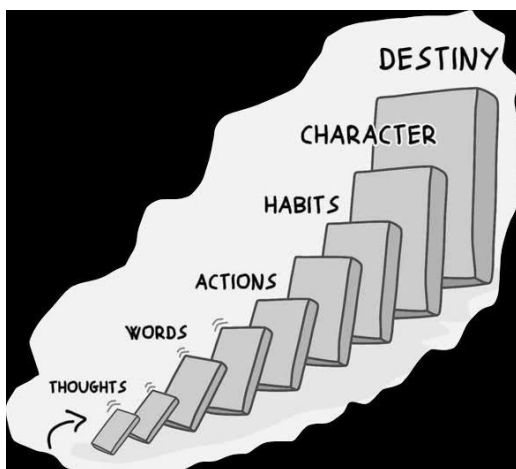


PARISH NEWSLETTER

October 2026

for the villages of Aldwark, Alne, Flawith,
Tholthorpe, Tollerton and Youlton

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Words Deeds and Destiny....

For some time now, I have been reading and pondering the book of Proverbs and reflecting on the attributes we need if we are to become more like Christ and demonstrate His wisdom in our daily lives.

Reflecting on the time I taught year 8 pupils RE in a local middle school, on the topic of influential people. Many of the children repeatedly asked me, "What have influential people got to do with RE?"

My answer was actually quite simple.

The people we were studying included Marcus Rashford, Nelson Mandela, Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King Jr. and Oscar Romero. Although their lives and circumstances were very different, they shared something important: they used their influence to stand alongside people who were poor, disadvantaged or marginalised — people whose voices were often unheard and who had little opportunity to influence their own circumstances or future.

These individuals understood the power of their voice.

But perhaps more importantly, they understood the needs of others.

They recognised injustice and responded to it. They were willing to listen, to learn and to act. Their influence was not simply about having a position or being well known; it was about using what they had been given to make a difference in the lives of others.

Mother Teresa famously regarded her missionary work not as a sacrifice, but as a vocation — a calling in which Jesus and His purposes were at the centre of her life. In a very different setting, we can look at Marcus Rashford and see how his willingness to speak out brought about positive change for children and families experiencing food insecurity.

What connects these people is not that they were perfect. Rather, they demonstrated a willingness to recognise a need and respond to it. They were teachable. They were willing to listen, learn, change and stand with people rather than against them.

If I want to become more like Christ and understand the influence He can have through my life, then I need to be willing to be disciplined, drawn towards knowledge and accepting of correction.

That can be difficult.

None of us particularly enjoys being corrected. It can be uncomfortable to admit that we have made a mistake or that our understanding may need to change. Yet Proverbs reminds us that correction is not something to fear. It is part of becoming wise.

I believe one of the attributes of meekness is being teachable — having the humility to recognise when we need to stop, listen and allow ourselves to be corrected.

The inability to admit our errors can prevent us from growing. If we refuse correction, we can ultimately refuse knowledge. And if we refuse knowledge, we risk turning away from wisdom itself.

So perhaps Proverbs 12 gives us a simple challenge for our daily walk with Christ:

Are we teachable?

Are we willing to listen when God speaks? Are we prepared to accept correction when we need it? Are we willing to learn from others? And, having received that knowledge, are we prepared to put it into action?

Wisdom is not simply something we know. It is something we live.

Our words can influence others. Our actions can influence others. Our willingness to stand alongside those who need help can influence others. Even the smallest act of kindness, compassion or courage can change the direction of someone's day — and sometimes, someone's destiny.

As Christians, we are called to allow the meekness and majesty of Christ to guide us. His wisdom gently directs us towards those who need encouragement, support, justice and love.

May we therefore become people who love knowledge, welcome wise correction and are willing to learn.

And may the wisdom we receive from Christ not simply remain in our minds, but become visible through our words, our deeds and the influence we have on the lives of others.

Blessings

Carol Scott
St Michael's - Tollerton

News from Alne Church

Church Services

The first family service held on 6th September, led by Rev Lucy, Tony and Claire, proved both successful and hugely enjoyable. The service started at 3.00p.m. and lasted about 45 minutes. There were plenty of activities and songs for the children who proved engaging and very talented!

The bonus was the post action refreshments, enjoyed by children and parents alike. We also had a number of regular congregants attend in support, thank you to all who came and made it such a success.

