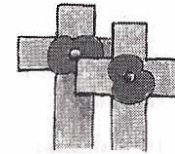
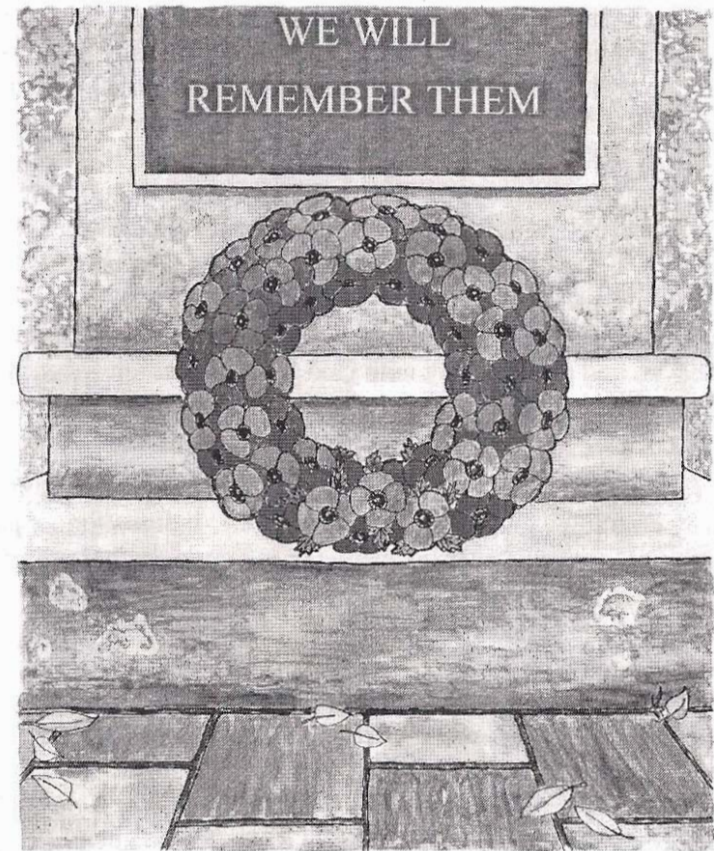
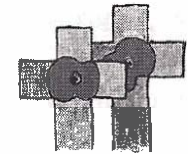


The Parishes of Aldbrough,  
Mappleton & Goxhill with Great  
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November  
2014



*From the Vicar November 2015*

By the time you are reading this the clocks will have gone back to GMT and the evenings are considerably darker. By contrast the church is beginning to look forward to the light that the infant Jesus brings at Christmas. Before that though we have several important reasons for worshipping together.

The first is the feast of All Saints - the patronal festival for Mappleton Church. Sadly the significance of this is often lost amongst all the 'secularism' of Halloween. October 31<sup>st</sup> in the old Celtic calendar was New Year's Eve and the commemoration of the dead, when spirits were believed to walk abroad and the dead return to the earth. At this time all fires were extinguished, to be rekindled later from the many bonfires that were lit to welcome the returning spirits. The fire festival was known as 'Summer's End' or Samhain. These traditions were so deeply rooted that the church in 837 were forced to compromise by establishing November 1st as the feast of All Saints and All Souls on the 2nd. Someone once said that the ghosts and souls theme of Halloween is very appropriate because Satan is angry at all those saints who have slipped through his clutches!!

So on November 1st we celebrate with joy the many saints who have gone to heaven and are rejoicing with God for ever, and on November 2nd (although on the 1st this year) we have a special service of commemoration for those whose memories we wish to treasure.

'Lest we forget'.... The theme of Remembrance Sunday acts as a trigger for so many emotions; gratitude... grief... pride... indignation ... guilt, and questioning. But whatever the trigger, it is important that we all come together on this occasion and there are services in each of our parishes. One of the collects set for this day says: *'God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord'*. Collects such as this, and indeed passages like Ecclesiastes chapter 3, remind us that there is a time for war and time for peace but often it seems that we see little peace in our world today. So, perhaps more than ever, we should make a real effort to attend one of our Remembrance services.

The last Sunday in November sees the beginning of the new Church Year (Advent Sunday). We begin this journey towards the light of Christmas with a very special evening service in Aldbrough Church. The service begins in darkness with readings and music, before the light is gradually brought into the whole church. It provides us all with a chance to reflect on the words of Simeon that Jesus is the 'light to lighten the Gentiles' and indeed in Jesus' own words that he is the 'light of the world' (John 8.12). It is also a perfect opportunity to rest awhile before the full force of preparing for the arrival of that young child in Bethlehem comes upon us!

May this season of remembrance help us also to praise the Lord of peace and light.

