

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

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Baptism : 17th April: Stanley Oxley (Withernwick)

Funeral : Alexandra Bradley (Hull Crematorium)

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Revd Anne White
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Mrs C. Longstaff (527190)
Mrs K. Moore (527552)
All Saints Mappleton & St Giles Goxhill:
Mr B Rhodes (533954)
Mrs R. Skinner (534580)
St Alban's Witherwick:
Capt. D. Smith (527419)
Mrs Anne Wood (527947)
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Mrs Antoinette Butlin 527438

**** New benefice website ****

<https://aldbroughbenefice.wordpress.com>

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 & Witherwick
village websites ;

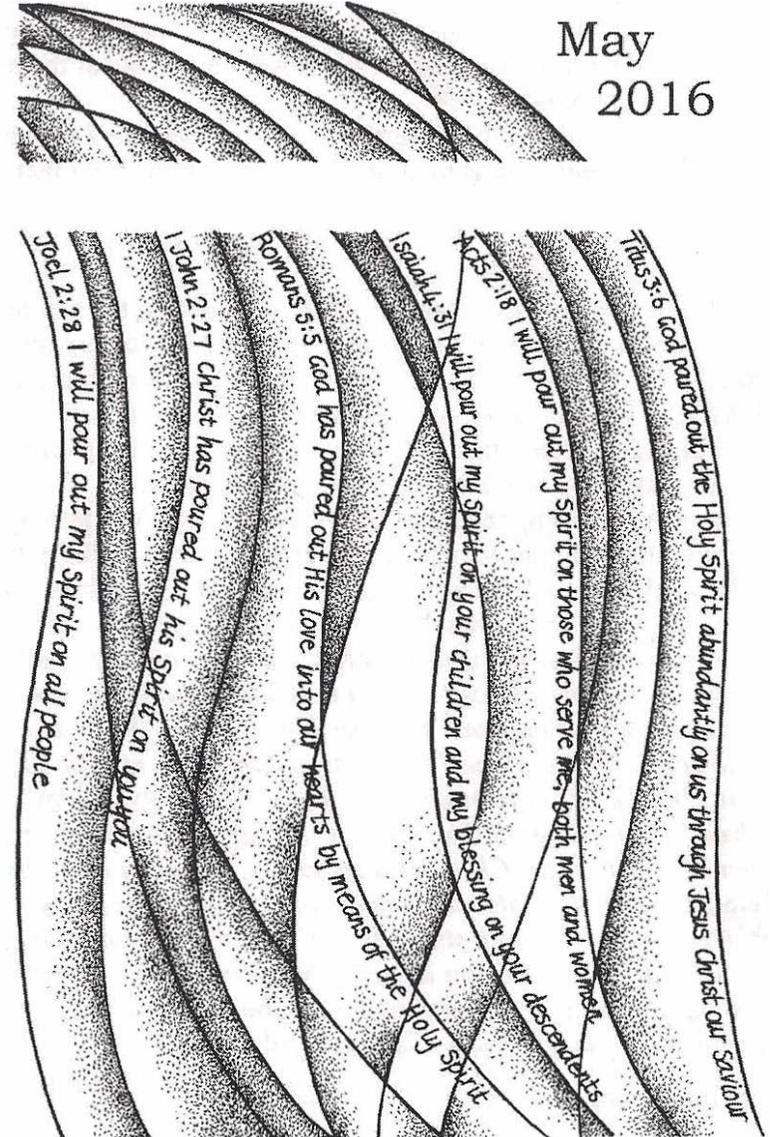
www.witherwickvillage.co.uk

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Items for next Parish News to Paul by 22nd May, please

May
2016



From the Vicar May 2016

This month begins with **Rogation Sunday** - meaning an asking of God for blessing on the seed and land for the year ahead. The practice began in Roman Times when a crowd moved in procession around the cornfields, (to rid them of evil), singing and dancing, sacrificing animals, and driving away Winter with sticks. Rogation-tide arrived in England early in the eighth century when a small group of people headed by a Bishop or Priest would set out to trace the boundaries of the parish. Most of them held slender wands of willow to beat the well-known landmarks of the parish - hence 'beating the bounds'.

Ascension Day completes Jesus' earthly journey as he returns to his Father in heaven. **Pentecost** is of course the day we remember that Jesus' disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and the Church was born! Then on **Trinity Sunday** we remember the relationship of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

May is it seems a month when we are called to reflect on the nature of God relationship to his creation, in the many forms that that takes. It struck me that if we use the first letters of these Festival Days then we are given the word **RAPT**. It's a good word meaning involved in, captivated or engrossed in and is a word that should reflect our relationship with God through our prayers - God deserves our fullest attention!

Perhaps it's not surprising then that The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting churches to pray for the evangelisation of the nation during the week before Pentecost Sunday - i.e. from May 8th to May 15th. In their letter the Archbishops said:

"At the heart of our prayers will be words that Jesus himself taught us - 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.' It is impossible to overstate the life-transforming power of the Lord's Prayer. It is a prayer that is reassuring enough to be on the lips of the dying and yet dangerous enough to be banned in cinemas. It is famous enough to be spoken each day by billions in hundreds of languages and yet intimate enough to draw us ever closer into friendship with Jesus Christ. It is simple enough to be memorised by small children and yet profound enough to sustain a whole lifetime of prayer. When we pray it with sincerity and with joy, there is no imagining the new ways in which God can use us to his glory."

So this month I invite you to take time out to be 'rapt' in your engagement with God and who knows what might happen!

