

## From the Vicar April 2016

Palm Sunday marked not only the beginning of Holy Week for us but also the first day of spring. It was great that the sun decided to make a welcome appearance as we walked from Mappleton Car Park to Church that day. After all the recent wet weather things are beginning to perk up and we can look forward to warmer and brighter days (we hope!) Those verses from the Psalms, and the book of Isaiah, on the front cover this month are reminders that God's creation is indeed wonderful and that includes us human beings as well. Sometimes, I think, we are all guilty of taking God's wonderful world for granted. We often find too many negatives rather than delighting in the positives no matter how small they seem to be.

The last Pilgrim Course focussed on the Creeds - summaries of the faith of the church. We stand to say the Creed each week but this is not just a matter of agreeing together the content of our faith, or even Christian doctrine, but about placing our trust and confidence in something we believe. Each week we are deliberately placing our confidence in the living and loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As we begin the season of Easter, the time of Resurrection and new life in Jesus, the creeds are particularly poignant. But every Sunday is a resurrection day as we make a new commitment and a new beginning. As we come together with all God's people across the world, all kinds of things will have happened in our lives - some good, others not so good and sometimes it seems as if our prayers have not been answered. But this moment of joining together allows us to place, at the beginning of a new week, our faith and trust in the living God, who was prepared to put himself on the cross for us. Jesus' resurrection reveals new hope and true fellowship with God our creator in which we are invited to be a part of.

With every blessing,

**Revd Anne** 

# Withernwick Ladies Group

For the March meeting, Agatha Christy enthusiast Chris Watson came to talk to us. Mrs Christie was a stylish lady, who could have been a concert pianist if she had been able to conquer her stage fright. Instead, she worked as a VAD, and qualified in pharmacy, giving her a sound base of knowledge for her stories about poison. She certainly followed a piece of advice often given to authors by writing about what she knew. She was very keen on archaeology, as you can read in *Death on the Nile*. It has been suggested that her portrayal of servants draws on her lonely childhood, when she spent time observing the staff in the family home.

We heard about various houses and locations that formed a backdrop to the books and short stories, before moving on to the actors who have brought the stories to life on stage and screen.

The April meeting is on Wednesday 13th at 7 pm. Please note this is the SECOND Wednesday of the month. Maureen Woo in will talk about Wedgewood, and the theme of the raffle is blue and white. We will return to the first Wednesday for the May meeting.

I am back to RSPB Bempton cliffs again, it's still a bit cold up there. Our Gannets are back in small numbers, same with the Guillemot's and Razorbills, there one day, then gone back out to sea for a few days. The Fulmars are about on the cliffs & same with the Kittiwakes, but no sign of the Puffins yet. I saw a barn owl in daylight hunting & loads of tree Sparrows about, as there are nest boxes put up for them, each one is numbered so we can check them and know what's happening, doing good or bad, so far great numbers reared each year.

God bless Revd. Anne and all who read this regards John

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#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

EVENT	DATE	WHERE
Aldbrough Annual	3rd April	In church following the service
Parochial Church N	leeting	
Mappleton with	TBA	**postponed**
<b>Goxhill Annual Fri</b>	ends Meeting	
Coffee Morning	9th April	10.00 Byways, Nottingham Road, Aldbrough
Ascension Day	5th May	Deanery Eucharist at
Animal Street Street		Sigglesthorne 7.30pm
Joint PCC Meeting	24th May	6.30pm Aldbrough School
Aldbrough Summer	r Fete 2nd Ju	ly Seaside Road
Aldbrough Gift Day	7 27th August	Church
Aldbrough Christmas Event	3 <sup>rd</sup> December	5 – 7pm Church environs
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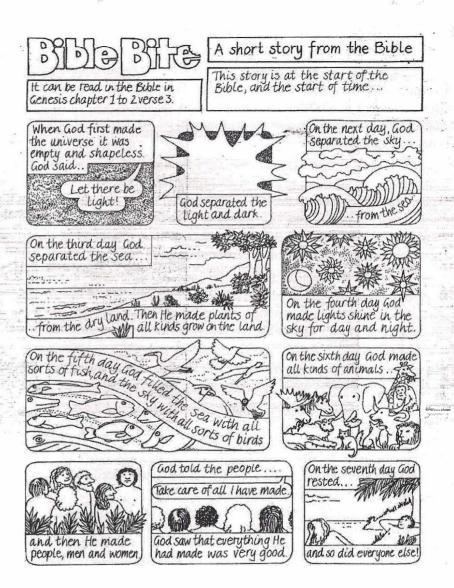


We shall be starting the Pilgrim course again on Monday 11th April. This time the topic will be The Eucharist and as before there will be sessions at 2.00pm and 7.30pm. Please do come along.

