

The Parishes of Aldbrough,
Mappleton & Goxhill with Great
Hatfield & Withernwick

PARISH NEWS

May 2014

Services in the Benefice for May:

EVERY Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion followed by Coffee:
Aldbrough

Sunday May 4th: Easter 3

10.30am Parish Communion and Baptism - Aldbrough

Sunday May 11th: Easter 4

10.30am Parish Communion - Mappleton

TUESDAY May 13th

10.30am for 11.00am Healing Service with
Communion at 4 Mill Lane, Withernwick

Sunday May 18th: Easter 5

10.30am Parish Communion - Withernwick

WEDNESDAY May 21st

6.00pm Service at St Helen's Well, Great Hatfield

Sunday May 25th: Easter 6

8.30am Parish Communion: Aldbrough

10.30 Morning Praise: Mappleton-Rev'd Anne White

10.30 Morning Praise: With'nwick-Capt. David Smith

THURSDAY May 29th: ASCENSION DAY

7.30pm Holy Communion: Withernwick

From the Vicar May 2014

Before Easter our Churches had their annual parish meetings - it was an opportunity for each of them to look back over 2013 and reflect on what had or had not been achieved. Whilst each Parish Church is unique and individual, in every case one particular feature stood out - Sunday worship together meant that the Benefice was much stronger and people felt that they knew each other better. This was affirmed by those who attended the Lent Course as well as we looked at the '5 Marks of Growing': Christlikeness, Partnership, Influence, Numbers and Commitment - part of the Diocese of York's vision for nurturing disciples. Of course there is always room for improvement in each of these areas and we mustn't become complacent no matter how well we think we're doing - it is often tempting to regard those Sundays when there isn't a service in the local church as a Sunday off!

But the church is more than the people who attend worship I have recently been reading an article about belonging and the author outlined 4 different types of belonging. There were the 'activity belong-ers', in other words those who did something regularly like meeting as the church each week. Then there were those who 'belonged' through events - in other words they were more comfortable with one-off occasions such as Carol services, harvest, social events etc. The third category were those who belonged through people - in other words through relationships with those who might be in the activity category. Finally there were those who belonged through a sense of place - in other words the building plays an important part in identifying with this. The ideal is of course that all four categories are present in each person although the reality is that one is more dominant.

○ We often make the assumption that for people to belong then they must be part of the 'activity set', worshipping as the church week by week. The question is are you someone who 'goes' to church or do you regard yourself 'as the church'?

'As the church' we gathered in the Car Park at Mappleton on Palm Sunday and walked to the Church stopping en route to reflect on Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On Easter Day we gathered 'as the church' in Withernwick where we welcomed the new Paschal Candles for each church and celebrated the new life given to us by Jesus' resurrection. But we also gathered 'as the church' on the Friday before Palm Sunday when the whole

Aldbrough WI April Meeting

Angela Dunn president and 8 members met in the School Rooms of the Methodist Chapel, in Aldbrough, apologies of absence from 4 members were received.

Angela lead the meeting attending to business first. Time was spent discussing the forthcoming WI National Centenary Baton Rally to be held in Burstwick Village Hall on the 19th May. Those present discussed how they could support the coffee morning. All members of the public are welcome to attend the coffee morning and or afternoon tea. While there they can view the W.I. centenary Baton before it moves on to Cottingham in an open air top bus. There will also be Tombola, cake stall and various stalls.

Lynne Wright gave a report on the basket making day that she and Penny had attended. They seemed to have fun. Lynne also commented on the day she attended, on the roles of WI Presidents, Secretaries and programme organizers. Tips were given on how these roles function. Angela Dunn then went on to inform those present of the work of the WI National Federation, which she had attended at the York Race Course. Following the business meeting tea was served. Everyone present had brought a plate of food to share. The members then completed a quiz on sweets, and name the celebrity by identifying the face in the picture. Kath Moore gave a vote of thanks to the members who had produced the quizzes.

The next meeting will be held on 12th May at 7-30pm entitled Exercise for All. The competition is an unhealthy recipe. Ladies please come and join us and see what the WI has to offer.

The Mappleton church flower rota will be restarted to reconnect those people who love our Church and want to put fresh flowers in church.

Many people have said to me "I would love to do the flowers in Church" , so all your wishes will be granted, and thank you for your support, *John Hepworth*

How to plant your garden

For the garden of daily living:

Plant 3 rows of peas:

- Peace of mind
- Peace of heart
- Peace of soul

Plant 4 rows of squash:

- Squash gossip
- Squash indifference
- Squash grumbling
- Squash selfishness

Plant 4 rows of lettuce:

- Lettuce be thankful
- Lettuce be kind
- Lettuce be patient
- Lettuce love one another

No garden is without turnips

- Turnip for meetings
- Turnip for service
- Turnip to help one another

To conclude our garden we must have the Thyme:

- Thyme for each other
- Thyme for family
- Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love



The children bringing their new banners to Aldbrough Church

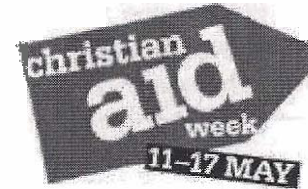
primary school walked, with donkeys and two new banners, from school to church to relive the Easter story. 40+ children and adults also gathered 'as the church' in Aldbrough on Easter Monday for an Easter Egg Hunt. We will gather again at St Helen's Well in Great Hatfield on May 21st at 6.00pm - do join us!

