

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

October 2017

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

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There is now a vacancy for the Priest in Charge of the Alne Parish, although Carmel Gittens is still with us. She can be contacted by telephone on 01423 360702 or by e-mail on [carmel-gittens@live.co.uk](mailto:carmel-gittens@live.co.uk). However please try contacting the church wardens as the first point of contact – a full list of wardens is provided on page 10 of this Parish Newsletter.

## Hunger: A Global Disaster

The Harvest season is a time to once again think about that pre-eminent global disaster - hunger, which currently accounts for more than 9 million deaths a year. It is no newcomer to the world stage. Malnutrition has been killing - since before recorded history - with astonishing implications. Migration patterns, invasions, wars and weapons have all come about as people were trying to get something to eat. Yet we pay little attention to humanity's reigning adversary. Our elections never really turn on issues of hunger. Our TV heroes fight crime, not hunger.

Sad to say we have become used to millions of our brothers and sisters starving to death. Toleration of global hunger is a tragic consequence of our becoming desensitised to the horrors we see on our TV screens every day, or perhaps it just seems too big a problem that we zone out. If tackling hunger on a global level seems too elusive an initial goal, what might our Christian response to our own country's increasing gap between the rich and the poor be?

Familiarity is perhaps the greatest stumbling block in the path to serving God. The people of Jesus' hometown were unable to get excited about him when they realised he was just a local boy whom they had known for years prompting Jesus to observe that "Only in his home town, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honour....He was amazed at their lack of faith."(Mark 6:4-6)

Jesus was too well known in Nazareth to be accepted as the Messiah, and the result of that familiarity was his inability to bring the power of God to the people who needed it. Famine may be too familiar to us for us to consider that we can change it and with the same result, that the power of God can't help people who need it. This hungry world does not wait for the abilities of God's people; it waits for the passion of God's people.

The Christian Church can achieve great things - when it is excited and passionate. Faithful parishioners have always been willing to sacrifice and work to give time and money. We look for opportunities to take a stand for right against wrong, but when faced with the enormity of the problem of hunger we become powerless. People respond with incredible generosity when called upon to address a particular crisis. Yet the problem remains. We feel helpless. Our world has always had hunger, and the possibility of hunger continuing to blight our global village paralyzes us into inaction.

Feeding the hungry is more than a matter of charity - the occasional response to a global disaster. It is not an option, but an obligation, an obligation in justice - specifically biblical justice, God's own justice. A striking example of this is to be found in the book of the prophet Isaiah: "Is this not the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thong of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked cover them, and hide not yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn..."(58:6-8a)

For us the perfect model is, of course, Jesus Christ, who gives us a 'new commandment' that you love one another (John 13:34). We are compelled to love one another as Jesus loved and loves, with no distinction of persons and without reservation, even to the crucifixion. This Christian love demands action from us. In this context, to love the hungry is to feed the hungry.

When we read of Jesus feeding the hungry we have a tendency to view this as simply miraculous multiplications of loaves and fish. We should view it as a mandate to believers to feed the hungry, who are our brothers and sisters. "Lord, to those who are hungry give bread. And to those who have bread, give the hunger for justice."

With every blessing to you.

Carmel

## News from Alne Church

### **The Revd Roy Wadsworth**

We were sorry to learn that Roy had died recently due to motor neurone disease. The Reverend Roy was a great supporter of the churches in this area and will be sorely missed. At Alne he led services well into his retirement and will be remembered especially for his good humour and also for his support for projects related to the church.

Roy's funeral will take place at Alne Church on **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 1.00 p.m.**, followed by refreshments at Tollerton Church. His family have asked that this will be a celebration of Roy's life and they would prefer those attending to dress in a colourful manner!

