

PARISH NEWSLETTER

November 2015

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

The Anglican minister for the villages in the Parish of Alne is Rev. Chris Park. He can be contacted by telephone on 01347 838122 or by e-mail at pastaparko@parkfamily.me.uk.

There is nothing you can do to make God
love you more, and nothing you can do to
make God love you less!

I appreciate that not everyone is sure about whether they believe in God, or if they do how he has made himself known. However, as Christians one of the simplest truths we believe is that God loves us, because his chief characteristic and motive for what he does is love. Love for all people and love for the whole of creation.

Over the Summer months I was able to take a sabbatical which gave me the opportunity among other things to re-charge my spiritual batteries. The one thing that God impressed on me during this time, was a reminder that he loves us each individually, totally unconditionally and is in fact completely nuts about us. This was coupled with the sense that all of us live largely unaware of this, and that in eternity we will be utterly astonished at how little we realised how much God loved us in this life.

There is a story in Matthew's gospel where Jesus is speaking to some of the religious leaders of the day, and chastises them saying that the 'prostitutes and tax collectors' (the sinners of their day) are entering heaven ahead of them. An image formed in my mind of prostitutes and tax collectors dancing their way into heaven, totally unburdened, while the religious leaders of the day sat poker faced wondering what on earth was happening. This then led me to ask why? The answer was simple.

The prostitutes and tax collectors had no goodness of their own which they could offer to God. They simply trusted in the gift of God's goodness to them in Jesus. The religious leaders on the other hand were very pious believing their good works would grant them special favour, when the reality was *'there was nothing they could do to make God love them more, and nothing they could do to make God love them less.'*

As we anticipate Advent, remember God loves each of us unconditionally far, far more than we realise today.

Rev Chris Park
Vicar

Family Time

Fun, Faith, Food

Sunday 22nd November 2015

4pm – 6pm

St Michael's Church Tollerton

Advent Celebration!

Everyone Welcome

Contact: Rev Chris Park 01347 838122

Calling Christingle Makers

If you would be happy to make Christingles for us for our Christmas Eve service at St Mary's Alne would you please contact Rev Chris Park on 01347 838122 or pastaparko@parkfamily.me.uk

We supply the candles and the ribbon, if you could supply the oranges, sweets and cocktail sticks.



Tins and Toys

St Mary's, Alne

Sunday, 6th December 2015



Please bring items of non-perishable food and toys you would be happy to receive as a gift (including items for teenagers) to the churches in time for the services at 10.30a.m. All items will be collected for The Salvation Army in York and distributed to needy families during this Christmas Period. Thank you as always for your generosity. Bless you all. Rev Chris Park.

Tholthorpe and Alne Posadas – the travelling Nativity



Why not enrich your Advent by hosting the Nativity figures of Mary and Joseph for a night?

Posada celebrations originate from Mexico, where two young people dress up as Mary and Joseph and travel to different homes during Advent, reminding people of the imminent arrival of Jesus, and asking if the household would give Jesus a place to stay.

Here in the parish of Alne, it is hoped that different households will host the travelling Nativity for one night, starting from **29th November**, before passing the figures onto another family, finishing back at Alne Church and the Methodist chapel in Tholthorpe on **24th December**.

The travelling Nativity will arrive with a candle to light, a notebook for you to add your reflections or maybe a photo, and some prayers which we hope you will use. Maybe if there is time, you can offer a cup of tea as the figures arrive at your home, as we share Advent as a community.

Please call Alison Dowson (838138) to book a night in Tholthorpe, or Carol Glenn (838016) to book a night in Alne. Early booking is advisable!

We hope that you enjoy taking part!

Will YOU make room for JESUS?

NEWS FROM ALNE CHURCH

St Mary's Church Restoration Appeal

Flower Festival –'Creation'

The Church was magnificently decorated by twenty talented and inventive flower arrangers over the week-end of October 2nd to 4th. The Creation theme led smoothly into the Harvest Festival service of thanksgiving for creation and harvest on the afternoon of Sunday, 4th October. The primary school then enjoyed and contributed to the decorations and their produce along with that of the church was donated to the Salvation Army Distribution point in York. Thanks are expressed to all who made this a most enjoyable event. £2,041.55 was raised and this will be added to the Church Restoration Fund.

