

PARISH NEWSLETTER

March 2020

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

The Anglican ministers for the villages in the Parish of Alne are Revd. Debbie Coyne and Revd. Carmel Gittens. They can be contacted by telephone on 01423 360759 or by e-mail at rev.deborah.coyne@gmail.com and 01347 833437 or carmel-gittens@live.co.uk respectively.

COME + SEE

March is upon us...it is the month of Lent, Mothering Sunday and... 'Come and See'.

During Lent every year we are invited to 'Come and See'. In fact, we are always welcome, at every part of the year to 'Come and See' who Jesus is and what Christianity is about. Jesus invites people to 'Come and See' in the Bible in John 1: 35-39.

We can sometimes mistake Christianity as a faith based on rules, especially around Lent. Lent can be wrongly understood as the time when 'we are to give something up'. When actually Lent is a specific time in the church calendar where we take time to align ourselves with Jesus, for self-reflection about what and who we believe, as we remember Jesus going into the desert and being tempted for 40 days and 40 nights (Found in the Bible in: Matthew 4:1-11). For some people giving something up (fasting) helps them do this, whereas for others taking something up can help them do that.

I like to think long and hard considering what it is I am going to do over Lent in order so that I might draw closer to God. Some years I have given something up, like meat, or alcohol. At other times I have taken something up like praying at a set time of the day, or in a new way, or giving things away to help others. Every year it looks different, as it challenges me to grow in my faith and walk with Jesus. I wonder what you are thinking about doing this year. If it is something you do every year, maybe I can encourage you to do something new...?

During Lent we have Mothering Sunday (22nd March 2020) at which we remember the historical tradition of workers returning to their 'Mother church' one Sunday a year, often joining their families and mums for the service and day. We take time to remember and celebrate those who have mothered and cared for us in some way and stand alongside those who, for whatever reason, find this day difficult, remembering that God, who is both Mother and Father, loves and cares for us and knows our situations better than anyone else.

And... we have a weekend of 'Come and See'. This is a weekend that will be filled with fun events, with a team from Blackburn Diocese and one of their Bishop's, Jill Duff, learning and exploring faith and who Jesus is. In our groups of churches we are having a **Car Treasure Hunt on Saturday, 14th March starting at 1.30p.m.** with refreshments at 4.00p.m. in Tholthorpe village hall; and a **prize** for the car with the most correct answers. For more information see the flyer inside here (page 5) and around the villages or contact: 6villagestreasurehunt@gmail.com. On **Sunday, 15th at 10.30a.m.** we have a Joint Benefice's Service happening in **St Peter's Church Brafferton**, followed by a Bring and Share Lunch, so please come and join us for that too! And keep your eyes peeled for other things happening over that weekend.

We look forward to seeing you around!

Grace and Peace,

Debbie & Aslan

News from Alne Church

Winter can be a difficult time for many in our community and one example is the marked increase in the number of funerals at the church. We continue to pray for those who have lost loved ones and we thank our clergy for their care. On a more earthly note, the congregation was horrified recently to see water coming down from the new roof. It was mainly on the windward side of the church and occurred thanks to the high winds and rain of hurricane *Ciara*.

Thankfully, spring beckons and we are now looking forward to better weather. In addition there will be a number of, hopefully, more uplifting events including the Bishop's mission weekend (see below) and of course Easter.

Programme

Bishop's Mission weekend 13th - 15th March – coffee and biscuits will be served at Alne Church on Friday 13th from 10.30 am. The following afternoon, from 1.30 pm, there will be a car treasure hunt around the six churches of our Benefices. *Join us for what should be an interesting occasion!*

Coffee at Alne Church –Tuesday 24th March at 10.30a.m. – all are welcome to join our regular event on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Alne Church - Saturday 4th April at 7.30p.m. – Janet Parkin will be giving a talk entitled 'Stained Glass Conservation and the work of the York Glaziers Trust'. Janet is an expert conservation glass painter and is also an award winning artist. She has worked with the Glazier's Trust since 2005.

Cello Recitals – Helen Dawson will be playing Bach's Suites for Solo Cello at ***Alne Church (26th April)*** and ***Brafferton Church (3rd May)***, both at ***2.30p.m.*** More details to follow.

