

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. Carmel can be contacted by telephone on 01347 833437 or by e-mail at 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.



Uncertain Times

“We live in uncertain times and our all may yet be taken from us”

Somerset Maugham

We will live in such times that one person’s “all” could be very different from another. The BREXIT vote that has dominated our politics for so long and is still far from being resolved has been said to have divided our nation and our political community like nothing else.

The choices made in the referendum were not ones made with the cool head of rational decision making but ones made with the heart. Whichever way we voted it was not a decision based on a clear plan and rational arguments but about passion, belief, identity and nationalism.

It is easy for us to rally around a big cause but much more difficult to agree to the fine detail. The Church of England is a perfect example of this. Whilst Christians worshipping in churches up and down the country would all agree that God loves everyone and that Jesus came to save us, that broad picture is where the agreement ends. Christians can argue about who can lead worship, how we should worship, when we should sit and stand, what the Bible really means and more; yet somehow we have managed to maintain union around the big themes, the big choices and we still choose to work together for the benefit of those who need our help.

As our national politicians try to work out some sort of way forward to the complicated confusion that we find ourselves in, we need to remember the big picture, to remember what brings us together as one nation. I heard recently that kindness was one of the marks of British culture and that seems to be the perfect answer to all the uncertainty we find around us.

Jesus called us to love our enemies and to be kind to those that hate us. Now is the time when each of us needs to act on those words every day and to pray for our leaders that they too will remember to be kind, to seek justice and to act in the common good.

Blessings

Revd Carmel Gittens

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary



Pub Night Dates

Friday 15th March 2019

Upcoming events

Beautiful South Tribute Act Saturday 4th May 2019

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. Tickets will be on sale in March.

Plant Sale 19th May 2019

Once again we will be holding our Spring Plant Sale, this year on **Sunday, 19th May**. Come and buy all your summer bedding plants. More information will follow next month. This will run consecutively with the Alne Open Gardens Event.

Blackheart Orchestra Concert CANCELLED

On a less positive note, due to a lack of ticket sales, we had no option but to cancel the Blackheart Orchestra concert scheduled for 16th February. We need your support if we are to continue to attract good quality acts to Alne Village Hall.

Village Hall Refurbishment

During the last few months we have worked hard to continue with the ongoing improvements to the Village Hall. The toilet facilities have been updated with smart new floors and freshly painted walls.

Additionally the entrance hall has been decorated along with most of the woodwork in the main hall. This is only possible with your ongoing support.

Please check our webpage on 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.

Alne Village Coffee Morning Saturday 2nd March at 10.00a.m. – 12 noon
This will be an informal social drop in where you can get your usual bacon or egg butty and chat with friends and neighbours.

There will be a cake stall with lovely homemade treats.

It will be Fairtrade Fortnight so I am hoping we can have a FT stall, though this is not yet confirmed.

All proceeds will go to Easingwold Town Band who are raising funds for their first ever international tour later this year. Come and chat with Hannah about their plans and help them on their way.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Tricia Mitchell and Mary Tym

Alne WI Meeting 13th February, 2019

A warm welcome from our president Joan, Pam our secretary took us through this year's WI Resolutions: Improving plant bio security in the UK was selected after voting.

As it was Chinese New Year at the weekend, it was very appropriate that we welcomed this evening's speaker: Cindy Cressey, Tia Chi, Qigong & Martial Arts expert.

Nǐ hǎo (Hello in Chinese) Cindy, beautifully dressed in her competition uniform, gave us a brief entertaining, informative talk on Tia Chi, a Chinese martial art, which is a continuous series of controlled slow movements to improve physical & mental wellbeing, practiced for both its defence training and its health benefits. Cindy's talk, inspired every member to enthusiastically get up, when she asked, "would we like to try the movement, "cloud hands", (think Karate Kid, "wax on, wax off"). We all thoroughly enjoyed, the slow almost dance like movements & the concentration needed, stopping any other thoughts. Cindy then introduced us to the use of fans in martial art. As the photograph shows we had great fun making the "thunder". Cindy then demonstrated their martial arts use. We all appreciated the health, fitness, & well-being benefits, becoming "The Karate Kid" was an added bonus, "wax on, wax off". Thank you Cindy, an inspirational talk.

Nancy & Sue provided a Chinese supper to finish a very enjoyable evening.

Next meeting: **Wednesday 13th March** speaker Catherine Terry, My Life on the Stage.

Visitors are always welcome.



Alne Open Gardens

The mild spell in the middle of February has now brought on the crocus bulbs planted down the Main Street, and they should provide an early colourful spring display during March. They will produce new additional bulbs and provide a denser display in future years that will improve through time.

If you feel other roads or areas in Alne may also benefit from a similar enhancement in the future then please contact me with suggested locations. I will see what can be achieved, but this will rely on local volunteers helping again with any further bulb planting in the autumn.

A big thank you to the gardens that have already agreed to be included on the afternoon of **Sunday 19th May at 1.00 – 5.00p.m.**. New numbered weatherproof signs are being produced which will mark the entrance to each garden and give a professional appearance to the event around the village on the open day.

We currently have about a dozen gardens from near the River Kyle bridge across to Alne Station on offer, so a good geographical spread around the village which will make up a fine interesting tour if you visit every garden.

An added attraction is that there will also be local live music on offer. If the weather is clement on the day then hopefully the performance can take place outdoors in one of our lovely country gardens. Thank you to Cello Helen for agreeing to arrange this complementary musical entertainment which will add to the experience on offer on the day.

