

## FROM THE REGISTERS:

FUNERALS - 6th December: Doreen Doorbar (Withernwick)

13th December: Colin Garwood (Mapleton)

Priest in charge  
Revd Anne White  
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**Churchwardens:**

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Mrs C. Longstaff (527190)  
Mrs K. Moore (527552)

**All Saints Mapleton & St Giles Goxhill:**

Mr B Rhodes (533954)  
Mrs R. Skinner (534580)

St Alban's Withernwick:  
Capt. D. Smith (527419)

Mrs Anne Wood (527947)

**Recognised Parish Assistant:**  
Mrs Antoinette Butlin 527438

**\*\* New benefice website \*\***

<https://aldbroughbenefice.wordpress.com>

See your Parish church on the websites;

A Church near you: [www.acny.org.uk](http://www.acny.org.uk)

Also Diocesan website: [www.dioceseofyork.org.uk](http://www.dioceseofyork.org.uk)

Why not try the Aldbrough & Withernwick  
village websites ;

[www.withernwickvillage.co.uk](http://www.withernwickvillage.co.uk)

[www.aldbroughparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.aldbroughparishcouncil.co.uk)

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Items for next Parish News to Paul by 19th January, please

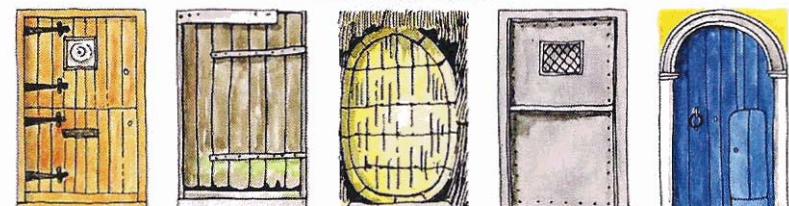
## The Parishes of Aldbrough, Mapleton & Goxhill with Great Hatfield & Withernwick



January 2017



*Listen! I am standing at your door and knocking.  
Revelation 3:20*



2016 is quite probably going to one of those most remembered years – indeed one historian has recently compared it to 1914 (I hope not) – but the unexpected certainly did happen. Who could have imagined all the ramifications following the referendum– whether we shall know what this means by this time next year is an interesting question. Then there was the US presidential result! Fighting continues in various parts of the world and refugees continue to flood into Europe in the hope of a better life. But it hasn't all been doom and gloom – the Olympics and the Paralympics gave us much to cheer about. Andy Murray became the world number one and BBC Sports Personality (for the third time). Leicester City defied the odds to win the Championship and Hull City started the year at the top of the league (we won't comment on their present position!).

In the Benefice we had visits from Archbishop Sentamu in February as part of his pilgrimage, Bishop Alison in June and Archdeacon Andy in September. Aldbrough had a fantastic first ever Christmas Event. In June Withernwick received notification of a very substantial grant from the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund. By this time next year the roof at Withernwick will be fully repaired and Mappleton will have a fully functioning clock, toilet and kitchen facilities.

All this is good news but where are we as Christians in all of this? In January we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany when visitors from the East found a way to visit a new King. The Wise Men were the very first gentiles (non-Jews) ever to worship Jesus. What faith they had! They travelled for months over difficult terrain, they never saw any evidence of Jesus' kingship, his divinity or his sacrificial death. They worshipped him through faith in God's promises about him and this is the faith of the Church that we celebrate week in week out.

This month's front cover of closed doors is meant to make us think. Are these doors symbolic of our attitude towards God who sent his Son to be among us in all that we do, think and say? As we begin this New Year, not knowing what it will bring, I pray that we won't leave Jesus outside knocking on our doors.

*With every blessing for a very happy New Year  
Revd Anne*

### **Stop unfair lending**

Imagine paying £48 monthly interest for borrowing just £200? Every week many people on low-incomes turn to pay-day loans and other borrowing just to survive.

Current legislation allows companies to charge up to 0.8% per day which amounts to 24% per month. When borrowers then borrow again to cover outstanding debts the overall rate can exceed 1000% APR.

This means borrowing £300 and having to pay back £372 after only one month. If this debt is cleared by a new loan each month for just six months this amounts to £1090.

Petition UK parliament to pass a law that limits interest rates on all consumer borrowing to 100% APR maximum including fees.

This will help people who are already struggling on low incomes because they will spend less money on interest and will have more money left over to cover basic needs.

Please give your support. It won't cost you a penny...  
Sign the petition: <https://www.change.org/p/stop-unfair-lending-cut-interest-on-all-personal-borrowing-to-100-apr-maximum>



We shall be starting the last module of the Pilgrim Course on Monday 9th January. We shall be considering what it means to live as a child of God and to follow Christ each day as a member of his Church. Please do join us. More details from Revd Anne.

