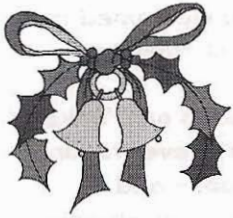


December

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



PARISH NEWS



**Church Services in December:
Everyone welcome!**

Sunday 2 December: Advent 1: purple
10.30am Holy Communion, Aldbrough
Celebrant: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

Tuesday 4 December
10.30am Healing Prayer Group, 4 Mill Lane,
Withernwick
Minister: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

Sunday 9 December: Advent 2: purple
10.30am Holy Communion, Mappleton
Celebrant: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley
10.30am All Age Worship, Aldbrough
Worship Leader: Antoinette Little
Preacher: Revd Richard Rice-Oxley
12noon Baptism Aldbrough Church
Minister: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

Wednesday 12 December
6.30pm Aldbrough School Christingle in Church
Minister: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

Friday 14 December
7.30pm Carol Service, Goxhill
with Benefice Choir
Minister: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

Sunday 16 December: Advent 3: purple
10.30am Holy Communion, Witherwick
Celebrant: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley
10.30am All Age Worship, Mappleton
Worship Leader: Beverley Taylor
Preacher: Revd Richard Rice-Oxley
6pm Carol Service Aldbrough
with Benefice Choir
Minister Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

Thursday 20 December
7pm Carol Service, Witherwick
with Benefice Choir
Minister: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

Sunday 23 December: Advent 4: purple
10.30am Holy Communion, Aldbrough
Celebrant: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley
No morning service at Witherwick
6pm Carol & Crib Service, Mappleton
with Benefice Choir
Minister: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

CHRISTMAS EVE: white
2pm Crib Service, Aldbrough Church
Minister Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley
4pm Crib Service, Witherwick Church
Minister Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley
11.30pm Midnight Communion, Aldbrough
Celebrant: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

CHRISTMAS DAY: white
10am Holy Communion, Witherwick
Celebrant: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

Sunday 30 December
No services

Monday 31 December
6pm New Year's Eve Service,
Goxhill Church
Leader: Mr Rupert Russell

St Bartholomew's Church, Aldbrough
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
Saturdays 8, 15, 22 December 10am -2pm
All Welcome!
And trees will be on view for all services

WILLOW GARTH
Christmas Carol Service
2pm Wednesday 5 December
Leader: Sylvia & Richard Rice-Oxley
and friends

And it's Goodbye from me.....

Dear Friends,

This is my last Parish News - the 170th! Looking back over the last 14+ years, we have had a great time together in the Benefice, and we have seen God's gracious hand of love and care throughout.

You welcomed me as a green Reader-in-charge in October 1998 - we were all a little younger then! We then coped without a resident priest for the next 10 years, when you welcomed me as Deacon, then Priest and finally Priest-in-charge in January 2011. And now it is time to retire and put my feet up for a while.

Thank you for journeying with me: we have maintained regular, lively parish worship and 'upkept' our church buildings. We have had fun on family fun days, encouraged community events, and it has been my privilege to lead assemblies and be a Governor at Aldbrough School - and Withernwick School assemblies in the early days - and to baptise, bury and marry parishioners. We have sung with the Salvation Army at Goxhill Church and enjoyed Beach Services at Mappleton. We have Beaten the Bounds of the Benefice and celebrated Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee in style. We have celebrated the gardens in Withernwick and sung God's praise in St Alban's Church. We have dressed Christmas trees in St Bartholomew's.

I have delighted in the faith I have found and been honoured to encourage faith through church services, bible studies and particularly the Healing Prayer Group. I have been keen to work together with other churches and we have had many times of worship- and working together. God is there for us in the ups and downs of life and leads us on our journey through this world. Thank you for enabling me to travel through this significant part of my life. Now, I pray for God's blessing to be upon you all as you journey along in your lives. Please support your local church and encourage your church officers - without whom the churches would close. God bless you all. Richard and my family join with me in thanking you all for your love towards us over the years.

**With love from Sylvia,
by the grace of God,
your minister in the Gospel for 14 years.**

P.S. Rumour has it, that there is a party for me at Aldbrough Youth Club on Saturday 1st December 3-6pm. I look forward to seeing many of you then.

ALDBROUGH W.I.

14 members, 1 guest and the president met in the Methodist School Room in Aldbrough, for the November meeting. Minutes of the October meeting were agreed and signed. Mrs. L. Wright gave an overview of the Autumn Council Meeting held on the 20th October. Mrs. Gill told members that the knitting marathon held at the Federation AGM in May had been ratified and now accepted by the Guinness book of Records as a world record to the fact that it was the most numbers of people knitting simultaneously for 15 minutes. Members of Aldbrough WI who had taken part in the record making were Mrs. Gill, Wright and Rothery.