**Helpers at the churchyard** – a small number of volunteers continue to look after the churchyard, mainly by cutting the grass. However, the numbers have dwindled and we are calling once again for more help. Do join us if you can – an hour or two a week is all that is needed. Please contact Peter Cove (838346)

### **From the Parish Registers**

#### **Weddings**

8<sup>th</sup> April 2017 - Solomon Luke Francis and Natalie Charmaine Annabel Roberts

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 – David Michael Widd and Fiona Elizabeth Harvey

5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – Christopher John Charles Borwell and Rebecca Jane Hartley

#### **Baptisms**

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 – George Richard Roger Widd

30<sup>th</sup> July 2017 – Annabel May Herbert

17<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – Gracie May Kilmartin

## **Funerals**

6<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Mary Wood

20<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Peter Dalby

9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – Pamela Sandle – Service of Committal (Alne Church) and Funeral Service at Alne Hall

13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – George Hailstone – Funeral Service at Tollerton Church followed by burial at Alne

15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – Freya Westerman – Service of Thanksgiving

18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 –Graham Finnerty

21<sup>st</sup> August 2017 – Thomas Edward Hull

8<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – Elsie Thompson - Service of Thanksgiving

## **Flower Rotas**

We are extremely grateful to all those who continue to help with flower arranging and church cleaning. There are still some vacancies if anyone wishes to help – please contact Jean Teasdale (838431) for flower arranging and Gill Charlton (838325) regards cleaning.

## **October**

7<sup>th</sup> - Gill Charlton - Harvest Festival

14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> - Lynette Evans

28<sup>th</sup> - Jan Naismith

## **November**

4<sup>th</sup> - Jan Naismith

11<sup>th</sup> - Carol Glen - Remembrance Day

18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Dianne Rex

## **December**

2<sup>nd</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Advent

The Team – Christmas

## Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary

### Quiz Night Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 7.00p.m.

Don't miss what should be a really great evening. Once again we have special guest quiz masters who will add their own charm personality to the quiz. Tickets are only £3 and the maximum number for a team is 6. There will of course be a bar and refreshments and plenty of time for socialising. Don't worry if you don't have a team, come along anyway and we will find you some team mates.



### Pub Night Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 7.00p.m.

The first pub night of the winter so come and join us in our lovely cosy surroundings to enjoy a drink with friends and neighbours. It's a great opportunity to get to know your neighbours if you are new to the village or just meet up with old friends for a natter.

### Pub Night Christmas Eve after Christingle

This event was a huge success last year and very well attended. The format will be the same this year. Doors open at **5.00p.m.** All are welcome. There will be real ale on draught and mulled wine in addition to the normal bar.

### POP up Café 8.00a.m. to 10.00a.m.

First Saturday of the month come and get your bacon butties and relax with friends. We now also have a book exchange at the hall so you can choose a book at the same time.

And the bakery van is stopping every **Saturday at 8.00a.m.** outside the Village Hall – delicious!

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.

## Restoration of the Alne Verges

As already announced, Alne is restoring its ancient verges along Main Street this autumn and is replacing the broken and muddied edges with granite setts, similar to those on the north side of Jack Hole. The restoration will narrow the road slightly from its current state but only back to where it was four or five years ago, the line of the gullies remaining largely intact.

This project is in partnership with North Yorkshire County Council but is financed 50% by the residents of Alne through a significant increase in the Council Tax precept over the next five years. There is therefore a strong incentive for all residents and businesses in Alne to ensure that the project is successful and that the new setts remain intact and secure.

Once the restoration is complete we are therefore asking:

- Residents not to park or drive onto the new verges in any way.
- Residents to reduce parking in Main Street, if they have parking access elsewhere, so that there is less of a problem for agricultural vehicles passing through.
- Residents to ensure that delivery vehicles also take the same care.
- Local farmers and businesses to ask their drivers to take additional care and consideration and, again, to avoid driving onto the new verges.

By working together, we can ensure that the restoration is a success and that further damage to our ancient verges is avoided.

