

PARISH NEWSLETTER

May 2021

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

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

How the Church of England works

One question that I have been asked regularly since I was ordained in 2008 is how does the Church of England work? And where does the money come from?

The easy way to answer the first question is to compare it to everyday life. Once you reach 18 years of age you can register to vote with your local authority. Once registered they will send you a ballot card every time you are entitled to vote in elections at all levels of local government, national elections and referenda.

In the Church of England there are 4 levels of governance; The Parochial Church Council (PCC), The Deanery Synod, the Diocesan Synod and the General Synod. However, the voting system is different.

You register to vote with the PCC of the parish you live in. That allows you to vote at public meetings of that PCC. To vote at the next level up, the Deanery Synod you need to join the PCC and be elected to represent the

PCC on the Deanery Synod. This principle applies all the way to the top of the Church of England. So the only way you can vote at the General Synod is to be elected onto it.

Members of the Deanery Synod are made up of clergy and laity and they assist in the administration of the Deanery. If a decision needs to be voted upon, the options are for all to vote as one body or for the clergy and laity to vote separately; and they must both vote the same way for the decision to be ratified.

At Diocesan and General Synod a third body of voters is added to the mix, the House of Bishops. For major decisions, like the installation of Women Bishops, all three houses must vote the same way.

Now the second question. Let's begin by dispelling a myth. Although the Church of England has her Majesty the Queen as our Supreme Governor we receive no direct funding from government. We can apply for government funding and grants for which we meet the eligibility criteria, just like any other organisation. The rest of our income is generated within the Church.

At all levels of the church from the parish up to the national church there are fixed and liquid assets that generate income. However, in this era of low interest rates and small dividends, it meets only a small part of our financial needs. The rest comes from the contributions made by ordinary members of the Church and its supporters, either by direct payment or through fundraising.

The money raised at parish level is used for a number of purposes. The church building needs to be maintained and all the bills paid such as utilities and insurance.

In the Diocese of York the major outgoing is our annual contribution to the Common Fund. In simple terms this money is spent in 4 areas. The first is to fund our clergy. It pays their salaries, housing, training and pensions. The second part funds the Diocese. It pays for the permanent staff that are needed to run the Diocese and projects designed to grow our congregations and spread the word of God. The third and fourth parts are small compared to the first two and fund the National Body and the world-wide Anglican Communion respectively. For most rural parishes and benefices the

contribution to the Common Fund is used to fund the clergy who serve among us.

I hope this helps.

God Bless

Taff Morgan

Alne Open Gardens – Final Call for any more Gardens and Volunteers

Planning is now well advanced for the **2nd Alne Open Gardens afternoon on Sunday 27th June**. This will be the first large community event in Alne post lockdown, but as people will be outdoors and spread around the village it should be both safe and enjoyable.

A last call for any additional potential gardens to be included in the Programme to contact me by mid-May at the latest please. A fresh **call for a few volunteers** to help out for an hour or two, stewarding at the Village Hall selling Programmes; or assisting visitors in where to go and answering any “local” questions. Your reward for helping will be free admission around the gardens. Please get in touch if you can help.

We will have a similar number of gardens as at the successful inaugural event. This will include several previous favourites, but about half will also be new gardens, to help keep this event fresh and interesting.

All profits will go towards Village Hall improvements. Final details will be in the next Parish Newsletter, and a big thank you to all those who have kindly agreed to open their gardens to enable this community event to happen again.

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MUM'S YOGA

A LITTLE BIT OF ME TIME...

A six week yoga course
for women new to yoga.

Monday mornings from 9am to
10.15am Alne Village Hall
starting the 13th of September -
18th of October 2021.

Visit www.mumsyoga.com or email
laura@mumsyoga.com for more
information.

Mum's Yoga is here for every woman. To
give you strength, space and time for
yourself.

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 Village Hall every Saturday 08:00-09.00
<https://www.amoandwelsh.com>
- * Farmshop making weekly (Wednesdays) 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://www.reliancebuses.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Timetable-30.pdf>
- * Weekly bus to Morrisons in Boroughbridge. 11:00 Mondays.
https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/buses_morrisons.html
- * Sports: Thriving tennis and cricket clubs. See https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/sport_tennis.html and <https://www.alnecc.co.uk/>
- * Alne Street Fayre, raising funds for the Alne recreation ground, sports field and play park.
The next Alne Street Fayre is on Sunday 5th September 2021.
- * 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>



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Run by volunteers for
local people in need



Archbishop of York speaks on the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh 9th April 2021

I join with many of you across the country as we mourn the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh. Prince Philip was a remarkable man who lived a life of service dedicated to his country, to his wife, Queen Elizabeth II and his family.



At eighteen, Prince Philip joined the Royal Navy and served with distinction throughout the Second World War. At the same time, the beginnings of a cherished friendship with Princess Elizabeth began to blossom.

That friendship resulted in a marriage which lasted for over 70 years and has been a source of mutual joy, support and comfort in private moments but equally as they have both navigated a very public life together.

Having become the longest serving British consort, Prince Philip has been unstinting in his support, leading Her Majesty to famously comment. 'he has, quite simply, been my strength and stay all these years.'

His faith in Jesus Christ was an important part of his life and one which shaped who he was.

For so many in this country and around the world, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is an enormous part of Prince Philip's legacy. The award has allowed countless young people to develop and discover skills, which have instilled confidence in them and given them an encounter of working together for the common good.

Prince Philip was patron to hundreds of charitable organisations, covering a wide range of disciplines all of which benefited from his wit and wisdom and his inquisitive mind.

Do join me in praying for members of the Royal Family as they mourn and may God bring them comfort. As we give thanks to God for a life lived to the full, may Prince Philip rest in peace and rise in glory.

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