

PARISH NEWSLETTER

June 2015

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

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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Exam Pressure



At this time of the year many of our young people are sitting exams – GCSEs, A-Levels or finals. The pressure to revise and achieve is great. There is great pressure on the teachers with league tables, Ofsted inspections, financial incentives for better results, and so on. The pressure on young people can come from their peers – competing to get the highest mark (or lowest for the rebellious) – and from their families – the expectation that they will earn at least as much as they do!

As educational performance is measured more and more by exam results, this can then have the effect of de-humanising our young people. Not everyone is blessed with great academic ability. Some struggle with mental and emotional health problems. Some have dyslexia, some are caring for sick relatives, some have very difficult relationships to deal with in the home. This Summer some may find themselves defined for the first time as ‘failures’ or as ‘successes.’

How young people respond to this pressure varies. At one extreme some may give up completely. I had a school friend who decided to leave school rather than sit exams. He wanted to be a mechanic, had got an

apprenticeship and so left when he was 16 years old. At the other extreme young people can make themselves ill with anxiety, working night and day pursuing perfect results. Of course most students lie somewhere in between these two extremes.

While the rigours of academic study may be in the past for many of us, there are still lessons we can learn. It is right that we encourage young people to do as well as they can in their academic studies, but only within the circumstances of their lives, and not as well as is theoretically possible. Young people need not be defined by their exam results.

However well our young people do in their exams, they still need to know that they are loved for who they are and not because of their exam results. This is the same for us all. God loves us because he does, not because of our achievements.

Rev Chris Park
Vicar

Rev Chris Park Sabbatical

Rev Chris Park will be away on sabbatical from May 24th - August 23rd 2015 inclusive.

During this time his land line will not be answered and his e-mail will be suspended. For church related business please contact either:

Carmel Gittens on 01423 360702 carmel-gittens@live.co.uk, or
Roy Wadsworth on 01904 471645 roy.wadsworth@btinternet.com



Pentecost... Living Spirit

Today we want everything quickly and in a hurry; fast food, fast cars, fast living, wham, woosh and explosively presented. Even a visit to a restaurant will see our puddings and desserts presented with fireworks and fizzling sparklers. We love to see explosions and excitement. The best films to see at the cinema are the ones with plenty of special effects, usually consisting of cars blowing up and buildings crumbling to the ground in spectacular fashion. We love to see demonstrations of power in all its cinematic glory.

We also try to harness power from the water, from the sun, and from wind turbines, and as a world that has only finite resources this seems the right thing to do. It is sad that we have abused the world's natural resources so much in the past, that now we need to find alternative sources of energy. But power can be used in at least two ways: it can be unleashed, or it can be harnessed. The energy in ten gallons of petrol, for instance, can be released explosively by dropping a lighted match into the can. Or it can be channelled through the engine of a car in a controlled burn and used to transport a person 350 miles. Explosions are spectacular, but controlled burns have lasting effect, staying power.

As we approach Pentecost we learn that the Holy Spirit works both ways. At Pentecost, he exploded on the scene; His presence was like "tongues of fire" (Acts 2:3). Thousands were affected by one burst of God's power. But He also works through the church--the institution God began, to tap the Holy Spirit's power for the long haul. Through worship, fellowship, and service, Christians are provided with staying power. All too often we try to achieve things through our own human strength and become burned out and tired.

Faith in God through the Holy Spirit, gives us an inner energy that is perpetually renewable and free for all!

Could your power supply do with a little recharging? Why not try this prayer today...

Holy God, whose power is known through wind, fire, and still small voice, be present with us now, that as we pray, our hearts may burn within us, and we may yearn for the knowledge and nearness of our living God. Amen

Carmel Gittens

Family Time

Fun, Faith, Food

Sunday 28 June 2015

4p.m. – 6p.m.

Millfield Park, Easingwold

YO61 3JR (park next to Millfield Surgery)

Fun: Treasure Hunt

Food: Bring your own picnic

Faith: Seek and find!

Everyone Welcome

Contact: Arthur Harland 01347 823575

NEWS FROM ALNE CHURCH

Restoration Project

Once again we would like to thank all those who have donated to the project, either directly or via the Gift Day. In particular we wish to thank staff and residents of Alne Hall who are planning to raise funds to help the project. We also thank staff and pupils at Alne School who are also planning an event to help the restoration appeal – thank you!!

Churchyard

A number of headstones have become loose and have been laid flat in the interests of safety. Naturally we are seeking relatives of those who are buried but that is not always possible and the repairs may require church funds. The photo shows a number that are leaning quite markedly.



Alne Street Fayre: 7th June

As usual Alne church will be open during the Fayre and this year we are having musical recitals by 'A Garland of Flutes' (at 1 p.m. and 2.30 p.m.). This will be in addition to various exhibitions, the children's competition results, games, and the Alne Slide show.