With every blessing,  
Revd Anne

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It does seem unreal to be thinking about our Christmas Tree Festival at St Bartholomew's Church, Aldbrough but it will be here before we know it! The church will be open from 1 - 4pm on Saturday 5th, 12th and 19th December for people to come and view the many differently decorated trees. You will have the chance to vote on your favourite tree too. The church looks wonderful and it will get you in the mood for the forthcoming event. There will be craft stalls as well as a chance to have a drink and a piece of cake.

Please put the dates in your diary!  
Christine

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#### **Prayer at Remembrance Time**

Loving Father,  
When we watch the news or read the papers, we can feel overwhelmed by the tragedy of lives lost or affected by war or terrorism. And our Remembrance Day Services and anniversaries just seem to emphasize that continuing suffering.

Help us Lord, to switch our focus from what self-centered people do in their pursuit of power, to what you have done in Jesus, who gave his life so that the brokenness of creation might be restored to wholeness - and that we might have your peace in our hearts, even while the world rages about us. Help us to remember the important thing - to put our trust in Jesus, your Son.

In his name, we pray. Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*

## Miracle or not a Miracle!!!!!!!!!!!!

A holiday in Malta bought about a visit to the town of Mosta where one of Malta's most outstanding churches stands.

The church was built in the 19th century financed by voluntary contributions and built by volunteers. The volunteers decided to save money by not using scaffolding but put all their trust in God.

The church is dedicated to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin; it is built in the fashion of a rotunda and supports one of the largest domes in Europe. The dome has an outer diameter of 54 meters and a height of 60m

Malta was bombed heavily during the 2nd World War. On one occasion in 1942 the dome of the church was subject to four direct hits by bombs of 500 kg each. None of these bombs exploded, one burst through the dome and into the church where people were at worship, it failed to explode, no one was injured.

A wonderful happening in the presence of God and the spirit of the Blessed Virgin It was taken to be a Miracle.

Was it a miracle? What do you think? Some would say it was sheer luck, others would say the bombs were not armed!!!.

The bomb that came through the dome is now an exhibit in the sacristy.

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## FRIENDS of MAPPLETON & GOXHILL CHURCHES ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday 21st November 7pm for 7:30pm

At Hornsea Bowls Club, Atwick Rd  
Please book your place by 8th November  
Tickets £12.50 each, further info from Paul Soltys

Saturday evening the 10th October at 6pm saw people from the Parish and surrounding areas gathered together in Aldbrough Youth Club to support the Friends of St Bartholomew's annual fund raising event.

The event was very well attended between 38-40 people, whom all had a very enjoyable and informative evening.

Our guest speaker was Peter Naylor, sculptor and artist. The Rev Anne White kindly introduced him and then we were treated to a lively talk on 'The Women's Land Army Memorial'. The memorial is a huge metal image of seven land army girls stood in front of a wooden farm gate waving. It is located at Morayshire, Scotland at a small isolated place called Clochan. Peter explained to us that before he started work on the memorial he needed some inspiration, so he did hours & hours of research on the subject and even got to interview some ladies that had served as land army girls in the second world war. This is where he met our very own veteran Muriel Berzins who came to the event in full regalia. Muriel and Peter Naylor have since become very good friends and Peter keeps in contact with her.

The talk was then followed by a scrumptious pie & pie supper or a delicious nut roast for the vegetarians among us (which was kindly made by David Longstaff) We then had the choice off a table full of irresistible deserts, trifle, cakes, fruit pies, jellies & cream which of course were all home made, got to admit I went back for seconds of desert as did most of us. All this was washed down by coffee or tea. Quite a number of people worked tremendously hard to make the evening happen, Joan & Malcolm Winfrow, Kath Moore, Christine & David Longstaff, Anne Teale and lots of others, Thank you from all of us who attended and enjoyed the evening for making the evening come together. After expenses a Total of just over £300 was raised for 'The Friends of St Bartholomew's'

I know next time we get up to Scotland we are going to make a point of visiting the Women's Land Army Memorial.

Bev Taylor

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### SMILE LINES

#### *The new minister*

The new minister was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Finally he took out a card, wrote 'Revelation 3:20' on the back and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, 'Genesis 3:10'.

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

#### *Quiet*

A Sunday school teacher asked her children: "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One little girl replied helpfully: "Because people are sleeping."

#### *Notice in a farmer's field:*

The farmer allows walkers to cross this field for free. But the bull charges.

*Catherine Butcher looks back on the courage of Edith Cavell...*

#### Faith before the firing squad

This year is the centenary of Edith Cavell's death. Many remember her patriotism. But for Edith, patriotism was not enough. Many saw her as a hero and a martyr; some even think she was a spy. But Edith asked to be remembered '... only as a nurse who tried to do her duty'.

