

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

November 2016

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

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## HOME FOR THE NIGHT?

1<sup>st</sup> December to 24<sup>th</sup> December

The tradition of a nativity travelling through the season of advent (a time of preparation for Christmas) is popular through many parts of the world. It reminds us of Joseph and Mary, searching for somewhere to stay. Joseph would not have wanted to travel whilst Mary was expecting a baby, but he had no choice! It was such a long way. They would have been so thankful if friends, family, or kindly strangers had offered hospitality.

We cannot go back in time and open our homes to Joseph, Mary and Jesus, but we can take it in turns to host the Nativity to show how we would like to have helped and that we care about others who are now without homes or security.

We invite you to offer a home for a night to our travelling nativity. It comes with the figures, story books, a journal and an explanation sheet.

Each host is requested to take the figures onto the next host. To offer,

If you live in Alne phone Carol on 838016

Living in Flawith or Tholthorpe - phone Alison on 838138

Living in Aldwark – e-mail Vivienne Bird [viviennebird@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:viviennebird@hotmail.co.uk)

We hope that this advent will be a blessing to you, your family, and friends.

## 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](mailto:pastaparko@parkfamily.me.uk)

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





## **A CONFEDERATE SOLDIER'S PRAYER**

Author Unknown

(Attributed to a battle weary C.S.A soldier near the end of the war)

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve;  
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for health, that I might do greater things;  
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy;  
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men;  
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life;  
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I hoped for.  
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am among all men most richly blessed.

I was reminded of the words of this prayer recently when reflecting on the amount of significant suffering I am aware of at the moment both in our communities and the wider world.

The soldier who wrote these words had gained a huge amount of wisdom from God through his own suffering even though he received nothing that he had asked for. And yet what he received from God in prayer was far more valuable than the things he had asked for.

God had heard and answered his prayer, but not in the way in which he had hoped Him to.

Is God withholding something you have asked for and giving you something you have not asked for instead?

Rev Chris Park

## Harvest thank you from the Salvation Army



Could I just say a very BIG thank you to everyone who gave food at the Harvest Festivals to support the work of the Salvation Army in York. We have taken four car loads from the churches and schools which is great effort. Every year this is something which we manage to do well as a group of communities so thank you again.

Rev Chris Park

## **I Can do all things through Christ who strengthens me...Phil 4:13**

### **Never Give Up**

In 1962, four nervous young musicians played their first record audition for the executives of the Decca Recording Company. The executives were not impressed. While turning down this group of musicians, one executive said, "We don't like their sound. Groups of guitars are on the way out." The group was called The Beatles.

In 1944, Emmeline Snively, director of the Blue Book Model Agency, told modelling hopeful Norma Jean Baker, "You'd better learn secretarial work or else get married." She went on and became Marilyn Monroe.

In 1954, Jimmy Denny, manager of the Grand Ole Opry fired a singer after one performance. He told him, "You ain't goin' nowhere son. You ought to go back to drivin' a truck." He went on to become the most popular singer in America, named Elvis Presley.

When Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1876, it did not ring off the hook with calls from potential backers. After making a demonstration call, President Rutherford Hayes said, "That's an amazing invention, but who would ever want to use one of them?"

When Thomas Edison invented the light bulb, he tried over 2000 experiments before he got it to work. A young reporter asked him how it felt to fail so many times. He said, "I never failed once. I invented the light bulb. It just happened to be a 2000-step process."

In the 1940's, another young inventor named Chester Carlson took his idea to 20 corporations, including some of the biggest in the country. They all turned him down. In 1947 - after seven long years of rejections! He finally got a tiny company in Rochester, New York, the Haloid Company, to purchase the rights to his invention, an electrostatic paper-copying process. Haloid became Xerox Corporation we know today.

Wilma Rudolph was the 20<sup>th</sup> of 22 children. She was born prematurely and her survival was doubtful. When she was 4 years old, she contacted double pneumonia and scarlet fever, which left her with a paralyzed left leg. At age

9, she removed the metal leg brace she had been dependent on and began to walk without it. By 13 she had developed rhythmic walk, which doctors said was a miracle. That same year she decided to become a runner. She entered a race and came in last. For the next few years every race she entered, she came in last. Everyone told her to quit, but she kept on running. One day she actually won a race. And then another. From then on she won every race she entered. Eventually this little girl, who was told she would never walk again, went on to win three Olympic gold medals.

The moral of the above Stories: Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experiences of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired and success achieved. You gain strength, experience and confidence by every experience where you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing you cannot do. And remember, the finest steel gets sent through the hottest furnace. A winner is not one who never fails, but one who NEVER QUILTS! In LIFE, remember that you pass this way only once! Let's live life to the fullest and give it our best. In Christ alone our strength is found!

Blessings

Carmel

## **News from Alne Church**

### **Donations for the Newsletter**

Alne PCC wishes to thank Aldwark & District Council, Alne Parish Council, APLA, Alne Village Hall and Tollerton Parish Council for annual total of £300 that they have given to cover the cost of the extra pages in the Newsletter.