Following the business meeting, The President welcomed Lynda Mills from "Wrapped in Style". Lynda demonstrated very attractive ways of wrapping items such as a bottle using cellophane and tissue paper, a box ensuring that no tape was visible and a circular tin using a pleating method. Each item was then dressed with various bows, flowers and tapes. A demonstration of how to make the bows and flowers was undertaken. Lynda had also brought some other materials that she uses in the production of some spectacular present wrapping, and also told us some of the tricks of the trade that can be used.

A vote of thanks was given by Hazel Armstrong.

Next meeting 3rd December Time 7pm.

LOOK OUT FOR the new format of the January issue of Parish News edited by each parish in the Benefice, so parish news should be sent to: Withernwick Parish: Jennifer Young; Aldbrough Parish: Christine Longstaff; Mappleton & Goxhill Parish: Brian Rhodes, or as usual direct to Paul Soltys.

Thank you to Richard and Jane Butterworth for a lovely Sunday lunch at their farm last month, when over 100 people sat down to enjoy farm pork and raised £1200 for St Alban's Church, Withernwick. A wonderful afternoon had by all!



LOOK!

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE
10.30am with Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley
Tuesday 4 December at 4 Mill Lane, Withernwick
All Welcome!

COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING

All Welcome!

The Falcon, Withernwick,
1pm Saturday 1 December

The Elm Tree, Aldbrough,
7.30pm Monday 10 December

The Wrygarth, Great Hatfield,
8.30pm Monday 10 December

The George & Dragon, Aldbrough
8.30pm Tuesday 11 December

Aldbrough Caravan Club
7.30pm Saturday 15 December

Cowden Caravan Club
8pm Wednesday 19 December

Dates For Your Diary

December

- Sat 1 Sylvia's Party Ald. Youth Club 3-6pm
- Sun 2 Choir Practice 3pm Aldbrough Church
- Tues 4 Healing Prayer Service, W'wick
- Wed 5 December Carol Service Willow Garth
- Sat 8 Christmas Tree Festival, Aldbrough 10-2pm
- Sun 9 Choir Practice 3pm Mappleton Church
- Mon 10 Carol Singing Elm Tree, Ald. 7.30pm
- Mon 10 Carol Singing Wrygarth, Gt Hatfield 8.30pm
- Tues 11 Carol Singing George & Dragon 8.30pm
- Wed 12 Aldbrough School Christingle in Church 6.30pm
- Fri 14 Goxhill Carol Service 7.30pm
- Sat 15 Christmas Tree Festival, Aldbrough 10-2pm
- Sat 15 Carol Singing Aldbrough Caravan Park 7.30pm
- Sun 16 Aldbrough Church Carol Service 6pm
- Wed 19 Carol Singing Cowden Caravan Club 8pm
- Thurs 20 Withernwick Church Carol Service 7pm
- Sat 22 Christmas Tree Festival, Aldbrough 10-2pm
- Sun 23 Carol & Crib Service, Mappleton 6pm
- Christmas Eve:**
- 2pm Crib Service, Aldbrough
- 4pm Crib Service, Withernwick
- 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion, Aldbrough
- Christmas Day:**
- 10am Holy Communion at Withernwick
- Sunday 30 No Service in Benefice
- Mon 31 New Year's Eve, Goxhill 6pm

BENEFICE CHOIR Christmas services and Practices

More details from David Radford (535914)

Friday December 14: Goxhill Carol Service

Sunday December 16: Aldbrough Carol Service

Thursday December 20: Withernwick Carol Service

Sunday December 23: Mappleton Carol and Crib Service.

In addition - for the keen! - come and help us sing at the various pubs and clubs in the run-up to Christmas: see above. Practices will be as follows:-

Sunday December 2 at 3pm in Aldbrough Church

Sunday December 9 at 3pm in Mappleton Church



From the registers:

We pray for the family and friends of **Ivor Frederick Pearson** whose funeral took place on Wednesday 20 November, 2012, at St Bartholomew's Church, Aldbrough, conducted by Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

From the Churchwardens

of Aldbrough, Witherwick, Mappleton and Goxhill Parishes

As many of you will know Sylvia and Richard are retiring from the Benefice at the end of the year.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Sylvia who has devoted 14 years of her life to serving our Benefice.

We will all miss her greatly

but we would like to wish her and Richard a long and happy retirement.

We are holding a party to mark Sylvia's retirement

on Saturday 1st December at Aldbrough Youth Club from 3pm to 6pm.

Please feel free to drop in during the afternoon to wish them well.

13th December 7.30pm

**Aldbrough School - Performance of Graham Kendrick's Night of Nights
by North Holderness Churches Together Choir.**

Free!

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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.aldbroughparishcouncil.co.uk

www.witherwickvillage.co.uk

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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

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