

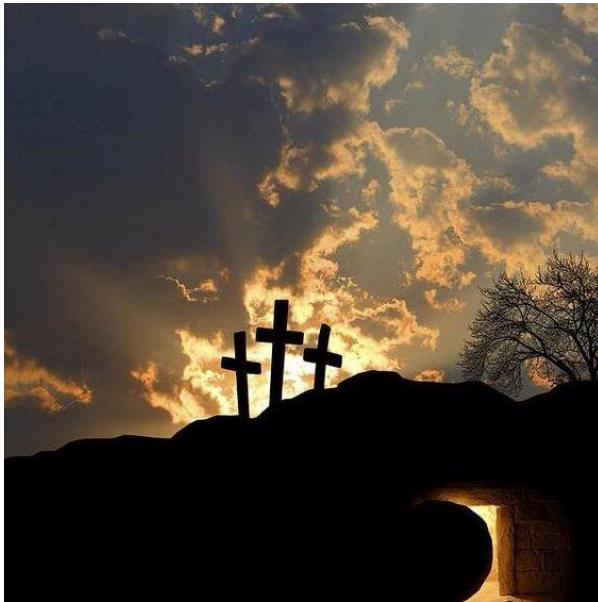
PARISH NEWSLETTER

March 2018

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

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. However please try contacting the church wardens as the first point of contact – a full list of wardens is provided on page 14 of this Parish Newsletter.

Happy Easter!



'Rescue' Comes From the Most Unusual Of Places

I was thinking this week about the love that Jesus wants us to share, and I was reminded of this thought for the day that I heard on radio Sheffield last year when I was studying. I am afraid I do not know who said it so I can't give credit, but I was fortunate enough to find the script. It meant a lot to me at a time when I was feeling vulnerable and asked others for prayer. It was this love and care and prayer from others that upheld and supported me. My prayer for you all today; in a world that often seems bare and bereft of love, is that you can feel upheld by the love and care for each other. Let us continue to build a community of love that watches over one another. But what does it mean to watch over each other in love? This reflection illustrates so well my thoughts....

A picture I saw last week which was circulating the internet was of a man who had tried to jump from a bridge to end his life – he had been somehow stopped by someone grabbing hold of him – and soon enough more passing people stopped and started to join in holding him secure and tight. The image showed various different hands holding him to the bridge – someone had tied a bike chain around his waist – stranger's arms were stretched through the bars, and holding other people's hands – clenching tight to hold him in place. It was some time before the emergency services freed him. But all the time he was held, even at his most vulnerable – when the world for him seemed so bleak, there were others who saw his worth, his life as meaning something – his life as precious. His life was worth saving.

Throughout the time the man was held, he was spoken to by those around him – no doubt words of love, and encouragement. One man held his head pressed to the side of the distressed man – the picture could never reveal the words uttered, but I imagine they were sacred.

The picture to me showed the sacramental nature of loving those who don't love themselves. Loving those who feel they are unloved, or unlovable.

The sermon was in the image.
The sacred was in the holding
The sacrament in the story.
Life can be hard at times.

Sometimes our 'rescue' comes from the most unusual of places, by those we don't even know. Jesus seeks the lost – even today – even now – even this minute. He is holding onto you in your bleakest of times – by his spirit he whispers to us. And we all need to be saved by him.

Be blessed
Revd Carmel Gittens

News from Alne Church

Busy times! - Christmas is over but we are already making plans for Easter. Fortunately our hardworking Revd Carmel is still being helped by retired members of the clergy.

Sunday 11th March – Mothering Sunday **10.30 a.m.** – all are welcome to join us on this happy day when we can say a big 'thank you' to the VIPs in our lives.

Palm Sunday – 25th March - we meet at **10.00a.m.** for a short service at Tholthorpe Chapel and then take a gentle walk to Myton Church for a further service followed by refreshments.



Coffee Morning
Tuesday 27th March - starting at **10.30a.m.**

Gift Day

Tuesday 15th May – this will be combined with our coffee morning in May. This year the gift day donations will be allocated to the new heating system at the church.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

A number of people have noticed the plaque outside Alne Churchyard. It records the presence of the war grave of Robert Crosby, who died of influenza in October 1918. Robert was an Australian soldier whose family originated from this area – his grandfather's family lived in the Mill House between Alne and Tollerton. His grave is at the back of the churchyard, close to the iron railed area.



History of Alne Church

Ann Whiteley has fully revised the History of Alne Church – covering the last 900 years! With beautiful illustrations.

