

PARISH NEWSLETTER

March 2025

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

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Time flies!

By the end of March, I will have been in role for half a year. I can hardly believe it! I feel like I've done lots, and yet there are still so many exciting things with which to engage. I have learned so many people's names, and yet I know I have so many people yet to meet. Time flies and yet building relationships need lots of time.

Helpfully, in our churches we are starting to work together and we are seeing some cross pollination of friendships, events, ways of working, sharing of ideas and some social events are in the pipe line.

It is proven scientifically and it's our common experience, that we feel better as we relate well with one another - that is why I am so delighted that there are some additional community hub spaces starting across your local churches to enable good connections.

Little Angels, our stay and play baby and toddler group, is great for mums, dads, carers and children alike. *Tollerton Youth drop in café* aims to be a place to unwind, meet others and make friends. *St Mary's Coffee Morning*, starting in April, wants to serve our parents straight after school drop off and others who have a more leisurely timetable on a Tuesday. *Celtic Evensong* at St Stephen's is a space for prayer and stillness, being together in a quiet and more reflective way.

Loneliness is something that people of any age and any stage can experience and so your local church wants to pray for you and be there with you.

School can be a lonely place for some children, who feel they don't fit in. Being a mum can be very lonely as priorities shift. Working from home has its advantages, but it can feel more isolating. Undoubtedly, living alone after the death of a loved one is particularly challenging.

Speaking personally, the most deep-seated peace and sense of belonging I know, is when I pause to remember God with me; simply put, we call that prayer.

There is always a warm welcome to come and pray with us in our services on Sunday, but maybe the most important step is coming to share a biscuit or some cake, so we can connect!

Blessings,

Rev Lucy

News from Alne Church

St Mary's Church, Alne: Repairs & Restoration Fund

As you all know, St Mary's is an ancient building (founded in 1120) and so needs some regular, ongoing repairs to remain as a church in the village.

The recent unexpected tower beams and flooring repairs cost a total of £20,000, which used up everything from our previous fundraising.

There will be more fundraising at this year's Alne Street Fayre, but if anyone would consider setting up a small, regular bank standing order (or give a one-off donation) towards a new inner porch, we would be very grateful. This will provide more practical and welcoming access plus the planned insulation and warmth to go with the new heating installed in 2023.

The plans are drawn and approved and can be viewed in the church.

If you feel able, please set up a regular or one-off payment to:

Alne Parochial Church Council

business account number 53543080

sort code 20-98-98

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If you prefer to donate by cheque, this should be made out to Alne Parochial Church Council and can also be posted through Denise's letterbox.

With thanks from everyone in the parish villages who want to see St Mary's remain a key asset in Alne.

Electoral roll news!

Every six years, all churches in the Church of England have to refresh the whole electoral roll and start again with a blank page. 2025 is the year we start again, so we are asking if you would like to join the electoral roll again, or for the first time.

What is the electoral roll?

Every parish church in the Church of England has an electoral roll. Simply put, it is a list of people who are connected with one of our churches, by attending worship or by living nearby.

Why should I join the electoral roll?

Because it's an official recognition that you are connected with and a part of your local church, either as a fully worshipping member of our church or as someone who belongs in a broader sense and wants to support the parish church.

It also gives you rights to stand for election, nominate and vote for members of our Parish Church Council (PCC). They are the Trustees of each church and responsible for the finances and buildings of the church, working with the Vicar in Christ's mission here in this parish.

There are other rights too, such as, permitting you and those related to you to get married or have your cremated remains buried in the church. These rights aren't exclusive to electoral roll members, but if you or your family live elsewhere, then it can be a supporting factor.

Who can be on the electoral roll?

To join the electoral roll, you must be:

- 16 years or over. (If you are 15, you can complete a form and we will add you when you turn 16.)
- Baptised into the Christian faith
- A lay person (not an ordained person)

You should also consider yourself to be a part of the Church of England and either live within the parish boundary or attend worship in the parish church.

What is expected of me if I am on the electoral roll?

There are no specific expectations. We obviously invite everyone to take an active part in our life together through prayer, worship, events and volunteering. You might also like to consider any contribution you can make, including financial donations or offerings of time and skills.

We also encourage electoral roll members to attend and engage with our APCM (Annual Parish Church Meeting), taking place in April or May. This is where our Trustees are elected onto the PCC and the previous year is reviewed and future vision for the church is shared.