The family service will continue to take place at **3.00p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at St Mary's**; we look forward to welcoming returnees and newcomers on **4th October** for even more fun.

Harvest

Our regular Communion service on the **second Sunday** will be The Harvest Festival and will be at **10.30a.m. on Sunday, 11th October**; non-perishable food gifts for the Easingwold District Community Care Association (EDCCA) food bank would be welcome to support local needs.

Outwood Primary Academy Alne will then have their harvest service on **Monday, 12th October**, so all food donations will be combined and given to EDCCA on the Monday.

Finally in October, our regular restful, reflective “Celtic” service will take place on the fourth **Sunday (25th October) at 3.00p.m.**

JOIN US FOR OUR

Afternoon Family Service



October's theme: WONDER!

4th October, 3pm

arrive from 2.50pm

For Primary School aged children and
families

Bible stories, crafts, outdoor
activities, action songs,
refreshments



St Mary's
Alne,
3-4pm



Church Yard

The following 3 paragraphs were published last month, but are being repeated to ensure maximum opportunity for connected families to consider what they may wish to do.

In recent times, two more headstones have been deemed to be in danger of toppling and have been laid flat. Firstly, the headstone for John Arthur Holmes and his wife Mary; they were interred in 2002 and 2003. This headstone is just to the north of the Church Tower.

Secondly, the headstone for Thomas Pollard (died 1915) which is to the western edge of the churchyard.

If families are willing and able to have the headstones properly resecured, that will be the best outcome. Failing any contact from a family willing to take this action, we will respectfully move fallen headstones to the edge of the church yard and place them safely. This notice will also be placed on the church notice board.

Please continue to take care in and around headstones in the churchyard.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

The annual shoebox appeal is brilliantly supported in the Parish to support children across the world in areas facing challenges, by ensuring they have some Christmas presents.

Shoeboxes will be available to collect in church from the beginning of October and the deadline for returns will be in November - more details in the next newsletter.

Please add small shoebox sized gifts to your Christmas shopping lists.

Ongoing Projects

Following Diocese approval to update the Church Porch to improve access, we continue to seek quotes to carry out this work with as much grant funding as we can achieve. We will share the plans more widely when we have more details.

We remain truly grateful to the many who contribute routinely to the upkeep and maintenance of St Mary's, thank you.

Donations can be made securely via Sum Up using the following QR code:



[Please consider selecting the 'monthly' contribution tab]

Alternatively, the church's bank details are below:

Alne Parochial Church Council

Sort code: 20-98-98

Account: 53543080

If you make a donation and are a taxpayer, please email our treasurer Ian, so that we are able to claim an extra 25% on your donation through gift aid:

ian.scott64@gmail.com



Starting in October

BUBBLE CHURCH

Food. Craft. Puppets.

Every third Sunday

9:30am

Linton Village Hall

October 2026 in the West Galtres Churches

St Giles' Skelton

4th 9.30am – Harvest with Rev Gwynne

11th 9.30am – Celtic Morning Prayer with Graeme

18th 9.30am – Communion with Rev Lucy

25th 10am – Shared Communion at St Giles Skelton with Rev Lucy

Holy Evangelists Shipton

4th 11am – Communion with Rev Robin

11th 10.30am – Morning Worship with Rev Lucy

18th 10.30am – Morning Worship with team

25th 10am – Shared Communion at St Giles Skelton with Rev Lucy

All Saints Newton

4th 10.30am – Harvest Family Service with Rev Taff and Rev Andy *new for families

11th 10.30am – Communion with Rev Taff and Rev Andy

18th 9.30am – Bubble Church - Linton Village Hall with Rev Andy and team *new for families

25th 10am - Shared Communion at St Giles Skelton with Rev Lucy

St Michael's Tollerton

4th 10.30am – Morning Worship with John

11th 10.30am – All age Worship with Alison * for families

18th 10.30am – Communion with Rev John, *plus 'God Zone' – children's group

25th 10.30am – Morning Worship with Richard and Jo

6pm – Evening Contemporary Worship Service with Rev Lucy

St Mary's Alne

4th 3pm - Afternoon Family Service with Rev Lucy and team *new for families

11th 10.30am – Harvest Communion with Rev Anna

18th

25th 3pm – Celtic Evening Prayer with Rev Lucy *Taize music and space to pray

St Stephen's Aldwark

24th 2-5pm – Harvesting ideas *Come on Saturday afternoon and chat with Rev Lucy and folk from the Parish, to collect ideas for future services/events. There will be a short Harvest Festival with songs and a non-perishables food drop off at 4.30-5pm.