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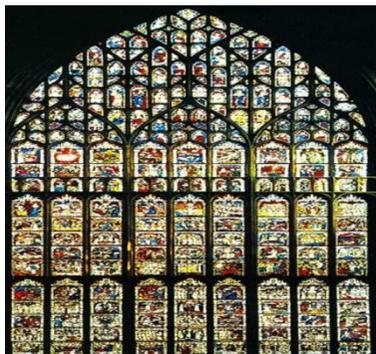
The hard working church team is now working on plans for improving the present porch so that it is lighter and more draught-proof. We are also researching new heating systems. At present the favourite seems to be a combination of a pew heating system with electric heaters in other areas of the church.

Book exchange

On your visits to the church please look at the book trolley – a wide range of books is available.

Treasurer

Our Treasurer, Amanda Thornton, who saw the church through the huge restoration project, is now leaving to take a well deserved rest. This is a good time for a considerate member of the community to step forward and help the church to continue working for the people of this area!



Stained Glass Conservation and The Work of the York Glaziers Trust

**A talk by Janet Parkin
York Glaziers Trust
Saturday 4th April 7.30p.m.
At Alne Church, Alne**

Tickets: £8 (Children free)

COME FIND YOUR TREASURE



a (ticketed) free car treasure hunt

Saturday 14th March

starting at 1.30pm

REFRESHMENTS, PRIZE GIVING AND REAL STORIES OF
PEOPLE'S JOURNEY'S TO FIND THEIR GREATEST
TREASURE (THEIR FAITH IN JESUS)

STARTING AT ONE OF OUR 6 CHURCHES:

- ST PETERS, BRAFFERTON/ HELPERBY • ST MARYS, MYTON • ST STEPHENS ALDWALK
- ST MARYS, ALNE • ST MICHAELS, TOLLERTON • ST MARY MAGDALENE, THORNMANBY

FINAL DESTINATION: THOLTHORPE VILLAGE HALL.

PRIZE OF A HAMPER OF GOODIES FOR THE CAR WITH THE MOST CORRECT ANSWERS.

*Come and discover
your local treasure.*

*the
hunt
is on*



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary

Dates For Your Diary

Pub Nights

Friday 27th March, after the gin tasting.

Friday 1st May

Friday 19th June pub night and summer BBQ



Quiz Night Saturday 14th March

Don't miss the first Village Hall quiz night of 2020. There will be a variety of rounds with something for everyone. It's £3 entry on the door, children free. The maximum number in any one team (excluding children) is 6. Doors open **7.00p.m. for 7.30p.m. start.**

There will of course be a bar and snacks available.

“Gin making at home, my first year” Friday 27th March at 7.00p.m.

It's time to book your place and buy your tickets for what will be an informative and fun evening. Alne's very own gin distiller, Mark Brewer, will educate and entertain you with stories of his first year making gin. Tickets are £5 to include the talk on gin making and some sample tastings. For those who are not gin drinkers but would like to attend, the ticket price will include one drink at the bar as an alternative.

To reserve your place contact Mark on 838633 or by e-mail at markbrewer95@gmail.com

The bar will stay open until 10.00p.m.

Friday 9th October 2020. We will once again be enjoying the company of Andy Johnson with an acoustic tribute to Paul Heaton. Keep this date free, more details to follow.

The Lottery

The January draw was made at the meeting. The January Lottery winners are:

First Prize Carol Davidson £25
Second prize Simon Matthews £15
Third Prize Craig Herbert £10

Ping Pong

We have a very enthusiastic ping pong player in Alne who would like to organise some games at the Village Hall. Anybody of any level and age would be welcome. If there is enough interest this could be a regular event. If you would like to join in please contact Gerard Buxton on polstangey@gmail.com.

Refurbishment Update

We would like to thank APLA for their generous grant to cover the installation of a new motion sensitive light to the side door of the Village Hall. This will make access to this door much easier in the dark.

We have also replaced the very old strip lights in the main hall, ensuring that we have excellent lighting for all activities taking place.

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 Village Hall or organising an event, please get in touch.

If you have any ideas for events or activities please let us know.

