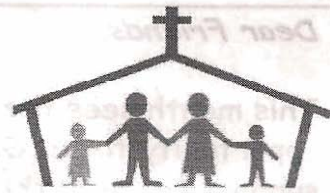


February
2010

United Benefice of Aldbrough,
Mappleton with Great Hatfield
And Withernwick



PARISH NEWS

Church Services in February

Everyone is welcome!

Sunday 7 February:

Second before Lent: green

10.30am Holy Communion, Aldbrough

Celebrant: Revds Sylvia & Richard Rice-Oxley

Tuesday 2 February

7.30pm Songs of Praise Willow Garth, Hornsea
with Sylvia, Richard & friends

Sunday 14 February: Sunday before Lent: green

10.30am Holy Communion, Mappleton

Celebrant: Revd Richard Rice-Oxley

10.30am All-Age Worship & Baptism, Aldbrough

Leader: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

Tuesday 19 January

10.30am healing Prayer Service

at 4 Mill Lane, Withernwick

with Richard & Sylvia Rice-Oxley

Ash Wednesday 17 February: purple

2pm Service at Wentworth Community Room

Leader: Revd Richard Rice-Oxley

7pm Ash Wednesday Service with Ashes

Leaders: Revds Sylvia & Richard Rice-Oxley

Sunday 21 February:

Lent 1:purple

10.30am Holy Communion, Withernwick

Celebrant: Revd Richard Rice-Oxley

10.30am All Age Worship, Mappleton

Leader: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

Sunday 28 February:

Lent 2: green

10.30am Holy Communion, Aldbrough

Celebrant: Revd Richard Rice-Oxley

10.30am All Age Worship, Withernwick

Leader: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

Lent Lunches 2010

12 noon in aid of Open Doors.

A warm welcome awaits you

24 February: Dave from Open Doors at All Saints Church Mappleton

3 March: Donald from Mission Aviation Fellowship at St Alban's Church, Withernwick

10 March: Revd Richard Rice-Oxley at Aldbrough Chapel

17 March: Malcolm Head at St Bartholomew's Church, Aldbrough

24 March Revd Randall Barlow: Aldbrough Chapel

It's All About Love

A Lent Course from the Diocese of York: to help congregations stand back, work less hard, allow God to take the lead, and so find their full potential released!

Sunday evenings 7-8.30pm at The Wentworth House Hotel, Aldbrough led by Sylvia and Richard Rice-Oxley. Sessions will include studying the bible together (we have bibles for everyone), stories, and thinking outside of the box! A warm welcome awaits you!

21 February: Becoming aware of God's Love

28 February: Being part of God's Community of Love

7 March: sharing god's Love

14 March: Recognising God's Love

21 March: committing in Love

Dear Friends,

This month sees the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday 17 February. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to put God first in our lives and, along with our Methodist friends, there is support for us in this. Every Wednesday in Lent we shall have a light lunch together followed by a short Lenten service and a speaker - please see the article on this. Every Sunday evening we shall be meeting together from 7pm at The Wentworth House Hotel in Aldbrough for a special Lenten course devised with Archbishop Sentamu's blessing. Please join us. If you need a lift to any of these, or to church (your own parish church, or to another) please let me or your churchwardens know and we will try to pick you up! Just because there is no service in your own church, doesn't give you a Sunday off worship! Please try to join in worship every Sunday - we miss you! With love, Sylvia

The Witherwick Ladies' Group

The January meeting was cancelled and the AGM will be held on the 1st Wednesday in February at the Witherwick School Room 7.30pm

The Darby and Joan Group, Witherwick will resume their meetings after the winter break on Tuesday February 24 at 2pm in the Sunday School room at Witherwick.
Joan Gibson

Aldbrough Women's Institute

The meeting held on the 4th January in the Methodist School room was attended by 10 members. 8 apologies were received. The Vice-President took the chair. Our new Secretary Mrs J Gill read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved and duly signed as a true record. Matters arising included a problem with some members not receiving their copy of WI Life. The problem has now been resolved. The tasks for the new committee were announced. The news letter was read and discussed.