Dozens of books have been written about Edith Cavell, but none answered the question: 'How could she be so calm and confident before the firing squad?' My new book, *Edith Cavell - Faith before the firing squad* (Monarch, £8.99) tells Edith's story. It traces the roots of her calm confidence, her love for others expressed in practical, selfless service to friend and foe alike, as well as her courage helping fugitives from war find freedom.

Self-sacrifice was the hallmark of Nurse Edith Cavell's life. She was executed on 12 October 1915 for enabling at least 200 Allied soldiers to escape occupied Belgium into neutral territory, but her care had extended to German and Allied soldiers.

On the night before her execution she told the chaplain who came to give her Holy Communion that she was grateful for the weeks of quiet she had spent in solitary confinement after such a busy life. She said, 'I have seen death so often that it is not strange or fearful to me ... This I would say, standing as I do in view of God and eternity, I realize that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone.'

She knew that the patriotism her fellow prisoners had used in their defence was not enough to enable her to stand in God's presence. Throughout her life she had used the Book of Common Prayer, repeating the Lord's Prayer morning and evening, 'forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us'. She knew that she couldn't hold on to hatred or bitterness. She needed to forgive others, just as she had been forgiven.

After they had shared communion, they said together the words of the hymn 'Abide With Me', and they talked about heaven. As he left her cell, she took the chaplain's hand and said with confidence in her eternal future, 'We shall meet again.' She was executed by firing squad at dawn the next morning.

#### The 2015 Real Advent Calendar Launches

The Meaningful Chocolate Company is hoping to fund a baby clinic in Kenya and support overseas farmers by donating £15,000 from sales of its 2015 Real Advent Calendar.

However, it is not just the charitable donation that makes The Real Advent Calendar unique. This year it includes a 32-page Christmas story/activity booklet illustrated by Sophie Allsopp and designed to be used every day in Advent. The new booklet includes all the traditional nativity characters, gives more detail about the Christmas story and has seven Advent challenges. The calendar also comes with 24 Fairtrade Belgian chocolates and a line of the Christmas story behind each of the foiled windows.

David Marshall, from The Meaningful Chocolate Company, said: "Recent surveys show that knowledge of the Christmas story is fading. The Real Advent Calendar is part of a campaign which hopes to reverse this trend by finding new ways to share the story. By buying this Advent calendar children, parents and Godparents can share the Christmas story throughout December."

How to buy? The Real Advent Calendar costs £3.99. Churches, schools and groups can buy directly from The Meaningful Chocolate Company by visiting our special website at [www.realadvent.co.uk](http://www.realadvent.co.uk) and enjoy free delivery. Retailers stocking the calendar include larger Tesco stores, Traidcraft, Eden.co.uk, Shared Earth, CLC Bookshops and a number of cathedrals. Details at [www.realadvent.co.uk](http://www.realadvent.co.uk)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

EVENT	DATE	WHERE
Friends of Mappleton and Goxhill Dinner	November 21st	Bowls Club
Christmas Tree Festival	Begins 5th December	Aldbrough Church
Carol Services	December 13th	Goxhill
all at 7.00pm	December 18th	Mappleton
	December 20th	Aldbrough
	December 22nd	Withernwick

#### Withernwick Ladies Group

What a fascinating snapshot of our local history was given by our speaker Margaret Oliver in a her talk 'The Parish Chest and what it contains'. There are so many records of past events, families and laws which painted a picture of the lives and times of people living in this area. In 1837 the Skirlaugh Poor Law Union was formed and in 1838/9 they built a workhouse on the main road. At this time, those unfortunate to fall upon hard times for whatever reason would have spent time in this workhouse. This would not just be due to financial difficulties, but having a disability, old age or being an unmarried mother where no family was around to give support were reasons enough. Several residents of Withernwick ended up in the workhouse and further details can be viewed in the Hull archives. We made arrangements for events closer to Christmas with plans for the Fair in early December and our visit to Spring Garden Centre for lunch in the festive season. Next month we welcome Clive and Kath Richardson with the follow up to 'The Woman Who Didn't Exist' in their talk 'The Fate Of The Eight'. Wednesday 4th November 7pm St Alban's Church. Please join us, all welcome.

#### FOOD BANK

Please remember the food bank. There is a collection box at St. Bartholomew's

FROM THE REGISTERS:



27<sup>th</sup> September: Joseph Proctor, Aldbrough

11<sup>th</sup> October: Leah Treadaway, Aldbrough

18<sup>th</sup> October: Evelyn Krempasky

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Mrs R. Skinner (534580)

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Capt. D. Smith (527419)

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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)

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village websites ;

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

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