



### From the Vicar June 2015

Spring has sprung and we are surrounded once again by the new life that is so simply recalled in the baptism service and for which we which begins: 'God our creator, we thank you for the wonder of new life and for the mystery of human love'. And, of course, we have had the joy and privilege of supporting a number of baptisms in recent months. Baptism is an invitation to have life in its fullness. Parents, by choosing to have their child baptised, are entrusting him/her to God, but the process begins by first choosing Godparents – their-parents in God if you like. Then the child is entrusted to the whole parish community, which is why whenever possible baptisms take place within our normal Sunday service – this is not just to make sure there are lots of people in church – but rather that the whole community takes responsibility for the gift of new life in Christ.

Baptism is one of the great mysteries of our faith - it does not make us members of a particular church but members of God's family and that is something that cannot be undone. Many of those coming for baptism are of course too young to fully understand what is happening, but the whole service paints a picture of what happens on the Christian journey. First, the sign of the cross - our badge of faith is made; then there is the water of baptism where we are raised to that new life in Christ. Finally as a sign of that new life, a candle is lit from the great Easter (Paschal) candle and presented to the newly baptised as reminder that Christ is the one true light. It was Edward Lorenz in the 1960s who first described the butterfly effect, which explains how a small event can have a profound effect elsewhere. In climate terms, the tiny atmospheric disturbance of flapping butterfly wings in Africa can eventually give rise to a hurricane in the Atlantic. We recently celebrated Pentecost and whilst this festival of the church is less well known than Easter or Christmas it nevertheless marks a turning point in the life of the disciples. The story in the book of Acts tells us that the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit enabling them to embark on a new adventure which led to the beginning of the church as we know it - not for nothing is Pentecost known as the birthday of the church. Pentecost was extra special for us this year as we were able to welcome four new members of the Christian community. How they live out their future lives is unknown, but it is entirely possible that the day of their baptism may well have a profound effect upon them in years to come.

As human beings we like to ask lots of questions – how, why, what etc. In this respect what we do during the baptism service is no different. We begin by asking all of those present if they are willing to welcome the person being baptised and to uphold them in their new life in Christ. The response is that with God's help they will. Later we affirm the faith of the Church by asking: 'Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?' The reply is: 'I believe and trust in him.'

Throughout our journey of faith we have to keep asking questions, but we are baptised in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and St Paul's words to the Corinthians rings true in our ears: 'Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person – the old has gone, the new is here!' And I would add, therefore, that if we believe and trust in him then the possibilities are endless.

# Revd Anne

### Withernwick Ladies Group May Meeting

Our very interesting speaker for the evening was Paul Schofield on the 'Beverley Town Trail'. He took us along the lanes of Beverley where there are different sculptures, castings and plaques relating to the history of the town. Many trades are represented- creelers, tanners, masons, carpenters, dyers and coopers to name but a few, which shows how industrialised it was. Next month a visit out to Sewerby Hall for a tour of the renovated

rooms leaving the village on 4<sup>th</sup> June, thanks to Maureen and Anne for organising this. In July we look forward to Robert Jordan's account of his visit to The Great Wall Of China on 1st July, please join us, all meetings start at 7pm in St Alban's.

## **Prayer of hope**

#### Father,

Thank you that nothing is impossible with you. When circumstances seem to conspire, when situations are entrenched, when relationships feel fragile, help us to remember that you are the God who breaks through barriers, who opens eyes and transforms lives of even the most unlikely people. Help us to remember St Paul - who he was and what he became - to be encouraged and full of hope and thanks, In Jesus name, Amen

By Daphne Kitching

Aldbrough WI met on Monday 11 May at the Methodist Chapel, High Street, Aldbrough. Members were welcomed by the President. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

The forth coming Group rally was discussed in detail, this is to be held at the Haven Arms, Hedon on 27th May with members of Hedon, Burstwick, Preston and Wawne WI's. The rally classes were all set last year and we are looking forward to a good display. Members were reminded about the glove puppets that are to be donated to charity following this event.

A report on the recent Federation Meeting held at Longcroft School Beverley was given by Mrs L Rothery with comments added by the other ladies who had attended.

Our speaker was Mrs M Oliver, who gave a most interesting talk on her research into illegitimacy. Members asked questions throughout the talk. Mrs S Ulph gave the vote of thanks.

Members had brought photos of themselves as under young children, these were displayed for others to guess "Who is it?" Angela Dunn, President Aldbrough WI

#### The Eight Day Mark

Actor John D Slater will performing the Gospel of Mark in eight days, travelling from Withernsea to Whitby. Bridlington based Bijou Enterprises is staging this remarkable feat from Sunday 5th to Sunday 12th July, visiting sixteen locations along the Yorkshire coast. Chris Scruton of Bijou Productions said, "The Gospel According to Mark, of all the gospels, comes across as a story telling narrative – the storyteller being Mark The Evangelist himself and lends itself well to this event. Our project seeks to emulate the idea of a travelling story teller, as it is considered that Mark was - exchanging the coast of Syria for the coast of Yorkshire." John Slater (Mark) will be at Aldbrough Church on Monday 6th July at 2.00pm and Mappleton Church on Tuesday 7th July at 10.00. Each 'talk' lasts about half an hour and everyone is invited – there is no charge although donations may be given to the church. The Clerkes of All Saints is one of Yorkshire's leading liturgical chamber choirs, bringing top-quality music to parish churches in North and East Yorkshire which don't currently benefit from choral singing in their regular worship.