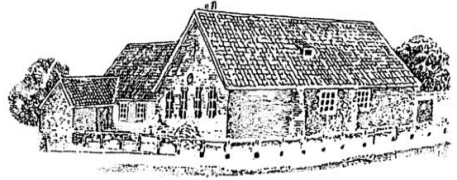
Parish Records

Funeral

21st April 2015 – Service at St Michael's Church, Tollerton and burial at Alne Churchyard – Malcolm Arbon

Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary:

Spring Plant Sale. We would like to thank everybody who supported the Spring Plant Sale which was held at the village hall on 17th May. The event was a great success and many people joined us for a chat, a cup of tea and to buy a few plants. All proceeds will go towards the ongoing refurbishment and upkeep of the hall.



The Village Hall

A special thanks to those who not only bought plants but donated plants too, and those who helped out on the day. If you can think of any way in which we can improve the event for next year, let us know.

Thanks also to Browns Nurseries who supplied the plants.

Alne Local and Fairtrade Market

6th September 10.00 to 12.00 noon

Ceilidh 26th September 2015. Keep this date free for this very popular event. Don't miss out, tickets will sell like hot cakes. More information will follow shortly. Watch this space and follow us on Facebook.

Refurbishment Update. Major work which started on the main hall was completed at the end of April. This included much improved insulation to the external walls, new internal plaster board and new lights and radiators. The hall looks completely different and will be a fantastic asset for the community.

On 9th May a very kind and energetic group of volunteers joined us to start the job of painting the hall and we would like to say thank you to them all for their time and hard work. The job is not complete yet and we will be holding two further group painting days over the course of the next few weeks. Please keep your eyes and ears open regarding dates and times and please help us if you can.

In addition to work on the main hall, the ladies and gents toilets have been painted too.

New Refrigerator Required. The Village Hall refrigerator is in need of replacement. If you happen to be in the process of replacing your own and have a refrigerator in good working order to spare, please let us know.

Please continue to support us. Why not organise an event yourself. Send us your ideas at alnevillagehall@gmail.com or post an idea on our Facebook page. You can check our webpage on www.alnevillage.co.uk for more information on the hall and upcoming events or follow us on Facebook.

Teas - Alne Street Fayre Sunday 7th June

Volunteers and lots of cakes are required for 'TEAS' which takes place in the Village Hall during Alne Street Fayre.

Volunteers are needed on both Saturday & Sunday so please contact me if you feel you can support 'TEAS' – every hour of help is wonderful and as well as ensuring the smooth running of 'TEAS' your help means that all volunteers can enjoy the occasion, catch up with each other and avoid being rushed off their feet! We need 6-8 volunteers per hour.

Please email me on mennimaxe@btinternet.com or ring on 838980.

Cakes, muffins, scones, biscuits, quiche and all things Mary Berry-ish (or not quite so) are much appreciated and can be delivered to the Village Hall during Saturday or Sunday morning or whenever you arrive at the Fayre. Donations of coffee/teabags/margarine/cheese/tins of tuna/other sandwich fillers/salads/chutney/jam/mayonnaise/squash etc. can be left at Croft Barn, Back Lane, Alne – and all very gratefully received.

Many Thanks. Anne Mennim

Methodist Churches Stall

The Methodist Churches are collecting unwanted books, CDs & DVDs for a stall at Alne Street Fayre. If you have items which you are able to donate please ring 838569 to arrange for them to be collected from you. Thank you for your help.

Outing to Dalemain House & Gardens

Jean Teasdale is arranging a full day outing to Dalemain House & Gardens, near Penrith, on **Wednesday, 1st July 2015**. There are spaces available if anyone is interested to join. The cost is £23 per person, which includes the coach and entry into the house and gardens. Contact Jean Teasdale, Tel: 01347 838431 or e-mail jean-6@hotmail.co.uk.

Aldwark Church Golf Day- Wednesday 8th July

This popular Golf Day, which is St Stephen's main fund-raising event, will again be held at Aldwark Manor, by kind permission of the Hotel Manager.

Teams of 4 play in a Stableford competition for a range of good prizes, generously donated by local people and organisations. Tee times are available between 11.30 and 14.00.

Your support would be welcomed.

Further details and entry forms from:

Ian Southall (ian.curlew@incomms.co.uk, Tel: 01347 838040)

Tollerton Cake Sale

A cake sale will be held on Tollerton Village Green

9a.m. – 2p.m. on Saturday, 6th June 2015

Everybody and their dog welcome!

- Doggy treats
- Children's sweets
- Hook a Duck
- Guess Teddy's Name

All proceeds will be donated to The Dogs Trust

Donations of cakes/biscuits gratefully received by

Nic Spencer tel: 07934 711026

Dog Tired, Ryedale, Main Street, Tollerton.

