

**ANGLICAN SERVICES : DECEMBER 2012**

**2 December**

Aldwark	9 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Alne	10.30 am	Toy Service	Rev Chris Park
Brafferton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Hawthorne
Thormanby	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Warden
Tollerton	10.30 am	Baptism	Rev Roy Wadsworth

**9 December**

Alne	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Hawthorne
Brafferton	10.30 am	Methodist/Anglican HC	Mr Stephen Spain
Myton	9 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Tollerton	10.30 am	All Age Service	Rev Chris Park

**16 December**

Aldwark	4 pm	Carol Service	Rev Chris Park
Alne	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth
Brafferton	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Mrs Barbara White
Tollerton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park

**23 December**

Alne	10.30 am	Baptism	Rev Chris Park
Myton	4 pm	Carol Service	Mrs Tricia Little
Thormanby	6.30 pm	Carol Service	Mrs Catherine Toase
Tollerton	6.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight	Rev Chris Park

**24 December**

Alne	4 pm	Christingle	Rev Chris Park
" "	11.30 pm	Midnight Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth
Brafferton	3.30 pm	Family Nativity	Maureen East
" "	11.30 pm	Midnight Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park

**25 December**

Aldwark	9 am	Holy Communion	Canon John Cockerton
Alne	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev A Dunn
Tollerton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth
Brafferton	9 am	Methodist / Anglican HC	Rev Ruth Duck
Myton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Thormanby	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park

**30 December**

Brafferton	4 pm	Evening Prayer	Mrs Barbara White
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**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**December 2012 & January 2013**

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

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**PEACE AND GOODWILL TO ALL,  
THIS FESTIVE SEASON**

Your Parish Newsletter lets you know what is happening in your local churches and villages. So, please have a look inside – and if there is something going on that **YOU** would like to publicise, then please send it in.



**Community Carol Singing  
Tollerton Village Green  
Sunday 23 December from 4.30pm.**

Come and join me for some traditional Christmas Carol singing. Mulled wine and minced pies will be served. Mary and Joseph will be there with the donkey, and shepherds with their sheep. Go for it! Sing your heart out for the lad! Rev Chris Park.

# Why Christmas?



I love Christmas! I am fortunate to have happy memories as both a child and adult of sharing quality time with family and friends, the smell of the tree, eating too much, and in being caught up in the amazing story of the birth of Jesus. Carol singing around my home village, nativity services and midnight communion with my granddad, are all fond memories for me. But what is the Jesus bit all about? Well the story begins long before Jesus was born and goes like this.

God created a world which was good. His motivation for doing this was pure love. He made people in his image to walk with him and know him in the same way that children know a good father. However that pure love meant that he did not force people to follow his ways. God gave us the choice. A relationship of love can never be imposed on anyone.

Our free choice was to ignore Gods ways and do our own thing. This is the root cause today of wars, greed and the many ways people put themselves before others. God gave us rules to give us an idea of how he would have us live, but we could not keep up with his standards. Other rules were made up by the religious leaders which were thought to help, but these too became an impossible burden. The mess and chaos all this made grieved God so much, that like any concerned parent he decided to do something about it - he sent his son to live with us.

The good news of Christmas is that God gave the greatest Christmas gift of all, Jesus. Jesus came to live as a human being to show us what God our father is really like. To show us that it is a personal relationship which God wants with us, not to follow a set of impossible arms-length rules. To be a Christian is to receive a gift, Jesus, and to grow in a costly relationship of love with him and his Father. Jesus also came for Easter. He came to die to restore our relationship

## ANGLICAN SERVICES JANUARY 2013

### 6 January

Aldwark	9 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Alne	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Brafferton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Hawthorne
Myton	-	-	-
Thormanby	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Warden
Tollerton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth

### 13 January

Aldwark	-	-	-
Alne	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Hawthorne
Brafferton	10.30 am	Methodist/Anglican Covenant Service	Rev Anne Haith
Myton	9 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Thormanby	-	-	-
Tollerton	10.30 am	All Age Service	Rev Chris Park

### 20 January

Aldwark	10.30 am	Baptism	Rev Chris Mitchell
Alne	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth
Brafferton	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Mrs Barbara White
Myton	4.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Mrs Dorothy Bailey
Thormanby	9 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Tollerton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park

### 27 January

Aldwark	-	-	-
Alne	10.30 am	Methodist Covenant Svc Cheshire Home	Rev Elizabeth Cushion
Brafferton	9 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Myton	10.30 am	Baptism	Rev Chris Park
Thormanby	-	-	-
Tollerton	10.30 am	Morning Worship	Reader/Warden
Tollerton	4 pm	Family Time	