Lunch at Alne Church

Lunch at Alne Church (soup and sweet) on **Tuesday, 24th November at 12 noon**. All are welcome – please contact Carol Glen (838016) or Peter Cove (838346) if you plan to come.

Parish Records

11th October 2015

Baptism - Noah Isaac Tomlinson and
Samantha Aspden

COMMUNITY NEWS

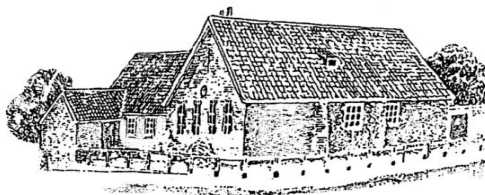
Alne Singers

Alne Singers Christmas concert will take place on **Thursday, 3rd December at 7.45p.m.** in Alne village hall. There will be a raffle and festive refreshments during the interval, and all profits from the event will go to the Village Hall and Church Restoration Appeal.

Entry: £2 for adults/£1 for children. Tickets available on the door, or in advance from Helen Dawson (01347 838582/cellohelen@gmail.com)

Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary:

Alne Local and Fairtrade Market: 28th November 2015. 10.00a.m. to 1.00p.m. Interesting local stalls selling home-made crafts and goodies. Do some Christmas shopping and avoid the crowds in town. Come and join us for a chat with friends, a cup of tea and a bacon buttie.



The Village Hall

Alnestock 2015: 28th November 2015. Back by popular demand, this fantastic music event will be held once again in the village hall. Live music, dancing and a bar. For more information and tickets watch this space.

Burns Supper: Alne Burns Supper will be held on **Saturday, 23rd January 2016**, in Alne Village Hall. More details to follow.

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.

Alne Village Hall: The Guide Dogs for the Blind Afternoon Tea: Thursday 5th November

The Guide Dogs for the Blind are having an "Afternoon Tea" on **Thursday, 5th November at 1.30p.m. to 3.30p.m.** in Alne Village Hall. Please come and enjoy Tea and Cake with us. There will be an opportunity to purchase Christmas Cards and small gifts. This will be the last time we shall come to Alne so we do hope that you will be able to join us.

Alne WI

Our speaker for October was Dr Christine Davey, Research Advisor to the area NHS Trusts. She talked about research especially in York, the impact of research on medical practice [MRI scanning, smoking, spina bifida for example] what you can believe in the media [about 50 %] and where to find the truth. She quoted some false results where cause and effect did not match up, bacteria on purses and eating 2 chocolates a day prolonging life, for example.

At any one point in time there are 250 research projects taking place at York Hospital in which 3000 patients have agreed to take part. Interestingly only 10% is carried out for drug companies. As an example, York is currently involved with phase one of research into Leishmaniasis, an often fatal disease carried by sand flies, found in 88 countries worldwide, 16 of these developed countries.

After tea and cakes we got down to business. There were letters of thanks for our part in the Easingwold WI centenary exhibition and for providing teas at the Church Flower Festival, courses and outings including Carol services and a Forensic Science evening in February. The 11th November meeting is our AGM, with cheese and wine and an amazing tombola.

More information and contact details are on www.alnevillage.co.uk. There has been a lot about the WI this centenary year, why not try us and see why we've lasted 100 years!



Alne Oil Co-operative

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

Latest (30th Sep) delivered price for kerosene was **28.64ppl** + VAT (Boilerjuice price = 32.39ppl — a saving to Co-operative Members of 3.9p litre with the VAT; even greater if one takes into account the higher prices normally charged on the 500 litre minimum size loads which many Members require).

If you are already a Co-operative Member and need oil, go to Tate's website: www.tateoil.co.uk. Look at top of page for the "Buying Groups Login" button and 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.

Tate Fuels have undertaken to deliver within 10 working days from order. The price charged will be that applying on the delivery date.

NOTE: if you will require oil before the end of 2015, this MUST be ordered before 30th November (usual 500 litre minimum applies)

NO SYNDICATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED DURING DECEMBER.

You can, of course, order oil in December, but you will pay the market price, not the discounted rate.

