

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

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Your Parish Newsletter lets you know what is happening in your local churches and villages. So, please have a look inside – and if there is something going on that **YOU** would like to publicise, then please send it in.



PASTORAL TEAM

A pastoral team is now up and running, with six members; Carmel Gittens, Barbara White, Sally Whitehead, Margaret Wray, Carol Glen, and Dorothy Bailey, who have all been commissioned at our joint service at Alne to visit anyone in need of prayer across the benefice. We would request that if anyone knows someone who is ill or in crisis of any kind that they let Carmel or Chris know, and we can arrange a visit from one of our team for prayer, holy communion or anointing. In case of serious illness or a hospital visit Carmel or Chris will aim to visit as soon as possible.

Carmel Gittens (House for Duty Reader).

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CONCERT AT ALNE CHURCH

Easingwold Town Band

Friday 4 April at 7.30 pm

The Resurrection of Jesus – scandal or liberation?



It may be that you consider the resurrection of Jesus to be at best improbable and at worst some sort of intellectual scandal which has duped millions over the centuries.

For Christians, the resurrection of Jesus is the key event in their faith. Without the resurrection there is no Christianity. The resurrection requires a radical change in the way we think and believe. We discover that faith is beyond reason, rather than contrary to it. This might seem difficult to believe. Here is a story which may help.

Michael Bordeaux (Risen Indeed – Lessons in faith from the USSR) speaks of an Easter celebration he attended in the Orthodox Church in Russia at the height of the Stalinist persecution. He stood in the darkness and listened to a procession approaching the church chanting:

'They have taken away my Lord and I do not know where they have laid him.'
'Who do you seek?'
'The body of Jesus.'
'Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here. He is risen!'

In the darkness a single candle was lit. In less than a minute 5000 individual flames were united in one faith. Each candle lit up a face. That face bore the deep lines of sorrow, of personal tragedy. Yet, it was illuminated. Suffering turned into joy, to the certain knowledge of the reality of the risen Lord.

Often since that Easter midnight have I reflected how that single five minutes of experience taught me the certainty of the resurrection in a way that reading a hundred theological books had not quite managed to do. 'How could they be so sure?' I asked myself.

The answer always came back: they have trodden the way of the cross to the hill of Calvary. Their suffering under Stalin stripped them of every material advantage and reward; they were imprisoned; dear ones died in every family.

They do not debate the resurrection: they have experienced its reality in their own lives. They have not preserved the faith in hostile surroundings; it has preserved them. Their joy is truly a glimpse through the curtain which divides us from heaven."

Happy Easter!
Rev Chris Park

Holy Week



Palm Sunday 13 April

10 am walk from Tholthorpe Methodist to St Mary's Myton (arrive 11am)

11 am at St Mary's Myton - All Age Service

Tuesday 15 April

7 pm at St Peter's Brafferton - Compline

Wednesday 16 April

9.30 am at St Peter's Brafferton - Holy Communion.

Maunday Thursday 17 April

7 pm at St Mary's Alne – Foot Washing and Holy Communion.

Good Friday 18 April

10.30 am at St Michael's Tollerton - All Age Good Friday service.

10am – 12.00 noon at St Peter's Brafferton - Good Friday Family Workshop

2 pm at St Mary's Alne - Final hour at the cross.

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Easter Day Sunday 20 April

9 am at St Stephen's Aldwark, Holy Communion based on the

Book of Common Prayer.

10.30 am St Mary's Alne – Holy Communion.

10.30 am at St Peter's Brafferton – Methodist Holy Communion.

9.00 am at St Mary's Thormanby – Holy Communion.

10.30 am at St Mary's Myton – Holy Communion.

10.30 am at St Michael's Tollerton – All Age Holy Communion.

Family Time

Fun, Faith, Food

Sunday 27 April 2014

4 – 6pm

St Michael's Church Tollerton

Everyone Welcome

Contact: 01347 838122

ST MARY'S CHURCH, ALNE

Building plans: following the loss of lead from the roof last December, the PCC is working on a long term plan to replace the lead roof and carry out masonry work. We plan to include heating and lighting systems in the new scheme.

Choir: the choir continues on a fortnightly basis. If anyone is interested please contact Ann Whiteley (830109).

For Sale: to allow greater access and movement within the church, two pews and a partition are for sale – please contact Peter Cove (838346) if you are interested.

Churchyard: with the drier conditions we are beginning to tidy up the churchyard.