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 e-mail distribution list (which is confidential) please let us know.

Alne Crocuses, Trees, Footpaths and Flooding

The crocuses planted in the verges along Alne Main Street by local volunteers over the last 2 autumns are now coming through. There is a distinct sequence, with the yellow ones always being first to appear. These 3,000 crocus bulbs should thicken up over the next few years, to create an annual welcome splash of spring colour in the village.

Last year the Parish Council arranged for old tree stumps, mainly along Main Street, to be ground out. A survey was then carried out to identify gaps where 16 trees might then be planted down Main Street, to complement those already in place. On Sunday 2nd February 4 volunteers planted 9 replacement trees to the east of the Monk Green and Mitchell Lane crossroads. There were 4 pink flowering Cherries, 2 Great White Cherries, and 3 Rowan, Joseph Rock. This was the first phase and next year a second phase will add trees between the central notice board crossroads and the Village Hall corner, to complete the Main Street tree programme. In these times of climate change, more tree planting is one of the most sustainable activities we can carry out, as well as making our street scene more attractive.

After a fairly benign start to the winter, we experienced severe gales and torrential rain over 9th and 10th February. This brought down a tree over the river Kyle, with local flooding along the floodplain, and temporary pools appearing in some of the fields. Someone has kindly cut back the willow trees that were overhanging the footpath running east alongside the river along the boardwalk section, which has removed the obstructions and made the path more welcoming for walkers. A big thank you to whoever was responsible for carrying out this work to make this popular footpath safe.

The landmark Ash tree in the churchyard, which is estimated to be at least 300 years old, came through the gales unscathed. It is a very characterful tree with deep fissured bark, well worth a look if you visit the church. Let's hope it does not succumb to the dreaded Ash Dieback disease that is now prevalent in our area.

On New Year's Day I cleared vegetation from 3 footbridges which had become overgrown, on the footpath link east over the railway line beyond Sandy Lane, heading towards the former landfill site. The second footbridge has been reported to the Footpaths section of the County Council as it needs some repairs to missing planks and the handrail to bring it up to a satisfactory standard.

David Lepper
Alne Parish Councillor



Alne WI Meeting 12th February 2020

A wonderful way to spend a wet, cold evening, in February with friendly faces, interesting women, a good Speaker, a warm drink & cake.

A warm welcome by Joan Baram our President who gave members apologies & informed us that members Jean McCrea & Sheila Newton were in hospital (the good news, Jean had been discharged & popped into the meeting later). Diane our Secretary informed us that there was little Business to report. Joan announced that we would be holding a Jumble Sale on **Saturday, 2nd May** & asked for volunteers. Joan gave members the opportunity to share anything with the rest of the group. Mary took the opportunity to share how moving she had found the star letter in this month's WI Magazine "A Hug to Keep". Mary is also a volunteer with Project Linus, whose aim is to provide a sense of security and comfort to sick and traumatised babies, children and teenagers through the provision of new home made patchwork quilts and knitted blankets. A member shared with us that her son had been given a quilt whilst in Martin House Hospice, which was now a cherished memory. It was unanimously agreed that a donation be made of monies previously collected for charity to be donated for buying threads, wadding etc. for Project Linus.

Joan then introduced our Speaker: Helena Jones – "Eat Cake"



Helena entertainingly shared with us her fascinating journey from finishing A-Levels to running her own business, all brought about by her love of making cake. After finishing school, Helena went to work at "Betty's" main bakery, staying for 3 years, working in every department, her favourite being Afternoon Tea. Unfortunately that shift was 2.00a.m. until 10.00a.m.!

Realising that she loved baking to such an extent, as soon as she went home, she started baking again. With her Mum desperate not to eat so much cake (for her waistline) the decision was made that going back to school and training at the world renowned school, Le Cordon Bleu in Paris, would be the next step of the journey (monies for fees having been saved by working such unsocial hours, that there had been no time spend her salary & with a little help from bank of Mum).

Helena entertained us with anecdotes of her time spent in her tiny Parisian apartment, again working long hours training at Le Cordon Bleu. We were all amazed at her cooking diaries & the recipes she mastered. After graduating, she returned home to Tollerton and has now set up her own cake company, making beautiful wedding cakes, special occasion cakes & also dessert tables for all occasions. We were treated to small cakes and a tart that Helena had brought, outstandingly wonderful. Helena's business contact is: République Patisserie, definitely worth looking at their website.

