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

# PARISH NEWS

## September 2014

*Services in the Benefice for September:*

EVERY Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion followed by Coffee: Aldbrough

**Sunday September 7th: Trinity 12**

10.30am Parish Communion - Aldbrough

HEALING COMMUNION: Tuesday September 9th

10.30 for 11.00 at 4 Mill Lane, Withernwick

**Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>: Holy Cross Day**

10.30am Parish Communion - Mappleton

**Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm**

Harvest Festival - Mappleton

**Sunday September 21st: Harvest**

10.30am Parish Communion/ Harvest Festival- Withernwick

**2.30 Harvest Festival - Goxhill**

**Sunday September 28th: St Michael and All Angels**

8.30 Holy Communion: Aldbrough (Revd S. Fox)

10.30 Morning Praise: Aldbrough

10.30 Morning Praise: Mappleton

**Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>: Harvest**

10.30am Harvest Festival Communion - Aldbrough

### *From the Vicar September 2014*

Living here in this beautiful part of the world we cannot escape the fact that farmers have been very busy with their harvest - time will tell whether or not it has been a good one. Most cultures and religious traditions gather for an annual celebration to thank God (or the gods) for their harvest. This is of course nothing new in Old Testament times there were three Harvest Festivals - April/May: barley reaping; June/July: wheat harvest and in September/October the fruits of the tree or vine were gathered.

Somewhere on the planet it is always harvest time - hence the reason our eating habits have become less governed by the seasons. Nonetheless, it is good to keep a time every year when we remember to thank God 'the giver of all good things'. The celebration of Harvest traditionally marks the end of a process that began earlier in the year with the preparation of the soil and the sowing of seeds - with the aid of modern technology crops are grown throughout the year, so there is nearly always new growth to look forward to. New growth of course doesn't just apply to crops - it can also be a way of describing our spiritual growth as well. Spiritual growth is not automatic - like the crops we need encouragement and nurturing - hence the reason for running the Pilgrim Course in the Benefice. But how can we grow spiritually if we have forgotten or perhaps never known how to have a relationship with God the giver of all good things?

Ten years ago an initiative known as Back to Church Sunday began with the intention of encouraging people to either return to church or to find out more. This year the campaign is running a 'Season of Invitations' whereby people are individually invited to several different events beginning on 21st September. As this coincides with Harvest Festivals at both Witherwick and Goxhill, what better opportunity can we have to encourage someone to come to one of these services? If Sundays are difficult then why not come to the Harvest Festival at Mappleton on Thursday 18th September at 7.00pm. Looking ahead, Harvest at Aldbrough is at the beginning of October and will be a Flower Festival weekend.

Harvest Festivals challenge us to remember that everything is a gift from God - we are merely stewards of that gift. Perhaps one of the most popular harvest hymns, although an English translation of German words, is 'We plough the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land'. The words remind

### FROM THE REGISTERS:

#### Baptisms

26th July: BOBBY DAVID MARSHALL: Witherwick

#### Marriage

2nd August: RYAN and JOANNA SAWYERS: Aldbrough

#### Funeral

8th August: SHIRLEY ASHBRIDGE: Aldbrough

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### EVENTS THIS MONTH IN THE BENEFICE

Tuesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm Aldbrough PCC

Wednesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm Deanery Chapter - Leven

Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup> - Historic Churches Ride and Stride

CAR BOOT SALE: Sunday 28th September 12.00 - 4.00

Witherwick. Please see Witherwick website for more details.

### LOOKING AHEAD

October 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Aldbrough Flower Festival - Harvest Theme

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October - New Archdeacon to be licensed in Beverley Minster 7.30pm

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Coffee Evening 7.00-9.00pm at 4 Mill Lane, Witherwick, in aid of Witherwick Church.

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### LITTLE FISHES (the new name for TUESDAY TOTS).

We have decided to try a change of day as well as name so that more are able to come. The next session will be on THURSDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 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. Please do join us.





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The Benefice Choir is busy rehearsing for Harvest, Advent and Christmas. More singers, especially female voices, are always welcome. Rehearsals take place at 10.45 on Wednesdays in St Bartholomew's Church, Aldbrough - just come along.

We hope to have a 'youth choir' in Witherwick for Christmas - watch this space!

### A CHORISTER'S CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful conductor

We have erred and strayed from thy beat like lost sheep  
 We have followed too much the intonation and tempi of our own hearts  
 We have offended against thy dynamic markings  
 We have left unsung those notes we ought to have sung  
 And we have sung those notes we ought not to have sung  
 And there is no support in us  
 But thou, O conductor, have mercy on us miserable singers  
 Succour the chorally challenged  
 Restore thou them that are without pencil  
 Pardon our mistakes and have faith, hereafter  
 We will follow thy direction and sing together in perfect harmony

*Singer unknown*

### God's Garden- Robert Frost

God made a beauteous garden, with lovely flowers strown  
 But one straight, narrow pathway, that was not overgrown.  
 And to this beauteous garden He brought mankind to live  
 And said 'To you my children these lovely flowers I give.  
 Prune ye my vines and fig trees, with care my flowers tend  
 But keep the pathway open, your home is at the end.'

us that whilst we thank God for the wonders of his creation at the same time we offer him our humble and thankful hearts: 'all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.'