Volunteers are always welcome! Currently there is a lot of kindling on the ground – if anyone has a use for it please contact Peter Cove.

THOLTHORPE CHAPEL

Fair trade fortnight was celebrated in Tholthorpe with delicious cakes and refreshments served in the chapel on 27th of the month. It was lovely to see all those who dropped in. Although it was not a money raising event a number of people left donations and we want to thank you for these as well as for joining us on that day. The following day there was a busy chapel again for the village voices event. With food, humour and music we picked up the theme of St Valentine and celebrated the loves we blessed with and the love of God.

THOLTHORPE WI

At the Annual General Meeting of Tholthorpe W.I. held in the village hall on Wednesday 19 March, Dorothy Bailey was re-elected as President. She thanked the committee for all their hard work during the previous year and was looking forward to another interesting year with speakers on a variety of subjects and several outings. After the formal business had been completed, the members enjoyed a buffet supper provided by the committee followed by a social evening. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 16 April at 7:30 pm in the village hall. Our speaker will be Dianne Watson from the 'Knitting Pretty Shop' in Harrogate. New members are made very welcome so please do come along and try us.

TOLLERTON MINI BEER FESTIVAL

The next Tollerton mini Beer Festival, is planned for Saturday 23rd August. Last year's band, 'The Y Street Band', proved so popular, that they are booked for this year too. Food will be a hog roast, which always goes down well. Tickets will be available in advance from our village shop over the summer. If there are any young musicians/bands out there that would be interested in an open mic during the afternoon, please contact me. It will be a very good way of gaining exposure. Please make a note on your calendar, invite your friends and family for the weekend, and make a party of it! Look out for more information closer to the time. I look forward to seeing you all, Tim Brook 07789298117.

TOLLERTON CHILDREN'S OUTING 2014

Make a note in your diary that this year's outing to Scarborough will take place on Friday 25th July. Further details will follow in a later edition of this newsletter and on posters around Tollerton Village.

ALNE LOCAL AND FAIR TRADE MARKET

After our extended break this winter, and the installation of the new kitchen in the village hall, we are delighted to say we have some dates for ALF events in 2014:

Saturday 10 May 10 am – Noon

Saturday 27 September 10 am – Noon

Saturday 22 November 10 am – **1pm**, our Christmas special.

Anybody who would like a stall, please contact Gudrun (838864); for comments about ALF and suggestions on what we could include, please contact Tricia (838569) or Gudrun. We are looking forward to welcoming you to bacon butties and freshly brewed coffee/ tea in May!

ALNE GARDENING CLUB

The next Meeting of the Alne Gardening Club will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday April 23rd. at 7.30p.m. The Speaker will be Mr.C.Smith - "Orchards of Hushwaite and Ampleforth".

ALNE PARISH COUNCIL

It has been noticed with dismay that Thirlcroft Lane has once again turned into the 'public' toilet for dogs. The village has few Public Rights of Way, so most dog-owners from this village take their dogs up that lane at least once if not twice a day. Some dog-owners scoop up the dog-poo and dispose of it in the bin provided at the start of the Lane. Other dog-owners scoop up the poo responsibly but then chuck the thus filled plastic bag into the hedge - which is completely bizarre (as it takes even longer to decompose). But it now looks as if most dog-owners currently don't bother scooping up anything. Please do! Thirlcroft Lane is a Public Right of Way, used by many people, old and young, for a gentle walk in the sunshine. The lane is NOT a dog toilet. Thank you for your support.

ALNE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

First of all I would like to thank Sheila Newton for hosting our meeting last month and making us so welcome. Thanks also to Olive Davey for organising the discussion on 'Giving'. Our next meeting on Tuesday 8 April at 2pm will be held at Springhill Court residential home in Easingwold, in the dining area. One of our members is now living there, so that is why we have decided to meet there. The meeting is a week later than normal. I will arrange lifts to transport people there. Hope to see you all on the 8th April. Take care. Sue Hufton

ALNE STREET FAYRE, TOMBOLA

Thank you to all who contributed to the tombola last year. We are once again looking for prizes for this year's street fayre on the Sunday 8 June. Donations can be dropped off at Alne Croft' Main Street, Alne; 'White Cottage', Main Street, Alne, (Liz Brewer, tel 838633); 'Fairhaven', Main Street Alne (Angela Darby, tel 833063). If you would like us to collect any items, please ring one of the above numbers. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

