

FROM THE REGISTERS:



November 6th: Ethan Hammond (Aldbrough)

BAPTISM

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**** 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 & Withernwick
village websites ;

www.withernwickvillage.co.uk

www.aldbroughparishcouncil.co.uk

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Items for next Parish News to Paul by 20th December, please

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



December 2016



From The Vicar December 2016

This season of Advent leading up to Christmas Day is probably the busiest of all – there is so much to do and so many demands on our time – just look at all the events in our Benefice for a start!

Forgive me, but when the Garden Centres begin their Christmas displays in October the true meaning of the season seems to get lost amongst the tinsel and the bright lights.

So I'd like to share this Christmas version of 1 Corinthians 13 with you:

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny baubles, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator. If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir, but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband. Love is kind though harried and tired. Love doesn't envy another's home that has co-ordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love bears all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but giving the gift of love will endure.

Christmas doesn't last very long, yet the effect of the first Christmas is long-lasting. 'For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.' (John 3:16). Jesus has come to bring us life in all its fullness, both for now and all eternity.

With every blessing for a very happy Christmas
Revd Anne

'TELL A NEW STORY,'

On Saturday 15 October, I along with, two hundred Christians gathered together in Coventry to explore how best to support people to grow as disciples of Jesus in their rural churches and how to more effectively reach out into their local communities. The Germinate Conference took place at The Welcome Centre in Coventry and brought together speakers and facilitators from across the Christian denominations, alongside representatives and resources from key para-church organisations, including Fresh Expressions, Messy Church and HOPE. Designed to equip and encourage all those involved in rural ministry, the conference heard from a range of contributors, including key-note addresses from Revd Dr Roger Walton, 2016-17 President of the Methodist Conference, and Pete Atkins, Team Co-ordinator for Fresh Expressions.

In his closing remarks the Rt. Revd. James Bell, Bishop of Ripon, reminded the conference of the responsibility and privilege of rural Christians to challenge negative preconceptions of rural life and church and to celebrate the role of the rural church in bringing new life and hope to the countryside.

'It's time to tell a new story,' said Bishop James in response to the reflection of a Church of England vicar-in-training who said, 'All I ever hear is how hard rural ministry is but today I've heard inspirational stories and I'll go back to college with a new sense of purpose.'

Jerry Marshall, CEO of Germinate: The Arthur Rank Centre, who put the conference together, said, 'There is no organisation on earth like the church when it's working well, and growing disciples is key to building the church in local rural communities.'

Sums up Christmas

Three phrases that sum up Christmas are: Peace on Earth;
Goodwill to Men; and Batteries not included.

Methodist Church.

Sat Dec 3rd--Coffee Morning- 10-00am--11-30am, cake and bric -a -brac stalls.

Sun 4th-Service at 10-45 am preacher Rev John Brown.

Tue 6th- Bible Study at 2pm.

Wed 7th-Craft Club at 1-30pm.

Sun 11th- Service at 10-45am, preacher Mrs A Ashcroft.

Tue 13th- Network Party at 2-15 pm

Wed 14th-Craft Club at 1-30pm,

Sun 18th -Service at 10-45 am preacher -Mr D Bickerton.

Sun 25th-Short Service at 9-30 am led by Rev Colin Marchment

Christmas

All heaven waited with bated breath
As the Lord sent Gabriel on ahead
To break the news to the young Jewish girl,
'You will be with child' was all he said

'How can this be?' Poor Mary cried,
'I am a maid and know no man.'
'With God all is possible' came the reply;
This child would fulfil redemption's plan

News spread fast when the baby was born,
Shepherds were alerted by a heavenly host,
Glory to God and peace on earth,
God was coming to redeem the lost.

This Christmas day we celebrate,
Like the shepherds and wise men we play our part,
As they bring their gifts we worship Him too,
But the one gift He longs for is our heart.

By Megan Carter

Services in the Benefice for December 2016:

EVERY Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion followed by Coffee: Aldbrough

Sunday December 4th: Advent 2

10.30 am Parish Communion: Aldbrough

Friday December 9th: 7pm Carol Service: Goxhill

Sunday December 11th: Advent 3

10.30 am Parish Communion: Mappleton

HEALING COMMUNION: Tuesday 13th December 10.30 for
11.00 at 4 Mill Lane, Withernwick

Sunday December 18th: Advent 4

10.30am Parish Communion: Withernwick

7.00pm Carol Service: Aldbrough

Tuesday December 20th 7.00pm Carol Service: Withernwick

Friday December 23rd 7.00pm Carol Service: Mappleton

Saturday December 24th: Christmas Eve

2.00pm Christingle/Crib Service: Aldbrough

4.00pm Christingle/Crib Service: Aldbrough

11.30pm Midnight Mass: Aldbrough

Sunday December 25th: Christmas Day

10.30 am Family Communion: Withernwick

Saturday December 31st: New Year's Eve

6.00pm Service to welcome the New Year Goxhill

Sunday January 1st 2017: New Year's Day/Christmas 1

10.30 am Parish Communion: Aldbrough

I know it is a long time ago, but I've finally been told the total raised by the Withernwick Ladies event on 1st August. It was £615 all together.

Thank you, Sarah

Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus

The teacher asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favourite Bible story. She was puzzled by Kate's picture, which showed four people on an airplane. She asked her which story it was meant to represent. "The Flight to Egypt," was her reply.

Pointing at each figure, the teacher ventured: "That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. But who's the fourth person?"

"Oh," explained Kate happily, "that's Pontius - the pilot!"

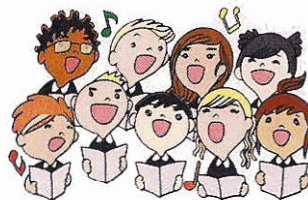
This time of year you might see thousands of wild geese, flying over from the breeding grounds in Greenland. They mainly stop over on the Humber estuary for a rest and a feed up for a few days, then down to the big RSPB in Norfolk near the wash, and feed on the waste sugar beet. The farmers leave them for the geese to feed on over the winter months till next spring, you will see them northbound again.

Also at the wildfowl and wetland trust in Slimbridge, the late Sir Peter Scott place, they started to get swans in there thousands come from all over northern Europe and northern Russia, because of the bitter cold weather up there.

God bless Revd. Anne
and all who read this and happy Christmas
Regards John

What's on and where?

Special CHRISTMAS EVENT



Saturday 3rd December

11 – 3 Christmas fair with bacon butties:
Withernwick Church 5pm – 7pm
Christmas Lights switch on with Santa,
reindeer, stalls, food and more: Aldbrough
village

Opportunities for singing your favourite carols:
9th December (Goxhill); 14th December
(Cowden Caravan Park); 18th December
(Aldbrough); 20th December (Withernwick);
23rd December (Mappleton)



See the Christmas Trees: Aldbrough: 10th
and 17th December 10-12 Coffee and
Mince Pies



Christingles: The orange, sweets and the
candlelight in the dark.
Our Christingle services:
December 15th (Aldbrough); December 24th
(Aldbrough and Withernwick)



24th December 11.30pm Midnight Mass
(Aldbrough)

25th December 10.30am Family Service
with Communion (Withernwick)

Happy Christmas