



FROM THE REGISTERS:

12<sup>th</sup> February: Rosie Rumble at St Helen's Well  
by the Archbishop of York

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

March  
2016

**Priest in charge**  
**Revd Anne White**  
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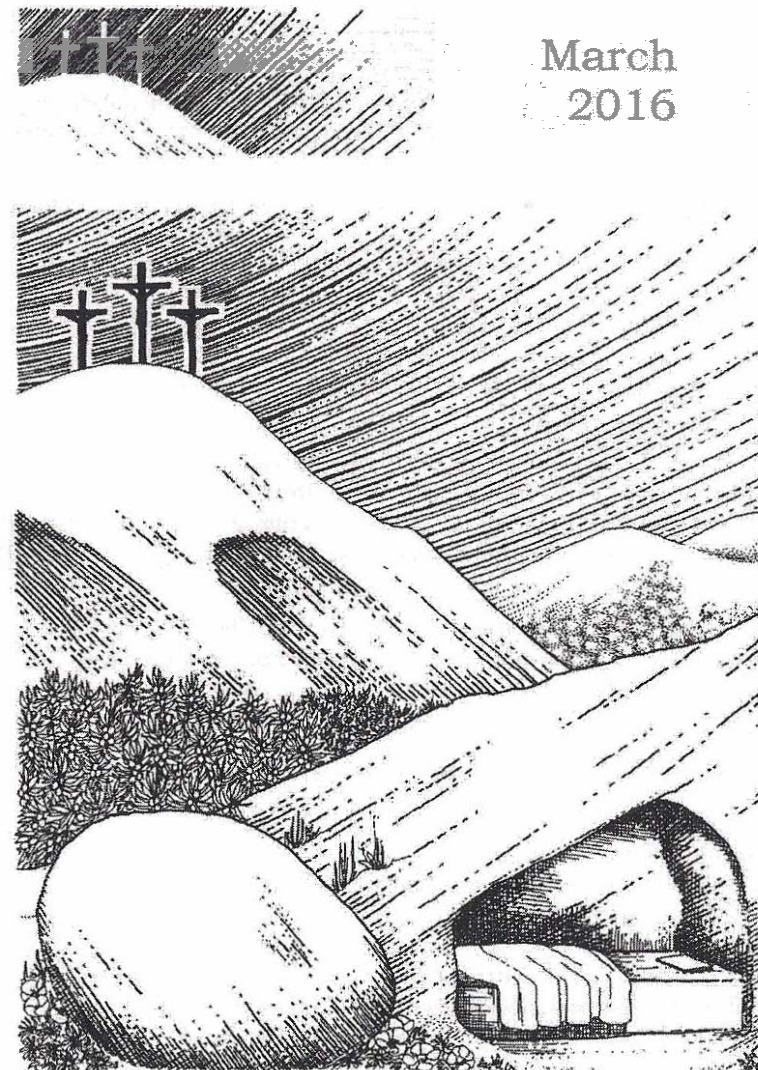
**Churchwardens:**  
**St Bartholomew, Aldbrough**  
Mrs C. Longstaff (527190)  
Mrs K. Moore (527552)  
**All Saints Mappleton & St Giles Goxhill:**  
Mr B Rhodes (533954)  
Mrs R. Skinner (534580)  
**St Alban's Witherwick:**  
Capt. D. Smith (527419)  
Mrs Anne Wood (527947)  
**Recognised Parish Assistant:**  
Mrs Antoinette Butlin 527438

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Why not try the Aldbrough & Witherwick  
village websites ;  
[www.witherwickvillage.co.uk](http://www.witherwickvillage.co.uk)  
[www.aldbroughparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.aldbroughparishcouncil.co.uk)

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Items for next Parish News to Paul by 21st March, please



## **Withernwick Ladies Group**

The February meeting of Withernwick Ladies was dedicated to the AGM. It has been a successful year, with some interesting speakers, fundraising events and trips out. We have welcomed some new members, and we hope they will enjoy their time with us. We will miss members who have left us when they have moved out of the area.

There were discussions of plans for the year, including a possible visit to Renishaw Hall in the summer. If anyone is interested in coming with us, have a word with Ann Woollin.

We occupied the rest of the evening with guessing the identity of members from their photos as toddlers. And of course, we had to have tea and biscuits.

The March meeting is on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm, with a theme of "Agatha Christy". The raffle's theme is a mystery parcel.

