

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Baptism

2nd August Aldbrough: Bella Stead; Zackary Kenny

Funerals

29th July East Riding Crematorium: Leslie Wouldhave

31st July Aldbrough: Elizabeth (Betty) Handley

6th August Aldbrough: Brenda Fisher

20th August Haltemprice Crematorium: Winifred (Win) Long

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Mrs C. Longstaff (527190)

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All Saints Mappleton & St Giles Goxhill:

Mr B Rhodes (533954)

Mrs R. Skinner (534580)

St Alban's Withernwick:

Capt. D. Smith (527419)

Mrs Anne Wood (527947)

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A Church near you: www.acny.org.uk

Also Diocesan website: www.dioceseofyork.org.uk

Why not try the Aldbrough & Withernwick

village websites ;

www.withernwickvillage.co.uk

www.aldbroughparishcouncil.co.uk

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Items for next Parish News to Paul by 22nd September, please

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



September
2015



*Isaiah 25:6 The Lord Almighty will
prepare for all nations a feast
of the finest foods.
Luke 13:29 People will come from
everywhere to enjoy the feast in
the Kingdom of Heaven*



Over the past few weeks I've been watching the fields gradually changing as the farmers worked round the clock to bring in their harvest whilst the weather remained favourable. Of course with modern technology harvest is no longer the Autumn season that it once was, but

this should not stop us from taking time out to thank God for his creation and for the skills that he has given us so that we can be good stewards of the earth.

This month (and indeed next) in the Benefice there are plenty of opportunities to celebrate the Harvest and I do hope that you will be able to do so – as is often the custom there will be a feast of the finest foods, as Isaiah points out on the front cover, for us to enjoy after the services!

Feasting is of course echoed in many of the harvest hymns as is borne out in one of the most traditional of hymns: 'We plough the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land'. The words were originally written by Matthias Claudius who was a newspaper man in Germany in the latter part of the 18th century. He was the son of a Lutheran pastor, but he found his faith slipping away after rubbing elbows with some of the leading philosophers of the day, including Goethe. However, a serious illness caused him to rethink his values and to rekindle his faith.

Claudius set out to write a poem rather than a hymn. The poem depicted friends coming to a home to partake in a feast, and God as the one whose generous providence made it possible for those people to enjoy that festive gathering.

How it ended up being a favourite hymn for us was thanks to an English teacher, Jane Campbell (1817-1878) who translated Claudius' poem and reshaped it as a hymn.

Of course it is not just the harvest of the fields that we think about – we've heard a lot in the news recently regarding a fair cost for milk production. Whilst the reasons for this are many and varied perhaps harvest time is as good as any to re-think our eating/buying habits.

Canon Dr Jill Hopkinson, the National Rural Officer for the Church of England raised this issue recently through the Church of England websites, commenting that as 'Christians we have a responsibility to pray regularly about the impact of low prices on the farmer and farmworkers, their families and the reduced household incomes that they will be facing. Christians are also consumers and as such we have the opportunity not only to support the UK farming industry by our buying choices, but also to speak out about the issue. Part of our thankfulness to God for his provision for us is knowing about our food. If we want to be able to eat British produced food tomorrow we need to buy and eat British food today and ensure that the growers and producers receive a fair price.'

So, as we plough the field and scatter the good seed we celebrate God's role in providing the food and other good gifts, and at the same time acknowledge the human part in its production. As we offer thanks to God for the harvest and our life, health and food, we do so with humble and thankful hearts.

With every blessing this harvest-time.

Revd Anne

Withernwick Ladies Group

We celebrated Yorkshire Day, August 1st with our annual fund raising event in aid of Yorkshire Air Ambulance. It was held in St Alban's Church with various stalls including a plentiful supply of home baked cakes, pastries, jams, garden produce, as well as a tombola, bric a brac, and a raffle containing a medley of county produced items including tea, real ale, oil, honey, biscuits and chutneys. The Coffee Morning – now in its 4th year raised £500 and brings the total to over £2000 for this really worthy cause. We would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way and making it a success.

Next month, Wednesday 2nd September at 7.30pm will be a talk by Maureen Wilkinson on the R.N.L.I Please join us if you can.

We have the Facebook page up and running with 78 likes as of 12th August 2015, called: The Benefice of Aldbrough, Withernwick, Mappleton & Goxhill. It is a Facebook for the benefice, so if you would like anything advertising for any of the church events, please email: Kaye.Treadaway@gmail.com, Samuel.Treadaway@outlook.com & AMNelson@hotmail.com. Then one of us will update the Facebook page at the earliest opportunity. If you haven't already found the page, we hope you will take a look and like us to follow our posts and keep updated.

In June Richard and Jane Butterworth generously offered the use of their wonderfully decorated barn for a Sunday tea to raise money for St Alban's Church. Over 100 people enjoyed a superb hog roast with all the trimmings and salads, followed by fruit pies and cheese and biscuits. Special thanks to the Butterworths and to Charlie and Jane Buckton for their generosity and for all their hard work in organising the event. The "tea" was a great success and raised £1647.

We have a Withernwick calendar ready for 2016. Each month has a photograph taken in Withernwick - some old and some new.
On sale now at Â£5 from St Alban's.