What happens to my information?

We are committed to keeping your information safe, and information is collected and processed in line with our GDPR Data Privacy Policy. All the information requested is needed to confirm you are eligible for the electoral roll and to communicate with you about this.

We will publish only your name in church in 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030. We will not publish your address, email address or any other information you provide. We will only use this information for electoral roll purposes.

What if I also attend another church?

If you attend another Anglican church, you can be on more than one electoral roll, as long as you meet the criteria above.

If you attend churches of different denominations, you're welcome to be on our electoral roll if you consider yourself part of the Church of England.

How do I join the electoral roll?

You can apply at: office@abchurches.org.uk. Please indicate which church you would like to be on the electoral roll for and you'll be sent a form to fill in and return to your church's Electoral Roll officer. Or we'll leave some printed forms in each church. Please complete the form as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.

News from Alne Parish Council

Alne Spring Litter Pick – Saturday 22nd March

The 2025 annual Alne litter pick will take place on **Saturday 22nd March**. Meet at **Alne Village Hall promptly at 10.00a.m.** Equipment will be provided.

Alne Hedges and Footways

We have made great strides forward over the last year in keeping our pavements and footways clear of hedges and low overhanging branches. Please keep this up and ensure that the footways outside your house are cleared to their full width before the growth starts again. Thank you.

New Parish Councillor for Alne

Congratulations to Ian McCrae who has been co-opted to fill the vacancy on Alne Parish Council. Ian did great work last year on the restoration of the Alne recreation ground and we are pleased to welcome him to his new role.

Robert Brech
Chairman, Alne Parish Council

Easingwold Lions Jumble Sale

Jumble Sale in **Alne Village Hall on Saturday 29th March at 1.00p.m.** Please bring your donations of clothing, bric-a-brac, toys, books, games, Jigsaw puzzles etc. to the Village Hall on the day from 10.00a.m. **Doors open for the sale of goods 1.00p.m.** All proceeds to Easingwold District Lions.

Contact Shelagh Kenny 01347 838278 or Jenny Rudd on 01347 838567

Shelagh Kenny
President Easingwold District Lions

Youth Drop-In Cafe

St Michael's Church | Tollerton

NEW



Every Thursday in Term Time | 3-5pm

Come along and join us at our new youth drop-in café for 11-16 year-olds. Stop in for a drink, toast, table-tennis, games and other activities or just to unwind with your friends.

To sign up, or for more information, contact office@abchurches.org.uk or scan the QR code to send an email directly. Everyone is welcome and we'd be delighted to see you!



Alne WI February Meeting

Alne WI had their second meeting of the year, last Wednesday in our Village Hall and as always, it was a lot of fun. Very sadly the speaker we had booked was unable to attend due to ill health, however, though sad not to hear her, we were not disheartened and initiated our contingency plan. First we heard all about the exciting events and outings that have been planned throughout the year, over and above our normal meetings, then we discussed celebrations regarding our Centenary next year and how we can utilise the many talents we have within our group to create something beautiful to display to celebrate this wonderful achievement. Following that we had great fun writing anonymous facts about ourselves and then trying to guess who the author was. We learned fascinating and amazing facts about people we thought we knew.....

Next WI Open meeting 12th March Starting at 7.30p.m.

Next month's meeting will be a very special 'Open' meeting, meaning **everyone** is welcome and we are sure it will prove very popular, as we are delighted to have Alwyn Craven and Tom Hook from The Forest of Flowers coming to tell us about the development and progress of their amazing project in Huby that was started in 2016. 74 acres of woodland and wildflower meadows, plus 17 ponds have been created with the sole aim to provide a thriving ecosystem to benefit pollinators, birds and a diverse range of wildlife. They will bring with them project grown wild flower seed mixes for us to purchase and a wealth of information and enthusiasm. Refreshments available. Do come and hear this fascinating talk - you will be made very welcome.

April Advance notice for:

The Forest of Galtres Group of WI's, of which Alne is a member, are presenting a fabulous Produce and Handicraft Show, being held in **Sheriff Hutton Village Hall on 12th April**. Judging takes place in the morning, but doors are open to the public **from 1.00p.m.** We have some incredibly talented ladies and the standard of the entries has to be seen to be believed, from baking, preserves, handicrafts, floral arrangements, photography and art, so something for everyone. Put the date in your diary. Free entry and of course, you won't be surprised to hear that fabulous refreshments will be available. We look forward to seeing you.



