

PARISH NEWSLETTER

April 2025

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

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Relationships need communication!

Relationships are built on communication. If we stopped talking to our partners, or any family member, our relationship would suffer. There are some friendships that we can pick up after a long time of not having spoken, but ongoing relationships need regular conversation rather than radio silence.

The same is true of our connection with God. We may start a conversation with God at a special service, such as a baptism, wedding or funeral. Maybe at Christmas or Easter we sense God's love as we listen and reflect on a Bible passage, or in the stillness of a church we can sense God nearby.

But then often life crowds in and we get busy, too busy to tell God things. Or we stop listening and talking to God if we experience loss or suffering, because we might find it hard to communicate with anything beyond ourselves, especially God. But Lent is a great reminder that God wants us to communicate with him, *especially when we are pressured or scared or in pain*. Easter it is a great moment to come along to church, because being pulled in too many directions or being scared or in pain is not the end of the story!

As he approached the cross, we read how Jesus was constantly talking and listening to God. In the garden at Gethsemane, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus cried out to God in his time of anxiety and desperation. On the cross he prayed words of astounding love; 'Father, forgive them, they don't know what they are doing'. At his end, Jesus trusted and commended his relationship into God's keeping. Easter is all about God's resurrection power and his commitment to renewal, because the purposes of God is all hope, all joy and all life in Christ!

So how about we keep connecting with God as we approach Easter. If you've given something up for Lent, how about each time you reach for X or Y, you reflect for a moment on how the joyful message of Easter resurrection is yours.

Please come along to any of our special services in Holy Week and use them as time to invest again in your relationship with God; tell him your hurts or your hopes and listen out for his words of love for you.

Joint Service at 10.30a.m. – Sunday 6th April - St Stephen's, Aldwark
Palm Sunday at 10.30a.m. – Sunday 13th April - St Michael's, Tollerton
Good Friday Eggstravaganza at 10.00a.m. – Friday 18th April - All Saints, Newton on Ouse, or
Good Friday egg hunt organised by Jodie
Good Friday Reflection on the Cross at 2.00p.m. – Friday 18th April - St Michael's Tollerton
Holy Saturday Prayer stations all day – Saturday 19th April - St Mary's, Alne
Easter Day communion at 10.30a.m. – Sunday 20th April - St Mary's, Alne

Happy Easter!
Rev Lucy



We really need your help with a few things at St Mary's, Alne:

- Playing the piano or organ
- Grass cutting and help in the churchyard
- Cake making for the weekly coffee morning
- Marketing – designing posters
- Admin (various small things)

Do you have the skills and time that could help us out?
If so, we'd love to hear from you.

Please e-mail: revlucybrencher@gmail.com or office@abchurches.org.uk

News from Aine Church

Street Fayre planning

There will be a plant stall again this year in addition to refreshments inside the church to raise funds for repairs and restoration.

Now that gardening season is getting into full swing, please plant a few more seeds to bring plants to the stall if you can.

Any baking donations will also be gratefully received.

Salvation Army and Shoe Box donations

There are thank you letters on the church noticeboard for both of these appeals, which were generously supported by our parish churches, but we have also received the following feedback on shoebox destinations:

Total Number of Shoeboxes sent from the UK was 241,015!

Destination countries and shoe box numbers included:

- 59k to Eastern Europe
- 56k to The Balkans
- 41k To Moldova
- 9k To Ukraine
- 18k Central Africa
- 10k To Malawi
- 48k Central Asia

Samaritan's Purse would like to thank the community for packing shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child and sending the Good News and great joy to precious children around the world.

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

Very many thanks to those who have already set up regular giving arrangements to help maintain the 12th century church building so it can be enjoyed for some time yet.

Please do remember to Gift Aid these if you can using the details below:

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

To make your donation(s) worth 25% more, if you are a UK tax payer, please e-mail mandsoliver@btinternet.com to request a Gift Aid declaration form and we will email one to you. Once complete please either return the hard copy to Denise Wrathall at Pasture House, Gale Road, Alne, YO61 1TH or scan and e-mail to mandsoliver@btinternet.com

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.

