

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

February 2018

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. Carmel can be contacted by telephone on 01347 833437 or by e-mail at [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 11 of this Parish Newsletter.



## The Elderberry Tree

My wife and I moved to Easingwold just over a year ago and moving into a new house (though not brand new) all was going well until we took a look at the garden. The house had been empty for a short while but there was an “issue” with the garden. Ivy and Holly had moved in and taken over! In fact Ivy managed to completely disguise a tree at the back and had been able to completely smother the back fence – in fact we didn’t know we had one, for a while. The Holly was relatively easy to attempt and was soon under control, though it was, to say the least, “prickly”. However the forest of Holly trees were quite small and easy to lift, especially from the damp soil. A Contractor kindly dealt with the rampant Ivy, though the exposed fence looked weak and sad. If it could have spoken to us, the fence would have said: “Please take us down as we won’t be able to stand up for long!” I hope you are feeling some sympathy for us, but you won’t want to hear much more!

HOWEVER:

In the front garden we have a lovely Elderberry tree. However, that too had been subjected to the Ivy Invasion. I started to remove the clamping growth around the tree trunk, and it was very thick, and then I started on the twisting growth around the branches. There was a lot of it. At Christmas, my agile son climbed up to remove the rest of the growth, and then IT HAPPENED! The tree seemed to literally sigh and open out and to regain its former dignity as an Elderberry Tree in its own right. It is magnificent with its luscious leaves and succulent berries. I can't stop looking at it! Every day I gaze at its marvellous "free expression and splendour!"

The tree and the journey of its restoration has become a powerful metaphor for me.

Let me share it with you:

There are, in our lives, and in the world around, all sorts of things that aren't good for us, that creep up and entwine around us and smother us at times. If we don't watch out they overtake us and clamp us and restrict us. We need to be able to see this happening, and at whatever stage of unwelcome growth, cut it back and become free again to express the beauty of God our Creator. By prayer, the reading of scripture, worship and fellowship in learning, we can maintain the vigilance and stop the negativity growing. In between the Church Major Seasons we have times known as the growth periods when we check what is happening in our lives and in the people and the world around us.

Revd David Senior [Retired Priest]



## News from Alne Church

### Restoration Project

Steady progress is being made with phase one of the project, including repairs to the masonry. When all the scaffolding has been completed repairs to the roof and walls will start in earnest. At the moment re-plastering of the internal walls is underway.



The *above photo shows some new facing stones* that have been fitted. Part of the adjacent pointing had to be removed and will be replaced with lime mortar. The cement used previously retains water in the walls and encourages deterioration of stone.

### ***Phase 2 of restoration***

This will be mainly internal works, including new heating and lighting systems, a new inner porch and carpets. Further fundraising will be required before this work can start.

## **Christmas 2018**

With the extra work because of the restoration project many of us found the additional Christmas responsibilities challenging! As usual we held Christmas lunch in the church at the end of November – a most enjoyable event and we thank all those who contributed to the success on the day. Christingle was as popular as ever and we are again most grateful for the many people who kindly donated Christingles for the service.

As the repairs will be mainly outside the church we are looking forward to planning a number of **social events** in the months to come.

**Vacancy** – recruitment of a new vicar for the Alne and Brafferton churches remains difficult. The Diocese is working with members of all six churches to resolve this matter.

### **Duke of Edinburgh Awards**

For some years a number of students in Alne have helped the church by doing a variety of jobs, working with volunteers mainly in the churchyard and also winding the clock every week. Such community work is encouraged by the Duke of Edinburgh trust.

We anticipate that towards the end of this year some of our volunteers will have moved on so we will be looking for replacements in the future.

## **Parish Records**

### **Baptism**

16<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Suzi Rose Culshaw

### **Funerals**

14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Colin and Margaret Clarke

18<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Matthew Nicholas Tomlinson

## **Monday Morning Prayer Meeting at Monk Green House**

There will be a prayer meeting at Monk Green House, Main Street, Alne, YO61 1TB, every **Monday morning at 9.30a.m.-10.00a.m.** All will be welcome.