Membership is open to all. If you live in or around Alne and want to know more about the Alne Heating Oil Co-operative, please e-mail alne@swaleoil.org.uk or visit the Alne Village website at: http://www.alnevillage.co.uk/groups_oil.html

If you don't have internet access or e-mail, please ask a relative, friend or neighbour to help you.



Follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/AlneOilCooperative

Please remember to use the new e-mail address: alne@swaleoil.org.uk

Aldwark defibrillator

Aldwark Area Parish Council is considering installing a defibrillator in Aldwark in case of emergencies given our lack of proximity to an A&E hospital.

We would be grateful of your thoughts and if you feel this would be a good thing to provide. Please contact your Parish Councillor for further information and your views (details available at <http://www.aldwarkparish.co.uk>).

Thank you. Aldwark Area Parish Council.



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**Drop-in sessions at
Easingwold Library
every Tuesday
afternoon
2.00pm - 4.30pm**

**If you require more privacy to
speak with the adviser, please ask.**



You can also access advice:

By telephone **03444 111 444**

By email **enquiries@richmondshirecab.org.uk**

Online **www.hambletonandrichmondshirecab.org.uk**

Tollerton Children's Christmas Party

Tollerton Children's Christmas party is planned for **Sunday, 6th December 3-5p.m.** This year it is being kindly fully funded by the Parish Council. If your child would like to come, please place names on the list in Tollerton shop, available in November. All children up to primary year 6 are welcome.

Tollerton Church Macmillan Coffee Morning

We raised £516.14 at the recent Macmillan Coffee Morning. A very special thanks to everyone who helped and gave cakes and tombola prizes.

With thanks

Margaret Wray

Opportunities for Prayer

Every **Tuesday** at Tollerton church **9.00a.m.**

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

Monday, 2nd, 16th and 30th November at 2.30p.m. Fortnightly Bible fellowship group at Aine Hall.

METHODIST SERVICES November 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
1st Nov	10.30a.m.	Huby Methodist Church	Mr Jonathan Morley
	10.30a.m.	Hustwaite Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Mr David Marwood
8th Nov	3.00p.m.	Alne Hall	Revd Elizabeth Cushion
	6.30p.m.	Stillington Methodist Church	Mrs Lis Johnstone
15th Nov	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	Revd Graham Kidman
	10.30a.m.	Sheriff Hutton	Villages Together Service (Sheriff Hutton's Church Anniversary)
22nd Nov	10.30a.m.	St Mary's Church Alne	United service
	10.30a.m.	Hustwaite Methodist Church	Mrs Sylvia Bunting
	4.00p.m.	Huby Methodist Church	Revd Philip Turner, Café Service
	6.30p.m.	Stillington Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion Holy Communion
29th Nov	3.00p.m.	Alne Hall	Revd Elizabeth Cushion, Advent
	10.30a.m.	Hustwaite Methodist Church	Revd Vivien Firth
	10.30a.m.	Huby Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion & Revd Chris Ellis, Advent
	6.30p.m.	Stillington Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion & Revd David Emerson, Advent

ANGLICAN SERVICES NOVEMBER 2015

1st November

Aldwark	10.30 am	Harvest Festival	Rev Chris Park
Alne	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Hawthorn
Brafferton	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Myton	10.00 am	Morning Prayer	Dorothy Bailey
Thormanby	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Rev Diane Cox
Tollerton	10.30 am	Morning Worship	John Rhodes

4th November

Brafferton	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
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8th November - Remembrance

Alne	10.45 am	Remembrance	Rev Chris Park/Rev Roy Wadsworth
Brafferton	10.30 am	Remembrance	Carmel Gittens
Brafferton	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Carmel Gittens
Myton	4.00 pm	Remembrance	Rev Chris Park
Tollerton	10.30 am	Remembrance	Tim Adams

15th November

Aldwark	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth
Alne	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Warden
Brafferton	10.30 am	Methodist	G Kidman
Thormanby	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Tollerton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park

22nd November

Alne	10.30 am	Anglican Communion	Rev Chris Park
Brafferton	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Myton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Tollerton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth
Tollerton	4.00 pm	Family Time	Team

29th November

Tollerton	10.30 am	Joint Service	Rev Chris Park
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