

December
2010

United Benefice of Aldbrough,
Mappleton & Goxhill with Great
Hatfield & Witherwick



PARISH NEWS

Church Services in December

Including Christmas specials

Everyone is welcome!

Sunday 5 November: Advent 2: purple
10.30am Holy Communion, Aldbrough
Celebrant: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley
Thursday 9 December
6.30pm **Aldbrough School Christingle** in
Church
Friday 10 December
7.30pm **Carol Service, Goxhill**
Leader: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley
Sunday 12 December: Advent 3: purple
10.30am Holy Communion, Mappleton
Celebrant: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley
10.30am All Age Worship, Aldbrough
Leader: Revd Richard Rice-Oxley
12.30pm Baptism, Witherwick
Minister: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley
Tuesday 14 December
10.30am Healing Prayer Service
4 Mill Lane, Witherwick
Leader: Revd Richard Rice-Oxley
7.30pm **Carol Service Willow Garth, Hornsea**
with Revd Richard Rice-Oxley & Friends
Sunday 19 December: Advent 4: purple
10.30am Holy Communion, Witherwick
Celebrant: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley
10.30am All Age Worship, Mappleton
Celebrant: Revd Richard Rice-Oxley
6pm **Carol Service, Aldbrough**
Leader: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley
Tuesday 21 December
7pm **Carol Service, Witherwick**
Leader-Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley
Thursday 23 December
7pm **Carol Service, Mappleton**
Leader-Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley
Friday 24 December
2pm **Crib Service, Aldbrough**
4pm **Crib Service, Witherwick**
11.30pm **Midnight Holy Communion, Aldbrough**
Celebrant: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

Christmas Day

10am Holy Communion, Witherwick
Celebrant: Revd Richard Rice-Oxley

Sunday 26 December: Boxing Day

3pm **Christmas Nativity Tableau**

A stable at Mill Lane, Aldbrough

(No services in church today)

New Year's Eve Service and Reflection

6pm St Giles' Goxhill

Leader: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley & Mr Rupert Russell

Sunday 2 January, 2011

10.30am Holy Communion Aldbrough

Including appointment of Sylvia as

Priest in Charge of Aldbrough Benefice

Celebrant: The Rt Rev Bishop of Hull

THE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

St Bartholomew's Church, Aldbrough

Decorating of trees: Saturday 4 December

10-12noon

Public Viewing: 12-2pm on Saturday 4th December

and 10-2pm on Saturday 11 December

Refreshments available on both days:

tea/coffee and cakes

Will be on show at all church services, too.

All Welcome!



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM OUR ARCHBISHOP - Living well

One of my great joys in life is cooking. I love being able to share food and look forward to cooking a Christmas dinner for the staff at Bishopthorpe. It is a simple joy to eat the fruit and vegetables of the season - such as sprouts, parsnips and red cabbage. Although we can buy fresh strawberries, broccoli and cucumbers all year round - this convenience comes at a cost. In making our lives more convenient, we risk making the life of the rest of creation, both now and in the future, that much more difficult.

In the Genesis Creation story, human beings are not given ownership of creation, but rather stewardship. The natural world is a gift from God to enjoy; but we are also called to join with God in sustaining and caring for it. 2011 is the Diocese of York Year of the Environment when we will be focusing on how we as the people of God in this place are fulfilling that call of God to be stewards of all the good things He has given to us. Our Lent Course will use the image of making bread to enable us to think about sustainable Living. Each parish will have a bird box to use as a sign of sharing our environment with other creatures that God values. Each a small step to becoming better stewards.

As we celebrate Emmanuel - God with us - we pray for the life of Christ to be known throughout the earth. As good stewards of God's creation, we get to become part of the answer to that prayer. Sentamu Ebor

Aldbrough Women's Institute held their monthly meeting in the Methodist Church School Room on Monday 1st November. 19 Members attended with 4 apologies. President Kath Moore took the chair and welcomed everyone. The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed. Matters arising included the completion of the planting of the bulbs in memory of Joan Fisher. Thanks was given to those who volunteered. It was decided not to hold a January meeting but we will have a Christmas Meal out, the venue hasn't been decided yet. News from the National and local Federations were discussed. Fran I'anson gave a report on the Autumn Council meeting which had been held in Longcroft School at Beverley. The Federation Carol Service will be held in Bev Minster on the 18th December at 2pm. Our guest speaker was Mr Peter Key and his topic was, "Now I know what it feels like to be a flower" His talk proved to be very interesting and humorous with some wonderful slides of country gardens. Vote of thanks was given by Kath Moore. The monthly competition was a "Flower Ornament". This was won by Doreen Harper who also won the flower of the month. Tea and cakes were enjoyed at the end of the evening. Our next meeting in December will be our AGM followed by "a bit of a do". Members will provide food. The meeting will start at 7pm prompt. *Iris Kennedy*



Aldbrough Church Women's Fellowship October meeting: Fourteen ladies attended the meeting on 13th October and the conversation immediately commenced with the rescue of some of the miners from the San Jose Mine, Chile and how they had kept their faith throughout their ordeal. How one miner, on being brought to the top, hugged his wife and fell on his knees to pray and another one said "There was God and the Devil down there but God has won!" So our prayers were led by Sheila Middleton for the continued success of the rescue operation and for God to help the miners and their families face whatever future problems they may have. After our prayers Kath & Marjorie led the singing of "Count your Blessings". Kath and Marjorie then entertained us to amusing poems, songs and timbrelle music. Well done ladies! It was a very pleasant afternoon. Sheila gave the vote of thanks. Our Harvest Stall raised £28.00 and sold out of produce. After a raffle and the ever welcome cup of tea and homemade cakes, compliments of Linda, we closed the meeting at 3.30 pm.

