

PARISH NEWSLETTER

February 2025

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

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Moving Home

We are in the process of moving. By the time the magazine is out we will be in our new home, but as I am typing things are slightly chaotic!

The process of getting ready for the move has affected me in surprising ways. At times I've been a little emotional: remembering special family gatherings at home, dog walks around the 2 villages where we have lived for 28 years, and numerous friends I've made, especially when our children were small at school.

I've been astounded at how much stuff we have accumulated! Changing houses has helped us evaluate – what do we keep, what do we recycle or give away and what do we just need to throw away.

The other thing that has been a revelation has been the dust and cobwebs, hidden behind pieces of furniture!

I've been thinking about the move more broadly, and how change of any sort takes effort and can bring up a whole host of emotions in the process. What is comforting is that whether our change is for good or for bad, we will always have a bank of memories from which to draw. Our lives are a mosaic of past, present and future experiences that come together like art.

Change in life demands that we maybe get rid of stuff that is just getting in the way. I tell you, I felt quite liberated in letting go of things, especially when we were able to give things away for free or recycle them to another use. Decluttering is a great way to see things differently and can help us with making positive changes in our lives.

Moving can also be messy. Sometimes we choose to metaphorically stay as we are, because we fear the mess that will be shown or caused if we make changes! Personally, I am thankful for my faith that reassures me that any mess or dirt that may seem hidden, God deals with.

Also, God promises to be with us as we start anything new, giving us strength and hope.

If you are making changes this year, especially if that involves a house move, I pray for God's blessings on you, your family and your home.

Keep going, remembering the past but pressing on into what will be the new!

Rev Lucy

New Joint Services for 2025 in West Galtres

Joint monthly Benefice Communion Services

On the **1st Sunday of each month** the congregations of Tollerton, Alne and Aldwark are invited to share a Family Communion Service that will meet at St Stephen's Aldwark.

On the **4th Sunday of each month** the congregations of Skelton, Shipton and Newton are invited to share a Family Communion Service that will alternate between churches. In January we'll be meeting at St Giles' Skelton.

These services will be suitable for families with children as well as for single and older people. There will be hymns and songs, prayers, a reflection, remembering Jesus in the sharing of bread and wine together and a craft activity for children.

Joint monthly Evening Service

On the **1st Sunday of each month** the West Galtres churches * are going to share an evening service in St Michael's Tollerton. This will be a simple, relaxed, reflective service with contemporary music and new ways of praying and sharing in exploring the Bible. This is suitable for both new and mature Christians, and those who want to ask questions and learn more about Jesus.

Joint monthly Celtic Service

On the **3rd Sunday of each month** the West Galtres churches * will host a service at St. Stephen's Aldwark that is Celtic in worship style. This ancient form of liturgy has moments of quiet, and is very reflective as we enter into the story of God's love for us, as seen in Jesus. There will be Taizé music to listen to as well hymns to sing. This is a perfect space to step out of the busyness and into sacred stillness.

* (Skelton, Shipton, Newton, Tollerton, Alne and Aldwark)

Road Closure for Alne Street Fayre

The proposed road closures for Alne Street Fayre on **Sunday, 8th June** are the same as usual and are shown on the map on the Parish Council notice board in the centre of the village. If you have any comments, please contact Suzi Rix, Alne Street Fayre, on 07718 801591 or alnestreetfayre@btinternet.com by **Saturday 8th February**. Thank you.

Alne Street Fayre is the annual fund-raising event for the Alne recreation field and playground.

This will be the 27th Street Fayre and the 40th Fayre/Show since we started in 1984.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Ian & Chris McCrae on mccrae500@yahoo.co.uk or 07703 400040.

Alne Parish Councillor Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a new member to serve on Alne Parish Council. If you have any interest in this position, please contact the Chairman, Robert Brech, on 07724 185661 for further information.

By **Monday, 10th February**, please, so your potential candidacy can be discussed at the meeting on 11th February.

Our thanks are due to Councillor David Walker who has stood down from Alne Parish Council after 14 years, for many of which he served as Vice-Chairman.

Christmas with the Alne WI

The George in Easingwold was well and truly descended upon by a whole swathe of Alne WI Ladies in December for their Christmas dinner and boy, didn't they provide us with a gorgeous meal and a wonderful evening.

The atmosphere was brilliant with new and existing members mingling, chatting and generally having a great time.



The George never disappoints and owner Paul Bossick, made sure we would all enjoy the evening and the dinner.



Twice a year we celebrate our WI with a Summer and Christmas dinner which is always lots of fun.

Our normal monthly meetings are held on the **2nd Wednesday of the month at Alne Village Hall, with a 7.30p.m. start.**

If you haven't joined yet, we would love to welcome you as a visitor and you can see why we all enjoy our WI so much.

Starting on Monday 3rd February

Little Angels Toddler Group

St Michael's Church | Tollerton



Monday Mornings | 9:30 – 11:00

Come and enjoy fresh coffee, conversation and playtime as well as a chance to make new friends! Open to babies, toddlers and their parents and carers. Admission and refreshments are free.



Scan the QR code for further information about the church, find us on FaceBook or visit <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/18877/>

Everyone is Welcome

Tollerton War Memorial Institute (Village Hall) Information

The TWMI committee would like to thank all those who have helped, attended events & supported the Village Hall in 2024. We hope we can have continued success in 2025.

Up and coming events for 2025

Sunday 9th February – Big Brunch 10.30.a.m – 1.00p.m.

Its back! – How could we not and after all of you've been dieting throughout January! Enjoy a Bacon, Sausage or Egg Butty or treat yourself to a Full Monty! Veggie option available.

