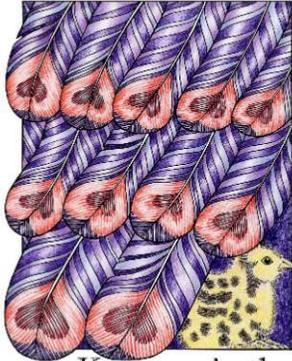


# The Parishes of Aldbrough Mappleton & Goxhill with Great Hatfield & Withernwick



February  
2021



shelter of your wings Ps 17:8

Keep me in the

Groundhog Day – the tradition being that if the sun shone on 2nd February an animal would see its shadow and there would be 6 more weeks of winter at least!

Of course in the middle of February we find ourselves in the season of Lent. The Church of England's Lent Campaign for this year is entitled #Live Lent: God's Story, Our Story. In the small booklet that accompanies this we are invited to reflect on our own story of God and how we might share it through our everyday lives. I will have some copies available priced £1.75 but there is also an App which you may prefer to use.

There is no doubt that the past year has been challenging – what we considered to be normal this time last year has been radically altered. However, there is light at the end of the tunnel and we continue to give thanks for all those involved in medical research and our own health and care workers. Some of you will by now have benefitted from that as the vaccination programme is rolled out – others may have to wait a little longer but it will be worth the wait if we can be together again.

With every blessing  
Revd Anne

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**Welcome** to Revd Susan Walker who was licensed, via Zoom, as Deanery Priest for North Holderness by the Right Revd Alison White (Bishop of Hull) on 17th January.

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**SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2021 (subject to restrictions)**  
*Every Wednesday at 10.00 Holy Communion at Aldbrough*

**7th February Candlemas: Withernwick**  
**14th February 2 before Lent: Aldbrough**  
**17th February Ash Wednesday**  
**21st February Lent 1: Withernwick**  
**28th February Lent 2: Aldbrough**  
**7th March Lent 3: Withernwick**

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*To make you smile – and if anyone has been on our telephone calls during lockdown you will understand this!*

## **Slow down**

Each Sunday morning our minister was mildly irritated by a member of the congregation who was a fast reader. Finally, announcing the 23rd Psalm, he added: "And will the lady who is always by 'the still waters' while the rest of us are still in 'green pastures,' please pause until we catch up?"

## **Other snippets:**

I really don't mind getting older, but my body is taking it badly.

I thought getting old would take longer.

Cleaning is just putting stuff in less obvious places.

If I wanted to hear the pitter-patter of little feet, I'd put shoes on my cat.



## FUNERALS

21st December Burial of Ashes: Ronald Clappison, Great Hatfield  
29th December Jacqueline Brayshaw (Chanterlands Crematorium)

*In memory of the late Maureen Hepworth  
Who carried a copy of this poem in her handbag*

### A Cross in My Pocket

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I carry a cross in my pocket  
A simple reminder to me  
Of the fact that I am a Christian  
No matter where I may be.

This little cross is not magic,  
Nor is it a good luck charm  
It isn't meant to protect me  
From every physical harm.

It's not for identification  
For all the world to see  
It's simply an understanding  
Between my Savior and me.

When I put my hand in my pocket  
To bring out a coin or a key  
The cross is there to remind me  
Of the price He paid for me.

It reminds me, too, to be thankful  
For my blessings day by day  
And to strive to serve Him better  
In all that I do and say.

It's also a daily reminder  
Of the peace and comfort I share  
With all who know my Master  
And give themselves to His care.

So, I carry a cross in my pocket  
Reminding no one but me  
That Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life  
If only I'll let Him be.

### A Look Back in Time

A long time ago in London Town  
A virus came around.  
It ravaged the rich  
it savaged the poor,  
There was no cure.

The people were in a stew,  
they did not know what to do.  
The virus went on infecting all in it's way,  
when it landed in a village a few hundred miles away.  
The people there did not dare stay,  
they ran away, stayed away, kept their distance,  
until the virus was non-existent.

There is more to this tale than the rhyme doth tell,  
But it seems that the principle worked well.  
So as for them of days gone by  
the same for us applies  
Stay away, keep away and live another day.

It will take time but if we all tow the line  
Things will turn out fine.

HANDS--- - FACE----- SPACE-----! .

Stay well, Antoinette.



*...between you and me, it's the  
only way I can remember my PIN number!*

### Fairtrade Fortnight: 22nd February – 7th March

It has been a terrible year for farmers and workers in the global south. In 2020, on top of the pandemic, they had to deal with the growing impact of climate change: more droughts and crop disease, locusts, floods, fires, and heatwaves. No wonder their harvests were shrinking.

Yet with the help of Fairtrade, many of these producers of food, drinks and cottons can be equipped to meet more everyday needs, and to deal with the challenges facing them. So this month, why not visit [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk) & see how you can send some support.

### An Ancient Prayer

Give me a good digestion, Lord,  
And also something to digest.  
Give me a healthy body, Lord,  
With sense to keep it at its best.  
Give me a healthy mind, O Lord,  
To keep the good and pure in sight,  
Which seeing wrong is not appalled  
But finds a way to set it right.

Give me a mind that is not bored,  
That does not whimper, whine or sigh.  
Don't let me worry over much  
About that thing called 'I'.  
Give me a sense of humour, Lord,  
Give me the grace to see a joke,  
To get some happiness from life  
And pass it on to other folk.