Tollerton Children's Outing 2015

Names are now being taken for this year's coach outing to Scarborough. The coach will depart Tollerton Village Hall at **9.00 a.m. on Friday, 24th July**.

Fares are: Tollerton Children Free, Adults £8, Senior Citizens £7, Other Children £4.

To reserve seats please contact Pauline Metcalfe Tel. 01347 838794 or Dot Dowson Tel. 01347 838272.

Helperby Beer Festival Saturday 26th September 2015

We are a team of young local dads that want the best for our children as much as we enjoy a good pint.

On **Saturday, 26th September 2015**, there will be a Beer Festival in Helperby. The Helperby charity Beer Festival will be held in aid of a children's/youth play area in the village. The date is set outside of school

holidays and at the end of the cricket season. The 'Helperby Beer Festival' is new and very likely to be a big event with many sponsors already lining up. With your help, it will hopefully continue into the future. It will be a family friendly event with entertainment for all ages. If you would like to help on the day/sponsor our village beer festival or indeed make a donation towards the play area it would be most appreciated.



We would like to welcome everyone on **Saturday, 26th September** between the hours of **1p.m. and 11p.m.**

For further information or if you have anything to contribute, please get in contact.

Visit our website: www.helperbybeerfestival.co.uk

Many thanks, Matthias van Leijen

Open Garden: Country Life-featured garden open to the public

One of the region's most spectacular gardens is to open to the public next month. Maiden's Folly in Youlton near Alne will provide not only an abundance of roses, penstemons and climbers, but a day out for the entire family.

The garden has been previously featured in Country Life magazine but this summer the creators are promising the best year ever. It has taken more than forty years for Henry Dean and his late wife Mary Lee to achieve this gem and those who make the journey will be rewarded with four different 'rooms' all with a pretty, classic English cottage feel.

Visitors can treat themselves to a cup of tea, homemade cakes and a plant or two from Summerfield Nursery. During the afternoon there will be live music and even a masseur offering hand treatments for those in need of a little pampering.

For the younger ones, there will be a Teddy Bear hunt with a finders' keepers rule!

Children are admitted for free and adults will be asked to pay just a £3.50 entrance fee with takings on the day going to The National Garden Scheme and the Department of Rheumatology at Harrogate District Hospital.

Maiden's Folly gardens will be open on **21st June between 1p.m. and 5p.m.** with free parking on site.

Opportunities for Prayer

Every **Tuesday** at 1 Holly Garth in Brafferton 9.00a.m.

Every **Wednesday** at Tholthorpe Methodist Chapel 8.45a.m.

METHODIST SERVICES

June 2015

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 overleaf.

Date	Time	Venue	Service Details
7th June	10.30a.m.	Easingwold Methodist Church	Revd Hazel Hanson
	10.30a.m.	Husthwaite Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
14th June	10.30a.m.	Easingwold Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion
	6.30p.m.	Easingwold Methodist Church	Mrs Lis Johnstone
	10.30p.m.	Husthwaite Methodist Church	Revd David Godfrey
	3.00p.m.	Aine Hall	Mrs Christine Stephenson
	6.30p.m.	Stillington Methodist Church	Rev David Priestnall
21st June	10.30a.m.	Huby Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
	10.30a.m.	Husthwaite Methodist Church	Mr Vic Paylor
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Rev Vivien Firth, Café Service
	6.30p.m.	Stillington Methodist Church	M Chester, Holy Communion
28th June	10.30a.m.	Easingwold Methodist Church	Mrs Christine Stephenson
	6.30p.m.	Easingwold Methodist Church	Revd Leslie Newton
	10.30a.m.	St Mary's Church Aine	Mr Ken Hopwood
	10.30a.m.	Husthwaite Methodist Church	Revd Leslie Newton
	4.00p.m.	Huby Methodist Church	Revd Philip Turner, Café Service

**ANGLICAN SERVICES
JUNE 2015**

Wednesday 3rd June

Brafferton	9.30a.m.	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
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7th June

Aldwark	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth
Alne	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Carol Glen
Brafferton	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Myton	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Dorothy Bailey
Thormanby	10.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Carmel Gittens
Tollerton	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Rhodes

14th June

Alne	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth
Brafferton	6.30 p.m.	Compline	Carmel Gittens
Myton	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Tollerton	10.30 a.m.	All Age Worship	Tim Adams

21st June

Aldwark	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Alne	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Brafferton	10.30 a.m.	Methodist	S Spain
Thormanby	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Mike Fildes
Tollerton	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Eli Spiller/ Warden

28th June

Alne	10.30 a.m.	Joint Service	Bishop John Thompson
Tollerton	4.00 p.m.	Family Time	Team.

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