### **Dates for your diary**

**Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 10.45 a.m.** – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

**Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Noon** – Christmas Lunch at St Mary's Church (please contact Peter Cove [838346] or Carol Glen [838016] if you wish to attend)

**Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Carol Service

## **Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary:**

### **Ceilidh**

This was a great night as always and the band was on excellent form. We raised over £200 towards the Village Hall refurbishment which was a fantastic result. We have already re-booked the band for next year.



Thanks to all those who helped to tidy up the front of the hall on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup>. It looks an awful lot better thanks to everybody's hard work.

### **Pop up Café**

Don't miss the next café on **5<sup>th</sup> November**.

### **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November Fairtrade Market and Café**

### **Alnestock**

**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> November** Alnestock is back. For the third year running this popular event provides a great opportunity to catch up with friends before Christmas. All proceeds will be split between Alne Hall and the Village Hall restoration fund. To book your tickets call Pete Hall on 8339190 or [phall1952@aol.com](mailto:phall1952@aol.com)

### **Quiz Night**

Quiz Night is on **7<sup>th</sup> January 2017**, put the date in your diaries now so you don't miss it.

Alne Village Hall is in the process of applying for a new licence. Nothing will change at the hall in terms of what we do, but the new licence will help to save money and administration time.

## LICENSING ACT 2003

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE ACT:**

1. NAME OF APPLICANT: Alne Village Hall Management Committee

2. POSTAL ADDRESS OF PREMISES: Alne Village Hall, Jack Hole, Alne YO61 1RT

3. PROPOSED LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES:

Provision of Plays, Provision of Films, Provision of Indoor Sporting Activities, Provision of Live Music

Provision of recorded music, Provision of Performances of dance, Provision of anything of a similar description to live music, recorded music or performances of dance. The supply of alcohol.

Monday to Sunday 8.00 to 23.00

4. The register of applications and the record of this application are available for inspection at the Licensing Section, Hambleton District Council, Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton or on

[www.hambleton.gov.uk/info/20037/licences\\_and\\_registration](http://www.hambleton.gov.uk/info/20037/licences_and_registration)

You can contact us at [alnevillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:alnevillagehall@gmail.com) You can check our webpage on [www.alnevillage.co.uk](http://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.



Yorkshire Cancer Research Galtres Committee is holding a

# Christmas Fair

**Tuesday 8th November 2016**

**10:30am-8.00pm**

**The Ox Barn, The Durham Ox  
Crayke YO61 4TE**

**£5.00 entry on the door  
to include tea/coffee in the morning  
mulled wine in the afternoon/evening**

**Many stalls for you to enjoy including Gardening gifts, jewellery,  
fashion, homeware, cakes and many more.**

  
**yorkshire cancer**  
research  
Registered Charity 516898

 **The Durham Ox**  
Crayke

## **Successful Macmillan Coffee Morning organised by year 6 Alne Primary School**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported us with the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September. We raised a STAGGERING £483!!!! We could not have done this without all the lovely cakes baked by mums and dads and generous donations. Thank you to all those who gave up their time to help us.

Thank you, from Jaya Sanders and Harry Millar

## **Burns Supper 2017**

Alne Burns Supper will be held on **Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017**, in Alne Village Hall. Tickets will be available in January from Alne Primary School office. Further details of how to obtain tickets from FOAS committee members will be posted on the Alne website nearer the time.

## **Tollerton Children's Christmas Party**

We are looking to hold this year's Tollerton children's Christmas party on **Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December**. More details to follow closer to the time but in the meantime please look out for our new Facebook page. If you'd like to share ideas or would like to get involved we'd love to hear from you at [tollertonkidschristmasparty@gmail.com](mailto:tollertonkidschristmasparty@gmail.com).

Many thanks  
Julie Brook

## **Opportunities for Prayer**

Prayer meeting, Tholthorpe Methodist Church **every Wednesday at 8.45a.m.**

## METHODIST SERVICES – NOVEMBER 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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Service Details</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	A Foster
<b>13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Alne	L Newton
<b>20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	Rev E Royle
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	K Gabbittis cafe
<b>27<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	10.30a.m.	St Mary's Parish Church Alne	United Service
	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service

## ANGLICAN SERVICES NOVEMBER 2016

Deanery Service to launch the Mission Partnership.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm

All Hallows Sutton on the Forest.

	<b>6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> November</b>
Aldwark	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park		10.30a.m. Baptism Rev Peter Bowes	
Alne	10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer Warden	10.45 a.m. Remembrance Rev Chris Park	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Alistair Dunn	10.30 a.m. Joint Methodist Anglican Communion Rev Chris Park
Tollerton	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion  Rev Chris Park	10.30 a.m. Morning worship (All age) Remembrance John Rhodes	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion  Rev Chris Park	6.00p.m. Worship, Food and Games.  Team
Brafferton	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens	10:30a.m. Remembrance Carmel Gittens 6.30p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Methodist E. Royle	10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens
Myton	10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer Dorothy Bailey	4.00p.m. Remembrance Rev Chris Park		9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens
Thormanby	6.00p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens		9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Chris Park	

**Brafferton - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 9.30a.m.** -.Holy Communion Rev Chris Park

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