

PARISH NEWSLETTER

June 2019

**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 11 of this Parish Newsletter.



We should now be well into the warmer weather, summer officially begins on the 21st of this month though as I write this article in May I've got lots of layers and the heating on so who knows!

The 9th June is Whit Sunday or White Sunday, known as such because people being baptised on that day wore white clothes! The other name we use these days is Pentecost Sunday. It is the day when we celebrate God sending the Holy Spirit. The disciples gathered in the upper room and they were frightened about being caught by the authorities and being put to death like Jesus had been and confused by all that had happened since that first Easter Sunday.

All these events are recorded for us in the gospels and Acts. We also have Paul's letters in which he explains the gifts of the Spirit and how they are given so that we can share God's love with the world.

But what do you think of this Holy Spirit? Is it something you've thought of at all? The Church has been split about the way the Holy Spirit is experienced and how the Spirit works in us. For some it is a powerful, transformational experience; things like prophecy and healing. Others experience it as the quiet inner strength that gives them the strength to fulfil the commission to love others. The most effective way of expressing this is St Paul's first Letter to the Corinthians. 1 Corinthians 13:

"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now, we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

So this Pentecost I wish you the power of the Holy Spirit; may you be loved and strengthened in order to love others.

Every Blessing - Revd Carmel Gittens

News from Alne Church

New Vicar

We understand that the interviews this month went well and we are awaiting confirmation of the outcome.

Restoration work

The contractors are making steady progress and the roof has been covered with a secondary layer of marine plywood (see photo). The church now remains much cleaner and we anticipate that services and other activities at the church will return to normal. During the past few months many of the damaged stones in the outer walls of the church have been replaced.

However, due to the extra work on the roof and because of other issues, the finishing date has been put back to this September.

Churchyard fencing has been removed and Thomas Nixon and Fizzy Medley have produced a garden seat using the old fencing wood (prototype shown in photo). Very well done! More will be made in the future.



Alne Street Fayre – Sunday 9th June

As usual there will be a range of exhibitions and activities in the church and in Church Wind. The Alne Singers will give a recital from 2.15 – 2.45p.m. Teas and refreshments will be served. *If anyone is able to help for an hour during the afternoon we will be most grateful!*

Jean Yorston's Himalayan Trek!

Please note Jean's brief letter (*below*) about her amazing Himalayan adventure. Thanks to sponsorship, Jean has already raised money for the new heating system at the church. ***It is not too late to add to this fund!*** The sponsorship is in lieu of our Gift Day this year.

Talk – Friday 12th July at 7.30p.m.

Ian Bullock will be giving an illustrated talk at the church on more than twenty years' service with the Sultan of Oman's royal yachts. This will be a fascinating account, covering both maritime matters and life in one of the Gulf States. *Not to be missed!*

Jean Yorston's Himalayan Trek

In April I travelled to Nepal in a group of six to attempt to trek to Everest Base Camp. It was a challenge to myself, mainly because I am ancient, but also suffering as I do from vertigo (in the past I have been unable to negotiate York city walls) the terrain is scary. In the group were my daughter Kate and grand-daughter Meg and we were looked after by a Nepalese Sherpa guide and delightful porters. The paths were steep and very rough and the long suspension bridges were very wibbly-wobbly, but I managed until at an altitude of 4,350 metres, when breathing became laboured I let the young continue and I descended where the air suited me better. I was frequently asked my age by other trekkers who seemed surprised to see an old woman and then wanted to take a "selfie" with me. Overall It was an amazing experience and I feel very blessed. Many thanks to members of Alne and Tollerton churches who were kind enough to sponsor me with donations going towards Alne church heating. They, together with some friends in Easingwold, also gave me a fine collection of walking boots, socks, gloves and warm fleeces to take to the Sherpas who are often ill equipped.

Jean Yorston

COMMUNITY NEWS

Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary

Upcoming events

Pub Nights

Friday 21st June at 6.00p.m. to 10.00p.m.

For our June pub night we are trying something a little different. Let's hope for a lovely sunny evening because we are having a BBQ at the Village Hall! Not just a pub night, but food too. Doors open at 6.00p.m. so come early to avoid disappointment. Bring your kids, friends and family and enjoy a great evening out.

Friday 19th July at 7.00p.m. to 10.00p.m.

Further summer dates will be added soon.

Spring Plant Sale and Alne Open gardens Sunday 19th May

The plant sale was a great success and we had a record number of visitors due to the extra people coming along to Alne for the Open Gardens event (see pages 8 & 9). We managed to sell every last plant and made a record profit which will go towards the continuing refurbishment and improvements to the Village Hall. The WI provided refreshments and a wonderful selection of cakes to keep our visitors happy. Thanks to Browns Nurseries for providing a lovely selection of bedding plants for us to sell.

