our "Buskers Tent" at the Street Fayre.

We welcome singers, clarinet players, saxophonists, guitarists... anything and we are keen to promote younger musicians. We hope to provide an amp on the day.

If you are interested or want more information, please contact Jo Hall;

e: jojogoodson@aol.com
m: 07709 798 808

credit: pikisuperstar / Freepik

www.alnestreetfayre.co.uk



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COMMUNITY AMENITIES

Do you know what is available in Alne?

- * Everything about Alne and up-to-date news. See <https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/>
- * Daily Newspaper delivery and general stores
Tollerton Stores 838436
- * Sunday Newspaper delivery. See https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/sunday_newspapers.html
- * Bakery van outside the Village Hall every Saturday 8.00a.m. – 9.00a.m.
<http://www.amosandwelsh.com>
- * Farmshop making regular deliveries in the village. See <https://farmgatefarmshop.com>
- * Milk delivery (and cream, eggs, yoghurts, etc.)
Contact Liz and Andrew Wade on 838806
- * Heating Oil purchase co-operative. See https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/groups_oil.html
- * Regular buses to Easingwold and York. See <https://reliancebuses.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Timetable-30.pdf>
- * Weekly bus to Morrison's in Boroughbridge. See https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/buses_morrison.html
- * Sports. Thriving tennis and cricket clubs. See https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/sport_tennis.html & <https://www.alnec.co.uk/>
- * Alne Street Fayre, raising funds for the Alne recreation ground, sports field and play park. Now in its 36th year.
The next Alne Street Fayre is on Sunday, 7th June 2020.
- * Maps. Historical maps are displayed in the Village Hall. There is an indexed map of Alne houses on the Parish Council notice board. Other maps of Alne and Alne Station can be found at <https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/maps.html>



Alne Oil Co-operative

Boiler Servicing

Our "tame plumber" Steve, of North Yorkshire Heating has retired, so we've been researching a new provider for boiler servicing.

We've found a local company who are interested in working with us at a preferential rate (admittedly a little more than Steve used to charge) and want to set up a trial.

I'm looking for a few members from Alne who need their boilers serviced and who would be willing to participate in this trial with me.

The plan is to have a number of boilers in the same village serviced on the same day. As with the oil supplier, a lot of time is wasted driving between jobs. By better use of the serviceman's time we can get a better price from the supplier. Clearly, this necessitates a bit of flexibility on the customer's part in terms of date and time.

Tollerton Mini Show

Save the date, as this year's mini show is booked in for **Sunday, 6th September**. All the usual fundraising and fun at the **Black Horse car park from 1.00pm**, which also includes our third year of Scarecrow competition over the same weekend.

We always look forward to seeing the entries, so please get planting and growing, painting and making in readiness for the show. Monies raised always go to village and local charities; we need your support.

Tollerton Sports field

As the sun comes out, could I ask all parents to challenge what their children are planning as they head out to the field. A recent report of a group using a BBQ to hold a fire on the bike track is disturbing and may lead to more antisocial behaviour. So please remind those heading down there to look after it, put their rubbish in the bin and definitely no fires.

Tollerton Coronavirus Support

A Tollerton support group, in conjunction with the Parish Council, Doctors' Surgery and the Church, has been set up by local villagers to offer support to anyone who is affected by coronavirus. If you are self-isolating or needing support we can help you with:

Food shopping	Prescription collections & requests
Posting letters	Collecting deliveries
Connecting you to other services	Dog walking
Having a chat	

We can assure you that we will respect your privacy and your health security. If you would like our help then please call or text either of the following numbers and we will put you in touch with a neighbour who will help.

07831 306795

07835 532918

If you need any help at all please do get in touch, we are here to help.

**ALDWARE ANNUAL GOLF DAY
WEDNESDAY, 22ND JULY 2020**

With the very kind assistance of the Aldwark Manor Hotel we are delighted to announce we are planning to hold our 14th Annual golf Day at Aldwark Manor Golf Club in support of St. Stephen's Church in Aldwark.

Put the date in your diary now!

This will be a team event for 4 players and if anyone is keen to enter a team or would like more details please contact one of the people listed below and we will be pleased to help.

On the day we also hold a raffle which has proved to be extremely popular and needless to say we are in urgent need of as many raffle prizes as we can arrange. If you are able to donate a prize – and it most certainly doesn't have to be golf related – please again contact any of the people listed.

We hope you can help!

Bill Ormerod – Paddock Cottage, Aldwark - 01347 838357
Peter Davis - Court Field House, Aldwark - 01347 830088
Ian Southall - Aldwark House, Aldwark - 01347 838040
David Bird - Handel Cottage, Aldwark - 01347 833062
David Robinson - Maiden's Folly, Youlton - 01347 838006

Contact Details:

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Elizabeth Cushion 01347 821460

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COVID-19

The Church continues to be alive and active, but our buildings must close.

We are seeing a huge increase in the number of people falling sick with COVID-19. We must distance ourselves from one another and prevent the spread of infection in order to save lives.

Therefore, as well as public worship being suspended all church buildings in the Church of England are now closed.

Our worship of God and our care for each other continue but cannot be done in our churches.

Details of how to join others online for prayer, worship, study, and community life are provided on page 3 of this Newsletter.

The vicars or churchwardens of this Parish can be contacted in an emergency. Contact details can be found on page 15 of this Newsletter.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.”

To protect the vulnerable amongst us, please do not leave your home except for essential trips.