Alne Parish Council

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*Examples of the problems and the solution*



## **Alne Pre School Playgroup**

**Nearly New Sale**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

**Alne Village Hall**

**10am – Noon**

Join us for a sale of good quality used clothes (adult's and children's), toys and books.

Grab a bag of bargains, then enjoy tea and a cake!

50p entry

All funds raised will go towards improving the outside area of our outstanding playgroup.

Donations of goods to sell gratefully received at playgroup.

For further information please contact  
Dawn on 01347 830011  
or email [Alneplaygroup@live.com](mailto:Alneplaygroup@live.com)





# Alne Oil Co-operative

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

## **The Record Has Been Broken!**

The previously reported charge for oil supplied by a subsidiary of Certas Energy that was 57% higher than the Oil Co-operative has been beaten – again by a Certas Energy subsidiary.

## **On this latest occasion, the customer was charged an eye-watering 81% more than the Syndicate price!**

The Lower Swale Syndicate consists of a group of 11 local Oil Co-operatives in the Easingwold area. The local Oil Co-operatives, and the Lower Swale Syndicate, are run by volunteers, who gain no benefit from their involvement, other than helping their community save money.

We have around 800 members across the local Co-operatives, who collectively purchase between 1.5 and 2 million litres of heating oil annually. Whilst nothing is guaranteed, we expect to beat the price for oil quoted on the BoilerJuice website by between 5% and 10%, and do so regularly.

Heating oil is a commodity, and will come from one of two refineries, no matter who you buy it from.

Why not join? — you will undoubtedly save money in comparison with your existing supplier and our supplier's service has been outstanding! Membership is open to all — if you live in or around Alne and want to know more about the Co-operative, please e-mail: [alne@swaleoil.org.uk](mailto:alne@swaleoil.org.uk)

There's more information on the Alne Village website: [www.alnevillage.co.uk/groups\\_oil.html](http://www.alnevillage.co.uk/groups_oil.html)

## **Climbing Hydrangea**

Good home desperately needed for a healthy Climbing Hydrangea which was a gift but we have run out of walls. Please ring Jean & Stephen on 838283.

## **Alne WI**

Our August meeting is always our summer dinner and this year we went to the Stapleford Arms in Wass. All agreed that the food, service and ambiance were superb and the company as always was great!

In contrast our September meeting was on Chinese Medicine and acupuncture. Kate Tattersall led us through the history from 2000 years ago when it was first documented (although it is generally acknowledged that it will have started before then) to the present day when it is recommended by NICE for the treatment of chronic conditions such as low back pain, migraine and osteoarthritis. Fine needles, usually about the diameter of a human hair, are used to access channels or meridians, to treat a condition. The first step in Chinese medicine is to assess the whole patient, their wellbeing and the balance in their body. The aim is to make sure that people have the best possible life.

We started to plan our Healthy Living and Wellbeing Week June 2018, need to ask our local Supermarkets how they reduce food waste in line with the WI 2016 resolution and need a member to be our group delegate for the AGM in Cardiff June 2018. Jean outlined courses, workshops, visits and holidays organised by N. Yorkshire East Federation .Our Federation Carol Service will be at Ampleforth Abbey again this December. Tholthorpe W I have invited us to hear a talk by the Trading Standard Officer about scams and fraud.

We meet on the **second Wednesday of the month in Alne Village Hall at 7.30p.m.**, our programme is on [alnevillage.co.uk](http://alnevillage.co.uk) website and everyone is very welcome to come to any meeting that interests them, men and children included, we charge £3 to cover our costs including refreshments. Our **11<sup>th</sup> October** meeting is Iced Yorkshire Christmas do come and enjoy.

## **Alne WI - IDAS Appeal**

Alne WI would like to say a big thank you to all who contributed cleaning materials for our IDAS appeal. We were able to hand over 10 large bags to the Independent Domestic Abuse Service for the use of women as they set up their new homes, want to make them feel nice and have no money for cleaning materials. IDAS have sent us their thanks on behalf of the staff and clients, it really does make a difference.

