

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

January  
2015

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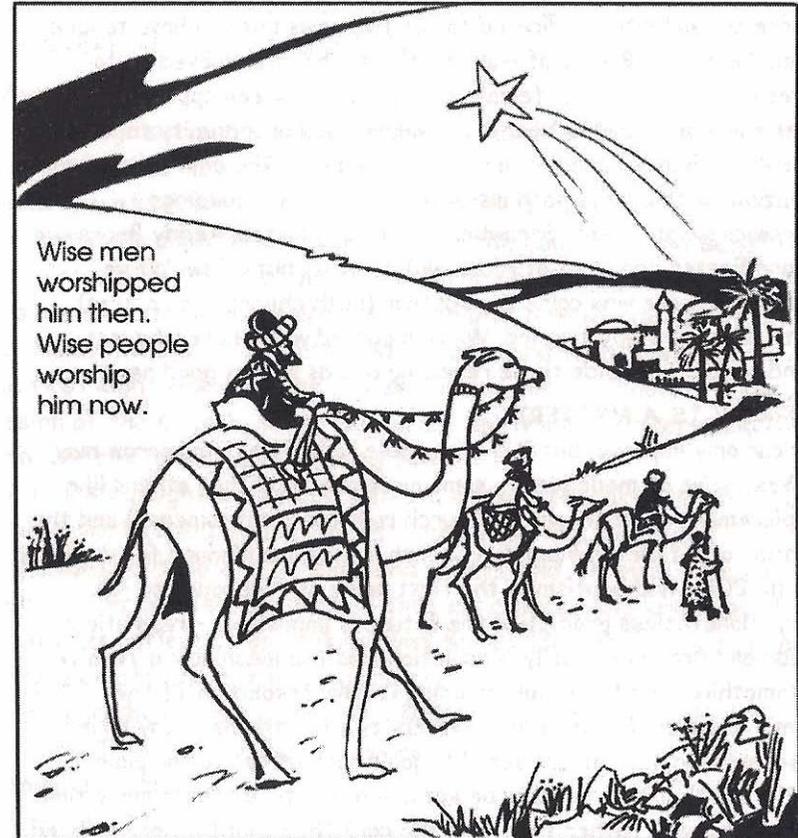
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Items for next Parish News to Paul by 20th January, please



Wise men  
worshipped  
him then.  
Wise people  
worship  
him now.

*From the Vicar January 2015*

### **YESTERDAY WAS HISTORY**

How was 2014 for you? I would hazard a guess that it had as many ups as it did downs and some more memorable than others.

At this time of year we spend a lot of time looking backwards - reflecting on events that have shaped us and the world, as well as those people we consider to be worthy of recognition. The other day I was watching a programme on the UK's weirdest weather in 2014 - it seems that we in the East Riding escaped rather lightly. Events on the world stage have not been very uplifting - the many who died because of the Ebola epidemic, the atrocities of ISIS and this morning's news that 132 children and 9 adults killed by the Taliban in the name of God and supposedly in revenge for Malala Yousafzai winning the Nobel Peace Prize. Is there ever any good news we ask ourselves? It is to be found and there are websites dedicated to positive news but you have to look for them!! Both the Bishop of Hull and the Archdeacon moved on to pastures new, and the first female Bishop has just been appointed.

The beginning of this New Year is an equally good opportunity for us to look back as a Benefice and it has been a good one. The churches have been buzzing with events both inside and outside the buildings - Withernwick's Got Talent; Strawberry Teas at Rolston; Teddy Bears Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt at Aldbrough to name but a few. We've rejoiced with those who came for Baptism (both children and adults) and with those who got married. We've mourned with those who lost ones and walked alongside those receiving bad as well as good news.

### **TOMORROW IS A MYSTERY.**

Things can only improve, but it is impossible to tell what tomorrow may bring. Yes, we've all made plans - some more practical than others like the replacement of Withernwick Church roof (at great expense) and the installation of a toilet in Mapleton Church. Dates are planned for weddings (even into 2016) and baptisms - the first being at Aldbrough on 4th January. Nonetheless predicting the future is impossible - resolutions are made and broken so easily. 'Resolution' has two meanings: a 'resolve' to do something, and the result of doing it (the 'resolution' of the problem). As we contemplate the mystery of what the next day might bring perhaps we need to set sensible goals such as not to complain about the weather? Or to go to bed at a sensible time? Or to make time to get out and walk rather than take the car? On a slightly more exalted

level, why not a resolution to make time every day for reflection, prayer and perhaps a short Bible reading? Or to go back to church (if we've stopped going) or be a bit more positive about it if we haven't?

### **TODAY IS A GIFT - make the most of it.**

The Wise Men brought three gifts to the infant Jesus - some might say they were slightly impractical ones but . . .

The last line of 'In the bleak midwinter' asks what we should give the infant king. The answer is of course US, our hearts. Those Magi knew nothing of the world as we know it - they were simply guided by a star that would change their lives for ever. As we begin 2015 it might just be worth considering how such a bright light, God's light, could change our lives if we let it.

Happy New Year

Revd Anne

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### **REGISTERED PARISH ASSISTANT**

"What is that?"

It is a recognised public ministry; in the Church of England which lay members of the Parish can be involved.

The RPA works from the Church with of the guidance of an ordained or responsible minister and works within the bounds of the Benefice. The Instruction for this course is arranged by the Diocese and consists of sixteen weeks and is divided into four disciplines which are Mission, Worship, Pastoral and Children and young persons. The first eight weeks of the course cover a core unit covering the Mission of the Church, What is Church, Spirituality, Understanding ourselves and others and listening skills.