Entertainment for the evening was Slides of Royal Weddings organised by Lynn Wright. The narration was provided by Lynn helped by Tina Longstaff. Supper was provided by the hostesses Fran I'Anson and Angela Dunn. Competition for a Royal Souvenir was won by Sylvia Rice-Oxley.

The Next Meeting will be 1st February.
New Members always welcome.

Aldbrough Church Women's Fellowship

In spite of the cold weather, 13 ladies were present at the last meeting. We sang the 23rd Psalm, after our prayers. Thanks were expressed to the ladies who had organised our meetings for the last year. Happily we have three people taking the job of President this year: Sheila Middleton, Rita and Clarice. Norma will take over as the new secretary in February. Linda Dawson, Treasurer, told us that we have £50.06 in our funds which helps to pay for our speakers. Thanks to Linda. Coming events are as follows, Tuesday 26 January: a meeting in the chapel to discuss the Women's World Day of Prayer, which will be in the Church at 2pm on March 5th. March 15th: The Daffodil Rally at Bridlington. Dorothy and Mrs Smith got the most answers right in Linda's Quiz and now we know where catgut comes from. After the raffle and the ever welcome cup of tea, we went home. Next Meeting is on February 11th at 2pm in the Wentworth Close Community Room, when Mr David Horner for The Make a Wish Foundation will be speaking, and should be very interesting. Everyone is welcome to come along. *Muriel Berzins*

Fairtrade Fortnight:

22 Feb - 7 March. Special service at Methodist Central Hall, King Edward Street Hull, on Sunday 21st February
www.fairtradehull.org.uk/www.fairtrade.org.uk

SUBS for this newsletter, are requested.

We suggest a £2 donation pa, but of course more will be acceptable! Please give this to your friendly distributor. Thank you. And may I say a big thank you on behalf of you all to Paul Soltys who produces and prints this magazine, and to all of you who distribute it throughout our Benefice. Thank you. Through these pages, we are kept informed of the worship and ministry of all our four churches, and remember your parish church is YOUR church, why not come along and play your part in making our churches a worthwhile attribute in our villages. *Sylvia*

**The Induction of the new vicar of
Sigglesthorne and Bewholme:
7.30pm Tuesday 2nd March
in Sigglesthorne Church**

**Thank you to Alan, Noel, PCC & friends for
Their work in getting the church ready &
Gritting the road, so Fred's funeral could
Take place. Thank you to Rev Sylvia Rice-Oxley
For leading a good service. *Jean***

Healing Prayer Service

Walking in the footsteps of Jesus means praying for healing for the sick and suffering. Please join us as we pray for those in need, both near and far, and especially at this time for those suffering from unrest and natural disasters. Next Service at 4 Mill Lane on February 16th at 10.30 for a cuppa and then a short service with music and prayer, finishing by 11.30am.

The Ministry of Open Doors

The Ministry of Open Doors began in 1955 when God called a young Dutchman to act on the basis of Revelation 3:2 "Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die." He went to Poland and discovered a Church under threat behind the Iron Curtain, and desperately longing for the Word of God. So Brother Andrew became 'God's Smuggler', taking suitcase after suitcase of Bibles to the Persecuted Church, facing great danger, but determined to bring encouragement and hope. He has never forgotten the words of one believer: "Your presence here with us is worth more than your ten best sermons." Right now more than 100 million Christians are at risk of persecution around the world. Open Doors is active in around 45 countries, supplying Bibles, leadership training, Scripture-based literacy programmes and support for Christians suffering for their faith.

David Clark, area rep for Hull and East Riding, has personal experience of smuggling bibles, meeting believers, and recently facing open hostility to preaching the Gospel in Countries in the top 50 listed for persecution. David will be visiting All Saints Church, Mappleton, to speak more on the Suffering Church at one of our Lent lunches on February 24th.