Village Hall Refurbishment

This month we have purchased and installed a new hot water boiler for making hot drinks. This is a great new addition to our kitchen and certainly proved invaluable at the Plant Sale/Open Gardens event.

In order to maintain the Village Hall for future generations we need your help. Please come along and support our events if you can. If you would like to be involved in the running of the hall please get in touch.

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 Street Fayre – Sunday 9th June 2019

It's that time of year again and the Alne Street Fayre is fast approaching. The committee and their team of volunteers are like ducks paddling like mad you just can't see all their work. If you would like to help them either in advance or on the day, or if you have a donation for tombola or teas, please get in touch either through the website <https://www.alnestreetfayre.co.uk> or on Facebook or call me on 07718 801591.

Alternatively just come along & enjoy the day bringing your family & friends. We have a packed entertainment schedule including some old favourites as well as some exciting new local talent and the debut performance of the Alne Singers at the Street Fayre. The full timetable is available on Facebook and the website to ensure that you don't miss your favourite.

This year we have a special space theme on Church Wind to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Moon landing in 1969, including an Alien Treasure Hunt for the children. There will be lots of artisan stalls as well as a selection of interesting vehicles and games and activities for all ages.

In addition to the wonderful sausages and burgers from Hartley's available on our BBQs we have extended our range of vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options both at the Village Hall and with the lovely Roar Foods on the Sports field.

We do apologise for any local inconvenience and are extremely grateful for all the support given to this fabulous event. Anyone affected by the road closure is welcome to use the free car park off Monk Green from 9:00am. Please be aware that there is obviously a much increased volume of traffic on the day and there is still a bus route through the village. On the grounds of safety Monk Green, Church Wind and Main Street need to be kept clear of parked vehicles. Again please feel free to use the car park off Monk Green.

In case you are unaware the Street Fayre is a charity fundraiser for Alne Parish Leisure Association. All the sports and recreation facilities are provided and maintained by volunteers and the proceeds from this event.

We have booked glorious weather just for you so I look forward to seeing you there.

Suzi - Chairman, Alne Street Fayre

Alne Street Fayre 2019 – Tombola

We need lots of prizes to run a successful tombola and over the last few years we have really appreciated your donations.

Please drop off suitable prizes for this year's tombola at any of the following addresses:

Liz and Mark at White Cottage, Main Street, Alne

Dennis at 4 Gale Road, Alne

Sophie at Brooklyn House (next to the Bluebell Inn), Alne

Angela at Fairhaven (opposite the village hall), Alne

Thank you

Alne WI Meeting - 10th April 2019

Every year all members of the WI have the opportunity to propose a resolution to be debated and adopted/or not at the National Federation of WIs AGM. The list starts long and through a voting process, it is whittled down to one or two. A few years ago the AGM passed a resolution to alleviate loneliness.

Since then at our May meeting we have made friendship posies which have been delivered to more isolated members of our local communities, and to Oak Trees and Alne Cheshire Home.

We also discussed the 2019 resolutions. "Don't fear the smear" was passed unanimously. The provision of more country bus services; we have left to our representative at the AGM to make up her mind, having heard all the evidence.

"ALL THINGS CHILLI" is the title of a talk by Father Kentigern from Ampleforth Abbey. If you have not already heard him, why not come along to Alne Village Hall on **Wednesday, 12th June at 7.30p.m.** £3.50 for visitors including refreshments.

Alne Primary Year 6 Boys Sleepout for SASH

Inspired by a PSHE lesson at school about the impact of homelessness on young people, the Alne Primary School Year 6 boys decided to try to raise money and increase awareness of the problem in this area. As part of their Duke of Alne Challenge at school, they will be sleeping out in the Village Hall to raise money for SASH, a charity which helps young homeless people across Yorkshire. They would like to say a huge thank you to the Village Hall Committee who has waived their hire fee, meaning all the money raised can go to SASH.

If you would like to support their efforts, please go to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/year6boys

You can find more information about SASH at www.sash-uk.org.uk.

Alne Open Gardens afternoon a blooming success

I am a relative newcomer to the village having lived here only 18 months, but I have been informed the previous two Alne Open Gardens events were held on 21st July 1996 and 20th July 1997. So after a 22 year break, a renewed start to this English country village tradition of letting visitors wander around our lovely village and have the opportunity to view 10 beautiful local gardens, to see what lies behind the garden hedge.

