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

# PARISH NEWS

## July 2014

*Services in the Benefice for July:*

EVERY Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion followed by Coffee:  
Aldbrough

**Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup>: Trinity 3**

10.30am Parish Communion - Aldbrough

3.00pm Songs of Praise - Mappleton

followed by Tea and Cake

HEALING COMMUNION: MON JULY 7<sup>th</sup>

10.30 for 11.00 at 4 Mill Lane, Witherwick

**Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup>: Trinity 4**

10.30am Parish Communion - Mappleton

**Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup>: Trinity 5**

10.30am Parish Communion - Witherwick

**Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>: Trinity 6**

8.30 Holy Communion: Mappleton

10.30 Morning Praise: Aldbrough

10.30 Morning Praise: Witherwick

*From the Vicar July 2014*

One of the gospel stories this month is The Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23). It seems to be a particularly apt parable at this time of year as the gardens and allotments are really coming into their own and keeping us all busy. Rather like this parable things that we sow don't always end up in the right places and quite often things appear that we didn't plant!

But what about the sower in this parable - was he simply being careless since only one of his sowings was actually really successful? This was a story told by Jesus to illustrate God's kingdom and as such it can also be about the choices we make throughout our earthly life.

In Chapter 3 of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, 'The Letters From No One,' Uncle Vernon refuses to give Harry a letter addressed to him. But hundreds of letters keep arriving. Uncle Vernon moves Harry and the family from place to place hoping to make the letters stop, but the letters keep arriving with the new address, e.g. "the cupboard under the stairs," "the smallest bedroom," "Railview Hotel," and finally "the floor, Hut on the Rock, the Sea." The letter is an invitation to become a student at Hogwarts. When Hagrid finally delivers it personally to Harry he tells Harry that he is a wizard, a much loved one. Like the sower, Hagrid scatters his letters in abundance everywhere that Harry might get them. Like the seed, the letters tell Harry who he is and invite him to an incredible new future.

We too are invited to an incredible new future, not necessarily a 'magical one' (although it may be), but one in which we are cared for, loved and nurtured. However, this takes time - there is no quick fix!

The images of growth in this parable remind us that the Christian life is not something static or even settled. We have to keep on growing in faith and in the knowledge of God. We can choose to do this on our own, but it is a lot easier when we are a part of a community of faith. Our growth in faith will be precarious at times, there will be moments when it seems as if the Word of God has fallen on stony ground, but there will be times when it seems more deeply rooted in us. When we choose to receive the Word of God, the seed, then we too become sowers and enable others to grow alongside us.

May you sow in faith and leave the rest to God!

*Revd Anne*

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#### TUESDAY TOTS

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am for Parents and carers of pre-school children 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. Please do join us.



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On Saturday 23rd August 10-2pm there will be a Gift Day in St. Bartholomew's Church. Cake stall, bric a brac and you will be able to purchase a bacon buttie (who can resist those?) If you would like a table for £5 to sell something of your own. please contact:

Kath Moore 527552 or Christine Longstaff 527190

### Withernwick Ladies Group news

The May meeting took place in St Alban's Church and our speaker, Mr Paul Schofield gave the most interesting talk on 'The Fish Walk' in Hull. What a fascinating thing this is, a fish for each letter of the alphabet and created to their size in a variety of materials. We also learned about the history of some of the beautiful buildings in the 'Old Town' and the hidden treasures to be found there. A recommended walk for both adults and children. In June there was an air of mystery with the title of the talk 'The Woman Who Didn't Exist'. This was one gentleman's in-depth research into his family history covering the intrigue and deception his grandmother had created to cover her tracks and start a new life. As the saying goes 'oh what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive' certainly applied here and left us wondering what happened to the family members left behind! We held a tree planting ceremony in memory of our dear friend and member Joan Gibson who will be sadly missed, relatives and members gathered together to remember and celebrate the life of a lovely lady. Forthcoming events include a visit to Wolds Lavender and the walled garden at Scampston in July and our annual Yorkshire Day fund raising event in aid of Yorkshire Air Ambulance. We welcome all visitors at any meeting which takes place on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm or any event. Come and enjoy good company and make new friends, for any details please contact *Anne Wood*.