There will also be a second-hand book stall, so if you have any good quality books that you wish to donate please get in touch with me to arrange for their collection.

There is still plenty of time to be included if you want to put your own garden forwards and I have not personally approached you. We will also be looking for volunteers to help with refreshments and selling programmes on the afternoon at the Village Hall. If you want to get involved in this event then please contact David Lepper on 01347 838114 or via e-mail at d.lepper27@btinternet.com

More details on the event will be provided in the April Parish Newsletter.

Tollerton Village Hall

Ian McMillan the Bard of Barnsley

Ian McMillan the Bard of Barnsley with Luke Carver Goss, are performing their "Between you and me" act on **Friday 29th March. Doors open at 7.00p.m.** with a bar for alcohol and refreshments. Tickets are £12.50 from Tollerton village shop, or speak to Tim 07789 298117 or Yvonne 07981 832531. Hurry and get your tickets, as not many are left!

Thank you to everyone that came to the Brunch in January; we raised £267 towards the Village Hall.

If your club needs a venue, then please make contact. Details are on Tollerton.net: <http://Tollerton.net>

Tollerton Sports and Recreation Club

Work is coming along at the field with the recent new fence around the climbing frame. We have received funding for new chipped bark which we hope to have delivered soon.

We are waiting to hear about funding which will allow a range of play items to be renewed, including the swings; hopefully by April we should know more.

Thank you to the Mini Show for the donation of £300. This will help with our costs.

Also, a big thank you to Margaret Cochran and Irene & Pete Smith of the village, for kindly donating £250 from money raised at the pub quiz.

As many of you in the village are aware, we need to update and renew the play equipment, something that came out as the top priority in the questionnaire last year. These donations help us with our very tight budget. How to help? The best way is to support the pub, the quiz and the mini show.

Please note that dogs are not allowed on the field.

Tollerton Mini Show

This year's show is on **Sunday 1st September**. Please support the show by growing flowers, vegetables, fruit; taking photos, making Jam or baking etc. for the many categories that we have. All items are then auctioned to raise money for local charities and good causes.

In 2018 we were able to donate a total of £1,200, which included the playing field here in the village. Again, the Scarecrow competition is being organised to coincide, which really raised the community last year, and brought a great deal of fun into the village.

This event needs everyone's support, and is a fun day at the Black Horse pub. Anyone willing to help with the set up before and afterwards, would truly be appreciated, as many hands make light work.

Cake and a Cuppa

"Cake and a Cuppa" is continuing on Mondays in Tollerton Village Hall from 1.30 – 3.30pm. Interest is growing and we hope to see more of you there in the future. All are very welcome, including all ages, bring along a friend.

A small donation of £2 is gratefully received to cover our costs.

This is YOUR facility so please come along and use it!!
Ann & Sue

Annual Tollerton Litter Pick

The Annual Tollerton Litter Pick will be held **on Saturday, 30th March 2019**. Meet at the village green at **10.00 a.m.** High viz, pickers, rubber gloves and bags provided.

Good Friday Treasure Hunt



Where Start at St Michael's Church, Tollerton

When Friday 19th April 10:00-12:00 (Prompt Start)

Children MUST be accompanied by a responsible adult

Find the treasures around the village and return to St Michael's church to build the Easter garden, have a hot cross bun and hear the quiz answers



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

Imaginative / Contemplative prayer group

The next imaginative prayer group will meet in **St Michael's Church, Tollerton on Tuesday 9th April at 7.30 p.m.** All are very welcome. Further information available from David Beverley, Tall Trees, Tollerton 01347 838469.

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METHODIST SERVICES – MARCH 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 |
|------------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 3rd March | 10.30a.m. | Brafferton | United Service |
| | 4.00p.m. | Tholthorpe /Alne | Circuit Service at Haxby |
| 10th March | 10.30a.m. | Brafferton | United Service |
| | 3.00p.m. | Alne | Rev E Cushion |
| 17th March | 10.30a.m. | Brafferton | R Jackson |
| | 3.00p.m. | Tholthorpe | J Schofield cafe |
| 24th March | 10.30a.m. | Brafferton | United Service |
| | 10.30a.m. | Alne | United Service |
| 31st March | 3.00 pm | Alne | Rev E Cushion |

ANGLICAN SERVICES MARCH 2019

| Venue | 3rd March | 10th March | 17th March | 24th March |
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| Aldwark | 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens | | 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Chris Mitchell | |

| Venue | 3 rd March | 10 th March | 17 th March | 24 th March |
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| Alne | 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev D Senior | 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev J Hetherington | 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens | 10.30 a.m. United Service Rev J Hetherington |
| Tollerton | 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (with GodZone) Carmel Gittens | 10.30 a.m. Morning Worship Alison Dowson | 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (with GodZone) R Law | 10.30 a.m. All Age TBA |
| Brafferton | 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Canon Robert Law | 6.30 p.m. Compline Carmel Gittens | 10.30 a.m. Methodist Service | 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens |
| Myton | | 10.30a.m. Holy Communion Carmel Gittens | | 10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer Warden |
| Thormanby | 10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer | | | |

Ash Wednesday, 6th March, Service at 6.30 p.m. Rev C Gittens

March 31st at 10:30 am – A special joint service celebrating Mother’s Day will be held at St. Stephen’s, Aldwark. The service will be led by Rev Carmel Gittens.

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