## **Alne and Brafferton Churches**

### **Day of Prayer**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 8.00a.m. – 8.00p.m.**

We have been without a vicar for nearly two years, and despite two adverts, no one suitable has applied. Will you join us in a day of prayer for a new vicar? Will you pray for half an hour on **Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> February?**

If you can join us, please contact Carol Glen on 01347 838016 or [c.p.glen@hotmail.com](mailto:c.p.glen@hotmail.com) or Alison Dowson on 01347 838138 or [amcd2350@gmail.com](mailto:amcd2350@gmail.com) to book a time slot that is suitable for you.

We are happy for you to pray at your local church where there will be some prayer guidance notes, or at your own home. Tollerton church will also be open with prayer stations.

Thank you

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary



### Pub Night Dates

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

The Christmas Eve pub night was a great success and was very busy. Thanks to all those who attended and helped to make it such a wonderful evening. A special thanks to all the helpers on the night, we couldn't have done it without you.

We would also like to thank the team who organised the New Year's Eve festivities at the Village Hall. This was a very enjoyable event and a great way to see in the New Year.

All proceeds from the above events will be put towards the ongoing refurbishments at the Village Hall.

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - The Blackheart Orchestra

Tickets are now on sale for this event. Don't miss what should be a wonderful evening of modern acoustic music served with a pinch of electronica and classical. You can contact Gudrun on 838864 or Cassandra on 07464 815629. Tickets are £10.

You can listen to their music on [soundcloud.com/theblackheartorchestra](https://soundcloud.com/theblackheartorchestra), they sound really good.

See separate entry for more information.

## **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019 - Beautiful South Tribute Act**

Back by popular demand. An evening of wonderful acoustic music performed by the very talented Andy Johnson. Keep the date free, more details to follow later.

Please check our webpage on [www.alnevillage.co.uk](http://www.alnevillage.co.uk) for contact details and upcoming events. Follow us on Facebook. If you would like to be included on the email distribution list (which is confidential) please let us know.

## **DID YOU HEAR?????**

The Blackheart Orchestra is coming to Alne Village Hall on **Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> February** - get the date in your calendars for what is sure to be a fabulous night.

Described by Rock Society magazine as “One of the most extraordinary female voices singing anywhere” and by Genesis Legend Steve Hackett as “Beautiful, powerful and inspiring” award-winning British songwriters, composers and multi-instrumentalists Chrissy Mostyn and Rick Pilkington are The Blackheart Orchestra.

Tickets £10, doors and Bar open at **7.30p.m.** and concert starts at 8.00p.m.

Contact Cassandra (07464 815629) or Gudrun (838864) for tickets

## **Alne Street Fayre**

Alne Street Fayre has discussed with North Yorkshire County Council their proposals for the road closures in Alne on **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019**. The plan, which takes into account the safety considerations proposed by NYCC, is the same as 2018 and is posted on the Alne Parish Council notice board.

## **Alne & Alne Station Litter Pick**

Please join in with the annual Alne & Alne Station Litter Pick, at **9.00a.m. on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. Meet outside Alne Village Hall. Please bring your gloves, we provide high-vis vests, bin bags, litter pickers, etc. For more information, please contact Gudrun on 838864.

## **Alne WI**

At our first meeting of 2019, we welcomed Sue Jackson, who gave a Thermomix (a do it all kitchen appliance), cooking demonstration, that was fresh, spicy & incredibly fast. Members, Helen, Pam & Sue volunteered to be Sue's assistants & followed the Thermomix instructions under her guidance, popping the ingredients prepared by Sue into the machine. In a flash, Helen & Sue were rolling bread and making plaited loaves, to put into the oven. Pam then added the ingredients to make a wonderful warming pepper soup, then a vibrant fresh coconut carrot salad, and a satisfying Dahl. With a final flourish, an amazing lemon curd! all from scratch, in the space of 1 1/2 hours! Sue and the Thermomix were amazing.

As the photo shows Members very much enjoyed sampling all the fayre.

Lynette gave the thanks. Helen won this month's competition. Irene and Diane did a wonderful job of hosting.

Next month's meeting is on **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February** and we are looking forward to a Tai Chi demonstration. Visitors are guaranteed a warm welcome.

Our Programme can be found on [www.alnevillage.co.uk](http://www.alnevillage.co.uk). Come along as a visitor to anything which interests you, you will have a lively and enjoyable evening.





