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PARISH NEWS

March 2014 Church Services in March: Everyone welcome!

Sunday March 2nd: Sunday before Lent 10.30am Parish Communion - Aldbrough Ash Wednesday March 5th 10.00am Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes: Aldbrough 7.30pm Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes: Withernwick Sunday March 9th: Lent 1 10.30am Parish Communion and Baptism - Mappleton Monday* March 10th 10.30am for 11.00am Healing Service at 4 Mill Lane, Withernwick Wednesday March 12th 10.00am Holy Communion followed by Coffee: Aldbrough Sunday March 16th: Lent 2 10.30am Parish Communion ~ Withernwick Wednesday March 19th 10.00am Holy Communion followed by Coffee: Aldbrough Sunday March 23rd: Lent 3 8.30am Holy Communion - Withernwick 10.30am All-age worship - Aldbrough 10.30am All-age worship - Mappleton Wednesday March 26th 10.00am Holy Communion followed by Coffee: Aldbrough Sunday March 30th: Mothering Sunday 10.30am Family Service - Aldbrough 4.00pm Parish Communion ~ Goxhill . (followed by refreshments)

I wonder where you fit on the 'religion' spectrum. A series of surveys into religion and public life has recently been carried out. These were prompted by a former Archbishop of Canterbury's comment last November that the Church of England, in particular, was on the brink of extinction. The findings show that whilst Anglicanism is still a significant part of British society this is generally concentrated in the older age groups. But the survey also reveals that many people (especially the younger age group) are open to faith but closed to churches. Religion it seems is something most people cannot comprehend ~ nearly half of young people under 30 will say they have no religion although they are not necessarily rejecting the idea of God. The trouble is what do we mean by religion? Is it only something that happens on a Sunday? In which case then judging by numbers alone I guess that many people are not religious. But if religion is not just about going to church but rather a way of seeking God's kingdom on earth then perhaps we might be more religious than we think.

The other Sunday our reading was from Matthew Chapter 5. This particular chapter contains many well -known sayings but in particular verse 13: 'You are the salt of the earth'. To be salt means that we are people of principle and integrity who thirst after doing what it right and who can then reveal God's light in the mess and the muddle of our lives.

We recently bought a new torch - it's one of those large lanterns which have an incredibly good beam - the trouble is that we have to remember to charge it otherwise, like salt that has lost its saltiness, it is useless.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (5th March) and this provides us with a good reminder that like our torches our 'religious batteries' also need re charging from time to time. I do hope that you will take the opportunity to attend one of the Lent Groups when we shall look further at how we might grow as Christians as well as encouraging others to do the same.

LENT COURSE

This year we shall be studying the Diocese of York's '5 Marks of Growing Churches': Christ-likeness, Commitment, Partnership, Influence and Numbers. We hope that by considering these together we will not only grow in our awareness of what it means to be Christ's disciples but also how we might follow his command to make disciples.

Sessions will be held on Monday's beginning on March 10th at Benefice House. There will be an afternoon session at 2.00pm and an evening one at 7.30pm both following the same format. If you would like to come please let Revd Anne know as soon as possible please.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

This year Mothering Sunday falls on a 5th Sunday which normally means we worship at Goxhill. In addition it is the beginning of British Summertime so we have two really good reasons to celebrate!! This year there will be 2 services - a family service at10.30am at Aldbrough and a communion service at 4.00pm at Goxhill. The latter will be followed by refreshments. Please do encourage families to come to these services.

Women's World Day of Prayer	Wednesdays March 12 & 26th
Friday March 7th 2.00pm	Kids Activity Group
Aldbrough Methodist Church	4.30 - 6.30pm
Friday 14th March 2pm	Densholme Farm Great Hatfield.
Parish Hall Newbegin Hornsea	New Leaders welcome.
Torch Fellowship Group	For information please contact
for info & transport please	David and Val Radford
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March 3rd 2014. 7-30pm Venue:- The School Room, Aldbrough Methodist Church. Speaker. Mr. Brian Bates. Subject. Outdoor Pursuits -FORAGING. Competition:- A Woodland Photograph. Further information please contact Angela Dunn 529055, Janice Gill 529579

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. Through the Parish News, I would like to say a Very Big Thank You, to all the kind & generous people who made my Birthday coffee morning party so wonderful.

There was food in abundance, raffle prizes, drinks and nearly 60 birthday cards, and in spite of saying 'no presents please' I received gorgeous flowers, plants and many other gifts. I was so happy that my son flew home from Portugal and Friends and relatives came from far and near. Of course this Would not have been possible without the fantastic work done By Ann Teal at the Wentworth Hotel and the gang she Organised to help, thank you so much, each and everyone of You.

The best news is that everybody seemed to enjoy it too and We raised £660 for the Church Army to use for those in Great need like the homeless and rootless people. Even Peter Naylor and his wife found time to come, and David Smith was happy to win one of his sculpture momentous. Clarice and I were thrilled to get a bouquet from the church We have served for 50 years too.

Thank you everybody so much Muriel Berzins March 1st is St. David's Day. if you were in Wales traditionally you would eat leeks and wear a daffodil in his honour. Some people will also eat the traditional Welsh Bread in thick slices and spread with butter at tea-time.

Bara Brith

11b. of self-raising flour.
11b. mixed dry fruit.
2 tablespoons marmalade.
1 egg.
6 tablespoons sugar.
1 cup of cold tea (no milk).
1 teaspoonful of ground mixed spice.

Mix dried fruit and sugar and soak overnight in the cold tea. Next day add flour, spice and marmalade. Stir and add the egg.

Line a loaf-tin with greased paper and add mixture. Cook in moderate oven for one and a quarter hours. (you can glaze the top with honey if desired before placing in oven).