ALNE OIL CO-OPERATIVE – REVISED MODEL

The Alne Co-operative has agreed with Tate Fuel Oils to supply heating oil at a fixed price above the commodity price for 12 months from 1st March 2014. When a member requires oil, they will go to a password protected page on the supplier's website and place their order. When there are enough orders to fill a road tanker (around 20 average orders), the oil will be delivered. Other than over Christmas, deliveries will be made within one month of the order being placed – probably a lot sooner. Payment will be taken by Direct Debit two weeks after the delivery is made. The commodity price changes constantly, so members will pay the price prevailing on the delivery day. The new model is more efficient and effective for all concerned and will allow us to continue to enjoy prices that are generally well below that which can be obtained on the open market. And, of course, the significantly reduced vehicle mileage facilitated by group buying will benefit the environment. The scheme is open to local residents, charities and local schools located in Alne and the surrounding settlements. Businesses may join the scheme subject to receipt of an annual payment of £50 to a local charity. If you want to know more about the co-operative, please e-mail alneoil@btconnect.com Only members registered via their local coordinator will be eligible for the discounted price.

THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUP will meet at Alne Hall on Wednesday 9 and Tuesday 22 April at 2.30pm. We begin our lent focus as we move towards Easter and we will be examining the Easter story through the words of Easter hymns.

St Stephen's Aldwark Flower Rota

Easter Day – Vivien Bird
May – Linda Davis

VILLAGE METHODIST SERVICES

The Rev Elizabeth Cushion is the Methodist Minister for Easingwold and the surrounding villages. Elizabeth can be contacted on 01347 821460. You are especially welcome in any of the village chapels over this Easter period.

Date	Time	Venue	Details
6 April	3.00 pm	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Rev Christopher Humble, villages together service.
13 April Palm Sunday	10.30 am	Hustwaite Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion
	10.30 am	Raskelf Parish Church	Mr Vic Paylor United Family Service
	3.00 pm	Alne Hall, Alne	Rev Elizabeth Cushion
	6.30 pm	Stillington Methodist Church	Rev Christopher Humble
20 April Easter Sunday	10.30 am	St Peter's, Brafferton	Rev Michael Chester, Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Hustwaite Methodist Church	Rev Brian Tibbets, Holy Communion
	3.00 pm	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
	6.30 pm	Stillington	Rev Elizabeth Cushion and Mr Robin Jackson
27 April	10.30 am	St Mary's Church Alne	Rev Andrew Foster Holy Communion
	4.00 pm	Huby Methodist Church	Mr Robin Jackson, Café Service
	6.30 pm	Stillington Methodist Church	Mrs Adelaide Morley

PRAYER

Prayer is a vital part of the life of the church whichever denomination. You are warmly invited to join us at our regular prayer meetings. These take place at:

Alne: every Tuesday Morning at 9am in the vicarage with Chris Park 838122.

Tholthorpe: every Wednesday Morning at 8.45 – 9.15 am at the Methodist Chapel - with Pam and John Lancaster 838266. All are welcome.

MIDWEEK COMMUNIONS

In addition to the services in the Churches there are also midweek communion services on the last Monday and Tuesday of each month in Oak Trees, Alne and Alne Hall. This month the dates for these are: Oak Trees Monday 28 April at 2 pm and Alne Hall Tuesday 29 April at 11 am.

ANGLICAN SERVICES
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Sunday 6 April

Aldwark	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Alastair Dunn
Ale	10.30 am	Hoy Communion	Warden
Brafferton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Hawthorn
Thormanby	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Charlotte Cranfield
Tollerton	10.30 am	Morning Worship	Carmel Gittens

Sunday 13 April Palm Sunday Walk from Tholthorpe Methodist to Myton

Tholthorpe Methodist	10.00 am	Walk to Myton	
Myton	11.00 am	Family Service	Rev Chris Park

Wednesday 16 April

Brafferton	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
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Sunday 20 April Easter Day

Aldwark	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Ale	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth
Brafferton	10.30 am	Methodist HC	Rev Michael Chester
Myton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Thormanby	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Tollerton	10.30 am	All Age Communion	Rev Chris Park/Tricia Little

Sunday 27 April

Ale	10.30 am	Methodist HC	Rev Andrew Foster
Brafferton	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Myton	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Carmel Gittens
Tollerton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth
Tollerton	4.00 pm	Family Time	Team

Sunday 4 May

Aldwark	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
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