### 3 February

Aldwark	9 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
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#### St Stephen's Aldwark Flower Rota

December – Gina Smith

## METHODIST SERVICES – ALL WELCOME

The Methodist Minister in Easingwold and the surrounding villages is Rev Elizabeth Cushion who can be contacted on 01347 821460

2 December	3 pm	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Rev Elizabeth Cushion
9 December	3 pm	Alne Hall Cheshire Home	Rev Elizabeth Cushion
16 December	3 pm	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Rev E Cushion Carol Service
23 December	10.30 am	St Mary's Church, Alne	United Service
24 December	11.30 pm	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Carols and Holy Communion
30 December	10.30 am	Easingwold Methodist Church	Mr Ray Graves.
6 January	3 pm	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Covenant Service Rev E Cushion
13 January	3 pm	Alne Hall Cheshire Home	Mr Vic Paylor
20 January	3 pm	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Mr Robin Jackson Plough Service
27 January	10.30 am	Alne Hall Cheshire Home	Covenant Service Rev E Cushion

## Prayer

This is a vital part of the life of the church whichever denomination. You are warmly invited to join us at our regular prayer meetings. These take place at:

Alne: every Tuesday Morning – 9am in the vicarage with Chris Park 838122.  
Tholthorpe: every Wednesday Morning – 8.45am with Pam and John Lancaster – 838266.

## Midweek Communion

In addition to the services in the Churches there are also midweek communion services on the last Monday and Tuesday of each month in Oak Trees, Alne and Alne Hall. In October the dates for these are:

Oak Trees	Monday 17 December at 2 pm
Alne Hall	Tuesday 18 December at 11 am
Oak Tress	Monday 28 January at 2pm
Alne Hall	Tuesday 29 January at 11am

with God and to defeat the worst symptom of things going wrong in the first place - death itself. This is why Jesus rose on Easter Day.

Why Christmas? The birth of Jesus is when our heavenly Father decided to do something about the mess the world was in! If you want to know more, a good New Year's resolution would be to go on one of the Start courses in early 2013.

Have a wonderful Christmas.  
Rev Chris Park



## 'START' the NEW YEAR



Start is a great course if you would like to explore Christianity or give yourself a spiritual health check. It runs for 6 sessions and is user friendly for anyone no matter where you are in your journey of faith. We will be running two courses in the New Year, one in the evening and one during the day. What better way to begin 2013! If you would like to know more then please be in touch with:

Arthur Harland 01347 823575 or Barbara White 01423 360041 for the evening course...OR  
Helen Gill 01904 768373 or Janette Brown 01423 360144 for the day time course.

You could also fill in one of the postcards in church and return them to me, Rev Chris Park at the vicarage – Monk Green House, Main Street, Alne. YO61 1TB. Tel (01347) 838122.

## Christingle 2012



Calling all Christingle makers – old and new! If anyone would like to volunteer to make Christingles for this year's service at St Mary's Church in Alne, please contact Angela Park on 838122 or [ang@parkfamily.me.uk](mailto:ang@parkfamily.me.uk). We aim to make approximately 250 Christingles in total (usually 10 – 20 per volunteer). We ask that you supply the oranges, treats and cocktail sticks; we will supply the red tape and the candles. Thank you!

## Services in Church over the Christmas Season



**We would be delighted if you would join us this Christmas to celebrate the birth of God's son Jesus. Services this Christmas include:**

- 16 December St Stephens Aldwark 4pm - Traditional Carol Service
- 23 December St Mary's Myton 4pm- Traditional Carol Service
- 23 December 6.30pm St Mary's Thormanby – Traditional Carol Service
- 23 December 6.00pm St Michael's Tollerton – Family Nativity - Carols by Candle Light.

Seasonal Refreshments will be provided after each of the above services.

### Christmas Eve

- 24 December 3.30pm St Peter's Brafferton – Family Nativity Service
- 24 December 4pm St Mary's Alne – Family Christingle Service
- 24 December 11.30pm – Tholthorpe Methodist Chapel Carols and Holy Communion.
- 24 December 11.30pm St Peter's Brafferton – Midnight Communion Service.
- 24 December 11.30pm St Mary's Alne – Midnight Communion service.

### Christmas Day

- 9.00am - St Stephens Aldwark – Communion
- 10.30am - St Mary's Alne – Communion
- 9.00am – St Peter's Brafferton – Methodist Communion
- 10.30am – St Mary's Myton – Communion
- 9.00am - St Mary's Thormanby – Communion.
- 10.30am – St Michael's Tollerton – Communion.

### ALNE CHURCHYARD

Our small team tries to keep the grass, shrubs and trees under control (so we were pleased to see the sheep return last week to do their bit!). As always we are looking for volunteers to help with this work so if anyone can spare the odd hour please contact Steve l'Anson (838257) or Peter Cove (838346).