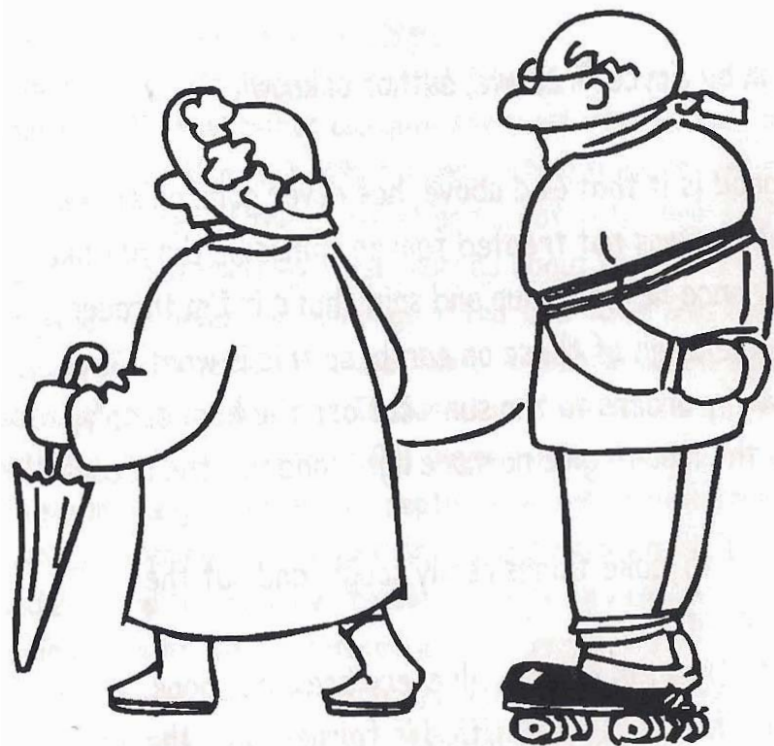
Sent in by Joyce Truelove, author unknown ;

How good is it that God above, has never gone on strike,  
because he was not treated fair on things he did not like.  
If only once he'd given up and said that's it I'm through,  
I've had enough of those on earth, so this is what I'll do.  
I'll give my orders to the sun - cut off the heat supply,  
and to the moon - give no more light, and run the oceans  
dry.

Then just to make things really tough, and put the  
pressures on.

Turn off the vital oxygen till every breath is gone.  
You know he would be justified if fairness was the game,  
for no-one has been more abused or met with more  
disdain than God.

And yet he carried on supplying you and me,  
with all the favours of 'his grace' and everything for free.  
Men say they want a better deal, and so on strike they go,  
but what a deal we've given God, To whom all things we owe.  
We don't care who we hurt, to gain the things we like,  
but what a mess we'd all be in if God should go on strike.



## *Mable eventually got her husband to Church*

Notice in the kitchen of a Church Hall:  
'Ladies when you have emptied the teapot please stand upside down in the sink'.

Notice outside a North London Church:  
WANTED - WORKERS FOR GOD - PLENTY OF OVERTIME

### FROM THE REGISTERS:

#### Baptisms

4<sup>th</sup> May KATIE MAY KIRK at Aldbrough

1<sup>st</sup> June NEVAEH BETH SAWYERS at Aldbrough

22<sup>nd</sup> June BETHANY MARY WOOD at Aldbrough

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### EVENTS THIS MONTH IN THE BENEFICE

Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup> Songs of Praise at Mappleton. 3.00pm  
followed by Tea and Cake

We do hope you will come and join us for a good sing!

If you would like to choose a hymn then please let

Revd Anne know as soon as possible please -

there will be some forms available at the back of each  
church this month.

Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup> -

Strawberry Teas at Rolston Hall - 2.00pm

Aldbrough Church open

on Saturdays between 1pm and 4pm

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### LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup> 3.00pm St Bartholomew's, Aldbrough.  
First World War Commemoration.

There will be a short service in Church before processing to  
the memorial to dedicate a new commemorative stone.

August 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>: St Bartholomew's weekend & Gift Day

August 30<sup>th</sup>: All Saints, Mappleton: Summer Fayre