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**A Spring JUMBLE SALE is to take place on**

**Saturday 5th March at 12noon until 3pm.**

**The venue will be Aldbrough Methodist Church rooms.**

**Come along and grab a bargain, have a go on TOMBOLA**

**or just relax and have a cuppa and a natter.**

**All proceeds will be shared between Mappleton**

**& Aldbrough Church Funds.**

**For more Information or to donate jumble**

**telephone Bev Taylor 529070**

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## **Friends Of Mappleton & Goxhill Churches**

I am stepping down as secretary, so if anyone can spare the time & is interested in taking over, please get in touch with myself, or Anne.

Thank you Paul

What a privilege to have the Archbishop of York visiting our village when we don't even have a church. His party arrived in brilliant sunshine starting at The Wrygarth Inn. A few villagers joined the party and were escorted around Densholme Farm by Mary Fell meeting many helpers and the animals, of course. We all walked through the village, past the Norman Cross to St. Helen's Well. This is where everything got a little exciting, Mrs Maddie Rumble had walked through the village with us, with her 2 daughters, Annabelle and Rosie. Rosie is 6 months and not yet Christened, so when the Archbishop found this out he said 'No time like the present'. He prepared himself, walked down into the Well with Rosie in his arms, blessed the waters and baptised her. After which His Grace threw water over everyone else saying 'Remember your Christening'. We believe this could be the only Christening ever in the Well. We then drove to Goxhill, where we all enjoyed a verse of 'Worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness' as that is written around the inner door. A memorable day enjoyed by all.

Regards  
Ruth

Hope you liked meeting Archbishop of York. Did you know we have pairs of buzzards nesting close by. I'm going keep my eyes on them & should find it interesting. I also saw about 1000 plus lapwings landing on a field at the end of Aldbrough near Berwick corner. I heard geese flying over, heading north to there breeding grounds. I also did the big garden bird watch for RSPB

GOD BLESS  
REV ANNE  
AND ALL WHO READ THIS  
REGARDS  
JOHN



*My sermon today comes from  
Apps Chapter 1 beginning at verse 2...*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

EVENT	DATE	WHERE
<b>Women's World Day of Prayer</b>	4th March	Aldbrough Methodist Chapel
<b>Jumble Sale</b>	5th March	Aldbrough Methodist Chapel
<b>Withernwick Annual Parochial Church Meeting</b>	13th March	In church following the service
<b>Mappleton Annual Parochial Church Meeting</b>	20th March	In church following the service
<b>Aldbrough Annual Parochial Church Meeting</b>	3rd April	In church following the service
<b>Mappleton with Goxhill Annual Friends Meeting</b>	6th April	7pm, Mappleton Church
<b>Coffee Morning</b>	9th April	10am Byways, Nottingham Rd, Aldbrough

## PRAYER

The Song of the Spirit

O when Your Spirit softly sings  
Within our hearts of stone  
Lord, speak to us of Godly things  
And make our hearts your home.

Sometimes our doubts like briars grow  
Sometimes our faith is weak,  
O Spirit, sing, that doubt may go,  
Lord, help us hear you speak.

Transform us through your Spirit's voice  
And set our hearts alight,  
So truly may our hearts rejoice  
And shine with Godly light.

For those who hear the Spirit's song,  
Are filled then with His power!  
Their light shall shine the whole day long  
And praise fills ev'ry hour!

by Nigel Beeton



On Friday 11th February we had the pleasure of welcoming the Archbishop of York to Aldbrough. If you are not familiar with what is happening, John Sentamu, the Archbishop of York is visiting every benefice in the diocese. He started this pilgrimage on 1st December and he will continue until 22nd May. He spends only one night at Bishopthorpe, York, the other six nights are usually spent in the benefice he is visiting. This is of course a mammoth task, but he wanted to see what was happening at grass roots.

We met the Archbishop at 9am at the cliff top, where he arrived in all his walking gear (apparently he likes walking) plus walking poles. I really did not have the heart to tell him that it was only about a mile that we were walking! After photos at the cliff top and a quick geography lesson from Philip (Anne's husband) about coastal erosion we set off. It would be an understatement to say that the Archbishop walked quickly as he was easily 100 metres ahead of the main crowd. We arrived in church to a congregation of various people plus dogs, where he led prayers. After the service we had coffee and some people had the chance to chat to him. When he left our church I felt he was 'warming up' more vocal etc, let's just say that I thought he was not a morning person! The Archbishop of York then walked round our village, visiting the Post Office and the Doctor's Surgery. He then went to the school where he visited every classroom and years 5 and 6 got the chance to ask him some questions about his role. Finally, he had lunch at school with the children. It is not every day you can say that we had an Archbishop in our village, so it was a day to remember and relish and we wish him well with the rest of his pilgrimage. *Christine Longstaff*

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Muriel to Archbishop: 'I did hard labour in the Land Army for 7 Years'  
Archbishop to Muriel: 'I thought slavery had been abolished!'