## 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

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**Open the Book** is a project to offer Bible stories as part of school life. Teams of volunteers from local churches present the 10 minute stories in a variety of ways.

This is something that North Holderness Deanery are hoping to promote during the year, but we do need volunteers!

There will be a presentation of 'Open the Book' at a meeting on

Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm at Leven Church rooms. If you would like to know more about this or are willing to become involved please do go along, or speak to Revd Anne.

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**Adult colouring-in** has become a very popular trend. Now there are Christian versions of the same past-time. So - reach for your pencil case! Bible Society has launched a calendar of hand lettered Bible verses for you to colour in each month during 2017.

The calendar was designed by illustrator Emma Skerratt, who started hand lettering Bible verses to help her commit them to memory. She found that the actual act of lettering helped her reflect on the verse and ultimately, to remember it.

Perhaps colouring the verses will have the same effect for you – and give you something beautiful to enjoy. For details of how to get one, go to: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/christmas/christmas2016-col...>

## 2017 DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

| DATE                     | EVENT                                    | WHERE                  |
|--------------------------|--|------------------------|
| January 9th              | Pilgrim Course                           | Benefice House 2.00pm  |
| January 17th             | PCC Withernwick                          | Mill Lane, Withernwick |
| January 18th             | PCC Mapleton                             | Anchorage, Rolston Rd  |
| January 25th             | PCC Aldbrough                            | Nottingham Road        |
| February 1st             | Deanery Synod – open meeting             | Leven                  |
| March 4th                | Christian Aid Breakfast                  | Aldbrough Methodist    |
| March 7th                | Lent Course with Bishop Alison           | Skirlaugh              |
| March 11                 | Coffee Morning<br>(Mapleton and Goxhill) | Hornsea Parish Rooms   |
| June 4th                 | Confirmation                             | Aldbrough              |
| June 30th                | Deanery Service                          | Wassand Hall           |
| 23rd -25th February 2018 | Parish Weekend                           | Wydale                 |

## New Year Prayer 2017

Lord of the Years,

At the start of this New Year we ask for your presence, protection and guidance for every minute of every day of every month ahead. Thank you that we do not go into this New Year alone. Thank you for loving us so much that you gave us Jesus to lead us to you. May we commit ourselves afresh to serve you, to love you and to share your love with those who don't yet know you. May we make a difference for your Kingdom in 2017. In Jesus name. Amen

*By Daphne Kitching*

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## Some Weather Jokes

Q. Have you heard about the avalanche warning?

A. It says avalanches are snow place to be.

Q. Why did she break up with the meteorologist?

A. It was a stormy relationship from the start.

Q. What did you think about your date with the snowman?

A. Chilly personality; really an absolute zero.

This time of year don't forget to feed your garden birds and keep the feeders full. I use sunflower hearts, the no mess ones are the best, no waste.

You might, when driving about, see big flocks of birds, there are redwings, if you see them close they have a flash of red under the wings & the others maybe fieldfares, like a large thrush. They come from Northern Scandinavia & they will stay till next April, as they do not breed in the UK.

Also a lot of blackbirds from Europe come over to winter in England, the males don't have such an orange beak as our winters aren't as cold as Europe. They will cross the North Sea or the English Channel next spring.

Happy new year to all  
and God bless our Revd. Anne  
regards  
John

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### Some tips for your relationships in the year ahead...

It is what we do with our solitude that makes us fit for company.

*CS Lewis*

Friendship flourishes at the fountain of forgiveness.

*William A Ward*

Love your neighbour, yet pull not down your hedge.

*George Herbert*

Our days are happier when we give people a bit of our heart rather than a piece of our mind.

Speak your kind words soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.

There is nothing stronger than gentleness.

### **Services in the Benefice for January 2017**

#### EVERY Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion followed by Coffee: Aldbrough

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

10.30 am Parish Communion: Aldbrough

#### **Sunday January 8th: Epiphany**

10.30 am Parish Communion: Mapleton

#### HEALING COMMUNION: Tuesday 10th January

10.30 for 11.00 at 4 Mill Lane, Withernwick

#### **Sunday January 15th: Epiphany 2**

10.30 am Parish Communion: Withernwick

#### **Sunday January 22nd: Epiphany 3**

9.00am Holy Communion: Aldbrough

10.30am Parish Communion: Mapleton

4.30pm Evensong: Withernwick

#### **Sunday January 29th: Epiphany 4**

10.30 am Parish Communion: Goxhill

#### **Sunday February 5th: 4 before Lent**

10.30 am Parish Communion: Aldbrough



"The Vicar's New Year Resolution is to attract more people by implementing a less formal approach to church going."