The following eight weeks concentrate on the specialist role chosen. I chose the Pastoral route the instruction for this, helps and encourages participants to think and understand, through listening, the emotions and feelings caused through changes and loss in our lives; encourages reflection and taking time to consider situations and how one may be effective in helping others.

I complete the course in January 2015 when I hope to be able to assist our Priest in her Pastoral work

Antoinette Little

Aldbrough

## THE NEW YEAR: 2015

He comes he goes, his times are set  
The New Year now has shown his face,  
For time is here and will not wait  
For dwellers all in time and space.

We sojourn here on this fair earth,  
Just for a time so quickly gone,  
Our lives just like a vapour spent  
As we await another dawn.

There is a day God has ordained  
When we will reach a distant shore,  
Eternity our new address  
Where time will cease and be no more.

By Megan Carter

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### Withernwick Ladies Group News

The festive season for us began with the village Christmas fair held in St Alban's, a lovely setting to gather in, share the friendship, purchase a range of homemade crafted gifts and raise funds for the Church and charitable causes. Our December meeting's speaker was Ruby Seagar who shared her experiences of growing up in Yorkshire with tales of village folk, poems and memories in dialect. What an entertaining lady who promises to return with more stories another time. As a group with welcomed friends and some family members we enjoyed visiting Spring Garden Centre having time to look around the vast displays of plants, gifts and decorations before our lunch and exchange of cards and secret presents. We meet again in January on the first Wednesday at Maureen and Ann's, a warm welcome awaits new members, please join us.

## HULL & EAST YORKSHIRE CREDIT UNION

Are you happy propping up the lifestyles of bankers in London, Hong Kong, Edinburgh, or anywhere else for that matter? Do you think they are entitled to and deserve their £1 million plus apartments, their Porches, BMW's & Mercedes? If so this message is not for you!

Many of us have not really considered who pays for these lavish lifestyles, but slowly as one scandal after another is discovered we begin to realise that it is us that pay, not only pay, but have to be happy with it. So is there an alternative? The answer is a resounding YES!

Many of you will be aware that the Archbishop Of Canterbury has spoken, considerably, about the work of Credit Unions in this country. But what are credit Unions? Like you, possibly, I had many misconceptions and thought why do I need to know what they are? Surely they are for people with poor credit records or people that need to borrow money and can't use a "proper" bank! In other words a form of Pay Day loan!

**WRONG!!!**

**IT IS PROBABLY EASIER TO TELL YOU WHAT CREDIT UNIONS ARE NOT!**

- 1, They are not a magic solution for people drowning in debt!
- 2, Not a credit shop, payday lender or pawnbroker
- 3, Not a charity with funds to disburse to the poor
- 4 Not a place where everyone can always get a loan
- 5, Not a "dumping ground" for banks and other lenders to send their unprofitable customers to.

## SO WHAT ARE THEY

1. A fairer alternative to profit motivated banks!
2. An organisation that helps it's members to manage their money.
3. An organisation that offers a large range of useful banking services within it's local community.
4. A locally based financial co-operative owned and run by it's members and dedicated to helping you to make the most of your money, not making money out of you!

## WHAT CAN A CREDIT UNION PROVIDE?

**Banking:** Current account with a debit card that can be used at any Link point or Post Office.

**Standing orders or Direct Debits**

If you qualify for a normal Debit Card you use it exactly the same as any card from the big banks.

**Savings:** Instant access, Christmas saving account, Loyalty, Junior for children, Pennies 2 Pounds! A slightly higher interest rate than the big banks!

**Loans:** Freedom loan, Saver Loan, Dream Loan. A slightly lower rate than the big banks

**Community Accounts:** For societies, clubs, charities

**Insurance:** Death benefit, Health cash plan.

You have nothing to lose by joining the Hull & East Yorkshire Credit Union and possibly a lot to gain, if only in self esteem!

Go onto to their website at [www.hullandeycu.co.uk](http://www.hullandeycu.co.uk) and apply today, alternatively call in at 36 Brook Street, Hull or their branches in Bridlington, Driffield, Beverley or Withernsea. Details on the web site. Or call 01482 778653.

I will collect more leaflets for distribution in Church, so please look out for these!

Wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas and a more interesting financially secure New Year.

Mike Gough

## Services in the Benefice for January:

### EVERY Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion followed by Coffee: Aldbrough

### **Sunday January 4th: Epiphany**

10.30 Family Communion and Baptism: Aldbrough

### **Sunday January 11th: Baptism of Christ**

10.30am Parish Communion: Mappleton

### HEALING COMMUNION: Tuesday January 13th

10.30 for 11.00 at 4 Mill Lane, Withernwick

### **Sunday January 18th: Epiphany 2**

10.30am Parish Communion: Withernwick

### **Sunday January 25th: Conversion of Paul**

8.30 Holy Communion: Aldbrough

10.30am Parish Communion: Mappleton

10.30am Morning Praise: Withernwick

### **Sunday February 1st: Candlemas**

10.30 Family Communion: Aldbrough



We shall be starting the Pilgrim course again on Monday 2nd February. This time the topic will be The Lord's Prayer and as before there will be sessions at 2.00pm and 7.30pm.

## LITTLE FISHES

This month we shall meet on THURSDAYS 8th and 22nd January at 10.30am

for Parents and carers of pre-school children meeting at Wentworth House, Aldbrough.



There will be a mixture of music, stories and games, but primarily it offers the chance to come together as a community for an hour. Personal invitations work best so if you know anyone who you think would be interested please do invite them along.