You are invited to St Mary's Coffee Morning

Tuesdays 9.00-11.00a.m. in term time

Starting next month – 1st April (no joke!)

There'll be:

-Fresh coffee, a variety of teas and homemade cakes

-Toy area for little ones

Why not stop for a quick catch up with friends after school drop off and stay for a chat with Rev Lucy?

St Mary's is a beautiful place to pause and take a breather at the start of a day.

All are welcome, including well behaved dogs

Starting Tuesday April 1st – no joke!

Free – donations only

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

Tollerton War Memorial Institute (Village Hall) Information

Oops we have made a big blunder!!!! We have inadvertently booked the same date, for Tollerton Duck Race, as the Alne Street Fayre!! We are so sorry and our apologies, to the organisers of the Street Fayre.

As we do not want anyone to miss out on enjoying either event, we have changed the date, of the **Tollerton Duck Race, to Sunday 1st June 2025**. Weather permitting, see you there for fun family afternoon of activities on the River Kyle.

On another note, thanks to everyone who helped, baked, donated and attended the Big Brunch on **Sunday 9th February 2025**. A great success, as always, to help raise funds and support the Village Hall.

Sunday at 6.00p.m. - a New Service in St Michael's Tollerton

"Sunday at 6" is an opportunity once a month to worship in the evening at St Michael's in Tollerton.

We start by singing some contemporary worship songs.

As God speaks to us primarily through his word, we then reflect together on a Bible passage, using an ancient practice of '*Lectio divina*' - noticing which words or phrases stand out to us and sharing any thoughts or questions the passage may present us.

Sometimes we have a guest speaker who shares their story as how they came to trust in God and what difference this makes to their lives.

Before closing with a worship song, we find different ways in which to pray for things for the world and our local communities.

If this sounds interesting, please do come and join us. I hope this will become a prayerful and worshipful way to take us into the start of the month.

Next Sunday at 6.00p.m. will be 2nd March. All are welcome.

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

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

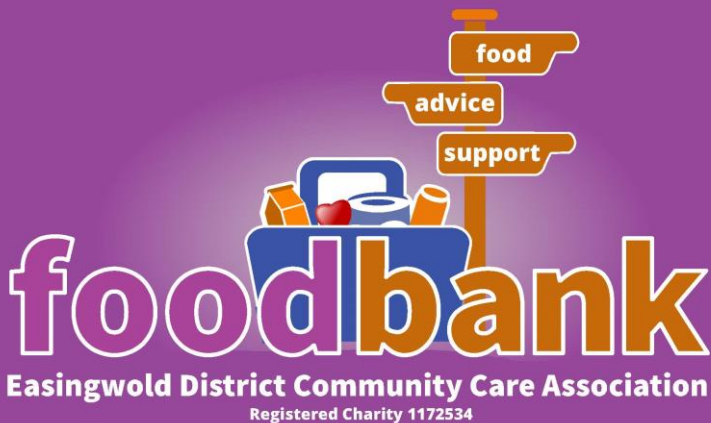


12.00 - 3.00pm
Thursdays



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



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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.



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ANGLICAN SERVICES

March 2025

Venue	2 nd March	9 th March	16 th March	23 rd March	30 th March
Aldwark	10.30a.m. Family Communion		3.00p.m. Celtic Service		10.30a.m. Mothering Sunday Joint Service at Shipton
Ale	10.30a.m. At Aldwark	10.30a.m. Holy Communion		12.30p.m. Baptism	
Tollerton	10.30a.m. At Aldwark 6.00p.m. Sunday at 6	10.30a.m. All Age Service	10.30a.m. Holy Communion	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



March Services

Venue/ Date/ Time	Alne @ Alne Hall	Huby	Tholthorpe	Other
2 March 6.00p.m.		Rev David Bidnell Holy Communion		
9 March 3.00p.m.	Rev Andrew Foster			10.30a.m. Easingwold with Robin Jackson
16 March 10.30a.m.		Own Arrangement Café Service		10.30a.m. Easingwold with David Bidnell
23 March 3.00p.m.			David Bidnell Holy Communion	
30 March				United Service

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