

pilgrim

A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

We shall be starting the Pilgrim course again on Monday 8th February. This time the topic will be The Creeds and as before there will be sessions at 2.00pm and 7.30pm. Please do come along.

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



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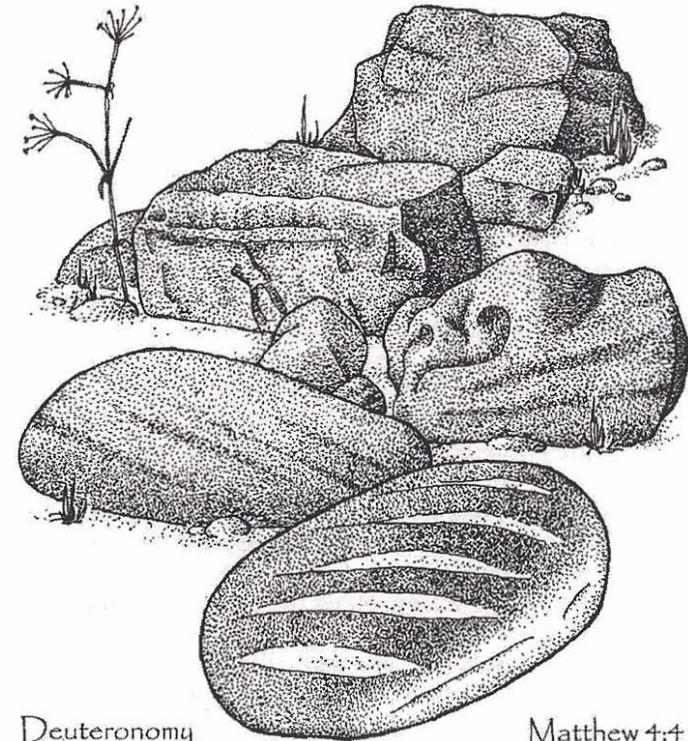
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Items for next Parish News to Paul by 20th February, please



Deuteronomy
8:3

Matthew 4:4

Bread is not enough to keep us alive;
we need to feed on every word of God

From the Vicar February 2016

Welcome to February, a month that brings us Candlemas, Ash Wednesday and therefore the season of Lent, followed by Valentine's Day. Since this is a leap year we have an extra day and women can propose to men! We also have a very exciting visit from the Archbishop of York!

A recent report published in January revealed that the number of people attending Church of England services each week has for the first time dropped below 1 million – accounting for less than 2% of the population – with Sunday attendances falling to 760,000. The statistics seem to reflect the C of E's steady decline over recent decades in the face of growing secularism and religious diversity, and the ageing profile of its worshippers. Numbers attending church services have fallen by 12% in the past decade, to less than half the levels of the 1960s. Speaking at the opening of the Anglican primates' meeting in Canterbury, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said: "In some parts of the Communion decline in numbers has been a pattern for many years. In England our numbers have been falling at about 1% every year since world war two ... The culture [is] becoming anti-Christian, whether it is on matters of sexual morality, or the care for people at the beginning or the end of life. It is easy to paint a very gloomy picture."

The Archbishop is right in that it is very easy to paint a gloomy picture – but statistics vary enormously across the country and here in this Benefice we have actually seen a rise in attendance during 2015. There has been an increase in our usual Sunday attendance from an average of 18 to an average of 21 adults. The Wednesday communion averages 14 adults. We have had 19 Baptisms, 5 Weddings and sadly 12 Funerals. But there is no room for complacency – our Sunday figures simply reveal that in general more people are worshipping more regularly wherever the service is!

However, we still have a long way to go if we are to really grow our churches! It is therefore a delight that Archbishop Sentamu has taken time out of his regular duties (with the permission of the Queen) to get out and about in his Diocese. There is more about his visit to us in this newsletter, but suffice to say that if we are serious about our faith then we, like the Archbishop, have to get out and about and talk to people – this is not something that can be left to the Vicar!

I hope and pray that this year we may bring more people to know the love that God has for each one of us, and that we are seen to be welcoming as well as worshipping communities.

With every blessing,

Revd Anne

Withernwick Ladies Group

The January meeting of the Ladies Group was a change from the usual format. The first Wednesday of the month fell on the Feast of the Epiphany, so we had a Twelfth Night Party instead of having a visiting speaker.

To set the mood for the evening, the usual business meeting began with a poem about Resolutions. Once the serious stuff was out of the way, we had a selection of readings. We had something intellectual from Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, but the majority of the seasonal items were much more frivolous.

The readings were followed by a pantomime: *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, which included a special guest appearance by the Woollin household's mop, playing Baby Bear.

The February meeting will be our AGM, at which a programme of events for the year will be available.

Methodist Church

Mon, 1st at 2-00 pm –planning meeting for Womens World Day of Prayer.

Sat 6th Coffee Morning --10-00---11-30 am.

Monday 8th a Beetle Drive at 6-00 pm

Tuesday 9th -Network=Speaker -Mrs Chris Houlton at 2-15 pm.

Wed 10th Craft Afternoon at 1-30 pm.

Tues 16th Bible Study --at 2-00 pm.

Wed 17th Craft Afternoon. at 1-30 pm.

Tues 23 rd Network = Speaker Rev Colin Marchment at 2-15 pm

Wed 24th Craft Afternoon at 1-30 pm.