Copies are available at the church

Holy Week



Services in Ane and Brafferton During Holy Week 2018

Palm Sunday 25th March – walk from Tholthorpe Methodists (**09.15a.m.**) to St Mary's Myton (**11.00a.m.**) – with an All Age Service at Myton
Carmel

Good Friday 30th March – 10.30a.m. St Michael's Tollerton - All Age service
Arthur & Alison

Good Friday 30th March 10.00a.m. – 11.30a.m. – St Peter's Brafferton. Family Workshop
Maureen

Good Friday 30th March – 2.00p.m. St Mary's Ane – Final hour at the cross.
Carol

Easter Day 1st April

9.00 am St Stephen's – Holy Communion – **Bishop John Thomson**

10.30a.m. St Mary's Alne – Holy Communion Service – **Rev Hawthorn**

10.30a.m. St Peter's Brafferton – Methodist Holy Communion – **Rev R Davill**

9.00a.m. St Mary's Myton – Holy Communion. **Rev R Davill**

10.30a.m. St Michael's Tollerton – Holy Communion – **Bishop John Thomson**

10.30a.m. St Mary's Thormanby – Holy Communion **Catherine/Charlotte**

GodZone

Fun sessions for children age 3 - 13 years

Sunday mornings twice a month

For more info see our facebook page



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary



Dates for your diary

Pub Night Friday 9th March 2018 at 7.00p.m.

Put the date in your diary now so you don't miss it.

Holy Moly and the Crackers Friday 27th April 2018 at 7.30p.m.

This promises to be a fantastic evening. We are very lucky to have booked this great band as they have a very strong following throughout the local region and more widely across the UK and Europe. Put the date in your diary, book your babysitter and tell your friends. This is a ticket only event. Please buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment, the price is £12.

Check them out at www.holymolyandthecrackers.com

To reserve your tickets call Rosie on 838384 or Cassandra on 07464 815629

Spring Plant Sale Sunday 20th May 2018

It may be a long time away but keep the date free and watch out for more details.

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.

Alne Village Website

Don't forget to make regular visits to www.alnevillage.co.uk to find out all the latest information, a regular update on the work on the restoration of the verges, the local calendar, maps, history, bus times and useful links.

Website Winter Wednesday Wise Words is running at the moment and will cheer up every winter Wednesday for you! All of the weekly aphorisms so far are still available from the home page. Why not make Alne Village your own home page?

Alne Tennis Club

Alne Tennis Club is looking for new players, old and young, to take part in the 2018 ongoing programme of club sessions, friendly matches and tournaments with the league match programme starting on **23rd April**, only seven weeks away.

All the information can be found at http://www.alnevillage.co.uk/sport_tennis.html or just put Alne Tennis Club into Google.



Alne Oil Co-operative

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

The Story So Far

After a certain amount of discussion regarding who would run it, the Alne Heating Oil Co-operative was formed in late 2009, following a successful model that had been operating in Brafferton/Helperby. By joining forces with the Brafferton/Helperby Co-operative, we were able to benefit from their experience. The alliance also improved our combined buying power. We placed our first order in January 2010, with 7 members ordering around 7,500 litres of oil.

The buying model was straightforward; we would ask members how much oil they needed, then go out to tender to the local suppliers for their best price. The scheme proved very successful, with other villages in the area asking if they could join us, and the Lower Swale Syndicate of Oil Co-operatives grew in size. In fact, it was too successful, as the suppliers found that they could not cope with the large orders we were placing every other month.

This required a different approach. In consultation with members and suppliers, we changed the buying model in 2014 to one where we sought a strategic partnership with the supplier that could offer the best value deal to the members, based on an agreed uplift on the commodity price for heating oil. (Please note “value”, not “price” – we needed to be sure that the relationship with the supplier was sustainable and mutually advantageous.) Tate Fuels of Otley came out on top both in our analysis and the choice of the members.

Members can now order oil at any time to suit (excluding December, the busy month, when regular market prices apply), and Tate Fuels will deliver within 10 working days at the agreed price above the commodity (ex-refinery) price. There is no penalty for smaller quantities, the price is the same whether ordering 500 or 5,000 litres. The price charged will be that applying on the delivery date. Because the arrangement is based on the commodity price, it is easy for us to confirm that the correct price has been charged.

Out of necessity (I work full-time running a couple of businesses) the scheme is e-mail and internet based. If you are not computer-savvy, maybe you can ask a friend, neighbour or relative to help you get started. Once set up as a member, Tate Fuels will, by exception, accept orders by telephone for those not able to use the website option.

Whilst very little in life is guaranteed, we expect to beat the best local prices (as published by Boilerjuice) by between 5% and 10%. And there have been some horror stories, where folk have been overcharged by as much as 81% compared with the Syndicate price on the same day!

