

PARISH NEWSLETTER

May 2016

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

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GOD USES PEOPLE
WHO FAIL - CAUSE
THERE AREN'T ANY
OTHER KIND AROUND.

JOHN C. MAXWELL

TobyMac #SPEAKLIFE

Welby and self worth!



Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, recently discovered through DNA testing that his biological father was not the man he thought. Both his mother and the man he thought was his father had been alcoholics and so had a rather a chaotic time as young people and a short lived marriage.

Welby's response to this very personal news becoming public knowledge, has been amazingly gracious. He is immensely proud of his mum who at 86 years old has not touched alcohol since 1968 and has led a full life of active public service. Welby himself has known the destructive nature of addiction at first hand and describes the situation as 'a story of redemption and hope from a place of near despair...through the grace and power of Christ to liberate and redeem...I know that I find who I am in Jesus Christ and not in genetics, and my identity in him never changes.'

This led me to ask a question. 'Where do we get our sense of identity or self-worth from?'

During my life time sociologists tell us that this has changed. For my parent's generation, their identity was found in what they did. This could include things such as being a lawyer, a doctor, a coal miner, or house wife. The financial reward was not as important as the role performed. Even today I hear my father who is in his 80s chatting with his friends, and what they 'did' is a common subject in conversation.

Over my life time this sense of identity and where we get our self-worth from has changed so that today it comes largely from what we consume. This consumption can be material goods – the latest technological toy, or experiences – round the world trips, etc. Progress is seen as maximising choice and the currency of consumerism is money which is needed to

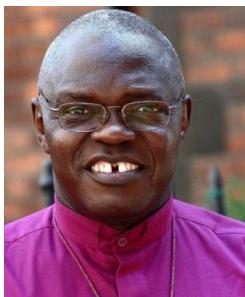
exercise that choice. This means that in a society where consumerism is the major value, the poor are excluded and have no place, because they cannot consume!

Justin Welby, showing his personal self-awareness says, 'I know that I find who I am in Jesus Christ and not in genetics, and my identity in him never changes.' As a Christian Justin Welby has found his sense of worth in being known and loved unconditionally by God, not in what he does or what he consumes.

Where do you find your sense of self-worth?

Rev Chris Park
Vicar

Archbishop Sentamu Pilgrimage Revised programme for the Alne and Brafferton Group



Unfortunately the Archbishop's staff has decided that the walk from Tholthorpe to Brafferton would mean trying to cram too many things into his diary so our revised schedule for **Wednesday, 4th May** is as follows:

12 noon Brafferton School for lunch and to meet pupils, staff and parents.
2.00p.m. Alne School to meet staff and pupils and parents.
3.45p.m. Walk from Alne to Tollerton via Cheshire Home.
5.30p.m. Meet the youth leaders and have tea with youth group.

You would still be very welcome to join him on the walk from Alne to Tollerton if you are not likely to see him at the other venues.

Further details of his pilgrimage around Easingwold can be found on
<http://www.easingwolddeanery.org.uk/>

Dear friends

Sometimes we all get writers block! Times when our intentions are good but we just don't know what to say. And then suddenly it hits us...a grand idea, I wonder where that aha! moment comes from? Generally, I guess it is just the moment we stop thinking too hard and allow the brain cells a bit of space, but when it comes to writing sermons, or magazine articles for that matter I believe the Holy Spirit inspires me. That got me thinking, about that stagnant period of time between the risen Jesus appearing to his friends and disciples, and promising them that He would soon be leaving them again; but would be sending them a helper that would never leave them.

I wonder if they just sat back and relaxed, giving their brains a bit of space, or if they began rushing around trying to think of what to do or say. I am sure that doing that in their own strength would surely have made them frazzled and exhausted. Imagine Paul and his friends travelling around on their missionary journeys around the Mediterranean; talking about Jesus, trying to find the right words when they were challenged, often not welcomed, at times beaten and imprisoned for their beliefs, if they had not had the empowerment and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

How often do we try to manage, with all the hassles life throws at us, with our own strength? We get burnt out, and at times just don't know what way to turn. Then in desperation, when all else has failed, we decide to pray, and suddenly all becomes clear. Prayers are answered and the problems seem to fade away. Personally the times I have cried out to the Lord are the times when I have felt closest to God, but always the peace that comes, comes with the thought that if only I had turned this problem to God sooner?

Why do we use prayer as a last resort? As Christians, we know that when we ask for the strength of the Holy Spirit, God answers our prayers, this does not mean that being a Christian is easy, or that **all** our problems disappear, but it does mean that just like the disciples, when we have the inspiration and empowerment of the Spirit of the living Christ, all things become possible, even endurance in times of crisis. Let us ask God now for His strength, and invite the Holy Spirit into our lives.

