

PARISH NEWSLETTER

September 2021

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

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Courageous and compassionate. In search of the English

The Archbishop wrote in the Telegraph on 7th August, his article follows:

When England played Scotland in the Euros a few weeks ago, we faced a conundrum. What to sing before the match?

Both nations, England and Scotland, belong to one nation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. We should, surely, have sung one national anthem. But the Scots, with impressive zest, sang *Flower of Scotland*. And the English sang *God Save the Queen*. The National Anthem of both nations became just the *English* anthem.

The question is something more than just coming up with an anthem, it is something about Englishness.

When I grew up in the 1960s, I thought of myself as British. I knew I was English, but it was less significant for my identity. I was aware of our difficult history but rather proud of the pragmatism and vision that had created an experiment in nationhood: different nations living as one. I was British *and* English. My country was the United Kingdom of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland: complicated, but it seemed to work.

Various devolutions seemed to be a good development. They emphasized that unity in diversity. They shared responsibility and empowered local government. A Scottish Parliament and a Welsh Assembly were born. But similar developments never really happened in England. Consequently, Westminster started to feel like the English government. And London, with its own Mayor, and with a wealth, size and influence, started to feel like a separate nation: even in England, it was London and the rest.

Brexit delivered further complications and I suspect most people voted on identity not economics.

Many English people feel left behind by metropolitan elites in London and the South East, and by devolved governments and strengthened regional identities in Scotland and Wales. Their heart felt cry to be heard is often disregarded, wilfully misunderstood or patronised as backwardly xenophobic. But what if this is about the loss of identity? No longer British, temperamentally never really European, and definitely outside the wealth and opportunities of London, English people want to know what has happened to their country. These questions of identity and purpose have never really been addressed.

What we need is an expansive vision of what it means to be English as part of the UK. This will help us rediscover a national unity more fractured than I have ever known it in my lifetime.

A first foundation would be a more developed and strengthened regional government within England. Westminster would hold onto those big issues to do with our shared sovereignty, while empowering the separate nations and regions to serve their own localities better.

I say this as a bishop of the Church of England, an inheritor of a post that dates back to AD 627. For a long time the church inhabited a world that was a tapestry of kingdoms and not yet nation states.

That memory of regional identity is still very strong here in the north, and only just below the surface elsewhere.

Without strengthening regional identity, we will carry on defining ourselves *against* things - Europe, London, Westminster – leading to a negative political discourse and a hope-less future. When our English *and* regional identities are strengthened, we take a proper pride and responsibility in our own self-determination, as part of something larger than ourselves.

Let's play to our strengths: our shared history within these islands; our strong regional identities going back centuries. Let's also look to the other things that bind us together as English and British, modernising and strengthening them rather than neglecting them or imagining they are the problem. What are they? Historically they are the very particular but surprisingly enduring threads of our history, such as monarchy and church; and from the more recent past the NHS and even the BBC World Service.

What binds these things together, although so different, is a belief in public service and a desire to serve the common good.

They arise out of that Christian vision itself which is the bedrock of our cultural, ethical and political life. As Jesus taught, it really is about loving your neighbour as yourself. The Church of England is one of the only institutions left in our nation with a local branch in virtually every community, and despite unhelpful reports to the contrary, remains committed to this local and national vision: a church for England. As we've seen during the pandemic, and as it has been for centuries, the parish is the beating heart of community life in England. Long may it remain so. Not just church bells and Evensong, but foodbanks, debt relief, youth work, shelters for the homeless and all the other ways the local church works with others to make a difference.

Without a big vision of one United Kingdom and the tight focus of regional identity and governance we will shrink into an amalgamation of communities always in danger of falling apart and only serving the individual good. Together, paying close attention to the inter-relationship of local and national need, our vision is enlarged, we see how our well-being is tied up with our neighbours.

Seeking the common good in a nation that is a community of communities would become the driving and unifying purpose of our common life. Since the greatest challenge facing our world is climate change, such a bigger vision of human community and mutual responsibility might be our only way forward.

And why shouldn't courageous and compassionate English people lead the way?

In fact, these two words seem to me to be the best ones to define the Englishness I long for; the courageous, entrepreneurial spirit of a trading, island nation; and the compassion of a nation slowly facing up to some of the failings of its colonial past; a pioneer of common suffrage and healthcare for all; the birthplace of the World Service. It is time to be proud to be English.

We have exported many things. Let me finish with one of them: cricket. When we say something's 'not cricket', we mean it's not right. That sense of fair play is something to recover as we learn again to talk to each other across our nation and stop viewing each other so suspiciously. I'm also a big fan of any game that stops for tea. In fact, after the horrors of Covid our whole nation would benefit from a tea break: a chance to pause, re-set and rediscover who we are: a courageous and compassionate community of communities, serving the common good, and delighting in our diversity across these islands.