They will be singing at the Eucharist for St Alban's Patronal Festival on June 21st – please do join us.

#### Creation

This was written by the Rev Ron Wood who is perhaps known best for his St Gargoyles cartoon that appear in Church Times.

In the beginning, God created the light, clear and white, filling all that was, dazzling and pure. And he said,

Dance and shimmer, sparkle or steadily shine- show me in all my ways. And from the white light God took the blue, and made the clear blue of the heavens and the deep blue of the oceans. And he said,

Give yourself to the eyes of men and the faces of flowers, that those who cannot see the sky or the sea may yet know me.

And from the white light God took the green, of all growing things that cover the ground. And he said,

Aspire to the heavens, lowly moss and tallest tree, feed my creation, that all things may grow to me.

And from the white light God took the orange, of sunrise and sunset, and said,

I am in all beginnings and all endings. Nothing is without me, and without me nothing shall cease to be.

And from the white light God took the yellow, of ripeness, perfection and maturity, and said, Only in me shall all things be complete.

And from the white light God took the red, the life of all that breathes. And he said,

Let red run hidden in all living creatures, and be not spilt without respect and regret.

And from the white light God took the purple, deep purple of the abyss, and of space, and he said,

In the deepest places, I am, and in the furthest places I am also.

And from the white light, God took the indigo, neither blue nor purple, a sign of all that is between this world and the realm of heaven. And God said, Not all that is shall be known. Below read, and beyond purple, and in my understanding alone.

And the white light of God was complete in these, and God said,

All who turn to the light will see me, but in the colours also 1 may be seen by those who have eyes to search me out.

## Hello

A bit about the numbers of birds at RSPB Bempton cliffs. This is amazing, to start with the gannets 2008 - 8,000 pairs, now 11,000 pairs, kittiwakes 2008 - 43,433 pairs, now 37.000 pairs Guillemot 2000 - 46,685 and now 59,166 razorbills 2000 - 8.539 now 14.927 & Puffins 2008 - 2,505 now 958

The main cause is the sea temperature & the shortage of sand eels the main food for the puffin. The kittiwakes are the same problem as the puffins, over fishing of sand eels and sea temperature

We also have short eared owl and barn owl hunting the hedge rows with success, must be plenty of food voles etc for them, plus a kestrel hunting as well so it must be good.

god bless Anne and you all who read this John

> St Albans Church, Withernwick "SUNDAY TEA" In aid of Church Funds

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015 At Wood Farm Mappleton Lane, Great Hatfield At 4pm Tickets: Adults £12 Children under 14 £6.00 From Jane Butterworth - 01964 534253 or contact other church members.

Menu: Hog roast, Potatoes, Salads. Apple & Fruit pies, Cheese & Biscuits. [Please let us know of any dietary needs]

Raffle

Musical entertainment

# Services in the Benefice for June:

EVERY Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion followed by Coffee: Aldbrough in the second of the second se

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Sunday June 7th: Trinity 1 10.30 Parish Communion: Aldbrough

HEALING COMMUNION: Tuesday June 9th 10.30 for 11.00 at 4 Mill Lane, Withernwick

Sunday June 14th: Trinity2 10.30 Parish Communion: Mappleton

Sunday June 21st: St Alban 10.30am Family Communion: Withernwick with The Clerkes of All Saints

Sunday June 28th: Trinity 4 8.30am Holy Communion: Mappleton 10.30am Parish Communion/ Baptism: Aldbrough 10.30am Morning Praise: Withernwick

Sunday July 5th: Trinity 5 10.30 Parish Communion: Aldbrough Revd Allen Bagshawe

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

EVENT	DATE	WHERE
Afternoon Tea (Hog roast, salad, puddings!)	21st June	Wood Farm, Gt Hatfield
(home of Mr and Mr Butterworth) Teddy Bear's Picnic/ Summer Fete		At the home of Mr and
	Mrs Winfrow	(behind Aldbrough Church)
John Slater		
Mark's Gospel	6th July	Aldbrough Church
A. A	7thJuly	Mappleton Church
Afternoon Tea	8th August	Anchorage, Rolston Rd,
	Hornsea (home of Mr and Mrs Rhodes)	
Hatfield Fete		Great Hatfield
Salvation Army Band	13th Septembe	er Goxhill
Peter Naylor and supper	10th October	Aldbrough Youth Club
Coffee Morning		Hornsea Parish Rooms
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#### FROM THE REGISTERS:

<u>Marriage:</u>

9th May Antoinette and Alan Butlin (Aldbrough) Baptism:

24th May Phoebe North, Ruby Fox, Ada Fox (Aldbrough) Lewis Dobson (Withernwick)

Funeral:

28th AprilClarice Jackson (Aldbrough)12th MayLorna Porter (Mappleton)

# Priest in charge Revd Anne White 01964 527230

Churchwardens: St Bartholomew, Aldbrough Mrs C. Longstaff (527190) Mrs K. Moore (527552) All Saints Mappleton & St Giles Goxhill: Mr B Rhodes (533954) Mrs R. Skinner (534580) Mr J. Hepworth (Deputy, Mappleton 532754) St Alban's Withernwick: Capt. D. Smith (527419) Mrs Anne Wood (527947) Mrs Doreen Fryer (Deputy)

See your Parish church on the websites; 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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