Blessings

Carmel

NEWS FROM ALNE CHURCH

Memorial Service for Canon Cockerton: York Minster 13th April 2016

The late Canon Cockerton took services regularly at both Aldwark and Alne Churches, during his long retirement. Many members of these churches attended the Memorial Service along with a large number of friends, family members, former parishioners and colleagues. The retiring collection is to be shared between York Minster and St Leonards Hospice.

Joint Service for Good Friday morning

Alne Church hosted a shared event with Tollerton Church on Good Friday. A good number of children and parents attended and explored the theme of Easter. More of these informal events are planned for the future.

Coffee Club

*Coffee Club - this month will be held on **Tuesday, 24th May***

Help at the Church

We are extremely grateful for the volunteers who continue to make a great contribution to the church and the churchyard. However, we still need help with cleaning and flower arranging. If anyone is interested in any of the tasks (including an hour or two during the Street Fayre on 12th June), please contact Peter Cove (838346) or Carol Glen (838016).

COMMUNITY NEWS

Alne Parish Annual Assembly – Tuesday, 10th May 2016

The Annual Assembly of Alne Parish will take place in Alne Village Hall at **7:45p.m. on Tuesday, 10th May**. Mick Jewitt, Director of Planning at Hambleton District Council, will update us on the current planning environment, particularly as regards the cumulative effect of infill developments in villages such as Alne, and will then answer questions. A discussion will follow on the state of the verges in Alne and potential solutions.

Robert Brech, Chairman, Alne Parish Council

Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary:

Thanks to all those who attended our Alan Bennett, Talking Heads night and our Beautiful South tribute night. We hope you enjoyed these events as much as we did and all proceeds go towards the ongoing maintenance and refurbishment of the hall.



Spring Plant Sale – Sunday, 15th May 2016 10.00a.m. to 1.00p.m.

Don't forget the plant sale where you will be able to buy your summer bedding and lots more. The plants are supplied by Brown's Nursery and also donated by our green fingered friends in the village. If you have any spare plants you would like to donate please drop them off at the Village Hall after 3.00p.m. on Saturday, 14th May. Refreshments and bacon butties will also be available to give you the strength to carry home all your new plants.

Other dates to add to your diaries.....

Annual General Meeting of the Alne Village Hall Committee

The Annual General Meeting of the Alne Village Hall Committee will be held on **Monday, 16th May at 8.30p.m.**

Friday, 22nd July "Pop up Pub" 7.30p.m.

Celebrate the end of term and the start of the school holidays. Come and join us for a beer or a glass of wine and a natter. Hopefully, weather permitting we will be "al fresco"

Saturday, 3rd September at 7.30p.m. – The All New Quiz Night

Following the great success of the last event, we will be giving you all another chance to flex the grey matter. Put the date in your diaries now.

Saturday, 24th September

The ever popular ceilidh.

Saturday, 26th November

Alnestock is back.

New opportunities to Keep Fit at Alne Village Hall

Cobra Fit

On 12th April a new class came to Alne Village Hall. Cobra Fit. **Every Tuesday at 7.45p.m.** Limited places are available, so please call Vanessa on 07802 610315

Beginners Pilates

Mondays at 6.00p.m. starting 9th May. This is a 6 week physio led introduction to Pilates. Suitable for all ages and fitness levels. Call Gemma on 01347 833015

Thanks to a generous villager for the donation of an upright vacuum cleaner. We are now thinking how best we can enjoy our new outdoor space at the hall following the landscaping to the rear of the hall completed last Autumn. If you have any old wooden garden furniture surplus to requirements please let us know. We are looking for good solid wooden furniture that we can spruce up and give a new lease of life.

Finally, the public recycling bins at the hall have now been removed by Hambleton District Council. The bins there now are only for use by the hall.

You can contact us at alnevillagehall@gmail.com You can check our webpage on www.alnevillage.co.uk for more information on the hall and upcoming events or follow us on Facebook. If you would like to be included on the email distribution list (which is confidential) please let us know.

Outing to Raby Castle & Gardens

There will be Outing to Raby Castle & Gardens near Darlington, **Tuesday, 21st June 2016** - cost £23 per person. Bus leaves Tollerton green at 9.15a.m.; bus leaves Alne at 9.20a.m. There are a few seats available: anyone interested please contact Jean Teasdale, Alne - Tel: 01347 838431 or e-mail jeanteasdale48@gmail.com

Many thanks

Jean Teasdale

News about Alne Street Fayre Sunday, 12th June 2016

Alne Street Fayre Tombola.

We were very fortunate to have many kind donations last year and we are hoping for another successful tombola this year. Please help us again with suitable tombola prizes. They can be dropped off at the following addresses:

Liz and Mark at White Cottage, Main St, Alne

Robert at Alne Croft, Main St, Alne

Dennis at 4 Gale Rd, Alne

Angela at Fairhaven, Alne (facing the Village Hall)

or call 838633 (Liz & Mark) for collection at a time that suits you.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

'TEAS'

Volunteers and lots of cakes are required for 'TEAS' which takes place in the Village Hall during Alne Street Fayre on Sunday, 12th June 2016.