Women's World Day of Prayer

**Everyone warmly invited!
Friday 5 March: St Bartholomew's Church,
Aldbrough**

Spring Cleaning our Churches from 10am

*If you can flick a duster, you can help us.
And if you can climb a ladder, we need you too!*

**Saturday 13 March: All Saints Church,
Mappleton**

**Saturday 20 March: St Alban's Church,
Withernwick**

**Saturday 27 March: St Bartholomew's Church,
Aldbrough**

**A meeting to discuss the possibility of producing a
History Booklet of Aldbrough, Monday 22 Feb at
Benefice House, Carlton Drive, Aldbrough, convened
by Sylvia Rice-Oxley Telephone 529032. Please
contact Sylvia if you have any information that
might be relevant, and please attend the meeting -
only three came to the last one, so we need more
interest if this project is to get off the ground!**

Toys for needy children:
Thanks have been received from Jacob's Well for all the gifts given at the three Toy Services before Christmas: 'Our grateful thanks to you for thinking about and supporting the work of Jacob's Well Appeal.'

From the Registers

We pray for the family and friends of Fred Vickers whose funeral took place at St Giles' Church, Goxhill, on 6 January, 2010, service conducted by The Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley; and of Elizabeth Gladys Dennis, late of Great Hatfield, whose funeral took place at Hull Crematorium on 12 January, 2010, service conducted by The Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley.

The Revd Nelson Stockbridge We have heard that Nelson, a former vicar of this Benefice, sadly died towards the end of last year, after struggling with illness. We give thanks for his ministry in these parishes. May he rest in peace and may God comfort those who grieve.

We welcome into the family of the Church:

Victoria Hamilton whose baptism took place at St Bartholomew's Church, Aldbrough on 20 December, 2009, service conducted by Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

Sent in by *Enid Jackson*, Mappleton, said by her at Flinton Chapel Anniversary (I wonder when!)

WORDS

Words can charm
and words can wound
So choose your words with care
Words can be a blessing
or a hurt beyond repair
Words can make us enemies
Words can make us friends
Words can be a heartbreak
And words can make amends.

See your parish church on the websites:

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

Contact for Aldbrough: Vacant

Mappleton & Goxhill: Paul Soltys

Withernwick: James Buckton

Also Diocesan website: www.dioceseofyork.org.uk

And Aldbrough village website: www.aldbrough.org

*Gift aid: If you pay tax, we can claim back money
From the Government, at no extra cost to you.
Please put your donation/collection in an envelope,
Sign it & add your name & postcode. Thank you*

Churchwardens:

St Bartholomew, Aldbrough

Mrs C. Longstaff (527190)

Mrs K. Moore (527552)

All Saints Mappleton & St Giles Goxhill:

Mr J. Hepworth (532754)

Mrs J. Vickers (Deputy, Goxhill)

St Alban's Withernwick:

Capt. D. Smith (527419)

Mrs N. Spencer (Deputy)

News from John Witty:

I haven't been to Bempton since 19 December because of the snow and ice, so I will tell you about meal out that Andrea organised for us all. About 20 of us went for a meal at the Honey Pot Inn at Speeton - very nice meal we had. After the meal some of us went on to a party at Hunmanby village hall. It cost us £5 for the ticket. So we all had a very good night out. I stayed the night at Andrea and Wesley's house in Wold Newton. Also the RSPB Bempton volunteer event day out to Saitholme on Teeside was cancelled because of the snow and ice on the roads. The chief executive of RSPB, Graham Wynne has been given a knighthood for the work in conservation and the years of work for the RSPB. He said he could have not done it if it was not for the loyal members of the RSPB.

Regular Church Services in the Benefice

All Welcome!

St Bartholomew's Church, Aldbrough

1st Sunday: 10.30am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday: 10.30am All Age Worship

4th Sunday: 10.30am Holy Communion

All Saints Church, Mappleton

2nd Sunday: 10.30am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday: 10.30am All Age Worship

St Giles Goxhill

5th Sunday: 10.30am Holy Communion

St Alban's Church, Withernwick

2nd Sunday: 6pm Praise & Prayer

3rd Sunday: 10.30am Holy Communion

4th Sunday: 10.30am All Age Worship

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