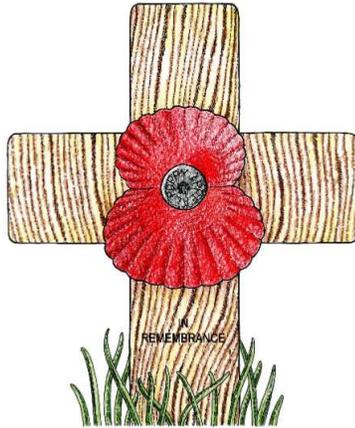


The Parishes of Aldbrough Mappleton & Goxhill with Great Hatfield & Withernwick



November
2020



From the Vicar

Dear All, In many ways I quite like November – true the weather is autumnal but that in itself can provide us with some glorious colour. But the real reason is that November is a season of remembrance. It begins of course with All Saints, which this year actually falls on a Sunday which is great for Mappleton Parish Church. Then there is the feast of All Souls when we have a chance to remember not only those who have died this past year but those whose memories we treasure. This year our service will be at Withernwick on 1st November at 4.00pm. November 5th is of course the day when we remember the Yorkshire man Guy Fawkes and the failed Gunpowder plot. Remembrance Sunday this year is held on the 8th. November comes to an end with the beginning of the new church year – Advent Sunday.

This year has without doubt been a challenge for all of us as we have lived with the uncertainties of Covid-19. But in many ways I believe that it has given us the opportunity to remember what is important to us. Earlier this year clapping on a Thursday night for the NHS began and with it the opportunity to say thank you, not just to our wonderful NHS but to all those others who worked tirelessly through lockdown – the local shops, the refuse collectors, the folk who stacked the supermarket shelves during the night, those in our communities who went that

extra mile for others and so on. It would be good to think that in this season of remembrance we can continue to remember them as well.

We missed celebrating VE Day, VJ Day and the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain – a dramatic turning point in the history of the Second World War. It could be argued that we now face an unseen enemy in Covid-19. But there is always one constant in all of this and that is the hope that we have in Jesus Christ, who died, rose and who will come again. *'Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David.'* (2 Timothy 2:8). Jesus secured the victory of death by His cross and resurrection, so that we don't need to fear death, but trust in His loving purposes for our lives.

With every blessing
Revd Anne

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Every Wednesday at 10.00 Holy Communion at Aldbrough

- November 1st 10.30 Parish Communion: Mappleton
4.00 All Souls Commemoration: Withernwick
- November 8th 10.00 Parish Communion: Aldbrough
12.00 Act of Remembrance: Mappleton
2.00 Act of Remembrance: Withernwick
War Memorial
- November 15th 10.30 Parish Communion: Withernwick
- November 22nd 10.30 Parish Communion: Aldbrough
- November 29th 10.30 Parish Communion: Withernwick
4.00 Advent Service of Light: Aldbrough
- December 6th 10.30 Parish Communion: Withernwick



Quarantining in church had its drawbacks. Two days in, the biscuits were gone, and Rupert was hungry.

ALDBROUGH CHRISTMAS EVENT

The committee have had to make the very difficult decision to cancel the event this year in order to keep everyone safe. We pray that we'll be back in 2021!

Reports of vandalism

Sadly there have been several incidents in Aldbrough which have been upsetting for many – the Youth Club had roof tiles damaged, a garden fence was destroyed and paint was sprayed on the Church wall. Please be vigilant at all times.

Better news – Withernwick is due to have its bells re-hung this month – the bells will ring out for Christmas!!

From the registers:



WEDDINGS:

10th August: Sam and Imogen Belcher (Aldbrough)

Thank you to everyone who supported the Hatfield Fete with baking, helping set-up and running stalls, we were blessed with lovely weather and therefore a good turnout. Even though we had no bouncy castle it was lovely to hear the children laughing and playing. It was also an opportunity to meet new people who had moved into the village during lockdown. We made a total of £505 for Mappleton and Goxhill churches, which will help to support the lovely buildings.

Help our wildlife before it is too late

A quarter of mammals in the UK are at risk of extinction, and this decline will continue unless their habitats are restored and some species are reintroduced. So warns the chair of Natural England, Tony Juniper, referring to a recent list of endangered animals issued by the Mammal Society, and approved by the United Nations. UK mammals most in danger are the greater mouse-eared bat, the water vole, the hedgehog, hazel dormouse and Scottish wildcat. The European wolf is already extinct. Tony Juniper advises that reintroducing some mammals would help others at greater risk. For example, introducing more pine martens would help control the grey squirrels, which in turn would give our native red squirrels a better chance. As one professor of environmental biology said: "Here in Britain we are managing to send even rodents towards extinction. Things have to change rapidly if we want our children and grandchildren to enjoy the wildlife that we take for granted." So please check your bonfires for hedgehogs!

When did you last buy a single-use plastic bag?

It seems that most of us have bought just four from our supermarket in the last year, which is a drop of 95 per cent since the 5p charge was introduced five years ago. The Department for Food, Environment and Rural Affairs reports that prior to 2015, most shoppers were buying 140 single-use bags a year.

But sadly, the coronavirus pandemic has disrupted the bigger war on plastics, with a huge rise in throwaway personal protective equipment, and a resurgence in single-use cups, cutlery and other items. Please continue to act responsibly and avoid single-use plastic whenever possible. Thank you.

The Orkney Islands

There are few places in the UK that can boast the number of wildlife on such a small island. The whole area is a strong hold for the for divers, Red Great Northern Divers, a staggering number of 385 have been recorded, of them 166 breed on the place, also owls have a strong hold and do well

The hen harriers when pairing up, is called skydancing. Where the male birds fly high up and drop food to the female bird. Now in autumn it becomes a stopping and rest point for about 50,000 arrivals on the island, whooper swans, grey lag geese and great northern divers, long tail ducks & Slavonian grebe.

Also in meadows, they are well cared for & not sprayed for weeds, and cut for hay late in the season to help ground nesting birds. By November you may see more than 25 Hen harriers coming in to roost and most of the island is run by the RSPB at Birsay

moors is a wash with wild flowers in summer time that I have seen

To end with, the tree sparrows at Bempton have had a fabulous year, done really well, 50 nests were in use and reared chicks that fledged

God bless Revd Anne, and all of you

Regards as always, John

St Alban's Clothes Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated bags of clothes for our annual collection and thank you to all who gave out and collected the bags then carried this huge pile up and down St Alban's Church steps to be weighed in. We had our heaviest load to date and your filled bags raised £192, since made up to £200, for our Restoration Fund. Next year's date is already booked.

Meditation by Paul Field from Northumbria Community Daily Prayer

Go peaceful in gentleness through the violence of these days.
Give freely. Show tenderness in all your ways.
Through darkness, in troubled times let holiness be your aim.
Seek wisdom. Let faithfulness burn like a flame.
God speed you!
God lead you, and keep you wrapped around His heart!
May you be known by love.
Be righteous. Speak truthfully in a world of greed and lies.
Show kindness. See everyone through heaven's eyes.
God hold you, enfold you, and keep you wrapped around His heart.
May you be known by love.

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