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2nd May 2021

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preaching at 9.30am Ayton & Ilam Newton

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MAY

- 2 **Sun** **EASTER 5** 9.30am Sunday Worship in Church, Zoom & Facebook: [I Iam All Age Service at St Oswald's](#); 1 - 3pm Christ Church Open; 5pm Holy Communion in Church.
- 5 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion in Christ Church
- 9 **Sun** **EASTER 6** 8am Holy Communion in Church; 9.30am Sunday Worship at Christ Church, Zoom & Facebook; 11.15am Holy Baptism in Christ Church; 1 - 3pm Christ Church Open; 4pm Family Come & Praise in Church Hall.
- 10 **Mon** **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK BEGINS**
- 11 **Tues** 9.30am All Saints Spring Clean
- 13 **Thurs** **ASCENSION DAY** **THY KINGDOM COME BEGINS**
- 16 **Sun** **EASTER 7** (Foodbank Sunday) 9.30am Sunday Worship in Church, Zoom & Facebook: [I Iam All Age Service at St Oswald's](#); [12.30pm Holy Baptism at St Oswald's](#); 1 - 3pm Christ Church Open; 4pm Christian Aid Service in Christ Church & Zoom: 5pm Holy Communion in Christ Church.
- 19 **Wed** 7.30pm Great Ayton PCC Meeting on Zoom
- 23 **Sun** **PENTECOST** 8am Holy Communion; 9.30am Parish Communion in Church, Zoom & Facebook; 11.30am Holy Baptism at Christ Church.
- 30 **Sun** **TRINITY SUNDAY** 8am Holy Communion: 9.30am Parish Communion Zoom & Facebook;; [12.30pm Holy Baptism at St Oswald's](#).



#PLEDGE2PRAY

**Sunday Morning
Worship at 9.30am**

ID: 895 1102 4740
Password: 450872

**Saint Oswald's at
I Iam** (1st & 3rd Sundays)

ID: 893 7600 5713
Password: 969354

**Prayer for the Day at
8.45am**

ID: 840 2417 5583
Password: 974982

Back to the Future



We are told that Lockdowns are now behind us and from 21 June all restrictions will be lifted. I hope they are right, but it would be a very brave person to believe that, given what we are seeing happen in other parts of the world with 3rd waves and new variants. Nevertheless, we move forward in hope with worship becoming more regular and more folk gaining the confidence to come back out again. It's not just Sunday worship for we also have 20 weddings and at least 15 Baptisms coming up.

We hope we will soon see the return of the choir to Church and eventually even congregational singing. Alas the organ hasn't enjoyed Lockdown and gives the impression of Thomas the Tank Engine meeting all his pals with lots of ciphers - so work needed there.

I asked the PCC about what time they wanted for Sunday mornings - a return to 9.15am or stay with 9.30am, and wasn't too surprised they unanimously chose the latter. This does have implications, for packing away IT at Christ Church and setting back up again for Zoom at Newton simply can't be achieved by I I am. I know some think the simple answer is to put Newton's service back, but I am now coming across to Christ Church at 7am to get things ready, and after Newton's service I have Christenings and weddings, so a further delay means another 45 minutes at least on my day. From May onwards I will have to leave Christ Church open unattended as won't be back by 1pm, but I really hope we can get back to having Church open all the time again for folk to pop in. If people sanitise hands on entry I am sure that Church will still be a very safe place to be.

So for the summer months the plan is that on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month when I have Newton services we will have the shorter Morning Worship at Christ Church and a 5pm Service of Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer. On the 2nd & 4th Sundays we will have 8am and 9.30am Services of Holy Communion. Details will be in Spire and on the Website. We are alternating between 8am and 5pm because some people cannot make the 8am now. We will look again before September.

Other good news is that **we are restarting the Wednesday Communion Service at 10am on the first Wednesday of the month beginning 5th May.** We will review this too as time goes on.

Keep safe.

Paul

Hits & Misses

At the last PCC we looked at what we had appreciated this last year, and what we have missed, as we look to bringing both those things together in the future. Do you have others to add to the lists?

Appreciated

Reliability of IT to reach out to others with worship on Zoom & Facebook

Prayer for the Day and its involvement with other Churches, Youth workers and even the Archbishop!

Enabling people to keep in contact with each other.

Joint worship with Stokesley each Sunday

Zoom Quizes

Blossoming of Individuals in various roles as some did things on Zoom they had never done in Church

Wide range of ecumenical involvement

Meeting people outside the Parish

Seeing peoples names on Zoom so you don't have to ask.

