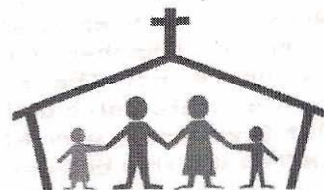


January  
2014

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



# PARISH NEWS

Happy New Year!

Church Services in January:  
Everyone welcome!

Sunday January 5th: Feast of the Epiphany  
10.30 Family Communion - Aldbrough

Sunday January 12th: Baptism of Christ  
10.30 Parish Communion - Mappleton

Sunday January 19th: Epiphany 2  
10.30 Parish Communion - Withernwick

Sunday January 26th: Epiphany 3  
8.30 Holy Communion - Aldbrough  
10.30 All-age worship - Mappleton  
10.30 All-age worship - Withernwick

HEAL SERVICE 14TH JAN 2014  
1030.  
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Farm House Kidz  
Activity Group  
Returns after the Christmas break

Weds 15th Jan  
& Weds 29th Jan

4:30 - 6:30pm  
At Densholme Community Farm  
Great Hatfield

For information contact David  
and Val Radford on 01964 535914

In addition beginning on New Year's Day there will be a service of Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10.00 in St Bartholomew's, Aldbrough



"Which star was it again?"

Happy New Year!

Robert Louis Stephenson said 'new beginnings are always delightful; the threshold is the place to pause'. Whether or not we agree with his sentiment, new beginnings often involve change, welcome or not. There is something in all of us that wants to hold on to what we already have - to the comfortable and familiar.

But Stephenson is right - the threshold is the place to pause, to stop a while. In a sense the church did this back at the beginning of December. Our pausing for Advent - the preparation for the coming of God in human flesh - was for us the beginning of a new year.

In biblical terms the idea of a threshold is a place of promise - thresholds mark off something holy, a place where God is. There is a huge temptation to think that God is only within the walls of our churches, only with us when we gather for worship, whether once a year or each week. This could not be further from the truth. In many of our Christmas carols we use the word 'Emmanuel' God with us. This is not just for Christmas - God is with us always whether we choose to acknowledge it or not.

January 6<sup>th</sup> is the feast of the Epiphany (we celebrate this on the Sunday nearest - 5<sup>th</sup>) and we shall hear again the story of the Wise Men travelling to kneel before the infant king. I wonder what would happen if we were to put ourselves at that threshold, to kneel before Jesus and offer him our gifts and indeed ourselves.

I pray that 2014 will allow us all the opportunity to pause and discover 'God with us' and allow him to work in and through us for the building up of his kingdom in this place.

Revd Anne (My phone number is 01964 527230)

**Withernwick Ladies Group** Members met at St Albans Church on October 2nd when the speaker was Dr Dickenson, his subject Mercy Ships charitable organisation. For more than 20 years Mercy Ships has brought hope and healing to various parts of West Africa while partnering with local governments to increase the local healthcare systems. The staff on ship are self funding and are all volunteers dealing with thousands of patients, most of whom have no other access to healthcare and who often travel miles on foot when news of the ships arrival spreads. Hundreds of operations are carried out on cleft lips, cataracts, burns and many other treatable conditions, giving new life to the patients.

Members and guests enjoyed a day out on October 10th, travelling by coach to Saltaire, West Yorkshire.

After a guided tour of Saltaire village, by a lady dressed as one of the mill workers from the days of Titus Salt we had plenty of time to explore the various outlets in Salts Mill, to browse the Hockney exhibition and enjoy a meal in one of the restaurants. A very good outing.

Saturday October 12th saw members along with friends and family of the late Mrs Margaret Brittan attending a tree planting ceremony at the burial ground Withernwick in Margarets memory.

Mrs Pat Beddard hosted the meeting on November 6th. Mr Michael Beddard gave a fascinating account of his work as an Air Traffic Controller at East Midlands Airport.

Our listed speaker was unable to attend the meeting at the home of Miss Anne and Miss Maureen Woollin on December 4th and so after several items of business Mrs Humphrey produced a quiz. There were two winners and a great deal of laughter.

Saturday December 7th was the day of the village Christmas Fayre, held at The Falcon, Withernwick. Members produced cake and other homemade produce, handicrafts, bric a brac and a bran tub as their contribution to a successful and very enjoyable event.

Thursday December 12th, members Christmas lunch at Spring Garden Centre.

Tuesday Jan 7th members will meet at 5pm for an evening meal at The Falcon, Withernwick. Come and join us. *Pat Beddard 527881*

<p><b>See your Parish church on the websites:</b> A Church near you: <a href="http://www.acny.org.uk">www.acny.org.uk</a> Also Diocesan website: <a href="http://www.dioceseofyork.org.uk">www.dioceseofyork.org.uk</a></p>	<p>Why not try the Aldbrough &amp; Withernwick village websites <a href="http://www.withernwickvillage.co.uk">www.withernwickvillage.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.aldbroughparishcouncil.co.uk">www.aldbroughparishcouncil.co.uk</a></p>
<p><i>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 &amp; add your name &amp; postcode. Thank you</i></p>	<p><b>Regular Church Services in the Benefice</b> All Welcome! St Bartholomew's Church, Aldbrough 1st Sunday: 10.30am Holy Communion 4th Sunday: 8.30am All Age Worship Every Wednesday 10:00am Holy Communion All Saints Church, Mappleton 2nd Sunday: 10.30am Holy Communion 4th Sunday: 10.30am All Age Worship St Giles Goxhill 5th Sunday: 10.30am Holy Communion St Alban's Church, Withernwick 3rd Sunday: 10.30am Holy Communion 4th Sunday: 10.30am All Age Worship</p>
<p><b>Churchwardens:</b> St Bartholomew, Aldbrough Mrs C. Longstaff (527190) Mrs K. Moore (527552) <b>All Saints Mappleton &amp; St Giles Goxhill:</b> Mr B Rhodes (533954) Mrs R. Skinner (Deputy, Goxhill) Mr J. Hepworth (Deputy, Mappleton 532754) <b>St Alban's Withernwick:</b> Capt. D. Smith (527419) Mrs Doreen Fryer &amp; Mrs Anne Wood (Deputies)</p>	

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