Maggie gave the vote of thanks. Nancy & Sue provided supper.

Next meeting: **Wednesday, 11th March**. The speaker is Glenis Wedziche, WI Science Coordinator. Visitors £3.50, are always guaranteed a warm welcome including all surrounding villages. We look forward to seeing you.

Alne Spring-Clean, Verge Mowing and Street Lights

We shall be joining in the National Spring-Clean and organising the event in Alne on **Saturday, 21st March**. Please come along to the Village Hall promptly at **10.00a.m.** where you will be provided with a litter-picker, bag and safety vest. Maximum of two hours. Please don't leave it to someone else!

Residents along Main Street are asked, as usual, to keep the verge outside their house regularly mown once the grass starts growing. But don't start just yet, as the 3,000 crocuses will soon be thrusting their way through!

We have organised the repair of a number of street-lights around the village and we hope that this will improve pedestrian safety. If you notice any light that is unlit or in need of repair, please notify us through the Contact Page of the village website at www.alnevillage.co.uk.

Alne Parish Council

Alne Scarecrow Festival

The Alne Village Hall Committee is keen to try to support new events and activities in Alne to make the quality of life for people in the village more enjoyable.

We are going to try a new venture, a community Scarecrow Festival, with a provisional date of **Sunday, 5th July 2020**. If successful, the idea will be to hold this on alternate years, with the Open Gardens taking place in-between.

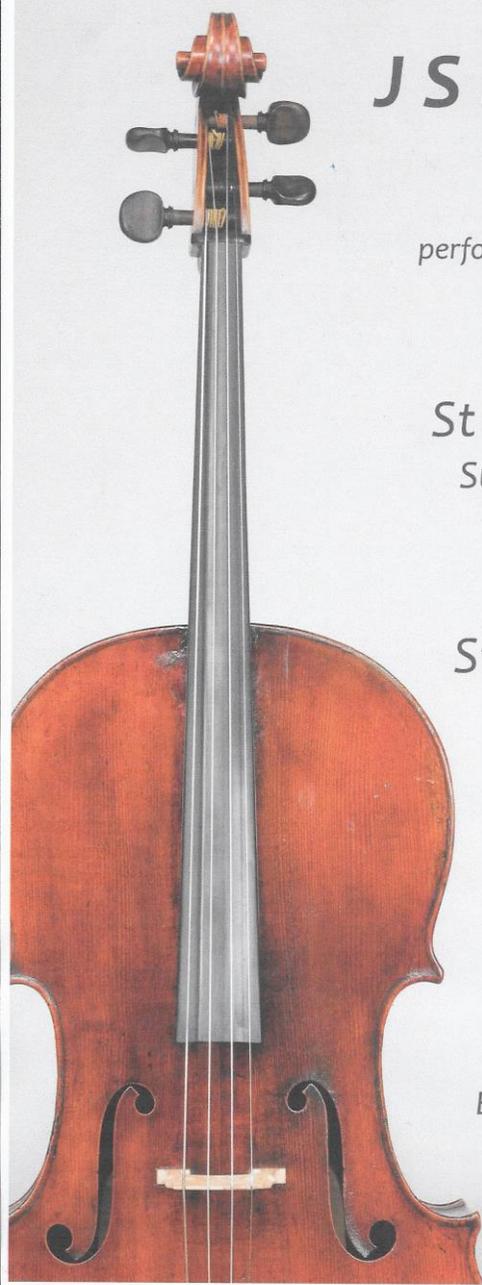
We are proposing that this will be a free event to look round, with the Village Hall being the hub to collect a programme showing where the scarecrows around the village are, and providing refreshments and toilets. There will be a prize offered for the best scarecrow. The theme for the scarecrows will be traditional village characters such as a farmer, vicar, postman, policeman, etc.

More information will be posted in the next newsletter, but we are giving plenty of notice, so you can save up old clothes and suitable props over the next few months to help construct and decorate your scarecrow.