Alne WI: September Report



Continuing Alne WI's Centenary celebrations, our September meeting saw our committee providing members with a fabulous evening of Food through the Century.

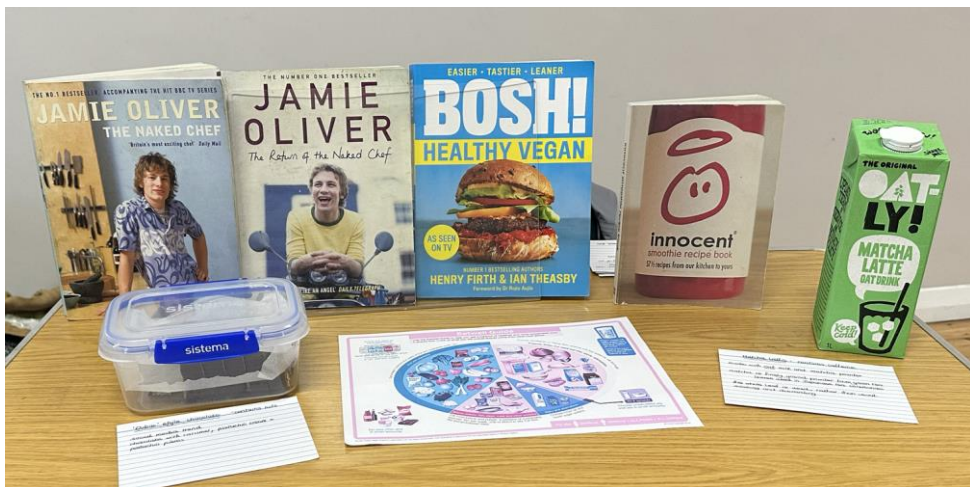


They had arranged wonderful displays of memorabilia, including cookbooks and housewares and the 5 brave souls from the committee, took it in turns to tell us about food trends from the 1920's to the present day, which stirred lots of memories for many of us - brand names we had long forgotten suddenly flooded back to us.

Di, our President started off with the 1920's, followed by Kath Garner, who was the extremely competent overall organiser and really dressed for the part.



Maggie Soper, Debbie Bell and Anne Gibbims who took us from the 30's right through to now and at the end, we all enjoyed refreshments and delicious tasters of the foods they were telling us about, made by their own fair hands.



It was a wonderful evening and not surprising, as all our meetings are so good.

Next month on **14th October** the intriguing title of the month's talk by our visiting speaker, Lesley Newnham, is "The Actor, The Singer, The Medics and The Solicitor".

Lesley has visited us before and was really interesting then and if you fancy finding out more about this mysterious title, then we'd be so pleased to see you - **7.30p.m. in Alne Village Hall** (Guest entry is only £4 and refreshments are included).

We promise you will be made very welcome and will have a great evening. Alne WI goes from strength to strength, surely testament to how good it is.

Tollerton War Memorial Institute (Village Hall)

The Tollerton War Memorial Institute Committee would like to thank everyone who attended the Battle of Myton Talk on Friday, 11th September, and those who braved the rather soggy walk on Saturday 12th September.

The talk by Dr Rachael Whitbread was, as always, both informative and interesting, and led to some lively discussion afterwards. The Committee is very grateful for all the support received, which helps us to continue raising much-needed funds for the Hall.



At the time of going to press, ticket sales for The Coolnotes concert on **Saturday, 26th September** were going very well, and everyone attending is sure to enjoy a great night.

Upcoming Events

Saturday 10th October 2026 – The Great Big Yorkshire Quiz

Join us for a fun evening of quizzing, buffet supper, live music and dancing. A licensed bar will also be available.

Friday 23rd October 2026 – Snake Davis & the Snake Davis Band

Back again by popular demand, Snake Davis & the Snake Davis Band are sure to provide another fantastic evening of live music. A licensed bar will be available.

Tickets: £24

For more information and tickets for any of the above events, please contact: tollertonvillagehall75@gmail.com

🎄 Tombola Prizes Wanted! 🎄

We are looking for donations of **Tombola prizes** for our Christmas Event on **Saturday 5th December 2026**.

