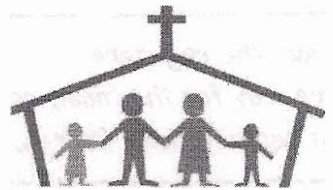


January  
2010

United Benefice of Aldbrough,  
Mappleton & Goxhill with Great  
Hatfield & Witherwick



# PARISH NEWS

## Church Services in January

*Everyone is welcome!*

### Sunday 3 January

Christmas 2: white

10.30am Holy Communion, Aldbrough

Celebrant: Revds Sylvia & Richard Rice-Oxley

### Sunday 10 January

Epiphany 1: white

10.30am Holy Communion, Mappleton

Celebrant: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

10.30am All-Age Worship, Aldbrough

Leader: Revd Richard Rice-Oxley

### Tuesday 12 January

7.30pm Songs of Praise Willow Garth, Hornsea  
with Sylvia, Richard & friends

### Sunday 17 January

Epiphany 2: white

10.30am Holy Communion, Witherwick

Celebrant: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

10.30am All Age Worship, Mappleton

Leader: Revd Richard Rice-Oxley

6pm United Service, Aldbrough Church

Speaker: Revd Randall Barlow

Leader: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

### Tuesday 19 January

10.30am healing Prayer Service

at 4 Mill Lane, Witherwick

with Richard & Sylvia Rice-Oxley

### Sunday 24 January

Epiphany 3: white

10.30am Holy Communion, Aldbrough

Celebrant: Revd Richard Rice-Oxley

10.30am All Age Worship, Witherwick

Leader: Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

### Wednesday 27 January

2pm Service at Wentworth Community Room

Leader: Revd Richard Rice-Oxley

### Sunday 31 January

Epiphany 4: white

10.30am Holy Communion, Goxhill

Celebrant: Revds Sylvia & Richard Rice-Oxley

### The Witherwick Darby and Joan Club

This month has been mostly Christmas celebrations. Just one was a normal meeting, when Mrs M. Croft and Mrs J. Horner were hostesses. The next one was our Christmas lunch when we went to at Swiss Cottage and had the traditional lunch when we all ate far too much, but enjoyed it nevertheless. At the time of writing, we haven't had our Christmas party, but I've no doubt it will be an enjoyable afternoon. Then we will have a break until the end of February when, hopefully, the afternoons will be staying light later, and we'll all be recovering from the Christmas indulgences.

### News from John Witty:

We have a barn owl hunting the hedgerows for a meal. I think it must be doing ok as it is there each day and a few weeks ago we had a red flanked bluetail that stayed for two days - a rare vagrant, winters in south east Asia. Back on the cliffs and flying about: some fulmers and gannets out at sea. They will be back on the cliffs in January in small numbers. Also some big changes at RSPB Bempton, as I write, we are having close circuit tv on the cliffs with a screen in the visitors center. Clare the information officer will be able show what is on the cliffs before they walk down to see all the birds. So lets hope for good weather, as there can be a strong wind off the sea.

### The Witherwick Ladies' Group

This month's meeting was a visit to Burton Agnes Hall to view their Christmas decorations which are quite spectacular. The shop took up quite a good space of time and persuaded them to part with a fair amount of money!! That and lunch in a nearby pub constituted a good day out. *Joan Gibson*

### Aldbrough Women's Institute

Our AGM was held in the Methodist Church School Room on Monday 7th December which was well attended. Our President Mrs K Moore welcomed everyone and proceeded to read the minutes of the last meeting which were duly approved and signed. The financial report was given by our Treasurer Mrs S Heath

The Secretary Ms S Dunn give her report and said a full programme had been arranged for 2010 after a successful 2009 programme. The President gave her report which included thankyou's to all the members for their support over the year. The Trophy attaining most points in the competitions over the year was won by Mrs I Kennedy. The most points gained in the "Flower of the Month" was won by Sheila Ward. After the meeting we were entertained to a Christmas Narration "Politically Correct Snow White" by Alan Titchmarsh. Participants included, K Moore, T Longstaff and F I'Anson. The evening concluded with a festive supper.

A Good night was had by all. The prize for the best wrapped Christmas Gift was won by Val Caley. Our Next Meeting will be the 4th January. New Members Welcome.

## From the registers

We pray for the family and friends of Laurence and Brenda Murphy whose funerals took place at St Bartholomew's Church, Aldbrough, on 10 December, 2009, service conducted by The Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley

**THANK YOU** for a wonderful christmas in our Benefice, celebrating the coming of Jesus into our world. Carols were sung all over, in church and pub, home and club. Thanks to those who arranged the Christmas tree festival at Aldbrough Church. The Memory tree was well hung with baubles and the church looked beautiful. And to Margaret Bennett for organising a lovely sherry and mince pies morning, raising £239 for Goxhill Church repairs.

### Aldbrough Church Fellowship:

Using the cooker at the Wentworth Community Room, Linda and Adrian Dawson served up a magnificent dinner for the Fellowship. You could have soup or p ate to start with and I must say that the laid table put us in a festive mood. It was lovely. Then our appetites were more than satisfied with turkey, bacon-round-sausage, stuffing, 5 vegetables, roast pots, of course, and a choice of 3 sweets, rum sauce with the Christmas pudding followed by coffee and mints. It was a bargain for £5 each. Red and white wine was served with the meal by Adrian. We all read out the corny jokes from our crackers and a good and blessed time was had by all. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday January 13th and this will probably be my last report. I think we have only had two secretaries in all these years.

*Muriel Berzins*

### Dates for your diary

**NB all services on front cover:**

#### January 2010

Wed 6 School Assembly Aldbrough - Sylvia  
Mon 11 Churches Tog in Ald 9.30am Benefice House

Wed 13 PCC Aldbrough, Christine's 7.30pm

Wed 20 PCC W'wick 7.30pm 4 Mill Lane

Wed 27 PCC M&G 7.30pm, Jean's

#### February

Wed 3 Aldbrough School Assembly - Sylvia  
Ash Wednesday Service, Aldbrough Church 7.30pm

Mon 22 Ald. Vill. History booklet mtg  
7.30pm Ben Hse

Wed 24 Lent Lunch 12noon Mappleton Chur

### See your parish church on the websites:

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

Contact for Aldbrough: Vacant

Mappleton & Goxhill: Paul Soltys

Withernwick: James Buckton

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

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### Churchwardens:

**St Bartholomew, Aldbrough**

Mrs C. Longstaff (527190)

Mrs K. Moore (527552)

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

Mr J. Hepworth (532754)

Mrs J. Vickers (Deputy, Goxhill)

Mrs S Kendall (Deputy, Mappleton)

**St Alban's Withernwick:**

Capt. D. Smith (527419)

Mrs Doreen Fryer (Deputy) 527332

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village websites

[www.aldbrough.org](http://www.aldbrough.org)

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

## Regular Church Services in the Benefice

All Welcome!

**St Bartholomew's Church, Aldbrough**

1st Sunday: 10.30am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday: 10.30am All Age Worship

4th Sunday: 10.30am Holy Communion

**All Saints Church, Mappleton**

2nd Sunday: 10.30am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday: 10.30am All Age Worship

**St Giles Goxhill**

5th Sunday: 10.30am Holy Communion

**St Alban's Church, Withernwick**

3rd Sunday: 10.30am Holy Communion

4th Sunday: 10.30am All Age Worship

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