Then when the different nations of the United Kingdom find themselves pitched against each other on the sports field we could belt out our individual anthems. Then sing our National Anthem together. And love our neighbour.

News from Alne Church

"Normal" services again

What a relief it has been to be able to attend normal services again! Well, almost normal. We still socially distance between households and wear face masks throughout - which means we have to sing louder to be heard from behind them. But at least we can attend our beautiful church to enjoy our services once more. All are welcome to join in at any time.

As our Priest in Charge remains in our prayers due to sickness, we have resumed services fortnightly on the second and fourth Sundays each month on a temporary basis – in theory anyway.

Following a number of funerals in June, including that of Sheila Newton, services will actually be taking place on three of the four Sundays in September due to the backlog of baptisms. Likewise, a wedding has taken place with more scheduled; so there has been great joy and happiness for many and it has been lovely to see the church full of those celebrating these events.

As always our thanks are due to Carmel for leading so many of our services and bringing Christ's message to the community along with retired clergy, to whom we are very grateful for stepping in.

Innovative ideas, talents and expertise urgently needed

Are you interested in making sure the church in Alne is a vibrant part of the village community?

How would you like to see St. Mary's fully used as a village resource aside from services for worship?

Are you able to help for a short, defined period overseeing specific project work or assisting with church input to village events, e.g. the Street Fayre?

None of the above require any long-term commitment or involvement, but it is important that we fully use the church or else we might be in danger of losing it! Contact Sharon on 07778 158770 for a chat if interested.

Alne Street Fayre

St. Mary's will be participating in the **5th. September** Street Fayre, as usual, with a competition, gravestone rubbing, plant and book stalls and a slide show. There will also be a baptism in church during our service before all of that begins.

Project Group

Our project group continues to work on new heating/lighting/AV equipment for the church and our next big project will be to ensure the church tower is fully renovated and safe in all respects.

Concert

We are re-scheduling Helen Dawson's postponed Bach Cello Concerts in St. Peter's, Brafferton and St. Mary's, Alne on **10th and 17th October** respectively. Watch out for more details on this next month, but please pencil in your diaries if you are interested. Tickets will be available in advance or on the door.

Parish Records

Weddings

Saturday, 14th August 2021 - Lucy Newton & Sam Hopkins

Saturday, 25th September 2021 - Emma Tibbett and James Harrison are to be married

Saturday, 2nd October - Amber Klievens and Gavin Clarke are to be married, when their daughter, Rosa, will also be baptised

Baptisms

1st August 2021 – Wilfrid Lambert-Ellis

Sunday, 5th September - Oscar Thompson will be baptised

Sunday, 12th September Freddie Forth will be baptised

Alne Parish Council

Indexed Maps of Alne

The indexed maps of Alne have been updated and can be viewed on the main notice board and on the maps tab on the village website.

Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary



September is upon us and we are hoping life will start getting back to normal in the coming weeks and months. We have a number of new regular groups starting at the Village Hall in September including a new yoga class on a Monday morning and a children's play group on a Friday morning. Hopefully all our regular users will be back with us very soon.

If you would like to book the Village Hall please contact Clair at polstangey@gmail.com

Parking

We are experiencing ongoing problems with unauthorised parking at the Village Hall. We understand how difficult it can be to park in that area at busy times but this is causing us all sorts of headaches, including being unable to access the bins, the bread van not being able to park on a Saturday morning, and no available parking for authorised users.

Please park elsewhere and if you know of anyone who parks there please advise them not to do this.

Holmes and Watson

On **19th September** we are delighted to present "Holmes and Watson the Farewell Tour". In order to keep you safe, tickets will be restricted to a maximum of 40 and there will be no entry on the door without a ticket. Seating will be spaced out to distance attendees as much as possible. We ask that you wear a mask whilst moving around the hall and visiting the bar.

TICKETS £10. For info/tickets contact Cassandra 07464 815629

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.

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BY STUART FORTEY

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UNRECORDED CASES - THE CASE OF THE PRIME MINISTER,
THE FLOOZIE AND THE LUMMOCK ROCK LIGHTHOUSE!

"This show is so funny it should carry a government health warning" Northern Echo

Sunday 19 September 2021, 7.30pm

ALNE VILLAGE HALL

Tickets: £10 available from Cassandra 07464 815629

Doors open at 7pm

Alne WI Garden Party

It was sunshine and smiles all round when Alne WI ladies celebrated their first meeting since March 2020 with cocktails, mocktails and canapes in the garden.

WI members Gill Charlton and Nancy Burch hosted the event, taking care to keep members safe. They served a selection of creative alcoholic and soft drinks along with a huge range of homemade canapes.



Members had a great time, relaxing in the sunshine and catching up with everyone's news.

Alne WI President, Joan Baram, welcomed everyone back to WI and presented a bouquet of flowers to three long-standing members to thank them for their loyalty and commitment to Alne WI over the years.

