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Items for next Parish News to Paul by 18th February , please

The Parishes of Aldbrough,
Mappleton & Goxhill with Great
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PARISH NEWS

February 2014

Church Services in February:
Everyone welcome!

Sunday February 2nd: Candlemas

10.30 Parish Communion - Aldbrough

Wednesday February 5th

10.00 Holy Communion followed by Coffee: Aldbrough

Sunday February 9th: 4th Sunday before Lent

10.30 Parish Communion - Mappleton

Tuesday February 11th

10.30 Healing Service at 4 Mill Lane, Witherwick

Wednesday February 12th

10.00 Holy Communion followed by Coffee: Aldbrough

Sunday February 16th: 3rd Sunday before Lent

10.30 Parish Communion - Witherwick

Wednesday February 19th

10.00 Holy Communion followed by Coffee: Aldbrough

Sunday February 23rd: 2nd Sunday before Lent

8.30 Holy Communion- Mappleton

10.30 All-age worship - Aldbrough

10.30 All-age worship - Witherwick

Wednesday February 26th

10.00 Holy Communion followed by Coffee: Aldbrough

As we approach the beginning of February it seems that spring is nearly here - there are certainly plenty of bulbs popping up in the Vicarage garden and we're looking forward to seeing what is there! Add to this Valentine's Day in the middle of the month I guess there is an air of expectation all around.

The church begins February with an ancient feast that marks both a looking back to Christmas and a looking forward to Easter with the story of the young child Jesus being presented in the Temple as was the custom for all at the time. At the Temple were two prophets Simeon and Anna who were both anticipating God's coming among his people. Simeon's words have become immortalised in what we call the Nunc Dimittis in which he refers to Jesus as 'a light to lighten the Gentiles'. Accordingly from the 7th century to February 2nd was made into a feast of candles - hence Candlemas.

Candlemas, though, also has pagan roots as it lies half way between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, so it marks the day when winter is half over!! In the Celtic calendar it was known as Imbolc - and centred around the lighting of fires to celebrate the increasing power of the sun over the coming months. As Candlemas traditions evolved a legend also sprang up that if the sun shone on 2nd February an animal would see its shadow and there would be 6 more weeks of winter!

Nonetheless, the feast of Candlemas enables us to focus on Jesus as the light of the world. It is this light that has inspired hymn writers over the centuries and none more so than Graham Kendrick's 'Shine, Jesus, shine'. The first verse simply says: 'Lord the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining: Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me.'

May Christ's light and love shine in our hearts this month.

Revd Anne

On Wednesdays there is the opportunity to drop into Aldbrough Church for a cup of tea or coffee between 10.30 and 12.00 - please do join us!

We hope that the new format for this newsletter will make it a little more user friendly - it certainly takes up less space on the noticeboard! However, if this is to truly reflect the 'Parish News' then we need articles from all sections of our communities - whether this is to promote an event or simply to tell us about something that has happened. Please let Paul have your 'offerings' in plenty of time!

From the registers:

Funeral: 30th December 2013 Goxhill: Jean Lucy Vickers

<p>Wednesday 5th February 2pm Songs of Praise Willow Garth with Val Radford and team</p>	<p>Wednesday 12th February & 26th February 4.30pm Kids Activity Group Densholme Farm for info & transport contact David and Val on 01964 535914</p>
<p>Parish Hall Newbegin Torch Fellowship Group including Music Quiz for information and transport contact David & Val on 01964 535914</p>	

Youth Leaders Needed

New leaders are needed to help run the Kids Activity Group at Densholme Farm which meets fortnightly on Wednesday evenings at 4.30 pm during school term time. Farm activities, indoor and outdoor games, music, dance, stories and occasional worship. Please contact David and Val Radford if you are interested or know someone who you think could help. 01964 535914

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2013

THE FESTIVAL HELD IN ST BARTHOLOMEWS CHURCH, ALDBROUGH, IS A COMMUNITY EVENT THAT ATTRACTS GREAT INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION IN THE VILLAGE. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND THIS YEAR WAS NO DIFFERENT, MANY OF THE LOCAL BUSINESSES AND FAMILIES THAT GATHERED TOGETHER ON THE 7th OF DECEMBER TO DECORATE THEIR TREES MADE FOR A HAPPY OCCASION ENJOYED BY ALL, A GREAT SENSE OF FELLOWSHIP WAS EVIDENT AMONGST THE CROWD. THE DECORATED TREES MADE AN OUTSTANDING DISPLAY, DOTTED ABOUT THE CHURCH, EACH ONE DIFFERENT AND PERSONAL TO THAT FIRM OR FAMILY. AFTERWARDS MANY PEOPLE CAME TO VIEW THE SPECTACLE THAT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED BY VILLAGERS CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JESUS.

Sent in by Muriel Benzins:

Late one evening a poor farmer on his way back from the market found himself without his prayer book. The wheel of his cart had come off right in the middle of the woods and it distressed him that this day should pass without saying his prayers, so this is the prayer he made, I have done something very foolish Lord, I came away from home this morning without my prayer book and my memory is such that I cannot recite a single prayer without it. So this is what I am going to do: I shall recite the alphabet five times very slowly and you, to whom all prayers are known, can put the letters together to form the prayers I can't remember. and the Lord said to his angels, Of all the prayers I have heard today, this one was undoubtedly the best because it came from a heart that was simple & sincere.

Good luck, bad luck? Who knows?