Alternatively, scan this QR code to make a donation through SumUp





The villagers of Alne are warmly invited to the unveiling of a memorial to the aircraft and crew of Halifax III MZ538 of 425 Squadron RCAF, which will take place at Alne Cricket Club
on Sunday 27th April 2025 at 12.00 noon

The aircraft exploded and crashed in the fields behind Home Farm

There will be a short service of commemoration:

Act of Remembrance - Representative of the Airforce

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,
at the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them

ALL - We will remember them



GOOD MORNING



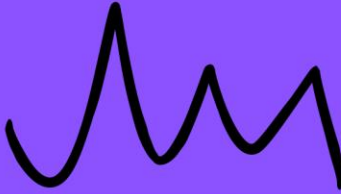
**EVERY TUESDAY MORNING IN TERM TIME
ST MARYS COFFEE MORNING 9-11AM
STARTING 1ST APRIL**

**DROP IN AFTER SCHOOL DROP OFF OR
STAY FOR THE MORNING**

**FRESH COFFEE, CROISSANTS,
HOMEMADE CAKES**

**ST MARY'S IS A PEACEFUL PLACE TO
PAUSE AT THE START OF A DAY!**

WELL BEHAVED DOGS ALSO WELCOME



**Will you join your church's Electoral Roll?
You can show your support for your local church
by simply filling out a form!**

**We are hoping to grow our churches
and connect better with our communities by:**



**engaging worship services
good pastoral care
baptisms, weddings and funerals
maintaining and improving our buildings**

**Being on our electoral roll is a first step
in helping us make good lasting changes.
We want to share God's good news of
faith, hope and love.**

**You can find a form at the back of church
or on our website or email
office@abchurches.org.uk**



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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](https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/tollerton-stores)
- * Sunday Newspaper delivery. See <https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/sunday-newspapers.html>
- * Bakery van outside Village Hall every Saturday 08:00 – 09:00
<http://www.amosandwelsh.com>
- * Farmshop making weekly (Thursdays) deliveries in the village. Contact them on sales@farmgatefarmshop.com 868894 or 07759 609106
- * Milk delivery (and cream, eggs, yoghurts etc.)
Contact Gemma and Brett Potter on 07866-530953
- * Heating Oil purchase co-operative. See <https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/oil-co-op.html>
- * Regular buses to Easingwold and York. See <https://reliancebuses.co.uk/service-30-30x-30se/>
- * Weekly bus to Morrisons in Boroughbridge. 11:00 Mondays.
See https://sites.create-cdn.net/sitefiles/29/8/9/298951/Morrisons_bus.pdf
- * Sports: Thriving tennis and cricket clubs. See <https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/tennis.html> and <https://www.alnecc.co.uk/>
- * Alne Street Fayre, raising funds for the Alne recreation ground, sports field and play park. Now in its 39th year.
[The next Alne Street Fayre is on Sunday 8th June 2025.](https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/alne-street-fayre)
- * 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>

Alne WI Open Meeting 12th March

Alne WI had a wonderful turnout on Wednesday evening in our Village Hall.

Thank you to everyone who joined us to hear the fascinating presentation by Alwyn Craven and Tom Hook from The Forest of Flowers in Huby, showing how the work they started in 2015 has transformed a 100 acre area of old farmland into a haven for wildlife. The planting of 42,000 trees, alongside 35 native wildflower species has created a thriving ecosystem which benefits pollinators, birds and a diverse range of native wildlife.

This beautiful conservation area is working to reverse the effects of the shocking decline of wildlife over the years.

- 500,000 countryside ponds lost since 1920's
- 97% wildflower meadows lost since the 1930's
- Over 50% of hedgerows lost since the 1950's
- 44 million breeding birds lost between 1967 and 2009
- 25% drop in moth abundance since the 1970's
- 97% drop in turtle doves numbers between 1995 and 2021

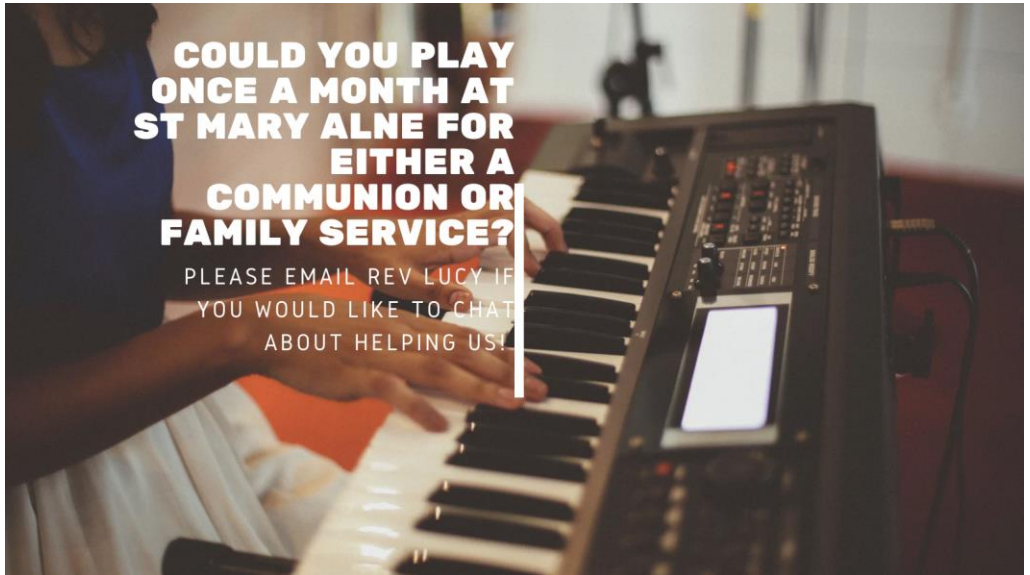
They hold many events throughout the year including Guided Tours, Dawn Chorus Guided Walks, Spring Wildflower Walks, Dragonfly Spotting and Identification, Bat Walks and much more. More information can be found on their website <http://www.forestofflowers.co.uk> and there is a volunteer program every Monday morning where you can be part of this wonderful project.