Jean Macrae, Marion Roberts and Mary Tym have each belonged to WI for well over thirty years and each has served on the committee at some point during their long membership.

WI will be resuming meetings in Alne Village Hall on 14th September at 7.30pm.

WI meetings give members the chance to try new activities, listen to speakers on a range of topics and campaign on issues that matter to them.

Alne WI welcomes new members; come and join us. (£3.60 for visitors)



ALNE STREET FAYRE COMPETITIONS 2021

Marvellous Miniatures

This year the children's competitions are in miniature!

Try your hand at writing a Haiku poem, making a mini superhero or match-box house, decorating mini celebration cakes, or creating a miniature garden.

All children of current school year 6 and younger can take part and there is an adult/child team category too!

*All details on the Street Fayre website:
alnestreetfayre.co.uk*

ADULTS/OVER 11's—FEELING CREATIVE?

Send in your own Haiku poem about Alne Street Fayre to add to our display board!

Wording must be suitable for a family audience...

*Post on our Facebook page or email to:
alnestreetfayre@btinternet.com*

Alne Open Gardens a blooming success

On Sunday, 27th June we were delighted to welcome 270 visitors to enjoy a range of beautiful gardens around Alne. This was our 2nd biennial event. We had a smart new professionally printed 8 Page Programme produced for the day guiding people around the village attractions on offer. In addition to 8 gardens to view, the Church was open with a slide show on “Alne Old and New”. There were plants for sale at Hare Spring Cottage Plants Nursery and one of the open gardens. There was also a Craft Stall and live music from local group Mayfly 3 in other gardens to entertain visitors. The Alne WI ladies did a sterling job providing refreshments at the Village Hall. With some generous donations together with proceeds from Programme sales over £1,400 was raised to support Village Hall improvements for our community building at the heart of Alne which is a registered charity run by volunteers.

It has been a challenging year to put on such an event, with uncertainty on Covid restrictions resulting sadly in a few late garden withdrawals for various reasons. However, there was still a good variety of good quality gardens to visit, the roses were at their peak, and there were many interesting plants and hidden corners usually out of view to discover. The feedback from visitors was all very positive. It was a delight to see people enjoying wandering around our village in a relaxed safe atmosphere, and the weather managed to stay fine. This was the largest public event in the village for the last couple of years, a welcome return to a popular community occasion.

A big thank you to all the garden hosts for bravely opening your gardens; and to the individuals who worked behind the scenes from helping to put up signs, to car parking duty, to selling Programmes, who made this a lovely event for visitors to enjoy.

David Lepper
Alne Open Gardens Co-ordinator

Alne Music Club - Volunteers Wanted

Last year I set up a new Alne Music Club (AMC) to present good quality singer songwriters and folk artists here at Alne Village Hall. I have also established a new **Alne Music Club Facebook Group** to promote forthcoming concerts and new relevant music of interest. I originally had 4 concerts booked for the summer and autumn of 2020. However, Covid restrictions then emerged and sadly all concerts were cancelled.

Now life is returning to something like normal, I plan to set up a new AMC concert Programme. We will aim to host a handful of concerts each year, with an emphasis on local Yorkshire artists, but occasionally artists on a national tour from further afield. Ticket prices will be £10-£15, typically seated performances, with pre-booking required. Local people can enjoy these special concerts, but we will also attract an audience from outside Alne.

Artists that I hope to include are folk based Becky Mills from near Pickering; Plumhall, a contemporary male/female duo from near Leeds; well established singer, Edwina Hayes; new young female group, The Magpies from around York; upcoming local singer songwriter Holly Tamar; husband and wife duo, Megson with half a dozen albums of fun and thoughtful songs; fine modest and self-deprecating songwriter, Boo Hewerdine; and iconic social commentator on British society, Chris Wood.

I am happy to book the artists, but I **need a small group of regular volunteers** to help out, from setting up the hall beforehand, helping on reception or as stewards, running the bar, tidying up after the event. You will get a free concert ticket for your assistance, and enrich the local cultural offering for our community. A regular small dedicated team will make things run smoothly, I have seen this work well elsewhere.

Please contact me if you are willing and able to help out on a regular basis.

David Lepper
Alne Music Club Promoter
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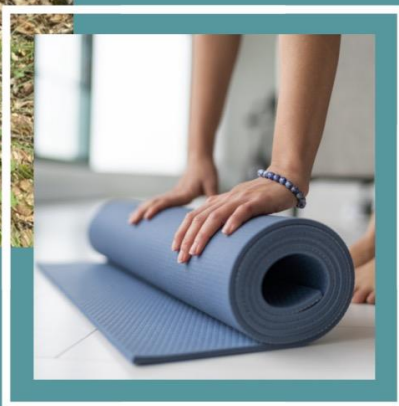
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WHEN:

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WHERE:

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COMMUNITY AMENITIES

Do you know what is available in Alne?