Everyone welcome to all these meetings.

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

Archbishop of York's Diocesan Pilgrimage of Prayer, Witness and Blessing.

The Archbishop writes:

The vision for this Pilgrimage lies in the roots of our Christian Heritage. As I have prayed and waited on God, I have been inspired by the great Northern Saints, such as Aidan, Cuthbert, and Hilda who took to the road to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.'

Between Advent 2015 and Trinity 2016 I will be engaging in a Diocesan Pilgrimage of Prayer, Witness and Blessing. I am therefore writing to invite you to participate in this Pilgrimage, whether through prayer or in person.

A Pilgrimage of Prayer - As I walk, I will be taking time to listen to God for His will for us as a Diocese. I will be using the surroundings as an inspiration to intercede for all who live in this fantastic part of God's kingdom. As I meet with people and talk about their hopes and dreams, their fears and disappointments, I will also pray with them, knowing that each time we cry out to God, He hears and responds.

A Pilgrimage of Witness - I will be taking every opportunity, like Aidan, to talk to all those with whom I meet about the love of God made visible in Jesus Christ. I long for the people I meet to be refreshed in faith and hope in Christ, possibly for the first time.

A Pilgrimage of Blessing - As I walk I will be keeping watch for those places where God's Kingdom is breaking in and seeking to bless them. This will in turn inspire further intercession that we may see more of the power of God making a difference amongst us.

We are a Church on the road in mission ready to make Christ known in word and deed. Come and join me so that together we may be part of God's transforming work in this Diocese.

See you on the road!
With every blessing,

Archbishop Sentamu

Withernwick Clothes Collection

Thank you to all the people who put out bags of clothes in December. The collection raised £141.20 for St Alban's Church Restoration Fund and we are very grateful for your support.

We still have some 2016 calendars for sale - all the lovely photographs around Withernwick were taken by residents. The calendars are available in church or from me.

Anne Wood

A warm welcome was extended to all members of Aldbrough W.I. at the first meeting of the New Year. Members were made aware of the many activities planned by the Federation for the coming year and names were taken for the spring walk and the celebratory meal for the Queen's 90 th Birthday to name just two !

The main event of the evening was our Pie and Pea Supper followed by a quiz. The evening was a great success. Many thanks to all involved with preparing and serving the supper and of course the pot washers !

The next meeting will be on Monday 1st February.

I'm going to write about the RSPB, and how i got myself involved. Always, since i was a youngster I've been interested in wildlife. I was down on holiday and one day at Lands End Centre in the south west, the RSPB were trying to get new members, so then I decided to join. Then when i gave up work, I went to Bempton Cliffs to ask if they needed more volunteers. 'Yes' i was told, they gave me some paper work to fill in and needed proof of ID and a household bill as well as a check on myself. And I still like helping them after 15 years, plus regular meetings for updates and what is planned, and I've been to a few members weekends at York University

God bless Anne
and all who read this
John

Archbishop Sentamu will be arriving in our Deanery of North Holderness on Wednesday 10th February. He will spend the Wednesday in Hornsea and lead the traditional Ash Wednesday service at Hornsea Parish Church in the evening.

He will be spending Friday 12th February in our Benefice starting in Aldbrough at 9.00 – with a short prayer service in the church at about 9.30. He will be walking around the village and going to the school to meet children, staff and governors and have lunch there!

After lunch he will be going to Great Hatfield and Goxhill, taking in Densholme Community Farm on his walk.

At about 4.00pm he will arrive in Withernwick to walk the village and finish with an evening service at 5.00pm in the Church.

All of this is subject to change but please if possible do try to meet with him and encourage those of other faiths and non to do so as well!

On Sunday 14th February it will be a great privilege to welcome him to Mappleton Church to preside and preach at our 10.30 service.

PRAYER

With Lent in mind, this famous prayer of Sir Francis Drake may well be an inspiration:

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we have dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when
With the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst
For the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision
Of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wider seas
Where storms will show your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.
We ask You to push back
The horizons of our hopes;
And to push into the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love.

Attributed to Sir Francis Drake, 16th Century

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

EVENT	DATE	WHERE
Ash Wednesday	10th February	10.00 Aldbrough 7.30 Hornsea
Archbishop Sentamu's visit	12 February	Benefice
Withernwick Annual	13th March	
Parochial Church Meeting		
Mappleton Annual	20th March	
Parochial Church Meeting		

Services in the Benefice for February 2016:

EVERY Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion followed by Coffee: Aldbrough

Sunday February 7th: 1 before Lent

10.30 Parish Communion: Aldbrough

HEALING COMMUNION: Tuesday February 9th

10.30 for 11.00 at 4 Mill Lane, Withernwick

Wednesday 10th February: Ash Wednesday

10.00 Holy Communion: Aldbrough

7.30pm Holy Communion: St Nicholas Hornsea

Sunday February 14th: Lent 1

10.30am Parish Communion: Mappleton

President: Archbishop Sentamu

Sunday February 21st: Lent 2

10.30am Parish Communion: Withernwick

Sunday February 28th: Lent 3

9.00 Holy Communion: Mappleton

10.30am Parish Communion: Withernwick

4.30pm Evensong (BCP): Aldbrough

Sunday March 6th: Mothering Sunday

10.30am Parish Communion: Aldbrough