With every blessing.
Revd Anne

Must know Bible Stories: no. 8: David and Goliath - Five Smooth Stones !

This month's Must Know Story, about Goliath's defeat by David (1 Samuel 17), is one of the best known in the Bible. Goliath was nine feet tall, dressed in bronze armour and carrying a sword and spear. However, David was a young shepherd, whose only weapon was a sling and five smooth stones. We won't face somebody like Goliath, but will face other giants in our lives (fear, insecurity, loneliness, failure etc). What five stones can help overcome the giants that we face?

- **Courage:** David was unafraid of Goliath, 'Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.' We need courage to face the giants in our lives.
- **Confidence:** David's experience as a shepherd gave him confidence in facing Goliath. 'The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.' We also can be confident in God's help to overcome our problems.
- **Preparation:** 'Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.' Like David, are we using the gifts and experience that God has given us in the fight?
- **Trust:** David didn't trust in his own abilities, 'You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty'. Will we put our trust in God alone?
- **Victory:** 'for the battle is the Lord's'. When we turn our battles over to God, He will give us victory!

'That little stone took Goliath by surprise; such a thing had never entered his head before!!'

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

EVENT	DATE	WHERE
Ascension Day	5 th May	Deanery Eucharist at Sigglesthorne 7.30pm
Mappleton and Goxhill Friends Annual Meeting	8 th May	Mappleton Church following Service
Joint PCC Meeting	24 th May	6.30pm Aldbrough School
Aldbrough Summer Fete	2 nd July	Seaside Road
Afternoon Tea	6 th August	Anchorage, Rolston Road
Aldbrough Gift Day	27 th August	Church
Hatfield Fete	29 th August	Great Hatfield
Pies & Peas Supper	8 th October	Aldbrough
Coffee Morning (for M+G)	FRIDAY 28 th October	Hornsea Parish Hall
Aldbrough Christmas Event	3rd December	5 – 7pm Church environs

The Sweet Shop Quiz,

Entry forms available from Doreen Fryer, Blondies and St Albans Church. Prizes donated by, and quiz compiled by Mrs Fryer. All proceeds to go to St-Alban's Restoration Fund. Cost is £1 per entry, prizes are 1st £15, 2nd £10 and 3rd £5. Entries to be returned by 31st May, when all correct entries go into a draw for the prizes.

WANTED

If you have any old jam jars, can they be given to Kim Baish, or left at Mappleton church for him.

He is going to organise a fundraising jam making effort.

The St Alban's (Withernwick) Restoration Fund is growing well. If anyone wishes to purchase a roof tile (or two), they still can, despite the closing date of 31st March. If anyone wants a form, they can email me on penny@chiaroburmese.plus.com or ring on 527609.

His Glorious Day

He's the Ground of all being,
The Spirit of life,
The Father of faith
And the Mother of love,
He's the Christ-child within
Who fills darkness with light,
He calms our worst fears
With the peace from 'above'!

He's the giver of comfort
When our spirit is low
And source of all courage
When faith calls out – 'Go:
Go tell all the nations
That peace truly comes
When God's voice is heard
And God's will is done.

So follow the Christ-man,
Hold fast on His way,
Then one day we'll all share
His glorious day'!

By Sam Doubtfire

I don't think I have told you all about the puffins, or called sea parrots, the reason is they have a beak like they have. At the time of writing we have loads of them nesting, a bit of grass into the hole in the cliffs. Most people ask where are the puffins? Everyone, grown ups & children ask about them. I can understand why, they are one of the best loved sea birds, and whatever reason, the puffin strikes a unique chord with us all.

Also they have become the bellweather of the seas, they do well, just perhaps the seas are healthy, if not puffins are in trouble our alarm bells cannot help but ring more loudly than for a gull or guillemot,
regards

to revd Anne and God bless
to all who read this
John



"...and then the vicar realised the bellringer-shortage and the problem of providing crèche facilities could be solved in one go!"

Services in the Benefice for May 2016:

EVERY Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion followed by Coffee: Aldbrough

Sunday May 1st: Rogation/Easter 6

10.30 Parish Communion: Aldbrough

Sunday May 8th: Sunday after Ascension

10.30 Parish Communion: Mappleton

HEALING COMMUNION: Tuesday May 10th

10.30 for 11.00 at 4 Mill Lane, Withernwick

Sunday May 15th: Pentecost

10.30am Parish Communion: Withernwick

Sunday May 22nd: Trinity Sunday

9.00 Holy Communion: Aldbrough

10.30 Morning Praise/Communion: Mappleton

6.00 Evensong: Withernwick

Sunday May 29th: Trinity 1

10.30 Parish Communion: Goxhill

Sunday June 5th: Trinity 2

10.30 Parish Communion: Aldbrough

ALDBROUGH METHODIST CHURCH

May 3rd –Network visit of Hornsea Singing Group at 2-15pm, followed by tea and a pound stall, everyone welcome to come along.

May 4th Craft Afternoon 1-30 - 3-30 pm

May 7th- GIFT DAY and COFFEE MORNING, 10-00am to 12-noon.

Cake and Bric -a -Brac stalls. Everyone Welcome

May 10th-- Bible Study--2-00---3-15 pm

May 11th Craft Afternoon 1-30 -3-30pm

May 17th Network 2-15 pm Speaker -Helen Marchment.

May 18th Craft Afternoon -1-30 pm.

May 24th Bible Study 2-00pm.

May 25th Craft Afternoon 1-30pm.

May 31st Network -2-15pm speaker Meg Croft..