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5th February: George Gullian (Aldbrough)



BAPTISM

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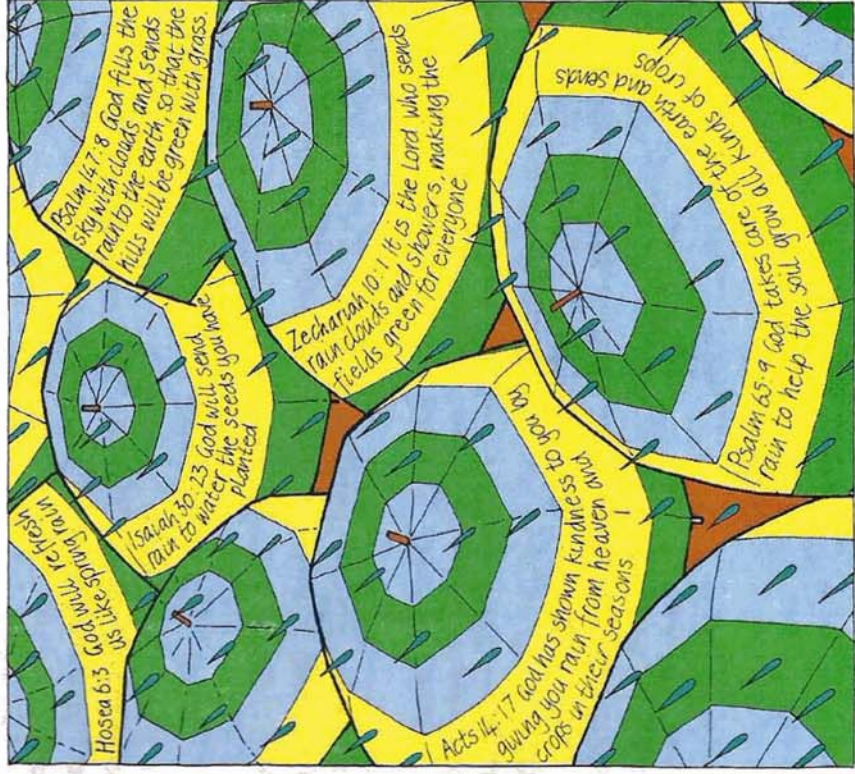
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Items for next Parish News to Paul by 20th March please

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



March 2017



The 1st of March is of course St David's Day, Patron Saint of Wales – a monk and a bishop in the 6th century, but it is also Ash Wednesday. This means that this year, rather unusually the whole of March is taken up with the season of Lent.

It seems odd in some ways that just as nature is beginning to wake up from the depths of winter, the church seems to be shutting down. Far from it of course, but the lack of flowers in church and the purple vestments do give it a sombre feel. There is of course very good reason for this – the Gospel reading for the first Sunday of Lent reminds us that before Jesus started his ministry he was taken into the wilderness and tempted, by the Devil, to relinquish his calling as God's Son.

As human beings we are only too well aware of our own failings to live up to the person God intends us to be. So these five weeks or so of Lent are often seen as a time to give things up – to experience self-denial. Now it may well be that you have decided to give up chocolate, biscuits or wine and I have no intention of stopping you, but Lent is also a reminder that Christianity isn't a short-term option!

Among the harder sayings of Jesus was this one: 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me'. I don't believe that Jesus is saying that we should give up the luxuries of life, rather that we should re-order our lives so that God comes first.

Lent is a time for 're-freshment' – indeed Mothering Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Lent, is sometimes known as Refreshment Sunday. But this 're-freshing' of our lives can take different forms. So this Lent perhaps you might like to try something different: Bishop Alison will be leading a course on Tuesday evenings throughout Lent at Skirraugh Church, and our Benefice will be having a Food Bank Challenge. You might like to spend time reading a book that you've always wanted to read, or you might simply take time to rest awhile in God's presence.

Above all I hope young and the not so young in the Benefice will come to our Mothering/ Refreshment Sunday service.

With every blessing

Revd Anne

BENEFACTURE FOOD BANK CHALLENGE

This year we have decided to support the Food Bank during Lent, but rather than simply putting an item or two in the collecting bin in Aldbrough Church, we have decided to make it a bit more of a challenge.

SO: Week one, beginning in 5th March you are encouraged to find 5 items with the letters BENEFACTURE; Week two will be ICEFO and so on. There are leaflets in church with more details, so please do take up this challenge!

CONFIRMATION

During the Baptism Service parents and godparents are encouraged to help the child in their care become part of the Christian community and 'in due time' come to confirmation. Many years ago once you'd reached the age of about 12, and were worshipping in church, you were expected to be confirmed so that you could receive the sacrament (bread and wine) along with the 'adults'! It was indeed a great moment, but things have changed and more recently the Church of England allows children (and adults) to receive communion without this 'rite of passage'.

However, confirmation is seen as part of our Christian identity and more and more adults are now coming forward to publicly affirm their faith and to receive the laying on of hands by the Bishop.

This year we have the privilege of Bishop Alison leading a confirmation service for the Deanery of North Holderness in Aldbrough Church on June 4th. So I encourage those who have not been confirmed to take up this opportunity – it would be sad if there was no-one from our Benefice taking up this opportunity.