The Variety of live music

Sharing with other Churches

Worship Songs on mornings

Involvement of new people doing things both from CC and outside.

The chance to listen again on Facebook

Really Missed

Family Communion Service

Worshiping together LIVE

Meeting people in person

Quiet & Silence – before and during services

Praying for people by name (we have deliberately omitted this on Facebook for data protection.)

Singing in Church

Missed the Church setting for seasons & special services ie Christingles etc.

Visiting folk at home & Home communions

Feeling Connected with people

Coffee & chat after service

The Choir singing together (although all agreed its been great to hear them as couples and individuals)

Wednesday morning Communion

Cake

Physical contact

Sunday School Children in the service

Christ Church PCC Jottings

New Members We welcomed two new members onto the Church Council, Mary Mason and Gill Hendry.

Stepping Down Several people have made decisions to step down from roles they have been doing, or are not confident yet on restarting them. Ruth Waterton has handed over the task of arranging Intercessors for Sundays; Pauline Titchmarsh has stepped down from organising the after Church Coffee; Lesley Miller has retired as Head Server and Vicki Nath has retired from the PCC. We thank them all for many years of faithful and willing service. Whilst some tasks haven't started up again yet, when they do we will need new people taking over some of the roles.

Church Cleaning In the first lockdown we were instructed not to ask anyone over 70 to do anything in Church, which was locked in any case. This greatly affected our Church cleaning team. Church has been kept clean, initially by Jan Thompson who cleaned before we re-opened and on Sunday the Vicar runs around with the Hoover on Sundays.

The PCC agreed to employ a cleaner, but rather than employ a new person we used the Church Hall cleaners who had spare hours. Church has been closed for several weeks since then making any appointment difficult, but now both Church and Hall are open again we need to look again. The bottom line is that the fall in Income over last year has made it harder to find funds to pay a cleaner. Are there any volunteers who would still be willing to help clean the Church?

Living Christ Story The PCC will be looking at this initiative at the next meeting in May. A small group was also formed to begin looking at **Living Together in Faith & Love**, a recent report that looks at the whole issue of relationships, identity and sexuality.

Coffee Lounge We had complaints from hearing aid users that there was too much of an echo in the Coffee Lounge following renovation with the removal of curtains and carpet. Noise baffles have now been installed.



Other News



New Area Dean Following the move to Grantham at Easter of Rev'd Clay Roundtree who had become Area Dean of Stokesley Deanery last September, the Rev'd Tessa Stephens of St Mary's Church Nunthorpe has been appointed to the role. It's good to have someone younger in the role to guide our response to Living Christ's Story - the Diocesan response to the challenging times we are in. Our prayers and support are with Tessa.

Recycled Cards

Most charities are facing financial pressures following last year, so you can help by leaving Greeting Cards (Not Christmas cards, please) at the back of Christ Church for Pauline Titchmarsh to recycle. Church is open on Sundays for services and between 1pm - 3pm, but they can also be left safely in a bag in the porch if the Church is locked.



ORDINATION

Jane, our curate, is to be Ordained Priest in Christ Church on Sunday 4th July at 6pm by the Bishop of Whitby.

As yet we don't know what restrictions, if any, will be placed on attendance, but the service will be Zoomed and possibly streamed on Facebook too.

More details nearer the time, but please put the date in your diaries and remember Jane in your prayers



Christian Aid Week 10 - 16 May

Love never fails. Coronavirus impacts all of us. But love unites us all.

You have already shown incredible kindness to your neighbours.

Now is the time to reach out to your neighbours both near and far.

Your love protects. From storms, from drought, and now from coronavirus.

Your love protects our global neighbours battling the spread of this illness.

Your love protects. With soap, clean water and medical supplies.

By supporting us this Christian Aid Week you can reach out and protect more of your neighbours today.

For over 70 years, we've been standing with the poorest of our neighbours, with people of all faiths and none, to stand up for dignity, equality and justice. Let's stand together with our neighbours near and far.

You can donate to our village page by clicking on the link below

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/great-ayton-village>

If you prefer you can give direct into the Church Account

Great Ayton Parochial Church Council, Code 09-01-55 Acc No: 37616705 and put Christian Aid as the Reference. Between 10 - 16th May any donations through our GiveALittle Button on Facebook or website will be added to the collection.

Thank you for your support.