#### Headstones

Possibly due to the extra rain this year, a larger than usual number of headstones have begun to lean dangerously. We are making a start at rectifying the problem particularly with graves from the nineteenth century. However, some of the headstones from relatively recent times are getting out of line. It would be helpful if anyone who has family graves help to remedy this problem. Please contact Steve or Peter.

#### Area for quiet and Contemplation

Last year an area in the South part of the churchyard was allocated as a site for quiet contemplation. It is marked by a wooden cross and there are a number of simple seats in the vicinity. All are welcome to enjoy the peace of this place.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE IN ALNE CHURCH

This year November 11<sup>th</sup> fell on a Sunday so the Service of Remembrance was especially meaningful. Dr Mike Darnell led the worship with well-known patriotic hymns and an excellent sermon which was well received and much appreciated by all in the almost full church.

He spoke of the willing sacrifice of his life by a young soldier in Iraq, who could have escaped a burning vehicle but who returned to it several times to rescue others, but in doing so was himself killed. This was an illustration of the Christian message of love, not only of God but of others. 'Love your neighbour as yourself' were the words Jesus used.

We faced the War Memorial mounted on the north wall to hear the names read of all those who were killed in the two world wars, including the Canadian airmen whose plane crashed in a nearby field. Then the moving poem was read, 'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old.'

The service was a poignant reminder of how much we depend on each other and the gratitude we have for all those who fight on our behalf and for those who were killed in action. We will remember them. A collection was taken and the proceeds sent to the British Legion. Olive Davey

### ALNE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our November meeting was kindly hosted by Olive Davey for our harvest themed meeting, it was really nice to see all of you, and well done to those who completed the bible quiz. Our next meeting will be a week earlier and will take place at the home of Sue Hufton, Myton-on-Swale at 12 noon on Tuesday 27 November. This will be our Christmas get together over lunch. Please don't forget we are not sending Christmas Cards this year, but donating your contributions, which will be matched out of fellowship funds, to St. Monicas Hospital, Easingwold. Looking forward to seeing you on the 27 NOVEMBER at 12 noon.

## NOTE FROM ALNE PARISH COUNCIL

There will be more work done on the Cherry Trees along Main Street during the winter months – primarily taking down dead branches, although one or two trees seem to be declining fast. Any trees felled will be replaced with new Cherry Trees in order to maintain the street scene along Main Street we all love. If you have any queries, please contact Gudrun 838236.

## THE PAVEMENT BETWEEN ALNE AND ALNE STATION



Firstly a big thank you to all those who helped tidy up the pavement up the Avenue. Why not work off those extra Christmas pounds by helping with clearing the pavement between Alne and Alne Station. There will be a **work party**, starting at **9am, Saturday 19 January 2013**. Once again, this sort of village maintenance work can only be done by us – the villagers - no “council” will have either the money nor the inclination to do this. So please come and help – the more helpers, the better the work will progress. Please bring such tools as spade/ shovel/ cutters, and gloves. Thanks lots in advance for your help with this – for further information please call Gudrun on 838236.

## ALNE VILLAGE HALL

### Dates for your Diary

#### 5 January 2013 - Twelfth Night Quiz

7pm onwards. Just turn up, no set teams necessary – it will all turn out fine on the evening. Contact Lee on 830077.

#### 11 January 2013 - History film show

Starts at 7:30 pm with refreshments; Tickets £4 Adult; £2 schoolchild. The show features a century of life in Yorkshire on film from the early days of film making in the 1880's onwards. The show runs for about 60-90mins, and will possibly include footage of our local area. The show is presented by a member of the YFA who will explain the background to the films and put them in context.

#### 9 February Freshers' Fair

A free event in the village hall to find out what groups and activities there are in the village, or, if you want to start something, this is your time to test the waters, so to speak. For further details contact Julie Howarth-Pulleyn on 833090.

**Coming up:** Early in the New Year Andrew Carter will be giving a talk on Newey clocks (our clock in the Village Hall is one) – watch this space.

Please check our notice board in front of the village hall for regular classes and activities. For booking the hall please contact Lee (830077), for any other enquiries please contact David (830077) or Gudrun (838236).



# St Stephen's, Aldwark

## Annual Carol Service Sunday 16 December at 4.00 pm

Start your Christmas by coming along to our popular Carol Service which will be led by the **Revd. Chris Park**. The service of carols, interspersed with a variety of readings and poems, caters for all tastes. Children are especially welcome. Afterwards everyone is invited to stay and enjoy a glass of wine and mince pies.