Eastertide, rather like the newness and freshness of Spring, allows us to focus anew on what it means to be followers and committed disciples of Christ. We may not have had the experience of actually meeting the risen Christ as did those early disciples, but through their witness and the continuing witness of countless generations since, this story, this encounter with the risen Lord, is one that needs to be continually told and retold if we are to nurture one another in faith.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Revd Anne

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 11-17 MAY



The Archbishop of Canterbury writes: 'Held every year in the second week of May, Christian Aid Week continues to bring churches around Britain and Ireland together in an incredible act of public witness and solidarity. . .

This year the focus is on the work done by Christian Aid and its partners in tackling violence and building peace. . . Please join with us to give, act and pray this Christian Aid Week. May our witness become the word of truth that the world needs so much today.'

PLEASE SUPPORT the Coffee Morning for Christian Aid on **THURSDAY 15th MAY** from 9.30 -11.30 at the Methodist Chapel in A.brough.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE: JULY 27th - St Nicholas, Hornsea
Confirmation is a continuation of the promises made at Baptism. It is a way of re-affirming your commitment to follow Christ. If you would like to know more please speak to Revd Anne.

ST HELEN'S WELL, GREAT HATFIELD

On May 21st at 6.00pm there will be a short service to re-dedicate this rather special well in Great Hatfield. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

The Well of St. Helen is situated to the East of Manor Farm in the field just off Withernwick Road. In 1923 the Well had the remains of a shelter but it gradually rotted. In the mid 1990's a committee was formed and the Well was reroofed. The work was completed in August 1995, the Well was dressed and a short service took place. This has happened nearly every year since.

The Well has an interesting history dating back to Roman times when St. Helen (the mother of Constantine) went on tour in the Holy Land and found many Holy sites and it was said, the True Cross. She is supposed to have given 3 nails used in the crucifixion to her son to wear in his helmet and bridle. People would come to the Well and ask St. Helen for healing or to help with problems. The person would face East and put lace or a rag on the nearby hawthorn. This had to be done in secrecy at dawn. St. Helen's is a rag well, (only a few remain throughout the country).

SPRINGTIME STROLL

JOIN US FOR A MODERATE, FLAT WALK AROUND THE FIELDS
AND HEDGEROWS OF RURAL ALDBROUGH.
MEET AT ALDBROUGH CHURCH 2.30 PM (1430) ON SUN 11MAY

TUESDAY TOTS

Beginning on Tuesday 20th May at 10.30am and meeting fortnightly this new group is aimed at Parents and carers of pre-school children. The venue will be Wentworth House, Aldbrough. There will be a mixture of music, stories and games, but primarily it offers the chance to come together as a community for an hour. Please do join us, although it would be helpful if we had an idea of numbers so that we can cater accordingly. Contact either Ann Teale (527246) or Revd Anne (527230) to book a place



Farm House Kidz

Presents Sam's Safari,
Rare & Exotic Insects, Mammals & Reptiles
From around the world!

At Densholme Care Farm, Great Hatfield
Wednesday 7th May 4.30- 6.30pm

Join us for fun & games (light refreshments available)
For more info please call 01964 535914

Saturday 17th May 2pm

Torch regional anniversary meeting

Emmanuel Church Cardigan Road Bridlington.

Worship led by Rob Amos Driffield.

All visually impaired people, family and friends welcome.

Transport available please contact David and Val on 01964 535914

GIFT AID

We are now able to take advantage of the Gift Aid for Small Donations Scheme, which means that our cash collections are eligible for a refund from HMRC. However, the amount we can receive back is matched against regular Gift Aid donations i.e. for every £1 received in Gift Aid the churches are able to claim on £10 of the collection. For this to work effectively though we urge those who normally fill in a Gift Aid envelope each week to consider making a regular payment either by Direct Debit or by cheque. Please speak to one of the Treasurers if you would be willing to do this.

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Mrs R. Skinner (534580)

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St Alban's Withernwick:

Capt. D. Smith (527419)

Mrs Doreen Fryer & Mrs Anne Wood (Deputies)

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A Church near you: www.acny.org.uk

Also Diocesan website: www.dioceseofyork.org.uk

Why not try the Aldbrough & Withernwick
village websites;

www.withernwickvillage.co.uk

www.aldbroughparishcouncil.co.uk

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Sign it & add your name & postcode. Thank you

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Items for next Parish News to Paul by 20th May, please