If you have a prize you'd be happy to donate, please get in touch by emailing tollertonvillagehall75@gmail.com. Every donation is greatly appreciated!

🎪 Planning an Event?

The Village Hall is a great place to hold a party or event and celebrate those important occasions.

You'll have full use of the kitchen facilities, hall equipment and outdoor space at the rear of the Hall. We also offer very competitive hire prices.

Sponsorship

Expenses are inevitable for all our fundraisers, so if you'd like to help soften the blow, we'd love to hear from local businesses who would be interested in publicly sponsoring some of our event costs.

This could be anything from sponsoring a barrel of beer or a case of wine, to helping cover other event essentials. In return, we'd be delighted to acknowledge and promote your support at the event and through our publicity. If you're a local business and would like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you!

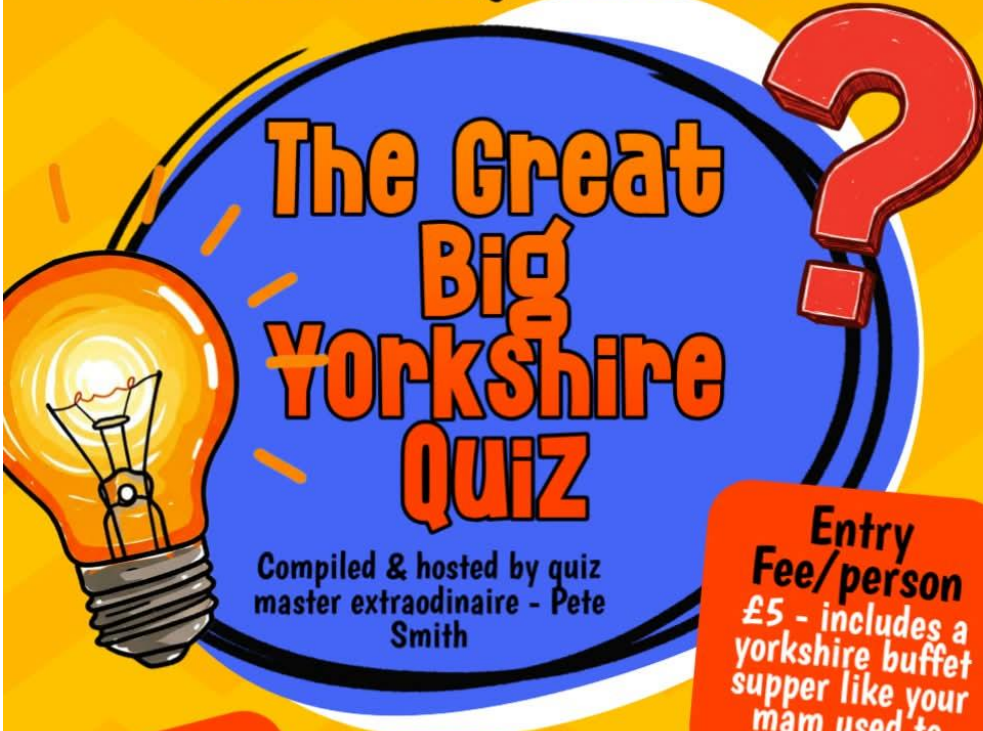
Tollerton Coffee Club

Tollerton Coffee Club meets weekly on **Wednesdays at 10.30a.m. to 12.00 noon** at St. Michael's Church Hall, Tollerton.

Join us for coffee/tea and biscuits.

All Welcome.

Tollerton Village Hall Presents



The Great Big Yorkshire Quiz

Compiled & hosted by quiz
master extraordinaire - Pete
Smith

**Entry
Fee/person**
£5 - includes a
yorkshire buffet
supper like your
mam used to
make!

SAT
10TH OCT
Doors open at
7 for 7:30
start

**Followed by Big Prize Raffle,
Live Music and Dancing**

- ◆ Max 6 players per team
- ◆ Pre booking team recommended but not essential
- ◆ Contact Tollertonvillagehall75@gmail.com

Fully Licensed Bar Available

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We'll soon be back to welcome you for lunch at St Michael's in Tollerton!

The team rota is filled, recipe books are being consulted so all we need is YOU!

This term's dates are

5th November

19th November

3rd December

17th December

St. Michael's Church Tollerton

Village Prayer box, open to all.

As Christians we believe prayer changes things and so a small group meets weekly to pray. We would love to pray for you too.