- * Everything about Alne and up-to-date news. See <https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/>
- * Daily Newspaper delivery and general stores
Tollerton Stores 838436
- * Sunday Newspaper delivery. See https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/Sunday_newspapers.html
- * Bakery van outside Village Hall every Saturday 08:00-09.00
<https://www.amoandwelsh.com>
- * Farmshop making weekly (Wednesdays) deliveries in the village.
See <https://farmgatefarmshop.com>
- * Milk delivery (and cream, eggs, yoghurts, etc)
Contact Liz and Andrew Wade on 838806
- * Heating Oil purchase co-operative. See https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/groups_oil.html
- * Regular buses to Easingwold and York. See <https://www.reliancebuses.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Timetable-30.pdf>
- * Weekly bus to Morrisons in Boroughbridge. 11:00 Mondays.
https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/buses_morrisons.html
- * Sports: Thriving tennis and cricket clubs. See https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/sport_tennis.html and <https://www.alnecc.co.uk/>
- * Alne Street Fayre, raising funds for the Alne recreation ground, sports field and play park.
The next Alne Street Fayre is on Sunday 5th September 2021.
- * Maps. Historical maps are displayed in the Village Hall. There is an indexed map of Alne houses on the Parish Council notice board. Other maps of Alne and Alne Station can be found at <https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/maps.html>



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Do You Need a Grant?

We help projects and initiatives that support health and well-being or prevent illness in our community. The area covered is that served by Ampleforth, Easingwold, Hovingham, Stillington and Tollerton GP surgeries.

If you need help with your project then apply for a grant from us. It could be for a one-off or longer term idea.

For more details please look at our website

www.fosmh.org.uk

and read our Grant Applications page.

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Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting to be held on
Tuesday, 6th September 2021 at 7.00p.m. in the Galtres Centre Theatre.

Members of the public wishing to attend are asked to become FoSMH Members by registering via our website, or by completing a registration form on arrival. Only adults who are registered patients at Ampleforth, Easingwold (Millfield), Hovingham, Stillington and Tollerton NHS GP Surgeries can become FoSMH Members.

Only members can vote. Votes by proxy are not permitted.

Members may propose other Members for membership of the Executive Committee in writing **by 31st August**. Proposers must get the agreement of the person they are proposing and they must sign a letter or e-mail accordingly. Seconders are not required. Members agreeing to be proposed must provide a brief pen portrait of themselves for circulation to the membership before the AGM, and may be asked to speak at the AGM for not more than 5 minutes. Proposals from the floor will not be accepted.

For further details contact the Honorary Secretary, Derek McLuckie on 01347 810771 or by e-mail at friends@fosmh.org.uk

Imaginative / Contemplative Prayer

Are you looking for a different approach to your prayers?

Ignatius of Loyola was convinced that God can speak to us as surely through our imagination as through our thoughts and memories. In the Ignatian tradition, praying with the imagination is called contemplation. It is a very active way of praying that engages the mind and heart and stirs up thoughts and emotions.

Contemplative prayer is suited especially to the Gospels. We can accompany Jesus through his life by imagining scenes from the Gospel stories. We let the events of Jesus' life be present to us now and visualise them as if we were present. By paying attention to the details: sights, sounds, tastes, smells, and feelings of the event we can be immersed in the narrative.

Contemplating a Gospel scene is not simply remembering it or going back in time. Through the act of contemplation, the Holy Spirit makes present a mystery of Jesus' life in a way that is meaningful for us now. Using our imagination to dig deeper into the story, God may communicate with us in a personal and evocative way.

On **Wednesday, 29th September** we will be restarting our Imaginative/Contemplative Prayer group. We plan to meet in **St Michael's church Tollerton at 7.30p.m.** If there is demand, we will endeavour to also share the meeting via Zoom. Please let us know if this is something you would like.

If you are interested in joining the meeting could you also let me know in advance?

David Beverley
Tall Trees, Tollerton 01347 838469

ANGLICAN SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 2021

Venue	5 th Sept	12 th Sept	19 th Sept	26 th Sept
Aldwark	10.30a.m. Baptism			
Alne	10.30a.m. Baptism	10.30a.m. Baptism		10.30a.m. Methodist Service
Tollerton	10.30a.m. Morning Worship	10.30a.m. Prayer Walk	10.30a.m. Morning Worship	10.30a.m. Holy Communion

METHODIST SERVICES

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.

SEPTEMBER 2021

Date	Time	Venue	Service Details
5 th Sept			Circuit Service
12 th Sept			
19 th Sept	11.30a.m.	Brafferton	S Bunting
26 th Sept	10.30a.m.	Alne	United Service: M Chester

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Elizabeth Cushion 01347 821460

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