## MOUNTAINS, MUSIC and MZUNGOS! (Part I)

Come and support Howard Gill as he prepares to climb Kilimanjaro in February 2013. Join us at Tollerton Village Hall on Saturday 19 January 8 – 10 pm to hear Howard's motivational story, live unplugged music (including Gareth Davies – guitarist at Howard's recent confirmation) and an invitation for Mzungos! Hot beef butties thrown in! Tickets £5 from Howard and Helen Gill on 01904 768373 [drythisendoon@aol.co.uk](mailto:drythisendoon@aol.co.uk) or Chris and Angela Park on 01347 838122 [ang@parkfamily.me.uk](mailto:ang@parkfamily.me.uk). ALL money going to fund specific Kenyan students through Compassion's Leadership Development Programme. Check out [www.compassion.ukrft.com/u/howardgill1967](http://www.compassion.ukrft.com/u/howardgill1967) and look out for MOUNTAINS, MUSIC and MZUNGOS (Part II) – an awesome challenge for our whole community!

## TOLLERTON PRE-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Friday 7 December 2012 6 - 8pm

Traditional Christmas Fair with (probably) the best Santa's Grotto you will visit this year! Buy Christmas gifts for all the family. Refreshments. Christmas Raffle with a great range of exciting prizes. Chocolate tombola. Biscuit decorating. Cake stall. Guess the... And lots more... Friday 7 December 2012 6pm till 8pm Tollerton Village Hall. All welcome. Entry: Grown-ups £1.

## TOLLERTON CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 16 December 3-5pm

Tollerton Children's Christmas Party with George the Magician will take place on **Sunday 16 December** in the Village Hall, for all Tollerton children up to Primary Year 6. Free of charge with thanks to Tollerton Parish Council. Contact Ann Morrison 833129 [annmorrison@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:annmorrison@hotmail.co.uk). Closing date for tickets **Wednesday 5 December**.



### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee morning at Tollerton Church on 27 October 2012.

Thank you to those who helped get everything ready, those who helped on the day, the bakers, the coffee makers, those who did the washing up, the list goes on, but most of all thank you to those who came and supported us. TOGETHER we raised £453.

### Join in

## Sunday 27 January 2013

4 – 6 pm  
in Tollerton Church

### Family Time Fun, Faith & Food

**Fun:** Fitness Training!  
**Faith:** Copying Jesus!  
**Food:** Bacon Butties

**All welcome**

Young/older, married/single, with/without children

Further info or if you need a lift please contact Angela Park 838122 /  
[ang@parkfamily.me.uk](mailto:ang@parkfamily.me.uk)

### ALNE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP FAMILY CAROL SINGING

Alne Pre-School Playgroup's annual carol singing will take place on Tuesday 18th December between 6pm and 7pm and we would love you to join us. We will be meeting outside Alne Village Hall at 5.45pm to hand out song sheets and lanterns. Adults and children welcome (children must be accompanied by an adult). Carol singing is always a fun evening, a great way to get in the festive mood! All proceeds to Alne Pre-School Playgroup.

### FRIENDS OF ALNE SCHOOL

**Burns Supper, Saturday 26 January 2013**

Friends of Alne School will once again be celebrating one of Scotland's most famous sons in January. We begin with toasts to the haggis, laddies and lasses and a traditional Scottish meal. Then it's time for an energetic ceilidh supported by drinks from the bar. Don't worry if this sounds far too foreign: tartan is very welcome but optional and there is no voting on the dancing! Tickets will be available from 7 January 2013. Tel Jennie 833114.

### ALNE GARDENING CLUB

The Alne Gardening Club will hold a Quiz, Supper and Film night on Wednesday 23 January at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.



## Alne Oil Co-operative

Founder member of the Lower Swale Syndicate of Oil Co-operatives

Those of you who are not yet members of the Oil Co-operative might be interested to see the very competitive prices (ex VAT) we have achieved for heating oil purchases over the past year.

	Sep 2011	Nov	Jan 2012	Mar	May	Jul	Sep
<b>Oil Co-operative price</b>	<b>52.95</b>	<b>54.03</b>	<b>55.94</b>	<b>58.30</b>	<b>52.31</b>	<b>50.53</b>	<b>55.39</b>
Average quotation	54.91	56.97	56.97	59.67	54.61	51.48	57.24
Highest quotation	57.90	61.50	57.95	62.25	59.90	53.97	60.89
<a href="http://www.boilerjuice.com">www.boilerjuice.com</a>	58.93	59.10	59.27	60.79	60.04	53.01	60.43

Membership is open to all — if you are a domestic user living in or around Alne and want to know more about the Co-operative, please e-mail. Order dates for 2013 will be: 14 January, 4 March, 13 May, 15 July, 30 September, 25 November.

Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year

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