Whether you are facing illness, a family crisis, needing guidance or just want to give thanks, you can write it down and post it here.



Please be assured that your requests will be handled in strict confidence by the prayer team. You may include your name or remain anonymous, it doesn't matter, God knows who you are. We are just here to support you.

Our prayer team gathers every Monday morning.

1 Peter 5:7 "Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you."



Let's Harvest
our ideas together!

All are
welcome!
—♥—

OPEN AFTERNOON AND SERVICE Saturday 24 October

From 3 o'clock to 5 o'clock

Come and let's think creatively about
your local parish church – come and have your say



What events could we host here?



How might we make this church into
more of a wedding destination?



Are you interested in preserving
the history of this place?



Do you have any thoughts on making
this a pilgrim place of prayer?



How might this provide a space for more
festival type services – Carol Service,
Palm Sunday and others?



Could St Stephen's be a hub site for some
community events – village fete, concert venue,
hymns and pimms?

What support
can St Stephen's
give to you?



Bereavement
cafe?



Silent prayer?



Cake and chat?



Rev Lucy will be available to chat
and there will be a short harvest celebration
at 4.30pm.



We are collecting
non perishables
for the food bank

Tea and cakes
will be served



ANGLICAN SERVICES

October 2026

Venue	4 th Oct	11 th Oct	18 th Oct	25 th Oct
Aldwark		At Alne		At Alne
Alne	3.00p.m. Family Service	10.30a.m. All Age Holy Communion		3.00p.m. Celtic Service
Tollerton	10.30a.m. Morning Worship	10.30a.m. All Age	10.30a.m. Holy Communion	10.30a.m. Morning Worship 6.00p.m. Sunday at 6

St Stephen's Aldwark

24th October 2.00-5.00p.m. – Harvesting ideas

Come on Saturday afternoon and chat with Rev Lucy and folk from the Parish, to collect ideas for future services/events.

There will be a short Harvest Festival with songs and a **non-perishables food drop off at 4.30-5.00p.m.**

METHODIST SERVICES

Minister: Rev Alex Middleton-Laing

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You can often find Alex in the Curious Table, Market Place Easingwold, between 9.00 and 10.00a.m. on Thursday mornings.

October 2026

Date	Alne @ Alne Hall	Huby @ Methodist Church	Tholthorpe @ Methodist Church
4 October 10.30a.m.	Joining with Easingwold Methodist Church, led by Rev David Priestnall		
4 October 3.00p.m.			Community Choir led by Carrie Middleton-Laing
11 October 3.00p.m.	Worship with the residents led by Marion Moverley		
18 October 10.30a.m.		Café Service led by Robin Jackson	
25 October 3.00p.m.			Service of Holy Communion led by Alex Middleton- Laing

Wednesday 28th October 10.00a.m. – 3.00p.m. – Holiday Club, Huby Chapel

Scrappy Faith at Aroma Café, Haxby

Scrappy Faith is a monthly sensory-friendly scrapbooking group for people of every kind of mind to explore faith creatively. Meeting at Aroma Café, Haxby, on the **first Wednesday of the month, 7.00–8.00p.m.** It offers a welcoming space, with materials, drinks and cake provided. Participants can reflect, create, chat or enjoy companionship whilst cutting, layering, arranging and gluing.



SCAN ME

Scan the QR code to find out more.

A few words from Rev Alex Middleton-Laing:

I love autumn! The colours of the leaves, the woolly jumpers, the lit fires. My family joke that my spirit animal is a Labrador, because I like nothing better than a long walk, some snacks and then a snooze by the fire.

However, I do not like it when the clocks go back. The days are far too short and I don't really enjoy going out in the dark. Perhaps you feel the same.

That's why I am looking forward to the Light Party at Villages Together Methodist Church on 28th October. This is a day for the youngsters, held at the Huby Chapel, to have fun and to celebrate how the light always overcomes the darkness. Look out for more details advertised, to find out how to register your child.

The Community Choir at Tholthorpe Chapel is a great way to stave off any dark night blues (pardon the pun). It's on the **first Sunday of the month at 3.00p.m.** and is good fun. You don't need to be a singer, you just need to be willing to have a go!

What would you like to see happening across our villages? What would you enjoy taking part in? What would bring more light into your life during these darker months? Do let me know. For as it says in John's Gospel, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

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