We were fortunately blessed with a fine afternoon on Sunday, 19th May, and after all the preparations we waited to see if anyone would turn up! We sold 315 programmes to visit the gardens, which far surpassed our expectations, and I had to rapidly print off another batch to satisfy the high demand. There was a relaxed atmosphere as local people and visitors from far and wide started at the Village Hall, looking around the succession of varied gardens on offer, meeting the gardeners, asking questions and soaking up the atmosphere. Lots of positive feedback and complimentary comments were made on the day, as well as after the event.

The village was looking its best with the new kerbs and tarmac paths completed down the Main Street, verges cut, and gardens carefully tended. Live classical music, performed by Helen Dawson, Emma and Eve Hewison, in one of the gardens added a touch of culture to the proceedings.

As always with such community events, a big thank you goes to lots of people who helped to make it all work on the day. To all of the gardeners who bravely opened their gardens, the ladies of the Alne WI for the scrummy refreshments, Mike and Rosie Ness for transporting and setting up the Plant Fair, David Willis for producing the signs to promote the day, Dennis Myers for putting up direction signs and supervising the car park on the playing field, Angela Butler for running a secondhand bookstall and selling the programmes, and Jean for running the raffle. Apologies for anyone I have missed out of this role call.

The Open Garden participants had a chance for a tour around each other's gardens on the Monday evening. Over £1,500 was raised from just the Open Gardens to go towards the Village Hall funds. All the plants sold and the cakes and teas also sold out, making a good return for the WI. Everyone seemed to be happy and enjoyed this revived event.

As to the future, hopefully it will not be 22 years until the next event, but perhaps it should be every two years, rather than annually. There have been some useful constructive comments received, so we can improve things. If there is anything you would like to make us aware of, then please feedback any further comments to me, and once again a big thank you to all those involved on the day.

David Lepper
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Some of the Open Garden participants



Open Gardens' Live classical music

Tollerton Children's Outing to Scarborough 2019

Tollerton Children's Outing to Scarborough this year will be held on Friday, 26th July. The coach leaves Tollerton Village Hall at 9.00a.m. and departs from Scarborough at 6.00p.m. The Outing is also open to children from surrounding villages at a charge of £4, Tollerton children go free and the charge for all adults is £8.

If you are interested in joining us for a very enjoyable day please contact Pauline Metcalfe, tel. 01347 838794 or Dot Dawson, tel. 01347 838272.

Charity Golf Day

on behalf of St Stephen's Church, Aldwark

at Aldwark Manor Golf Club

Wednesday, 17th July 2019

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 home-made cakes

Now in its 12th year, this is an enjoyable and popular event.

To enter or for further details contact Bill Ormerod

01347 838357

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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.

Contemplative / Imaginative prayer meeting Wednesday 10th July

The next meeting of the contemplative / imaginative prayer group will be on **Wednesday, 10th July at 7.30p.m. in St Michael's church Tollerton.** Come and spend a quiet hour with a gospel passage as a focus for your prayers. All are welcome.

Further information from David and Michèle Beverley 01347 838469

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METHODIST SERVICES – JUNE 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
2nd June	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Alne/Tholthorpe	Rev E Cushion HC
9th June	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Alne	No Service
16th June	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	A Vaughan
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	J Bailey cafe
23rd June	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	10:30a.m.	Alne	J Morley
30th June	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Alne	Rev E Cushion
	10:30a.m.	Tholthorpe	At Stillington (VT) Rev E Cushion

**ANGLICAN SERVICES
JUNE 2019**

Venue	2nd June	9th June	16th June	23rd June	30th June
Aldwark	9.00a.m. Holy Communion Rev C Gittens		9.00a.m. Holy Communion Chris Mitchell		10:30 a.m. Joint Service at Tollerton Rev J Hetherington
Alne	10.30a.m. Holy Communion Rev D Senior	No service – Alne Street Fayre	10.30a.m. Holy Communion Rev C Gittens	10.30a.m. United Service J Morley	
Tollerton	10.30a.m. Holy Communion (with GodZone) Rev C Gittens	10:30a.m. Morning Worship Alison Dowson	10.30a.m. Holy Communion (with GodZone) Rev D Senior	10.30a.m. All Age USA Team	
Brafferton	10.30a.m. Morning Prayer Warden	6:30p.m. Compline Rev C Gittens	10.30a.m. Methodist Service	10:30a.m. Holy Communion TBA	
Myton		10.30a.m. Baptism Rev C Gittens			
Thormanby	10.30a.m. Morning Prayer				

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