8th – 10th May – 80th Anniversary of VE Day

A programme of events, over three days, to commemorate VE day. To include 'Tollerton at War' an exhibition and evening talk; 'A Taste of Wartime Food & Drink'; Family Games Day, Tea Dance, Quiz and much more. Don't forget your ration card.

Sunday 8th June – Duck Race

Fun family afternoon of activities on the River Kyle. Ducks go on sale mid-April (£2 per Duck). More details to follow, keep an eye on our Facebook page. May the best duck win.

16th-17th August – Build -a-Boat Competition

Back by popular demand, our 3rd annual, free to enter, competition. Open to all ages, no theme & no cost, only imagination needed. Entries to be in no later than **9th August**. To enter e-mail: tollertonvillagehall75@gmail.com.

TBC – Autumn Music Event

Act, date & time to be confirmed.

Sunday 9th November – Remembrance Day Brunch

The 1st Kyle Valley Scouts will once again read poems of remembrance on the village green, observe the 2 minute silence and then parade to the Hall. Please join them and then us, to enjoy one of our delicious butties.

Saturday 6th December – Step into a Tollerton Christmas

Little village, BIG ideas. Of course we will sparkle, Santa will visit and there will be seasonal treats to eat & drink. BUT this year we are keeping our fingers crossed it's going to be much more!

Tollerton Coffee Club

Tollerton Coffee Club meets weekly on **Wednesdays at 10.30a.m. to 12.00 noon** at St. Michael's Church Hall, Tollerton.

Join us for coffee/tea and biscuits.

All Welcome

Easingwold District Lions

Easingwold District Lions are holding a Jumble Sale in Alne Village Hall on **Saturday 29th March 1.00p.m.** Donations of bric-a-brac, books, toys, jigsaws clothing etc. would be much appreciated. Donations can be left at the Village Hall on the morning of the sale.

Proceeds are for Easingwold Lions Admin account. Any further information contact Shelagh Kenny. 01347 838278.

Many thanks.

Shelagh Kenny - President Easingwold District Lions

The Pearson and Others Charitable Trust

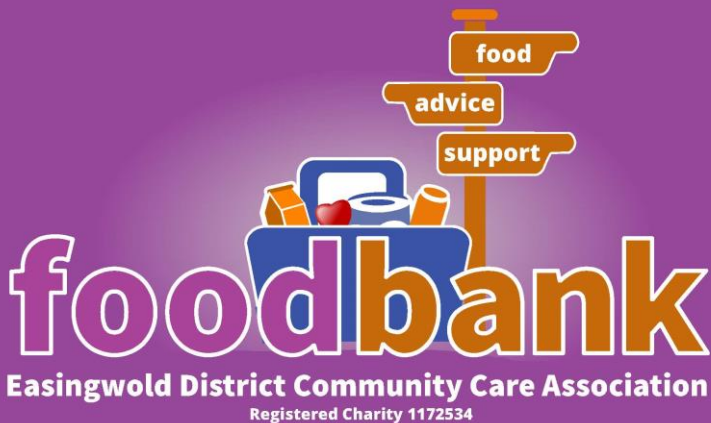
The Pearson Trust is a small local charity which was established in 1882 to help people in need who live in the parishes of Aldwark, Alne, Flawith, Tholthorpe, Tollerton and Youlton.

The charity makes grants to residents of these villages who are perhaps struggling to meet their everyday living costs or who have a particular need. The charity also makes grants to local organisations for charitable activities which benefit people in need living in these villages.

Organisations must have a bank account and a constitution. Applications can be made at any time using the appropriate application form which can be downloaded at the Alne and Tollerton websites:

www.alnevillage.co.uk/the-pearson-trust.html or
www.tollerton.net/the-pearson-trust

To find out more about the charity and how to apply, please contact the Chair, Colin Stroud on 01347 838780 or 07779 552484 or by e-mailing colinstroud456@gmail.com



Call EDCCA on
01347 822875

or our 24/7 message line
0772 44 44 750

Our service:

- We deliver to Easingwold and our many surrounding villages.
- If you wish, we can discuss further help and offer confidential support over the telephone during lockdown.
- Our food packages contain tinned and dry goods for 3-5 days supply. We include UHT milk, bread and spread as well as toiletries. We can also try to supply fresh fruit and vegetables.



info@edcca.org.uk



<https://edcca.org.uk>

Tollerton

Hot Spot

Come and meet the neighbours
you never knew you had in
St Michael's Church

for a delicious light lunch
and a chat



12.00 - 3.00pm
Thursdays



7th & 21st November 2024
5th & 19th December 2024
2nd, 16th & 30th January 2025
13th & 27th February 2025
13th & 27th March 2025

Well-behaved dogs welcome!
No charge

ANGLICAN SERVICES

February 2025

Venue	2 nd Feb	9 th Feb	16 th Feb	23 rd Feb
Aldwark	10.30a.m. Family Communion		3:00p.m. Celtic Service	
Alne	10.30a.m. At Aldwark	10.30a.m. Holy Communion		10.30a.m. All Age Communion
Tollerton	10.30a.m. At Aldwark 6.00p.m. Informal Service	10.30a.m. All Age Service	10.30a.m. Holy Communion and Baptism	10.30a.m. Morning Worship

METHODIST SERVICES for Villages Together

Revd David Bidnell is the Methodist Minister for villages around Easingwold.

David can be contacted on 01904 345429. You are welcome at all of the village services listed below



February Services

Venue/ Date/ Time	Alne @ Alne Hall	Huby	Tholthorpe	Other
2 February 10.30a.m.		Rev David Priestnall		
9 February 3.00p.m.	Rev D Bidnell			
16 February 10.30a.m.		Rev Ruth Duck Café service		
23 February 3.00p.m.			John Hayward Café style service	

Contact Details:

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