

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

PARISH NEWS

June 2014

Services in the Benefice for June:

EVERY Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion followed by Coffee:
Aldbrough

Sunday June 1st: Sunday after Ascension
10.30am Parish Communion and Baptism -
Aldbrough

Sunday June 8th: Pentecost
10.30am Parish Communion - Mappleton

NO HEALING COMMUNION THIS MONTH

Sunday June 15th: Trinity Sunday
10.30am Parish Communion - Witherwick
Celebrant: Revd Sidney Fox

Sunday June 22nd: St Alban/Trinity 1
9.30am Patronal Festival, Parish Communion:
Witherwick
11.00am Morning Praise and Baptism: Aldbrough

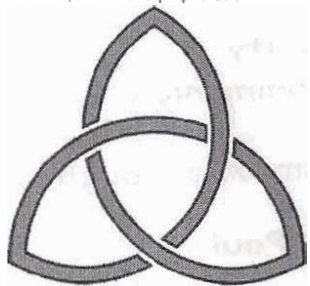
Sunday June 29th: St Peter and Paul
10.30am Parish Communion: Goxhill

From the Vicar June 2014

'June is 'bustin' out all over' goes the song from the musical Carousel but whilst this particular song refers to it being a time for love it seems that the church calendar also wants to get in on the act! We begin the month with the Sunday after the Ascension. Ascension Day (May 29th) is one of the 'Principal Feasts' in the church's year, marking as it does the 40th day of Easter and Jesus' bodily ascension to heaven. This is followed by Pentecost (traditionally Whit Sunday) when the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday is hot on its heels - a day when we recognise the unity of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. In our Benefice we have the added bonus this month of one of our Patronal Festivals - St Alban (Britain's first Christian Martyr) before Saints Peter and Paul on 29th June.

Since all of these celebrations relate to events that happened many centuries ago we could be forgiven for thinking that they don't really impact upon the way we live our daily lives. But the public nature of faith and belief in our society is a live issue - only recently the Prime Minister affirmed that we were a Christian country. But in general the media rarely focus on the positives of having a faith - a recent study for instance revealed that this might include increased well-being, happiness, higher self-esteem or even lower rates of depression.

Nonetheless Christianity has a long history - for example for a Christian in fifth-century Rome, churchgoing was a city-wide event. Worship on Sunday and other festivals took the form of a series of services in churches and public spaces, linked by processions. Christians recognised that the public nature of their worshipping was in fact the work of the people. Early Christians viewed their worship as a public work, done on behalf of the neighbourhood and city. I'm quite sure they would have made the most of this month of June!



This symbol known as a 'Triquetra' is a three part interlocking 'fish' symbol one of several ways of trying to describe perhaps one of the most difficult concepts of Christianity - the Trinity. Perhaps we shouldn't try too hard in attempting to define it, but rather concentrate on the idea that these interlocking arcs are a way of describing our relationship with God and each other. Many

Christians see the relationship between the persons of the Trinity as providing a recipe for the best sort of human relationships. These are relationships in which individuality is balanced with relationship; relationships whose basis is mutual love and perfect communication.

We're not all called to be martyrs for our faith, like St Alban, but we are all called into unity with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This unity is perhaps best expressed in the chorus of a favourite 'modern' hymn: *Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.* If our hearts are set on fire, then the 'blue flashing lights' should be well and truly out in force to tell everyone the good news of Jesus Christ.

Enjoy our month of celebrations!
Revd Anne



Everyone agreed the band played really well - until the wasp appeared!

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.

Aldbrough WI May meeting

The May meeting was held on 12th May 2014.

12 members attended and there were apologies of absence from 3 members.

Ladies attending took part in a chair exercise class led by Mandy Hunt. Mandy spoke of the importance of exercise at any age and the benefits of exercise.

Angela Dunn led the business part of the meeting the main item being the forth coming Baton Rally with coffee morning and afternoon tea to be held at Burstwick Village Hall.

The next meeting will be held on 2nd June and is the annual WI outing, details available from committee members.

Farm House Kidz Club

4th June No Meeting

18th June 4.30 pm Farm Activity at Densholme Care Farm

There will no **healing service** in June but will be resumed in July as usual. There is a possibility it could be change to a different day in July but will confirm next month.

TUESDAY TOTS

Tuesday 3rd and 17th June at 10.30am

for Parents and carers of pre-school children at 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.



Hornsea Torch Fellowship

Friday 20th June 1.30pm

visit to Wassand Hall including tea and cake

For information and transport please contact David and Val Radford on 01964 535914

ALDBROUGH CHURCH will be open 1.00 - 4.00pm
Saturday June 7th, 14th and 21st

GARDEN PARTY and TEDDY BEARS PICNIC,
Aldbrough 28th June 1.00 - 4.00

ST ALBANS WEEKEND

Withernwick's Got talent

Friday 20th June 7.30pm

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.

The Story Of Praying Hands
A Labour Of Love

Albrecht Durer had a brother, Franz, and although they were very poor, they both wanted to be artists. Albrecht, who was the younger one, suggested that he would work as a labourer in order to pay for his brother's training and when the latter was finished he could do the same for Albrecht, but Franz, who knew that his brother's talents were far greater than his own, insisted that it should be the other way round.

So it was arranged. For years Albrecht studied under the finest masters of his day, while his brother worked as a labourer to pay the cost. Then Albrecht offered to Franz the same opportunity, but when Franz silently held up his hands, his brother could see that they were now the hands of a workman, rather than an artist, so gnarled and roughened by years of toil that they were not even able to hold a pencil. With tears in his eyes, Albrecht put his arms around his brother "Franz" he said, "I will repay you by drawing a picture that will speak to men's hearts, a picture of love and self sacrifice and honest toil"

So those hands were immortalised in a drawing.

It is no use raising praying hands if we haven't praying hearts. Franz's labour was a labour of love, and God was able to use it in this way as surely as he was able to use the talent of a great artist. We are reminded of the ministry of Jesus who made himself of no reputation, and took upon himself the form of a servant.

Sent in by Muriel

LOOKING AHEAD

**Sunday July 6th Songs of Praise at Mappleton 3.00pm
followed by Tea and Cake**

We do hope you will come and join us for a good sing! If you would like to choose a hymn then please let Revd Anne know as soon as possible please - there will be some forms available at the back of each church this month.

Saturday July 12th - Strawberry Tea, Rolston Hall - 2.00pm

MISTAKES are:

- Messages that give us feedback about life.
- Interruptions that should cause us to reflect and think.
- Signposts that direct us to the right path.
- Tests that push us towards greater maturity.
- Awakenings that keep us in the game mentally.
- Keys that we can use to unlock the next door of opportunity.
- Explorations that let us journey where we've never been before.
- Statements about our development and progress.

[John C Maxwell]

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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
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www.withernwickvillage.co.uk
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