Office Secretary Needed P/T

Following the departure of our last Secretary to live abroad we need a bright and cheerful person to manage the day to day running of Christ Church Hall and to undertake Secretarial Assistance to the Vicar. Must be IT literate, accurate with details and good working with the public.



This is 2 - 3 mornings a week. It was Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9am to 12 noon, but we could have some flexibility over Thursdays. Rate of pay is £11p.h.

Please contact the Vicar for more details and to apply please send via email your CV and letter of application to revpev@btinternet.com by Friday 7th May 2021

Interviews will be held on Friday 14th

The position will be subject to a successful DBS clearance and good references.

Cleaner Needed

For Christ Church Hall to start ASAP

Previous experience preferred

Monday, Thursday & Friday

From 8.30am - 10.30am

We are looking for an assistant cleaner to join our friendly team for general cleaning of all public areas of the Church Hall plus occasional post-event cleans.

Closing date for applications Friday 7th May 2021

Please email the Hall Manager, Robin Harmar at robinharmar@yahoo.co.uk for further details and to apply together with with your CV.

Interviews by arrangement the following week.





Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Initiative.

Great Ayton Churches Together invite you to take part in the global prayer movement '**Thy Kingdom Come**', which takes place between Ascension and Pentecost (**Thursday 13th May to Sunday 23rd May**).

As a part of this, residents of Great Ayton are invited to decorate their windows and front gardens with colourful bunting, prayer paper-chains, ribbons and Thy Kingdom Come posters, (showing the logo displayed at the top of this page.)

Bring out any bunting you may have - or make some from colourful material, card or paper.

Make prayer paper-chains with the words from the Lord's Prayer written on one side and include your own private prayers on the other side.

Brightly coloured ribbons can be displayed in your gardens and windows, tied in memory of a loved one, or an issue which is of personal concern to you.

Posters should display the 'Thy Kingdom Come' logo on the outside of the window and once again, your own private prayer on the inside of the window.

If you would like to do so, **please take a photograph** of your colourful decorations and send them to jaques132@gmail.com to be included in a montage of photographs.

Let's see Great Ayton come alive with colour!

24 Hours to Pray “Thy Kingdom Come”

A new venture for Thy Kingdom Come to be shared by all our local churches this year. A time of non-stop 24 hour prayer with half hour prayer slots to be filled by all who are willing to take part – family groups, individuals, ALL AGES.

Beginning at 12 noon on Tuesday 18 May with a 30 minute open-air prayer time in All Saints Churchyard and ending there with the final prayer time 24 hours later on Wednesday 19 May from 11.30 – 12 noon.

Each half hour prayer slot will be as different as the people who are praying – whether listening to music, reflecting quietly, drawing, painting, singing, writing, reading, walking – the choice is yours. The focus is 'Thy Kingdom Come' – praying especially for 5 people to encounter Jesus, for those who have not engaged with church during the pandemic and those who have newly discovered church through online worship.

All are welcome to take part. Will you take up one of the prayer slots – don't forget the late night and early hours of the morning !

Please give me a call asap 01642 722417

Enid Sedgwick

Open Air Prayer Stations in All Saints Churchyard



Fingers crossed for sunny weather to enjoy a peaceful and prayerful walk around All Saints Churchyard on Low Green where there will be prayer stations on the theme of Thy Kingdom Come.

Pray For Five

For the 10 days of Thy Kingdom Come we are asked to pray each day for 5 people we know to come to faith in Jesus. Just spend some time lifting them quietly before God and ask that they may open their lives to him.



Prayer for the Day

Our Daily Prayer for the Day on Zoom and Facebook will be picking up the themes of Thy Kingdom Come with guest speakers each day to share a 5 minute thought. The service starts live at 8.45am for just 15 minutes, but you can tune in any time of day on Facebook.

Faith Journeys

There will also be a daily video on Faith Journeys shared on the websites/ Facebook pages of the Churches in Great Ayton. Watch each day for details.

Cut out the banner below and put it in your window as a sign you are praying for God's Kingdom to come.



Water Comes To Saint Oswald's



The beautiful Norman Church of Saint Oswald's, whilst bursting with charm, has lacked the essentials of water on site. Anything needed for cleaning or refreshments has had to be physically brought to the Church.

The PCC decided that now was the time to put that to rights and so in April - the day after the snow - Simon Greenwell arrived to install the water.

A large trench had to be dug up the path big enough to work in, and an archaeologist was on site in case any bones or ancient artefacts were discovered. One small bone was re-interred in the hole, but sadly no Saxon gold.



Les Sutton Haigh on the digger thought being in the sunshine and looking at Roseberry Topping must make this one of the best jobs around.

