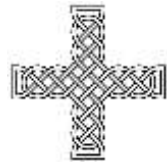


Church News



October 2012

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

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Church News Sheet

Dear friends.

On **Saturday 20 October** Bishop Martin Wallace will be blessing the new facilities at St Mary's Alne at 6.30 pm. There will be light refreshments and live music..... All welcome. A retiring offering will be given to the Tearfund Toilet Twinning campaign.



Can I continue to encourage you to invite your friends to come along to

START courses and to consider running one in your own home? Right now it looks as though we have just one course starting in Autumn though hopefully there will be more to follow. The first course will be held in Brafferton, starting on Tuesday 16th October 7pm at the home of Alan and Jean Benton (the Old Vicarage). If you have been thinking of inviting someone, please do it now and let me know if there is anyone interested in joining the group.

COMPASSION

You are invited to join us for an evening with author and speaker Tony Campolo and singer/songwriter Graham Kendrick as they share their passion for social justice.

This is a fantastic opportunity to hear from one of the most inspiring and powerful Christian speakers of our time. Come and be entertained, challenged and changed! The event is organised by Compassion, the Christian Child Development Charity, on **Friday 26 October** at 7pm at Manor CE Academy, York. For more info and tickets contact www.christiantickets.co.uk or Angela Park ang@parkfamily.co.uk 01347 838122.



Last year at harvest festivals all the churches donated non-perishable food for the Salvation Army in York. I recently received a letter from Major Andrew and Sheila Dunkinson from the Salvation Army asking if we could do this again this year. They say that already this year they have experienced a '30% increase' in demand for food parcels as the economic situation worsens and austerity measures take effect .



The dates for our Community Harvest Festivals this Autumn include:-

- Brafferton/Helperby School Harvest Festival
at St Peter's Church - Friday 5 October 2pm.
- Brafferton/Helperby Community Harvest Festival
at St Peter's Church - Sunday 7 October 6.30pm
- Brafferton Community Harvest Supper
in the Village Hall – Saturday 13 October 7.00 pm
- Tollerton Community Harvest Festival
at St Michael's Church – 14 October 10.30am
- Thormanby Community Harvest Festival
at St Mary's Church Thursday 18 October 7pm
followed by Harvest Supper at Thormanby Hill Farm.
- Aldwark Community Harvest Festival
at St Stephen's Church – 21 October 10.30am.
- Myton Community Harvest Festival
at St Mary's Church – 21 October 4pm.
- Alne Community Harvest Festival
at St Mary's Church 21 October 10.30am.
- Alne School Harvest Festival
at St Mary's Church Tuesday 23 October 10am.

Sunday 28 October 2012

4 – 6.00 pm in Tollerton Church

Family Time

Fun, Faith & Food

- Fun: Board Games**
- Faith: Copying Jesus**
- Food: Jacket Potatoes and Puddings**

Tickets for the Brafferton Harvest Supper can be obtained in advance for £8.00 per person, £6.50 concessions. There will be a self service bar and musical entertainment. Contact Maureen East, tel. 01423 360398 or Barbara White, tel. 01423 360041.

Messy Church at St. Peter's

A Harvest Messy Church was held on Sunday 16th September in St. Peter's Church. Children and parents enjoyed a Godly Play story of The Sower followed by numerous craft activities relating to harvest. The session ended with the children showing and talking about their creations and a child saying the closing prayer. The next session is 18th November with the theme being Advent/Christmas.

Teen Zone!

Do you have a pre-teen or a teenager?

Many parents find adolescence the most demanding time in their relationship with their child. There are many new challenges to face and it's often hard to know what to do for the best!

"Family Matters", a York based charity, will be running a 5-week course **locally** for parents of pre-teens and teenagers.

We'll be looking at some of the issues and how to survive!

<p>Date: Wednesdays 7, 14, 21, 28 Nov and 5 Dec Time: 7.00 to 9.00 pm Venue: St Michael's Church, Tollerton, YO61 1QT</p>
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To book a place or for further information please contact Rev Chris Park on 01347 838122 or email pastaparko@parkfamily.me.uk

The Course is free due to generous funding from the local church families and Family Matters York. Any voluntary donation you are able to make would be appreciated and will be used to fund future initiatives through the local churches.

Rev Chris Park

House for Duty Update

There have been no applications for this position from clergy so we are now advertising for a Reader or Deacon. I will keep you posted but do please continue to pray that the right person comes to join us.

Pantomime Outing

There are still some seats left for the pantomime outing to Harrogate to see Jack and the Beanstalk on Saturday 24th November. Tickets include coach fare and theatre seat and cost £11.00 per person. If you would like to join us, please contact Maureen East tel. 01423 360398. The coach leaves the war memorial, Main Street, Helperby at 10.45 a.m.

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.



Alne – 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

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
- Gerald Wray

Fund-Raising & Social Events – reports and future events

Alne – Coffee Morning at Ann Whiteley's from 10am on Saturday 6th October and Coffee Club at St Mary's Church 24th Oct from 10am

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