

Prayer Requests

Please pray especially for the START initiative, the House for Duty appointment and please continue to pray for Chris, Angela and their family.

Could you also pray for those who are unwell at this time including....

- Pam and Ian Frier.
- Alison Bray
- Norman East
- Barry Smeaton
- Maisie Lawrence

Church News



February 2013

for the churches of Aldwark, Alne, Brafferton, Myton, Thormanby and Tollerton

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Church News Sheet

Dear friends.

CHANGING EXPECTATIONS

TERRY JOYCE – 9th MARCH 9.30am – 2.30pm TOLLERTON CHURCH

Terry Joyce is the York Archdeaconry Training Advisor. He is coming to host a day so that we can explore the implications of the document published by Bishop Martin last year called 'Changing Expectation.'

As our culture in this country has changed so the Anglican Church has had to face up to smaller congregations, fewer paid clergy and increased financial pressures. This day is to explore the impact these have on the mission and ministry of us as God's people and to look for constructive ways forward. The day is open to everyone in the church families in the Alne and Brafferton groups. It is not just for members of church councils. However it is vital that we have representatives from all churches at this meeting because we will be much stronger as a group of churches if we can agree together how to move forward.

Please bring a packed lunch. Hot and cold drinks will be provided.



We now have two Start courses running in the group. One in the evening based in Brafferton, and one during the day based at Pilmoor. Both are well attended and going well. Please pray for these groups as they meet that those on the course would draw closer to God and that this would mean a positive kingdom effect for our communities.

If you would like to receive this news sheet by email, which will reduce costs, please let us know by sending a mail to office@abchurches.org.uk.

Sunday 24 February 2013

4 – 6.00 pm in Tollerton Church

Family Time

Fun, Faith & Food

Fun: Scoring goals
Faith: Copying Jesus
Food: Pancakes

Local News

- 15th-17th Feb – The youth group which is for year 9s and above is going away to Marrick Priory in Swaledale for the weekend. Marrick is an old priory which is now an outdoor pursuits centre.

- 2nd March I shall be holding a marriage preparation day in Tollerton church. I have invited all the couples who will be married in the group to this. We currently have 20 weddings across all churches.

- The biblical meditation training course has now begun run by Terry Joyce and Sue Nightingale. A number of our church family are on this course so I hope that they will soon be putting their new talents to good use for us.

- The diocese are asking us to submit our mission returns and financial returns on line. If you have any difficulty with this please contact Arthur Harland at the parish office.

Average adult Sunday attendance numbers are as follows:

	2010	2011	2012
Ale	19	19	20
Aldwark	15	12	11
Brafferton	12	12	12
Myton	7	9	7
Thormanby	2.5	3	3 (tbc)
Tollerton	25	23	26*

*Tollerton also had in 2012 an average of 16 under 16 year olds.

- Soup lunches in Brafferton continue on the first Wednesday of the month – 12.00noon until 1.30pm in the village hall.
- Coffee mornings in Ales on the third Wednesday 11.00am -12.30pm in St Mary's church.

House for Duty Update

We have one applicant. A lady called Carmel who is a Reader. I have met her and enjoyed meeting her and her husband Billy. At the moment she is on holiday but will be in touch with Bishop Martin on her return.

Deanery News

Rev Liz Hassell was licensed as the new vicar for the Coxwold and Crayke group on Wednesday 30th January.

The Deanery Plan was approved at synod last week which intends to have the paid clergy of Easingwold Deanery working across the deanery in some capacity in the future. We wait to see what the implications of this will be.

Prayer

Prayer is vital for the life of the church and for each other. You are most welcome to come to any of the prayer meetings that are held across the 6 churches.



Ale – every Tuesday in the vicarage 9.00am.

This is informal in style and includes singing worship songs and open prayer. All are welcome.

Brafferton - on the 2nd Thursday of the month for contemplative prayer at 14 The Leas from 9.30am – 10.15am. All are welcome. Check with Barbara White, for details - 01423 360041.

Tholthorpe – every Wednesday 8.45am in the Methodist Chapel with Pam and John Lancaster.01347 838266