The cellar wall was 1 metre thick - quite a challenge to get through, but all was accomplished. As well as the water pipe, an electric cable was also laid above it down to the lychgate so we can have lights on the path to it that can be switched on from Church. Soon all was back to normal with new gravel laid.



We await connection by the water board. The next part of the project is to install a small kitchen in the vestry for after service refreshments and an appeal will be launched shortly. Thanks to Chris & John Stinson for all their hard work and efforts co-ordinating this.



ECO CHURCH

Creation Care

Having made a great start with our Eco Church project we've been looking for ways in which individual households can check out how they're 'Caring for God's Creation'. We've found a website <https://creationcare.org.uk/> which has ideas for your next steps, and recognises progress as you make it!

Its a new scheme and Christ Church is one of the first churches to sign up, so please sign up your household and have a go!

Seven Christ Church households have already trialled it. **Congratulations** to the Dickinson, Harmar, Hazell, Jaques, Land, Sedgwick and Taylor households who have achieved the Bronze Award!

The scheme covers 7 areas of household life:

- Worship and prayer
- Home
- Garden
- Travel
- Food
- Possessions
- Community and global engagement

How the scheme works

1. Register using the form on the [Households](#) page.

2. Once you're registered and logged in you can make a start. *As we are a registered church, you can link your account to the church account by logging on, then search for Christ Church, Great Ayton in the 'Church Affiliation' box, select it then press the green 'Save' button underneath.*

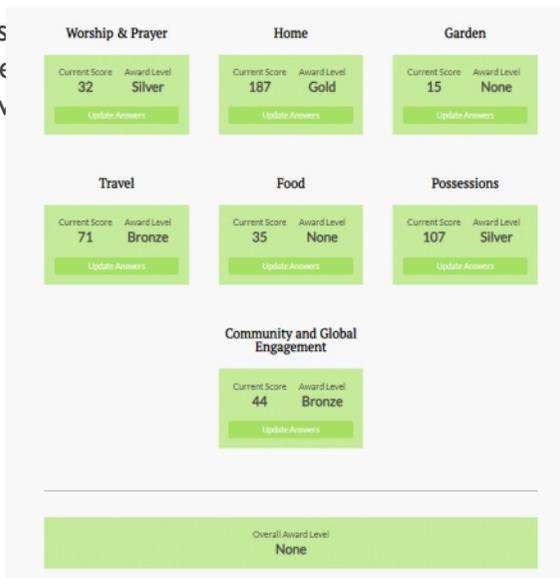
3. Start to fill in the questionnaire; pick an area and start working your way through that. You can save your progress at any time using the "Save" button.

4. Keep track of your progress using the Overview page which will update to show how you're doing in each area.

5. Once you've completed your questionnaire, press 'Get certificate' to download your certificate.

Have a go and let us know how you get on! If you have any questions, please ask.

Geoff Jaques



Rev'd Jan Noble, Diocesan Green Ambassador, will be joining us on Sunday 2nd May at both the 9.30am Service at Christ Church and then the I am Service at Saint Oswald's - which we have designated as Bluebell Sunday, in acknowledgement of the carpet of blue in Newton woods.

At Christ Church he will be presenting us with the Bronze Eco Award and at Newton will be encouraging us to do more. Join us and find out more.

Peter Receives Maundy Money from The Queen



Peter Titchmarsh received a lovely surprise before Easter when he heard that he had been nominated by the Diocese to be one of this year's recipients of Maundy Money from Her Majesty the Queen.

The tradition arose as a means of the Sovereign recognising service and they usually hand out the money each year at a different Cathedral. This year it was scheduled to be at Westminster Abbey, but with restrictions the service was cancelled and the coins were sent out together with a letter from the Queen. She says "I am delighted to send you this Maundy gift which I hope you will accept as a personal thanks for all that you have done to enrich the life of your community." Peter has completed over 50 years as a Reader, and one assumes this would be why the Diocese put his name forward.



Special coins are minted and the Queen presents to the same number of men and women as her age (95 of each) and coins to the same value. The small silver coins in the packet are 4p, 3p, 2p & 1p coins. The 50p represents 50 years since decimalization, and the large £5 coin represents the Queen's 95th Birthday. The coins were initially given as a clothing allowance but will now be kept as treasured keepsakes.

We are pleased that one of our community has been recognised in this way.