Volunteers are needed on both Saturday and 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 e-mail 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

FOAS Ladies Pamper Evening!



Wednesday 18th May 2016

7pm - 10pm

Alne Village Hall

Come along for a girlie night of fun!

Pamper yourself, shop and relax.

We have fashion shows (7.30pm & 8.30pm), treatments, manicures, beauty products, clothing, jewellery, home accessories, licensed bar and much, much more ...

Fab raffle - all proceeds go to FOAS.

£10 per ticket - includes glass of prosecco on arrival with canapés plus a gift voucher for **HEART'S Easingwold!!** (£12 to purchase ticket on the door).

Tickets will be sold after Easter from reception at school and there will be the opportunity to book treatment appointments there too. More details to follow.



Alne Oil Co-operative

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

Latest (12th April) delivered price for kerosene was 25.96ppl + VAT, an increase of 1.9p since the beginning of March. The latest Boilerjuice's price is 28.42ppl.

If you are already a Co-operative Member and need oil, go to Tate's website: www.tateoil.co.uk. Look on the menu bar on the homepage for "Buying Groups" and select LSOS (Lower Swale Oil Syndicate) to login (you will need the password provided by Tate Fuels) then fill in the online form with your requirements.

Please remember that Weights and Measures legislation requires you to take a minimum of 500 litres. If estimating your requirement to fill your tank, please be as accurate as possible as the tankers only carry what has been ordered for that day's delivery run.

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

And, with summer approaching, it's time to think about getting your boiler serviced. I'll e-mail members with details of the Member rates mid-May.

If not a Member, why not join? You will undoubtedly save money by comparison with your existing supplier and Tate's service has been outstanding! 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:
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METHODIST SERVICES - MAY 2016

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 below.

DATE	TIME	VENUE	SERVICE DETAILS
1 st May	10.30a.m.	Huby Methodist Church	Revd Julia Skitt Holy Communion
	10.30a.m.	Husthwaite Methodist Church	led by Mr Ken Hopwood
	10.30a.m.	Stillington Methodist Church	Revd Andrew Foster, Chapel Anniversary

	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	led by Revd Elizabeth Cushion
There will be a Circuit Service at 4p.m in Sheriff Hutton Methodist Church. (York Circuit is the name given to the group of Methodist Churches in the York area grouped together for mission and resourcing.)			
8th May	10.30a.m.	Husthwaite Methodist Church	led by Revd Ann Haith
	3.00p.m.	Alne Hall Leonard Cheshire Home	Revd Leslie Newton
	6.30p.m.	Stillington Methodist Church	Locally led service
15th May	10.30a.m.	Brafferton / Helperby	Revd David Archer, Holy Communion
	10.30a.m.	Huby Methodist Church	led by Mr Robin Jackson
	10.30a.m.	Husthwaite Methodist Church	led by Mr Ralph Frankland
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
	6.30p.m.	Stillington Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
22nd May	10.30a.m.	St Mary's Parish Church, Alne	United Service led by Mr Robin Jackson
	10.30a.m.	Husthwaite Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
	4.00p.m.	Huby Methodist Church	led by Revd Elizabeth Cushion, Café Service
	6.30p.m.	Stillington Methodist Church	led by Mrs Sylvia Bunting
29th May	10.30a.m.	Easingwold Methodist Church	Revd Graham Carter (Past President of Methodist Conference), Holy Communion
	10.30a.m.	Huby Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
	3.00p.m.	Easingwold Methodist Church	United Service led by Revd Elizabeth Cushion

Monday bible group meets in Alne Hall on alternate Monday afternoons at **2.30p.m. 9th and 23rd May.**

Communion Service in Oak Trees Nursing Home on the last Monday in each month and in Alne Hall on the last Tuesday in each month – led by either Anglican or Methodist Churches.

ANGLICAN SERVICES
MAY 2016

May	1st May	8th May	15th May	22nd May	29th May
Aldwark	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park		9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens		
Alne	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Roy Wadsworth	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Meth R Jackson	10:30 a.m. All-Age Family Worship (Alne Benefice) Rev Chris Park
Tollerton	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship John Rhodes	10.30 a.m. Morning worship (All age) Rev Chris Park	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Roy Wadsworth & US Team	
Brafferton	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Roy Wadsworth	10:30 a.m. Celebration Service Bishop John Thompson 6.30 p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens	10.30a.m. Methodist D Archer	10:30 a.m. Baptism Clay Rev Chris Park	10:30 a.m. All-Age Family Worship (Brafferton Benefice) Carmel Gittens
Myton	10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer Dorothy Bailey	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park		9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer Carmel Gittens	
Thormanby	6.00p.m. Compline Rev Chris Park/ Mike Fildes		9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park		

Wednesday, 11th May Brafferton 9.30a.m. Holy Communion

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