Di Hunter, our President, also told us about the many exciting events we have to look forward to along with the interesting speakers invited to talk to us. Next month, **9th April**, our speaker is Joanne Aston who will tell us about Thomas Coram's foundling hospital, established in 1739. It was London's first home for babies, whose mothers were unable to care for them, evolving into England's first children's charity and continuing today as the Coram Group of charities.

We welcome guests so come along and find out more of who we are and what we do. Guest entry £4. **Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30p.m. in Alne Village Hall.**

Forest of Galtres Group of WI's Produce and Handicraft Exhibition

The "Produce and Handicraft Exhibition" by the Galtres Group of WIs is a huge event in our calendar showcasing the amazing skills of our incredibly talented members, who will be displaying their work at **Sheriff Hutton Village Hall on 12th April**. This year it is Alne WI's task to organise this exhibition. Judging takes place in the morning, but the doors will be open to everyone **from 1.00p.m.** We would love for you to come and see for yourself and of course, there will be cake and refreshments.



**COULD YOU PLAY
ONCE A MONTH AT
ST MARY ALNE FOR
EITHER A
COMMUNION OR
FAMILY SERVICE?**

PLEASE EMAIL REV LUCY IF
YOU WOULD LIKE TO CHAT
ABOUT HELPING US!



*A 5 week course by Hope Together
looking at what resurrection means
and how we can be fully alive*

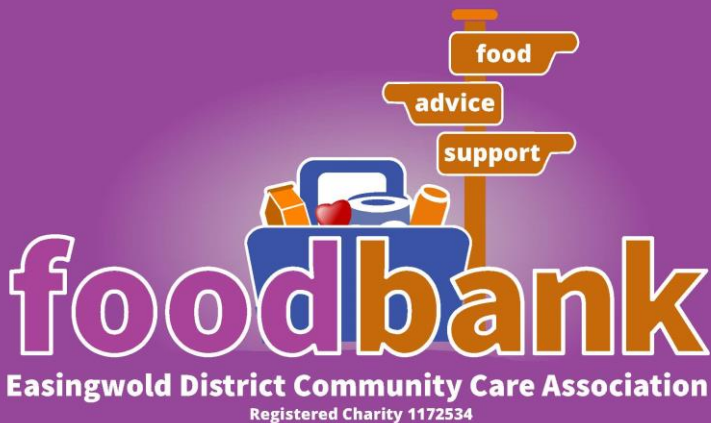
*We follow 5 people in the Bible as they
met with the risen Jesus and see how
their lives were changed for good.*

*The course addresses key human
needs: Love, hope, peace, freedom and
purpose.*

*This is suitable for anyone - if you go
to church or not. Come on your own,
or bring a friend!*

*Join Rev Lucy starting Tuesday 6th
May, 7-8.30pm
St Michael's Church Tollerton*





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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 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

ANGLICAN SERVICES

April 2025

Venue	6th April	13th April	20th April Easter Day	27th April
Aldwark	10.30a.m. Family Communion	At Tollerton	10.30a.m. At Alne	
Alne	10.30a.m. At Aldwark	At Tollerton	10.30a.m. Joint Parish Easter Day Communion	10.30a.m. Family Service 12.30p.m. At the Cricket Club – Blessing of RAF plaque
Tollerton	10.30a.m. At Aldwark 6.00p.m. Sunday at 6	10.30a.m. Joint Parish Service for Palm Sunday	10.30a.m. At Alne	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



April Services

Venue/ Date/ Time	Alne @ Alne Hall	Huby	Tholthorpe	Other
6 th April 10.30a.m.		Rev Andrew Foster		
13 th April 3.00p.m.	Rev John Schofield Palm Sunday			
20 th April 10.00a.m. Easter Sunday				Rev Ruth Duck Joint Service at Easingwold MC
27 th April 3.00p.m.			Rev Elizabeth Cushion	

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