Families and children at school are particularly welcome to produce a scarecrow, but it will be open to all to participate. Obviously, the more scarecrows that are produced around the village the better, to make this a worthwhile and entertaining event.

If you have any ideas, or want to register your initial interest in producing a scarecrow to participate and help make this new event a success then please contact me.

David Lepper
Alne Village Hall Committee
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J S Bach 6 Suites for Solo Cello

performed by **Helen Dawson**

Suites 1, 5 and 4

St Mary's Church, Alne

Sunday 26th April—2.30 pm

Suites 3, 2 and 6

St Peter's, Brafferton

Sunday 3rd May—2.30pm

Interval Refreshments

Tickets:

Adults £8/Children Free

(each concert)

On the door or in advance from

Peter Cove—01347 838346

Barbara White—01423 360041

Proceeds to St. Mary's
and St. Peter's churches

Alne Parish Leisure Association (APLA)

For those of you that are new to the area, Alne Parish Leisure Association (APLA) (registered charity number 516566) is responsible for the recreation ground and sports field in Alne. A small dedicated group of volunteers manage and maintain the extensive facilities that are open to all: children's play area, skate park, fitness area, wildlife orchard, playing field, all weather basketball court and tennis courts. This is not a council facility and is run by the community for the community.

Don't join our committee... Give us one hour a year instead!

We understand that being part of a committee is a time commitment that not everyone can make. However, without volunteers we cannot maintain the excellent range of facilities that so many of us in the community enjoy. If you, or your family use the play area, skate park, tennis court, basketball court or playing field, would you consider giving us one hour a year? Here's how you can help:

1. Choose a month of the year that suits you.
2. E-mail alnepark@btinternet.com to let us know that you can help.
3. Once a week, during your chosen month, spend 15 minutes (or less if you walk quickly!) walking around the children's play park, basketball court and skate park.
4. If you see any litter pick it up and put it in the bin.
5. If you notice anything that's broken or needs attention e-mail alnepark@btinternet.com
6. Bask in the glory of giving back to the community and making Alne a nicer place to be!

It's as simple as that. There are no set dates or times you need to make your visits, just be the committee's eyes on the ground for a month and fit your visits around the times you're already there.

Calling all dog walkers

Do you walk your dog past the recreation ground carpark first thing in the morning or last thing at night? If so, we'd love your help with opening and closing the carpark barrier. It takes less than 2 minutes and will help keep the facilities secure. E-mail alnepark@btinternet.com and we can add you to the rota on a regular or casual basis. All help greatly received.

Tollerton Village Hall

Thank you to everyone that came to the brunch on 9th February. It was a great event and very well attended. Considering the weather, we did not know what to expect; but sold out in record time. So to those that missed out, please accept our sincere apologies, and our gratitude to all those that patiently queued.

Next event

Please note that we have moved the date of our pop up café forward one week to coincide with the VE Day 75th celebrations. We are all really excited and looking forward to a 1940's style café, on **Sunday, 10th May. Doors open at 1.00p.m.**, with a toast to the fallen at 3.00p.m. To those in the village that received the flyer, please annotate the new date.

If anyone has some interesting memorabilia from the war, please get in touch with Tim on 07789 298117.

Tollerton History

The Village Hall is really called The War Memorial Institute. Within the foyer we have a plaque displaying names of local people lost in the two world wars. As we build up to the celebration on 10th May, it would be nice to learn a little more about these people. If any local history groups or individuals would be able to help research them, we would be grateful to add to the history of the hall.

Please e-mail: timbrook757@hotmail.com

Tollerton Community Litter Pick, Saturday, 28th March 2020

Meet on the village green at **10.00a.m.**

Wrap up well and wear stout shoes / boots. All equipment provided including high viz vests.

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**ALDWARD ANNUAL GOLF DAY
WEDNESDAY, 22ND JULY 2020**

With the very kind assistance of the Aldward Manor Hotel we are delighted to announce we are planning to hold our 14th Annual golf Day at Aldward Manor Golf Club in support of St. Stephen's Church in Aldward.

Put the date in your diary now!

This will be a team event for 4 players and if anyone is keen to enter a team or would like more details please contact one of the people listed below and we will be pleased to help.