If you have any hotel toiletries or free samples that you don't need yourself, Mary Tym and her patch working friends make pretty bags filled with these for women when they arrive at the Refuges. Things can be left in Mary's porch (Bracorra, Main Street, Alne) or given to any WI member.

Thank you so much

## **Tollerton Coffee Morning for Yorkshire Air Ambulance**

The coffee morning held at Tollerton Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> September raised £525.25.

My thanks to all who helped and attended - Margaret Wray

## **Sunday Papers – Tollerton**

Tollerton Parish Council is aware that Sunday Papers are no longer being delivered to residents in the village. We have contacted Menzies Distribution and they can deliver a bundle of papers on a Sunday. For this to work, we need at least 25 people who wish to have a weekly Sunday Paper and a central drop off point. Would those interested please let us know by sending an e-mail to [webmaster@tollerton.net](mailto:webmaster@tollerton.net). We would also need a volunteer to act as central drop off point.

## **Tollerton Parish Plan**

Tollerton Parish needs to have a new Parish Plan. The current plan was completed to cover 2010 - 2014 and so is no longer current when we, as Parish Councillors, attempt to represent the wishes of you all.

As previously, there is a requirement that a steering group be set up to consult with parishioners and any “interested parties”; and then create the final plan, which can be supported by the Parish Council.

Is anyone interested in taking part in this important project? If yes, please let us know - either via the Parish Clerk, Sandra Windross [tollertonparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:tollertonparishcouncil@gmail.com) or approach one of your councillors.

The current plan can be found on the link below.

<http://www.tollerton.net/parish-council1/parish-plan>

## **Tollerton Big Sunday Brunch**

**19<sup>th</sup> November** - Big Sunday Brunch. A full English breakfast in a bap with mugs of coffee or tea. Come and read the papers and have breakfast with your neighbours. **10.30a.m. – 1.00p.m.** £3.50 for standard bap 50p for extra bacon/sausage or eggs.

## Tollerton Harvest Chili Hoedown

On **14<sup>th</sup> October** - Harvest Chili Hoedown. A dinner dance with an all American flavour featuring The Last Chance Saloon Cowboy Band. Licensed saloon open from **7.00p.m.** and a "Yorkshire-mex" supper of chili con carne and jacket potatoes. Ticket's cost £12 per adult, £7 for under 14's and free for under 5's. e-mail [yvonne52b@aol.co.uk](mailto:yvonne52b@aol.co.uk) or tel. 07789 298117.



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## METHODIST SERVICES – OCTOBER 2017

The Rev Elizabeth Cushion is the Methodist Minister for the villages around Easingwold. Elizabeth can be contacted on 01347 821460.

Date	Time	Venue	Service Details
<b>1<sup>st</sup> October</b>	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	R Jackson (Harvest)
<b>8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Alne	K Marshall (Harvest)
<b>15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	A Foster
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	J Freeman (café)
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	10.30a.m.	Alne	D Priestnall United Service
<b>29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service at Aldwark
	3.00p.m.	Alne	E Cushion

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<b>October</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Oct.</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Oct.</b>
<b>Aldwark</b>	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens		9.00 a.m. Thanksgiving Service Carmel Gittens		10.30 a.m. Joint Harvest Festival Rev Law
<b>Ale</b>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Canon Chris Hawthorn	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion and Harvest Festival Rev R Law	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Methodist Service D Priestnall	
<b>Tollerton</b>	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev R Davill	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship Alison Dowson	10.30 a.m. All Age Harvest Festival	
<b>Brafferton</b>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Canon Robert Law	6.30 p.m. Harvest Festival Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Methodist Service A Foster	10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens	
<b>Myton</b>		10.30a.m. Baptism Carmel Gittens		4.00p.m. Harvest Festival Carmel Gittens	
<b>Thormanby</b>	6.30 p.m. Harvest Festival Catherine Toase				

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