

PARISH NEWSLETTER

April 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 11 of this Parish Newsletter.



April Fool!

I wonder what is the best prank anyone ever played on you? In years gone by, it was always fun to spot articles in newspapers, or items in television shows that were pranks on the nation. Whilst at the time they did make an impression, I must admit the only one I can recall now is from before I was born – in 1957 the BBC made a spoof documentary about the spaghetti harvest in Switzerland. The reason I remember it is that it is often trotted out as a classic example of taking in the nation.

This year, Easter Day falls on April the First. Were we to tell someone the story of the first Easter – that some women went to their friend’s grave and his body wasn’t there – for the first time this year, they might well think we were pulling their leg with an April Fool’s joke. No one could make up the story of a God who became a flesh and blood human, lived a perfect life, died a criminal’s death though innocent and then came back to life! Of course, it sounds foolish. **It is** foolish, and that foolishness made the gospel a stumbling block to the Greeks who considered themselves wise. It is an equal stumbling block to those who count themselves as wise today.

We may be fools for Christ, but better that than to be worldly wise, because as Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, “what seems to be God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and what seems to be God's weakness is stronger than human strength.” May this Easter be a time of joy and hope to us all, and may we revel in the foolishness of the God who loved us enough to come and save us.

Blessings

Revd Carmel Gittens

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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News from Alne Church

Easter Services at Alne

Good Friday – **2.00 pm** – “Last words from the Cross”

Easter Day – **10.30a.m.** – Holy Communion

Future events:

Coffee at the church – **Tuesday 24th April at 10.30a.m.**

Gift Day – **Tuesday 15th May at 10.30a.m.**

From the Parish Registers

Funerals

2nd October 2017 Revd Roy WADSWORTH

31st October 2017 Jean Mary BURKILL

17th November 2017 Barbara THOMPSON

20th November 2017 Elsie THOMPSON – Burial of ashes

31st January 2018 Evelyn ARROWSMITH – Burial of ashes

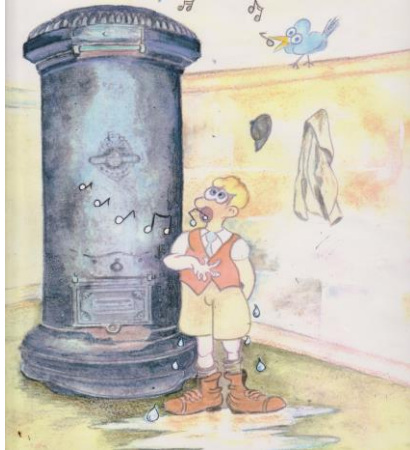
22nd February 2018 Wendy MIDDLEBROOK

12th March 2018 John Michael and Mary Christine NEEDHAM – Burial
of ashes

15th March 2018 Graham INCHBOARD

We are sorry to report that John Kinahan, formerly of Alne, died peacefully in his sleep on 15th March.

**St. Mary's Church, Alne
Gift Day
at the Coffee Club meeting on
Tuesday, 15th May 2018
from 10.30a.m.**



We don't use the old tortoise stoves to heat the Church any more but the present heating system is inefficient as were these stoves in Victorian times.

We thank you for your kindness in the past in helping to maintain the building with your generous gifts towards the Restoration Appeal, which is progressing well. We are now looking towards improving the interior of the Church and making it more welcoming and comfortable by installing an efficient and effective heating system with improved insulation more suitable for the 21st century.

Curate Reverend Carmel Gittens

Churchwardens Peter Cove & Carol Glen

COMMUNITY NEWS

Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary



Dates for your diary

Pub Night

Friday, 6th April 2018 at 7.00p.m.

Pub Night

Friday, 4th May 2018 at 7.00p.m.

Summer pub night dates to follow....

Holy Moly and the Crackers Friday 27th April 7.30pm. This is a ticket only event. At the time of writing there are less than 10 tickets remaining. If you would like to attend and don't yet have tickets please get in touch as soon as you can to check availability.

Check them out at www.holymolyandthecrackers.com

Call Rosie on 838384 or Cassandra on 07464 815629

Spring Plant Sale Sunday May 20th. It may be a long time away but keep the date free and watch out for more details.

Saturday September 8th 2018 "Old Time Radio Show". Put the date in your diary now, more details to follow.

New Year's Eve 2018. Following the success of Christmas Eve and the Pub Nights in general, we have received a number of requests to do "something special" on New Year's Eve. This would be a ticket only event. If you have any ideas or feedback please let us know. In the meantime, put the date in your diary and watch this space.

New Fitness Classes

In September, Jenny Mace, who moved into the village last year, would like to start some daytime fitness classes at the Village Hall. These will be aimed at different age groups and fitness levels and will be for both men and women. Jenny would love to receive your feedback and ideas regarding what type of exercise classes you would like to take part in at the Hall. You can get in touch with jenny at the following e-mail address: jjgreaves3@yahoo.co.uk

Refurbishment Update

We are continuing with our ongoing program of refurbishment and improvements to the Hall. We have new windows at the rear of the property and during the next few weeks all the old guttering will be replaced. We also have some smart new and comfortable furniture in the new meeting room. This room is ideal for groups to meet in a warm and comfortable environment. It has its own access and bathroom facilities, independent from the rest of the Hall.