<u>Christian Aid - reaching the most desperate people in our world</u> <u>United Reform Church, Hornsea on Wednesday 6th April - 2pm</u> speaker Stephanie Cooper followed by the Swallow Project craft at 3.30pm

## **ALL WELCOME**

Come along and listen to Stephanie Cooper speak about the current work and outreach given through Christian Aid. Followed by a hands on craft session where you can create a piece of artwork in the form of a square to go into a patchwork quilt, these quilts will go on show at Bradford Refugee Week Art Show in June 2016 and then be sent to refugees in need.



## **Good** likeness

Some children were asked: "What do you think of Jesus?" "Jesus," said one little boy, "is the best selfie that God has ever taken."

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#### All Fools' Day

In years gone by, the rules surrounding April Fool were this: between midnight and noon on 1 April, everyone is 'fair game' to be made a fool of. It is the morning of the practical joke. But the aim is not just to discomfort the victim: he must be tricked into taking action himself, sent on a 'fool's errand'.

And so children would be sent to the dairy for a pint of dove's milk, or to the bookseller for The Life of Eve's Mother. Practical jokes on a bigger scale were played: in 1860 a vast number of people received an official looking invitation to the Tower of London that read: 'Admit the Bearer and Friends to view the Annual Ceremony of Washing the White Lions.' Precisely the same trick had been played in 1698.

Then, on the stroke of noon, tradition decrees, April Fools is finished. If anyone attempts devilry thereafter, even while the clock is still striking, it recoils on his own head. A child would then race through the sing-song formula: 'April-Fool-Day's-past-and-gone-you're-the-fooland-I-am-none!'

#### Prayer for every day after Easter

Living, Almighty God, Thank you that by your Spirit living in me, made possible by the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, you give me all I need. Like Peter, you forgive and re-commission me. Like Thomas, you meet me in ways tailor-made for me. Lord, thank you for the daily personal "nudges" that assure me of your reality, your presence in my life, just when I need so much to know you are here. Thank you that we are Easter People every day, because of Jesus, and in His name we pray. Amen.

#### By Daphne Kitching

# Services in the Benefice for April 2016:

EVERY Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion followed by Coffee: Aldbrough

Sunday April 3rd: Easter 2 10.30 Parish Communion: Aldbrough *followed by APCM* 

Sunday April 10th: Easter 3 10.30am Parish Communion: Mappleton

HEALING COMMUNION: Tuesday April 12th 10.30 for 11.00 at 4 Mill Lane, Withernwick

Sunday April 17th: Easter 4 10.30am Parish Communion: Withernwick

Sunday April 24th: Easter 5 9.00 Holy Communion: Withernwick 10.30 Morning Praise/Communion: Aldbrough 6.00 Evensong: Mappleton

Sunday May 1st: Rogation/Easter 6 10.30 Parish Communion: Aldbrough

#### **ALDBROUGH METHODIST CHURCH**

April 2nd Coffee Morning, with Cakes and Bric-a-Brac at 10am--11-30am.

- 5th Network at 2-15 pm, Speaker Jeanette Wilkins.
- 6th Craft Afternoon--1 -30 pm.
- 12th Bible Study --- 2pm.
- 13th Craft Afternoon 1-30pm.
- 18th Monday Beetle Drive at 6-00pm
- 19th Network at 2-15pm Speakers Clive and Kath Richardson, the Sequel.
- 20th Craft Afternoon at 1--30pm
- 26th Bible Study at 2-00pm
- 27th Craft Aternoon at 1-30 pm.

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## FROM THE REGISTERS:

FUNERALS - 26<sup>th</sup> February: Dennis Olsen (Aldbrough Church) 14<sup>th</sup> March: Beryl Hunter (Hull Crematorium) 24<sup>th</sup> March: Anne Robinson (Withernwick Church)

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	A Church near you: www.acny.org.uk		
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	Also Diocesan website: www.dioceseofyork.org.uk		
	Why not try the Aldbrough & Withernwick		
	village websites;		
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	www.aldbroughparishcouncil.co.uk		
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