November meeting: Minutes of the Meeting held at Wentworth Close Community Room at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday 10th November 2010. There were eleven ladies present on a cold windy day but as usual the room was warm and cheerful. Kath Miller had a small stall and when we had spent our money in a good cause, the Meeting was opened by Rita with Hymn No.7 from our Fellowship Hymn Book followed by the usual prayers. After the business was done we were kept entertained by Linda who had brought the materials for us to make our own greeting cards. Supervised and advised by Linda we had lots of fun and laughed at our errors but were all delighted with the end results. Many thanks Linda for providing such entertainment free of charge.

It was decided, after some time spent perusing a Christmas dinner menu and the price, that we would have a Buffet Lunch in the Community Room on December 8th at 12.00 for 12.30p.m. at cost of £5.00 each and we agreed to bring a gift wrapped present to the value of £2.00 for "Santa's Box". The raffle and a welcome cup of tea and biscuits ended the pleasant afternoon. The Meeting closed at 3.30 p.m. Norma Potter

Not To Be Missed



A CHRISTMAS NATIVITY TABLEAU

on Boxing Day: Sunday 26 December 3pm in a stable at Mill Bungalow, Carlton Lane, Aldbrough including carols, a hot drink and mince pies
If you would like to take part please let Sylvia know 529032

COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING

The Wrygarth, Great Hatfield
6.30pm Sunday 12 December

George & Dragon, Aldbrough
8pm Monday 13 December

Cowden Caravan Club
8pm Wednesday 15 December:

The Elm Tree, Aldbrough
8pm Thursday 16 December:

The Falcon Withernwick
7pm Friday 17 December

Wentworth Community Room, Aldbrough
2pm Monday 20 December



Coming Up

JANUARY

Sunday 1st HC with Bishop Richard 10.30am Ald. Church
Tues 4 Festival 2011 meeting 7.30pm Ben. House
Mon 10th Churches Together Mtg at Ben Hse 9.30am
Wed 12 Aldbrough PCC 7.30pm at Christine's
Sun. 16th United Service Aldbrough Methodist Chapel 6pm
Mon 17th Withernwick PCC at David's 7.30pm
Tues 18th Ald. Church Friends 7.30pm Wentworth Hse Hotel
Mon 24 Talent Show mtg 17 Carlton Drive, Aldbrough
Wed 26 M&G PCC at Jean's 7.30pm

MANY THANKS

for supporting St Alban's Church, Withernwick, coffee morning on 6 November: £400 raised;
John Gaughan Concert at Aldbrough Church: £265 raised;
and Mappleton Parish coffee morning on 13 November : £140 raised (plus a donation of £40).
Thanks to all those who helped organise & those who supported these events

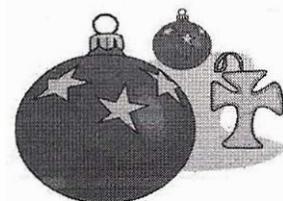
CHRISTMAS HOME COMMUNIONS:

please let Sylvia know of anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion at home. 529032

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

Once again volunteers have distributed a Christmas card from your local churches to every home in the Benefice. This tells you of all the Christmas Services and events.

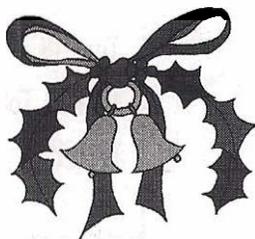
We look forward to welcoming you!



From the registers

We pray for the family and friends of **Jean Graham**, whose funeral took place at St Bartholomew's Church, Aldbrough on 14 October, service conducted by Revd Canon Chris Simmons; **Mabel Ward**, late of Witherwick, whose funeral took place at Hull Crematorium on 9 November, 2010, service conducted by Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley; and **Sylvia Elizabeth Kitcher**, late of Witherwick, whose funeral took place at Octon Crematorium on 9 November, 2010, service conducted by Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley.

TORCH Val and David Radford invite visually impaired people in the area, to a Torch regional Christmas celebration at Hornsea Methodist Church on Saturday, 11th December, at 2pm, when the Torch Choir from HQ in Leicestershire will be singing some of their own songs in addition to leading traditional carols. Torch members from Bridlington, Hull and Scarborough will help raise the roof!



The Church of England is supporting **WILL AID** whereby a solicitor's bill during November will go to leading charities including Christian Aid. Ie £ 75 for on person's Will, £110 for a couple, £40 for an amendment to an existing Will. Ring 0300 0300 013 or www.willaid.org.uk for more info.

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.aldbrough.org
www.witherwickvillage.co.uk

*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*

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, Witherwick

3rd Sunday: 10.30am Holy Communion

4th Sunday: 10.30am All Age Worship

Churchwardens:

St Bartholomew, Aldbrough

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All Saints Mappleton & St Giles Goxhill:

Mr J. Hepworth (532754)

Mrs J. Vickers (Deputy, Goxhill)

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