We now have nearly 1,000 members, buying well in excess of 1.5 million litres of oil every year.

If you're not already in the Co-operative, 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 send an e-mail to: alne@swaleoil.org.uk or visit the Alne Village website at: www.alnevillage.co.uk/groups_oil.html

You can also find us on Facebook.



Tollerton Annual Litter Pick

Tollerton Annual Litter Pick will be held on **Saturday, 24th March 2018**. Meet at St. Michaels Church at 10.00a.m. Equipment, gloves, High Viz Vest provided.

Tollerton Bowls Club

If anyone is interested in playing Bowls, please contact Margaret on 01347 844087.

Over the winter, we play indoors at the **Village Hall**, normally on a **Wednesday evening at 7:30p.m.**; when we don't have an away match. We would love to welcome new members.

Tollerton Tennis Club

The courts have now been cleaned. Please come and use them, leaving payment in the honesty box. We are always keen for new members, details are found on the notice board by the courts, and on: Tollerton.net<**Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**

St Michael's Church Tollerton - Find us on Facebook

St Michael's Church Tollerton now has its own Facebook page – follow us at 'St Michael's Church, Tollerton' for up-to-date information on GodZone, what type of service we are having, and other interesting bits of information about who we are and what we are up to.



Tollerton Village Hall

We have an exciting list of events to entertain over this year, for everyone to come and enjoy. Please look out for our Facebook page for regular updates.

18th March Eggs-travaganza - Easter egg hunt and afternoon tea with cake & egg decorating and fancy dress competitions.

15th April - Big Sunday Brunch 10.30a.m. to 1.00p.m. Locally sourced bacon, sausages and egg butties eaten in excellent company.

19th May - Car treasure hunt 2018 followed by supper at the Village Hall.

2nd June - Cheese & Wine night. A chance to try new wines, lots of Yorkshire cheeses and maybe even have a go at a couple of tasting challenges!!

15th July - Family BBQ and fun day in conjunction with Tollerton Sports and Recreation Club, to be held on the playing fields, weather permitting.

6th October - The second annual Harvest Hoedown with “The last chance Saloon Cowboy Band”. Tickets go on sale in August.

15th December - A village Christmas gathering - cakes, mulled wine, mince pies, carol singers and Santa’s Grotto. Times to be confirmed.

29th March 2019 - Already booked for next year we have The Bard of Barnsley, Ian McMillan and Luke Carver-Goss scheduled to perform their “Between you and Me” touring show. Tickets will be on sale towards the end of this year.

All our efforts are to help bring the community together, have some fun, while helping to further improve our village facilities.

I hope to see you there, Tim.

Primetime

FREE
Taster Session

Fun sessions open to all including Boccia and New Age Curling



Tholthorpe Village Hall
Monday 8 January 10am - 12noon

For more information call
Joe McKechnie, Inclusive Sports Officer on 01609 767261

Charity Golf Day

on behalf of St Stephen's Church, Aldwark

at Aldwark Manor Golf Club
Wednesday, 18th July 2018

Team Stableford
Teams of 4,
Best 2 scores to count on each hole
All scores to count on the 18th

Free half-way house with homemade cakes

Now in its 11th year, this is an enjoyable and popular event.

To enter or for further details contact Bill Ormerod
01347 838357
helenandbill.ormerod@gmail.com

Easingwold Area Foodbank

If you have no income, please don't go hungry - we are here to help!

Call our 24/7 Message Line (all calls strictly confidential) 0772 44 44
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We always call you back and deliver food support to your door.
(Supported by Tollerton Church)

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METHODIST SERVICES – March 2018

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.

Time	Time	Venue	Service Details
4th March	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	E Cushion HC
11th March	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Alne	R Jackson
18th March	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	J Schofield
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	E Cushion café
25th March	10:30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	10:30a.m.	Alne	United Service

**ANGLICAN SERVICES
MARCH 2018**

March	4th March	11th March Mother's Day	18th March	25th March Palm Sunday
Aldwark	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens		9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Chris Mitchell	
Alne	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Canon Chris Hawthorn	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion TBA	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens	
Tollerton	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship Alison Dowson	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev R Law	
Brafferton	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Canon Robert Law 11:30 Re- dedication of Canadian RAF Memorial	6.30 p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Methodist Service J Schofield	

Myton		10.30a.m. Baptism Katrina Dwyer Carmel Gittens		9:15 at Tholthorpe 11.00 a.m. Joint All-Age Communion Carmel After walk (<i>see page 5 for Holy week services</i>)
Thormanby	10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer Catherine Toase/Charlotte Cranfield			

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