The next **Pilgrim Course** looking at The Beatitudes will begin on Monday 28th September - new people are always welcome.
Sessions as before at 2.00pm and 7.30pm.

If biblical headlines were written by today's modern media...

On Red Sea crossing:

WETLANDS TRAMPLED IN LABOUR STRIKE
Pursuing Environmentalists Killed

On David vs. Goliath:

HATE CRIME KILLS BELOVED CHAMPION
Psychologist Questions Influence of Rock

On Elijah on Mt. Carmel:

FIRE SENDS RELIGIOUS RIGHT EXTREMIST INTO FRENZY
400 Killed

On the birth of Christ:

HOTELS FULL, ANIMALS LEFT HOMELESS
Animal Rights Activists Enraged by Insensitive Couple

On feeding the 5,000:

ITINERANT PREACHER STEALS CHILD'S LUNCH
Disciples Mystified Over Behaviour

On healing the 10 lepers:

LOCAL DOCTOR'S PRACTICE RUINED
"Faith Healer" Causes Bankruptcy

On healing of the Gadarene demoniac:

MADMAN'S FRIEND CAUSES STAMPEDE
Local Farmer's Investment Lost

On raising Lazarus from the dead:

FUNDAMENTALIST PREACHER RAISES A STINK
Reading of Will now to be Delayed

Women's Institute turns 100

100 years ago this month, on the 16th of September 1915, a small group of women met in Anglesey, and the Women's Institute was born. With the First World War raging, they had priorities: to encourage women to keep the rural communities going, and to produce food.

As the years have gone by, the WI has acted like social jam across the UK – sweetening and enriching the life of rural communities. It has acted like social eggs and flour, combining together women of good intent to produce some excellent community efforts of substance.

Nowadays the WI still excels in excellent food – but also offers classes on everything from floral arrangements to astronomy, dancing to earthquakes. As the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK, with 212,000 members in around 6,600 local WIs, it has a lot to celebrate.

Our Local Branch

We have a wide variety of interests in our local WI and try to reflect this in the speakers/demonstrators we have and also in outings. We are a small WI, but hopefully a friendly one. We welcome all prospective members and would love to see you. We meet on the first Monday of each month (except bank holidays) in the Methodist Chapel Schoolroom, Aldbrough. Please don't let any pre-conceptions that you may have about the WI stop you joining us, the WI can be very different things to different members and each member takes something unique to them along their WI journey.

Angela Dunn

September Prayer

Loving Father,

Please help us with all the new things September brings: a new school year, new stages of life, with children moving on or out, new challenges for many as summer gives way to autumn. Help us in this season of change to know the constant reality of Jesus. Thank you for the new life He freely offers to all who turn to Him.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

EVENT	DATE	WHERE
Hatfield Fete	29th August	Great Hatfield 1.00pm
Salvation Army Band	13th September	Goxhill 2.30pm
Peter Naylor and supper	10th October	Aldbrough Youth Club
Coffee Morning	17th October	Hornsea Parish Rooms (Mappleton)
Christmas Tree Festival	Begins 5th December	Aldbrough Church

From John Witty

I went to a talk by Dr Euan Dunn about Puffins. They are very faithful to their mate after months away. The biggest threat to their existence is the rising temperature of the North Sea - their main source of food is the cold water sand eels, so if they disappear then so do the puffins and other sea birds.

Kittiwakes at Bempton has gone down from 43,433 to 37,1617.

There will be a big drop in Gannets if they put the wind farm out on Dogger Bank where they feed a lot.

God Bless Revd Anne and all who read this.

John

Her Majesty The Queen becomes the longest reigning monarch in British history on 9 September 2015. The Church of England has released the following prayer to mark the occasion:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ exchanged the glory of a heavenly throne for the form of a servant, we thank you that you have given Elizabeth our Queen a heart to serve her people, and have kept her devoted in this service beyond all who were before her: encourage us by her example to serve one another, and to seek the common good, until you call us all to reign with Christ in your eternal kingdom. Amen.

Services in the Benefice for September 2015:

EVERY Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion followed by Coffee: Aldbrough

Sunday September 6th: Trinity 14

10.30 Parish Communion: Aldbrough

President: Revd Sidney Fox

Sunday September 13th: Trinity 15

10.30 Parish Communion: Mappleton

2.30 Songs of Praise with Salvation Army Band: Goxhill

HEALING COMMUNION: Tuesday September 15th

10.30 for 11.00 at 4 Mill Lane, Withernwick

Sunday September 20th: Harvest Festival

10.30am Parish Communion: Withernwick

2.30pm Harvest Festival: Goxhill

Friday September 25th: 7.00pm

Harvest Festival Evensong: Mappleton

Sunday September 27th: Trinity 17

8.30am Holy Communion: Withernwick

10.30am Parish Communion: Aldbrough

[No service at Mappleton]

Sunday October 4th: Harvest Festival

10.30 Parish Communion: Aldbrough

Life and Human Rights in Palestine

An eye-witness account by Ann Farr

Annâ's work as a member of Pax Christi and human rights observer on the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel, is undergirded by this quote from the prophet Micah: This is what the Lord asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and walk humbly with your Godâ.

Ann will be coming to speak us about her work on the weekend of 17th/18th October. The venue is yet to be finalised, but please put this date in your diaries, it will be well worth it!