There is a chinese story of an old farmer who had an old horse for tilling his fields. One day the horse escaped into the hills and when all the farmers neighbours sympathised with the old man over his bad luck, the farmer replied, Bad luck? Good luck? Who knows? A week later the horse returned with a herd of wild horses from the hills & this time the neighbours congratulated the farmer on his good luck. His reply was, Good luck? Bad luck? Who knows? Then when the farmers son was attempting to tame one of the wild horses, he fell off his back & broke his leg. Everyone thought this was very bad luck. Not the farmer whose only reaction was Bad luck? Good luck? Who knows? Some weeks later the army marched into the village and conscripted every able-bodied youth they found there. When they saw the farmers son with his broken leg they let him off, Now was that good luck? Bad luck? Who knows?

Everything that seems on the surface to be an evil may be a good in disguise. And everything that seems good on the surface may really be an evil. So we are wise when we leave it to GOD to decide what is good luck & bad, and thank Him that all things turn out for good with those who love him

Told by Anthony Mellor

Chocolate Walnut Pastries

You can serve these little pastries at a brunch as a sweet roll, as dessert as part of a tray of little cakes, or as cookies. You can use Hot Water Pastry instead of the refrigerated premade doughs if you'd like.

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 10 minutes

Total Time: 30 minutes

Yield: Makes 32 pastries

Ingredients:

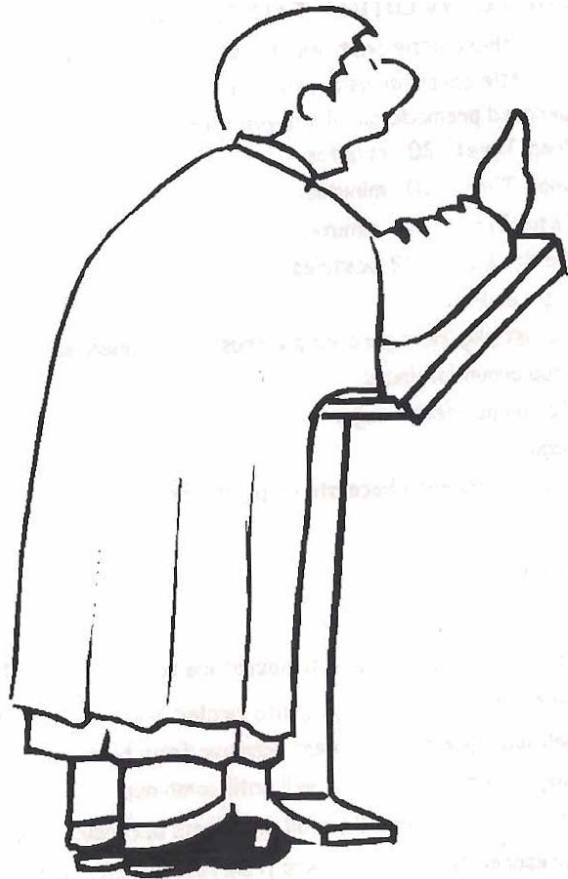
- 2 crust pkg. refrigerated pie crusts, or homemade [pie crusts](#)
- 1 cup ground walnuts
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips, divided

Preparation:

Let pie crust pouches sit at room temperature for 15 minutes. If using [homemade crusts](#), chill for 1 hour after rolling into circles. Melt 2/3 cup of the chocolate chips in small saucepan over low heat. Remove from heat and add ground walnuts, powdered sugar, and egg, and mix well until combined.

Preheat oven to 200 degrees C Unroll pie crusts according to package directions, or remove prepared homemade crusts from refrigerator; roll pie crusts into 12" rounds. Cut each crust into 16 wedges. Place a rounded 1 teaspoon chocolate mixture on the wide end of each wedge and gently spread out to form a layer. Roll up the dough, starting at wide end and rolling to the point. Place point side down on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake the pastries at 200 degrees C for 8-12 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool completely. Melt remaining chocolate in small saucepan over low heat. Drizzle over cooled pastries.

Sent in by Jennifer Young



**'To those complaining about the lack of heating. Can I quote that well known Bible verse...
"Many are cold but few are frozen"'**

Aldbrough WI.

The December 2013 meeting took the form of the Annual Meeting. The meeting commenced with the singing of Jerusalem. Following the re-election of Ms Dunn as president, she went on to give her annual report and presided over reports given by the Secretary and Treasurer. Urgent WI business was attended to. This was followed by 4 ladies from the institute presenting a short play, causing some chuckling. Then a lovely Christmas buffet was enjoyed by all those who attended. The New Year commenced with a meeting held on 6th Jan, attended by 12 ladies with several apologies of absence. Business was conducted and specific mention was made of the decorated Christmas tree that was in the St. Bartholomew's Church. Members had crafted decorations for the tree which were available for all to see. There were various activities from Federation level announced these ranged from the spring walk, basket making and crewel work. Votes were collected for the national federation resolutions. Following the business meeting a pie and pea supper was enjoyed. Members then took part in the first round of the Federation Quiz. This caused some members headaches and laughter at the same time. Mrs. L. Wright was the quiz master for the evening. Next meeting will be Benefits of Massage. 3rd February 7-30pm in the School room, Aldbrough Methodist School Rooms. Ladies of the village and surrounding areas are welcome to attend and see what the WI is about.

York Minster have very kindly given 10 free annual passes to each parish which can be used more than once. If you would like to make use of these please speak to one of the PCC Secretaries. If you haven't been for a while then you may not have seen the new exhibition in the Undercroft - well worth making the journey for!