This is all done thanks to your support.

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 WI

At our March meeting we made Easter wreaths. Steph Brown had brought ivy, flowers tiny Easter eggs, ribbon and tiny rabbits to use on the frames. She demonstrated the techniques and then it was over to us. It was amazing to see the different interpretations. We all had a good time and something to take home with us! Many thanks to Steph and to Gill Charlton who provided the in house support.

We meet at 7.30p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Alne Village Hall. , Our programme is on www.alnevillage.co.uk **<Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.>**, if anything is of interest do come along, we love having visitors.

ALNE VILLAGE SUMMER OUTING - Wednesday, 20th June 2018

National Memorial Arboretum, Staffordshire (approx. 2 hrs journey) £20 per person - full details from Jean Teasdale. Coach pick-up in Easingwold, Alne & Tollerton. Tel: 01347 838431 or e-mail: jeanteasdale48@gmail.com

Grass Verges Along Main Street in Alne

On Monday morning, 12th March someone caused serious damage to the grass verge along Main Street, despite the newly laid kerb stones. The tracks appear to be those of a tractor pulling a trailer.



We are all paying for the kerbing and maintenance of the verges, through the Parish precept. Could you therefore please keep an eye out for any blatant disregard and kerb-damage-causing driving (and parking), make a note of the vehicle number plates, and advise us through the Contact page of the village website www.alnevillage.co.uk. We want to ask those who cause the damage to repair it too.

Tollerton Village Hall

Thank you to all the committee members, helpers, bakers and all the people that came to the Easter Eggstravaganza on Sunday, 18th March. 58 children all received an egg for completing the egg hunt around the village. First prize for the cake competition went to Sue Hardy with an excellent entry for all of us to envy. In total we made £485 which will help run the Village Hall, covering the very recent cost of installing a new dishwasher.

Thank you to everyone that came out in the cold.

Sunday Brunch – Tollerton

The Big Sunday Brunch will be held on **Sunday, 15th April in Tollerton Village Hall from 10:30a.m. to 1.00p.m.** Everyone is welcome for locally sourced bacon, sausages and egg butties eaten in excellent company.

Car treasure hunt 2018

The car treasurer hunt was originally planned for 19th May, but due to a big wedding, it has been moved to **Sunday, 20th May 2018.**

Look out for Tollerton Village Hall events on Facebook.

Tollerton Mini Show

You are all warmly invited to enter the mini show, which this year, will be held on **Sunday, 2nd September, from 1.00p.m, at The Black Horse pub.**

The event is purely to have fun and raise money, entertaining both young and old. After the 2017 show, £2,000 was donated equally between Parkinson's, Macmillan, Tollerton playing field and Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

All items entered for judging are subsequently auctioned off during the event.

This year's Mini Show is going to follow the same format as last, with beer, BBQ, bouncy castle, a classic vehicle, craft stall, Tombola and fun.

Start growing those vegetables, flowers, taking those photos, and planning those cakes, as this year is going to be great!

A special thank you

Every community has people that constantly work behind the scenes, adding value by the things they do.

For many years now, Margaret Cochran has hosted the pub quiz in the Black Horse pub, helped by Pete & Irene; raising money towards Alne Hall. Over the years, they have raised thousands towards this cause, which I know is very close to their hearts.

On behalf of many of us in Tollerton, thank you for bringing us this regular, excellent and fun quiz. May we continue to enjoy it for many more years to come.

The quiz is held **every two weeks, on a Tuesday night from 9.00p.m.** This year, it coincides with 'green bin' week.

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.



Spring Lunch in Aid of Yorkshire Cancer Research

A Spring Lunch in Aid of Yorkshire Cancer Research will be held at **12 noon on Thursday 19th April 2018 in Helperby Village Hall.**

Lt. Colonel Stevie Webster will present a talk "From Corsets to Camouflage" – a history of military nursing including anecdotes from her own 27 year career. Tickets £20, including wine, available from Gill Jackson on 01347 821226, The Flower Shop Easingwold & Village Hall Committee Members.

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 APRIL 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
1st April Easter Day	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	E Cushion HC
8th April	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Alne	J Skitt
15th April	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	R Frankland
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	A Lindley café
22nd April	10:30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	10:30a.m.	Alne	United Service
29th April	10:30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Alne	E Cushion

ANGLICAN SERVICES
APRIL 2018

April	1st April Easter	8th April	15th April	22nd April	29th April
Aldwark	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Bishop John Thomson		10.30 a.m. Baptism Chris Mitchell		10.30 a.m. Joint Service at Myton Holy Communion Rev Carmel Gittens
Ale	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Canon Chris Hawthorn	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion John Hetherington	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. United Service D Priestnall	
Tollerton	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Bishop John Thomson	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship Alison Dowson	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion John Hetherington	10.30 a.m. All Age	
Brafferton	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev R Davill	6.30 p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Methodist Service R Frankland	10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens	
Myton	TBA	10.30a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens		10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer Warden	
Thormanby	10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer Catherine Toase/ Charlotte Cranfield				

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