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On Saturday April 9th from 10:00 -12:00 there is a coffee morning at Byways, Nottingham Road, Aldbrough for St. Bartholomew's Church. You will have the chance of not only getting a coffee but you will also be able to buy a book if you want. Books will be priced at £1 maximum,

*From the Vicar March 2016*

We were delighted to welcome the Archbishop of York to our Benefice on Friday 12th February and again on Sunday 14th February. It was a privilege to have him amongst us, as others who have written of his visit will testify. You might like to see some of the photos that were taken - these are now on our new website, which is still in the early stages of construction:  
<https://aldbroughbenefice.wordpress.com>

There will be some hard copies in our churches as well.

Easter – the greatest festival of all comes at the end of this month – a month of preparation and an unmissable opportunity for us to rethink our priorities and to commit ourselves more fully to God.

Special services abound this month beginning with Mothering Sunday – a chance for all of us to celebrate those who brought us into this world. A fortnight later, we enter Holy Week with its reflective nature on Christ's passion – there is a different service each day, but perhaps the most poignant are those on Maundy Thursday when we commemorate the Last Supper, and Good Friday with its focus on the crucifixion. This year we are having a service on Easter Eve, which will, by the lighting of a new fire and the new Easter Candle, begin our Easter Celebrations.

It is often difficult amidst all the horrors of this present age to find something to celebrate. But Easter gives us a choice. We can approach life looking for disappointment, fear and despair. Or we look for Resurrection and find not just an empty tomb, but encounter the living Christ. He continues to meet people in their daily lives bringing new hope, forgiveness of sin, healing and wholeness and the assurance of his presence through the darkest of times.

God invites us to see our lives differently and look for Christ's Resurrection life at work in our lives and the people around us. Then we can truly proclaim: Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

With every blessing for a very Happy Easter.

Revd Anne

#### Pastoral Visitors

Volunteers to be Pastoral visitors.

Pastoral visitors are needed across the Benefice.

If you have an hour to spare for others and would:-

1. Like to know more about the role of Pastoral Visitor,
2. Know someone who would like a visit,
3. You are someone who would like a visit.

Please contact Antoinette on 527438 or Rev. Anne on 527230

## **Services in the Benefice for March 2016:**

### EVERY Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion followed by Coffee: Aldbrough

### **Sunday March 6th: Mothering Sunday**

10.30am Parish Communion: Aldbrough

### HEALING COMMUNION: Tuesday March 8th

10.30 for 11.00 at 4 Mill Lane, Withernwick

### **Sunday March 13th: Lent 5**

10.30am Parish Communion: Withernwick\*

*Followed by APCM*

### **Sunday March 20th: Palm Sunday\***

*meet in Mappleton Car Park at 10.30 –*

*procession to Church for Parish Communion*

*Followed by APCM*

## **SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK**

### **Monday: Aldbrough**

7.00pm Evening Prayer/Meditation:

### **Tuesday: Mappleton**

7.00pm Evening Prayer/Meditation:

### **Wednesday: Withernwick**

7.00pm Evening Prayer/Meditation:

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7.30pm Holy Communion: Aldbrough

### **GOOD FRIDAY : Mappleton**

2.00pm An hour before the cross

– a service of hymns and readings:

### **EASTER EVE: Withernwick**

6.00pm *Easter Vigil with Communion*

## **EASTER DAY MARCH 27th**

*(British Summer Time begins)*

10.30am **Family Communion: Aldbrough**

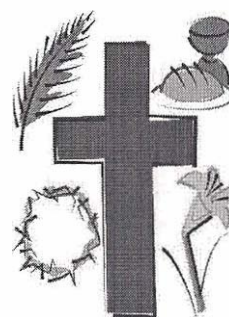
6.00pm **Evensong: Mappleton**

### **Sunday April 3rd: Easter 1**

10.30 Parish Communion: Aldbrough

*followed by APCM*

**\* Please note changes this month**



Holy Week

Alleluia

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