If you would like to know more then please speak to Revd Anne.

Methodist Church

- March 1st -Craft Club at 1-30-3-30pm
5th-Service at 10-45-am
7th --Bible Study at 2-00pm
8th--Craft Club at 1-30-3-30pm
11th Coffee Morning --10-00-11-30am
12th Service at 10-45 am
14th- Network at 2-15-pm Speaker- Margaret Preece.
15th Craft Club at 1-30- 3-30pm
19th Service at 10-45-am
20th- Beetle Drive at 6-00pm
21st- Bible Study at 2-00 pm
22nd- Craft Club at 1-30--3-30pm
26th- Service at 10-45-am
28th--Network at 2-15 pm Speaker Rev Colin Barrett.
29th-- Craft Club at 1-30-3-30pm.

St Alban's Church, Witherwick

It is with great pleasure that St Alban's PCC can announce that Witherwick Community Wind Farm Fund has agreed in principle to give the PCC £20,000 towards their fund to pay for the replacement roof of the church so urgently needs. The total cost of the roof is about £170,000 and this new grant places the PCC about £50,000 short of its target. So whilst a great deal of hard work has gone into getting us to this position more money is still required. All contributions however large or small will be gratefully received.

> If anyone has any really good ideas for fundraising or knows of any Grant Funding bodies would they please see one of the following people - Rev Anne White, John Akehurst, Anne Bretherick, Jane Buckton, Jane Butterworth, Doreen Fryer, Charles Sharp, Jennifer Skilton-Young, David Smith or myself?

Anne Wood

2017 DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

DATE	EVENT	WHERE
March 4th	Christian Aid Breakfast	Aldbrough Methodist
March 7th	Lent Course with Bishop Alison	Skirlaugh Church
March 11th	Coffee Morning (Mappleton and Goxhill)	Hornsca Parish Rooms
May 12th	Service with Bishop Alison	St Helens Well
June 4th	Confirmation	Aldbrough
June 30th	Deanery Service	Wassand Hall
23rd -25th February 2018	Parish Weekend	Wydale

Witherwick Ladies Group

We usually meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month but next month this will be Ash Wednesday so the meeting will be on Tuesday 7th March. Our speaker will be Chris Watson talking about Mark Sykes of Sledmere. We're a friendly, informal group and we welcome anyone who would like to come and see what goes on and enjoy a chat and a laugh together. If you're interested you can contact Penny Akehurst. Ann Woollin, Lesley Wilkinson, Anne Bretherick or me - or just turn up at 7pm at St Alban's Church and we'll be really pleased to see you.
Anne Wood Tel: 527947

Annual Church Meetings

Mappleton and Witherwick both have their Annual Parochial Church Meetings this month. These are to elect the Churchwardens for the next year - these are Parish Elections, not just a Church ones.
PCC members and Deanery Synod Representatives are also elected at these meeting.

But they are also opportunities for the wider parish to see what the church has been up to during the last year. So please do make an effort to come along.

Services in the Benefice for March 2017

EVERY Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion followed by Coffee: Aldbrough

WEDNESDAY MARCH 1st: ASH WEDNESDAY

10.00 Holy Communion: Aldbrough

7.30pm Holy Communion: Withernwick

Sunday March 5th: Lent

10.30 am Parish Communion: Aldbrough

Sunday March 12th: Lent 2

10.30 am Parish Communion: Mappleton

followed by annual meeting

HEALING COMMUNION: Tuesday 14th March

10.30 for 11.00 at 4 Mill Lane, Withernwick

Sunday March 19th: Lent 3

10.30 am Parish Communion: Withernwick

followed by annual meeting

***Sunday March 26th: Mothering Sunday**

10.30am Family Communion: Mappleton

Sunday April 2nd: Lent 5

10.30 Parish Communion: Aldbrough

* Please note that there is only one service on this 4th Sunday!

OPEN THE BOOK

Do you like story telling? Would you be willing to go into school occasionally to bring the Bible to life?

Open the Book is a resource that the Deanery are beginning to look into, but we need volunteers to help. Please speak to Revd Anne if you're interested.

This month is about the white tailed eagle or some call it the sea eagle. If you are lucky to see one flying, it's just like a barn door on wings. They mainly live in Scotland, on the isle of Mull off the west coast and Orkney isle. It was in the 1950s when they were released two pair, but failed. They think that they went back to Norway, but the second time 80 young sea eagles were brought over from Norway to be put in big holding pens and after a while were released. The birds stayed, but takes them a long time to mature and it was not till 1993 that a successful breeding pair nested and are now doing very well. There are at least fifty pairs. It also does the isle of Mull visitor's trade a lot of good, with people coming to see them. The main food for them is fish, as it fly's low over the water, it takes them with it's talons. other than that, it will also eat what otters have not eaten small water fowl as well. In the winter months they move down to the coast from the lochs where they breed on the western isles of Scotland. Just to finish, going back to the 1830s when final extinction as in them days people thought they took babys and young children, but that was so far from the truth and it as been proved. If anybody wants to see the DVD about the sea eagles which I own, I will bring it to you to watch at your home

God bless Revd..Anne and all who read this
Regards

John

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Items of general interest would also be gratefully received from time to time!