Memories of Easter

It was good to be worshipping back in Churches this Easter as well as continuing with some services Online. I am grateful to those at both Christ Church and Saint Oswald's for setting the scene for our Easter worship with lovely spring colours and arrangements.



Easter Day was forecast to be bad weather, but in the event it was a glorious sunny day and we got quite a few folk back for the first time.

The setting for both Churches looked great. Our thanks to Pauline Titchmarsh for tending the borders in the car park ensuring a lovely splash of colour to greet us.



At Saint Oswald's we saw a Churchyard full of spring flowers and the inside of the Church looking wonderful.

May I also thank all the Parish Staff who assisted with the Holy Week and Easter Services and Helen Land for arranging all the Sidespeople cover.



From the Registers

Christian Burial and Cremation

1 April

Roger Wilson

The Window - by Dennis Punshon

He sat by the window and watched Monday go by, pressing its face against the glass to look into the room, before moving on. Drawing back into the shadows, he was glad when it went away, but then came Tuesday hurrying past, the sound of her high heels echoing down the empty street. Next came Wednesday, followed in quick succession by Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and in a moment Monday was back at the window and the whole sequence started again.

A movement behind him stirred the still air of the room and strong, persistent, treacherous hands guided him back to the bed by the fireplace. 'You've got a visitor, look who's come to see you.' Tuesday stood looking down, cold, calm, elegant. 'I was just passing by and thought I'd drop in. Is there anything you want?' Only peace and quiet, he thought, closing his eyes tiredly and when he opened them again, the rest of the days were standing around in a circle, gazing down at him with concern and talking softly among themselves.

Monday was whispering fiercely to Friday: 'Well, it's no good looking at me, I can't possibly take him. I'm absolutely fully booked for weeks ahead.' Wednesday, a rather young and flighty day was gushing about a party which 'could not possibly be postponed.' As for Saturday, he knew very well that Saturday would be fully occupied with the horse racing, the dogs and the football matches. He looked at Sunday, but it shook its head, 'I have too much worshipping to do,' it murmured, 'it would not be in the least appropriate.' Friday seemed to be as old and tired as he was and it did not seem fair to burden it even more. Then he caught the eye of Thursday, standing quietly in the background. Thursday smiled shyly, nodded gently and that seemed to be it.

He sat by the window and watched Monday go by, followed by Tuesday and Wednesday, but Thursday waved, smiled and entered the house.

The above article from an old Newspaper (I don't know which one.) was sent to me by Grace Enderwick. Also a longer, darker story of ghosts and murder at Ann Grove Hall, now demolished. An interesting read. Let me know if you would like to see it.

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Malcolm's Musings

Listening to a long and rather boring sermon, a small boy suddenly turned and asked in a loud voice: "Mummy, are you sure this the only way to get to Heaven?"

The service sheet for an RAF reunion in Bedfordshire included the hymn "All people that on earth do well."



From the tourist booklet for a church in Essex: "As we enter the porch, we are struck by the door."

A bank manager from Lancashire found himself driving a lorry load of Rotary aid to Romania. At the Czech border he was refused entry. As he re-routed, he reflected that it was probably the first time a bank manager had been bounced by a Czech.

Notice in a Stockport cafe: "Hot drinks to take away or sit in."

On holiday in London, a man took his five-year-old daughter to see Buckingham Palace. As she gazed through the railings at the cobbled forecourt, she asked anxiously "Well, if she hasn't got a front garden, does she have one at the back?"

From a parish newsletter: "St. Katherine's enjoyed their harvest festival last weekend and the well-decorated church was dismantled and delivered to the housebound and elderly."

A man who bought a bottle of shampoo is still trying to work out how to comply with the instruction: "Pour a little on to the palms of each hand..." Another customer who purchased an electric kettle was not surprised at the warning: "This appliance generates heat."

During the "mad cow disease" crisis some years ago, a pub in the Yorkshire Dales displayed a notice saying: "Appen if tha pops tha clogs after eaten us beef, appen tha.ll get thi brass back, appen."

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Malcolm Race

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Services

Christ Church, Great Ayton

Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) 2 nd & 4 th Sundays
	9.30am	Morning Worship and Live on Zoom & Facebook Live:
	4.00pm	Come & Praise (2 nd Sunday of month on Zoom)
	5.00pm	Holy Communion in Church - 1 st & 3 rd Sundays

Wednesdays 10am Holy Communion (1st Monday in month)

At St Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry

Sunday 11.00am Services on 1st, 3rd Sundays of the month only
Check website or Facebook Page for confirmation

Baptisms, Banns and Weddings can be arranged
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