We pray for a good and fruitful harvest.  
*Revd Anne*

Sent in by Muriel ;

'Children are a great comfort in your old age, and they help you reach it faster too.' *Lionel Kauffman*

'Don't worry that your children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you.' *Robert Fulghum*

### Divorce

A Polish man moved to the USA and married an American Lady. Although his English was far from perfect, they got along well. One Day he rushed into a lawyer's office and asked to arrange a divorce For him. The lawyer said that getting a divorce depended on Circumstances, and asked him the following questions :  
 Have you any grounds? Yes, as acre and a half and a nice little home.  
 No, I mean what is the foundation of this case? It made of concrete.  
 I dont think you understand. Does either of you have a real grudge?  
 No, we have a carport, and not need one. I mean what are your Relations like? All my relations still in Poland. OK, is there any infidelity In your marriage? We have hi-fidelity stereo and good DVD player.  
 Does your wife beat you up? No, I always up before her. Why do you Want this divorce? She going to kill me. What makes you think that? I got proof. What kind of proof? She going to poison me. She buy a Bottle at drug store and put on shelf in bathroom. I can read English Pretty good and it say "Polish Remover"

### Withernwick Ladies Group News

On 1<sup>st</sup> August we held a fund raising event in aid of Yorkshire Air Ambulance in St Alban's Church. This was a celebration of Yorkshire Day and for the fourth year running an opportunity to help this worthwhile cause. There was Tombola, homemade cakes, preserves, garden produce, bric a brac and a themed raffle of 'all made in Yorkshire'. Visitors also enjoyed refreshments of Yorkshire parkin and Yorkshire tea. Total raised amounted to £400 and we would like to thank all who attended and made the event a success. Next month we have a meeting on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30pm in St Alban's when the talk will be 'Mesolithic Holderness!' We would love to welcome new members or just give our meetings a try, make new friends and enjoy some very interesting talks and demonstrations.

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### Aldbrough WI August Meeting

Angela Dunn president, 11 members and 2 Visitors met in the School Rooms of the Methodist Chapel, in Aldbrough, apologies of absence from 2 members were received.

Angela led the meeting, attending to business first. Feedback was given on the Village Scarecrow competition, and the village show. Both of which were supported by WI members. Angela went on to give feedback of the WI hub meeting. The recently held celebration day for the WI baton was commented on and again thanks to members who took part in the day's activities. Federation business was discussed and congratulations were given to the Aldbrough WI quiz team who have reached the finals of the federation quiz to be held in September.

Mr. Stephen Armstrong of Southgate Studios, Hornsea was the evening's speaker.

He spoke about his work involved in the field of conservation framing. A fascinating subject, highlighting, framing techniques used, type of frames available, glass used and the numerous colours that are available for framing. Stephen told of how he had become involved in the subject and the time spent developing the various skills used. Susan Ulph gave the vote of thanks. The next meeting will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7-30pm entitled Swallows Today. The speaker will be George Bennet. The competition a Bird Ornament. Ladies please come and join us and see what the WI has to offer.



Taking place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2014, Ride + Stride is a sponsored event in which

people from all over the country will walk, cycle or drive between churches, exploring and enjoying the landscape, and raising money to help preserve some of Britain's churches, chapels and meeting houses. Since proceeds raised from this event are split between the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust and local churches we hope that people will either sponsor someone or take part in the Ride and Stride themselves. Sponsor forms are available in our churches.

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Pilgrim is a major new teaching and discipleship resource from the Church of England that explores what it means to travel through life with Jesus Christ. A



course for the twenty-first century, Pilgrim offers an approach of participation, not persuasion. Enquirers are encouraged to practice the ancient disciplines of biblical reflection and prayer, exploring key texts that have helped people since the early Church. Pilgrim is made up of two parts: Follow and Grow. As the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have said 'The Pilgrim course is a journey to the heart of God and to a living, personal relationship with Jesus Christ.'

Each part of the course lasts for 6 weeks and is for those who wish to deepen their faith as well as those who would like to know more. We shall be looking at the first in the series 'Turning to Christ' in the Benefice beginning on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October, and as we did for the Lent Course there will be 2 sessions on offer 2.00pm and 7.30pm - so hopefully there will be a time to suit most people.

More information is available from Revd Anne.