On the day we also hold a raffle which has proved to be extremely popular and needless to say we are in urgent need of as many raffle prizes as we can arrange. If you are able to donate a prize – and it most certainly doesn't have to be golf related – please again contact any of the people listed.

We hope you can help!

Bill Ormerod – Paddock Cottage, Aldward - 01347 838357

Peter Davis - Court Field House, Aldward - 01347 830088

Ian Southall - Aldward House, Aldward - 01347 838040

David Bird - Handel Cottage, Aldward - 01347 833062

David Robinson - Maiden's Folly, Youlton - 01347 838006

Tholthorpe WI Meeting – February 2020

Our February meeting was held in our usual venue at Tholthorpe Village Hall, and commenced with a welcome from our president Dorothy to several visitors from our 'sister' WI at Helperby who were joining us to hear the talk from our speaker for the evening.

We were then treated by Wendy Handford, assisted by her husband Geoffrey, to a fascinating account of their trip through Chile, 'The Andes to Atacama'.

Wendy told us how she and her husband took the opportunity to spend a holiday with her son and his family who were living in Chile and whilst there spent several weeks trekking virtually from one end of this enormous and varied country to the other.

From her talk we learned that Chile is approximately 2,500 miles from top to bottom (though only 150 miles wide) and encompasses 3 climatic zones, each with its own specific geography, geology, flora and fauna, from the breath-taking peaks of the Andes to the spectacular desert formations of the Atacama, and the lush Mediterranean-like area with its rolling hillside vineyards.

Wendy also introduced us, with wonderful photos alongside, to the spectacularly varied and beautiful indigenous plants, flowers, birds, reptiles and animals (of course not forgetting Alpacas and Llamas whose fleeces provide such cosy woolly jumpers, for them and for us!)



Our journey of discovery over, a vote of thanks to Wendy and Geoffrey was made by our president Dorothy, and after refreshments, we moved on to the business section of our meeting.

Topics brought to our members' attention included:

- **WI Federation Quiz- 18th May** at the Galtres Centre, Tholthorpe will be entering a team.
- 2019 WI Darts competition results received from the Federation Darts Co-ordinator, Tholthorpe came 2nd in their group. Our darts team needs more volunteers to play alongside existing team members – all welcome!
- WI Federation Newsletter items: Details of the Jubilee Bursary for short courses at WI's Denman College, 100 Years of WI in Yorkshire

Exhibition, Golf Taster Day, and outing to The Himalayan Gardens were read out.

- Our AGM will take place in March. It will take the form of our Ordinary Meeting followed by the AGM and supper.

Visitors and prospective members are always welcome at our meetings, which are held on the **3rd Wednesday of each month.**

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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METHODIST SERVICES

MARCH 2020

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
1st March	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	Rev E Cushion
8th March	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00p.m.	Alne	Rev E Cushion
15th March	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	D Priestnall
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	V Paylor (Café)
22nd March	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	10:30a.m.	Alne	United Service
29th March	10.30a.m.	Brafferton	United Service
	3.00 pm	Alne	Own arrangements

ANGLICAN SERVICES

MARCH 2020

The Revd. Debbie Coyne is our Priest-in-Charge.

March	1st	8th	15th (Bishop's Mission Weekend)	22nd	29th
Aldwark	9.00a.m. Holy Communion Rev Debbie				

	Coyne				
Ale	10.30a.m. Holy Communion Rev Carmel Gittens	10.30a.m. Holy Communion Rev Debbie Coyne	10.30a.m. Mission Joint Service at Brafferton	10.30a.m. United Service Rev Carmel Gittens	10.30a.m. Joint Service at Tollerton Rev Debbie Coyne
Tollerton	10.30a.m. Holy Communion Rev Debbie Coyne	10.30a.m. Morning Worship Alison/John		10.30a.m. Morning Worship Rev J Hetherington	
Brafferton	10.30a.m. Morning Prayer	6.30p.m. Compline Rev Carmel Gittens		10.30a.m. Holy Communion Rev Debbie Coyne	
Myton		10.30a.m. Holy Communion Rev Carmel Gittens		10.00am Morning Worship Dorothy Bailey	
Thormanby					

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