## **Alne Open Gardens Day**

Hopefully by the time you read this in February the crocuses that sterling volunteers from the community planted last autumn will be pushing up along the verges of the Main Street to add a new splash of spring colour to our village.

After some encouragement and cajoling we now have enough garden owners that have come forward to be able to run a new Alne Open Gardens event. This will be held on the afternoon of **Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May**.

Thank you to those who have already agreed to include their gardens, but it is still not too late. If you want to put your own garden forward for inclusion in this event then please contact David Lepper on 01347 838114, or via e-mail at [d.lepper27@btinternet.com](mailto:d.lepper27@btinternet.com)

Further updates will be provided in future editions of this Parish Newsletter, but the event will be combined with the regular Spring Plant Fair Sale that will be held in the Village Hall. Refreshments and toilets will be available here on the day.

If villagers can try to make a special effort to plant up containers or beds in their front gardens that will look good in late May this will be greatly appreciated. It will help add to the pleasure and enjoyment of those visitors and locals walking around our village to view the Open Gardens. Profits from this event will be given to the Village Hall to assist with their ongoing improvement works.

## **Tollerton - Good Friday Treasure Hunt**

There will be a treasure hunt around Tollerton village for children accompanied by an adult on **Good Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 10.00a.m.**

The hunt will start and end at the church. On returning to the church, there will be an opportunity to create an Easter garden, questions from the treasure hunt will be answered and hot cross buns with tea or coffee will be served.



## Alne Oil Co-operative

Things are back to normal following the Christmas period. Founder member of the Lower Swale Syndicate of Oil Co-operatives

The latest (13<sup>th</sup> January) delivered price for kerosene was 43.79ppl + VAT (BoilerJuice 47.51ppl).

Members can order at any time (January to November) — Tate has undertaken to deliver within 10 working days from order. The price charged will be that applying on the delivery date.

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!

The Alne Oil Co-operative is a founder member of the Lower Swale Syndicate of Oil Co-operatives. Collectively, nearly 1,000 Syndicate members purchase between 1.5 and 2 million litres of heating oil annually.

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) or visit the Oil Co-operative pages on the Alne Village website at: [www.alnevillage.co.uk/groups\\_oil.html](http://www.alnevillage.co.uk/groups_oil.html).

### **Aldwark Area Parish Council**

This Parish Council covers Aldwark, Flawith and Youlton and is represented by five councillors. Of these, three intend to stand for re-election in the local elections on **2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019**, with two stepping down completely. If anyone is interested in becoming a councillor in Aldwark Area Parish, please contact the new clerk, Alison Pollock on 01347 838189 or at [aldwarkpc@gmail.com](mailto:aldwarkpc@gmail.com) for more information.

The council wishes to extend sincere thanks to the councillors stepping down: Colin Stroud (councillor for Youlton) and Gemma Chapman (councillor for Aldwark) who have served so ably for 8 years and 4 years respectively.

# GodZone

Fun sessions for children age 3 - 13 years

Sunday mornings twice a month

For more info see our facebook page

 @St Michael's Church Tollerton

## Church Warden Contact Details:

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## METHODIST SERVICES – FEBRUARY 2019

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
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	K Albans
10 <sup>th</sup> February	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Alne	I Hill

<b>17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	L Grosberg
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	Rev E Cushion (café)
<b>24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	10.30a.m.	Alne	Rev E Cushion (Cov)

**ANGLICAN SERVICES  
FEBRUARY 2019**

<b>Venue</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Aldwark</b>	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Carmel Gittens		9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev R Davill	
<b>Alne</b>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev John Hetherington	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev John Hetherington	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. United Service (Methodist) <b>Rev E Cushion</b>
<b>Tollerton</b>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (with GodZone) Rev Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship Alison Dowson	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (with GodZone) <b>Rev A Dunn</b>	10.30 a.m. All Age  <b>TBA</b>
<b>Brafferton</b>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Canon Robert Law	6.30 p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens	10.30 a.m. Baptism Rev D Senior	10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Carmel Gittens
<b>Myton</b>		10.30a.m. Holy Communion Rev Carmel Gittens		10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer Warden
<b>Thormanby</b>	10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer			

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