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Welcome to our new Priest

A Wonderful, Memorable Occasion for Jane's Ordination. Read all about it and see the photos on Page 14.

The next issue of Spire will be in September

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JULY & AUGUST

July

- 4 **Sun** **Trinity 5** **I Iam Holy Communion at St. Oswald's:** 6pm Ordination Service & Holy Communion in Christ Church.
- 7 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion
- 10 **Sat** **1pm Wedding at St. Oswald's.**
- 11 **Sun** **Trinity 6** 8am Holy Communion in Church; 9.30am Parish Communion at Christ Church, Zoom & Facebook.
- 17 **Sat** 1pm Wedding at Christ Church.
- 18 **Sun** **Trinity 7 (Foodbank Sunday)** 9.30am Sunday Worship in Church, Zoom & Facebook: **I Iam All Age Service at St. Oswald's;** 5pm Holy Communion in Christ Church.
- 19 **Mon** 7.30pm PCC Meeting to discuss Living Christ's Story
- 20 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion
- 23 **Fri** 10.45am Marwood Leavers' Service in Christ Church
- 25 **Sun** **St James the Apostle** 8am Holy Communion; 9.30am Parish Communion in Church, Zoom & Facebook; **11.30am Holy Baptism at St. Oswald's**

August

- 1 **Sun** **Trinity 9** 9.30am Sunday Worship in Church, Zoom & Facebook: **St Oswald's Gift Day 10am - 2pm** **I Iam St. Oswald's Day Service, hopefully with picnic to follow.** 5pm Holy Communion in Christ Church.
- 4 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion in Christ Church
- 5 **Thurs** **12 Noon Wedding at St. Oswald's.**
- 8 **Sun** **Trinity 10** 8am Holy Communion in Church; 9.30am Parish Communion at Christ Church, Zoom & Facebook; 11.15am Holy Baptism in Christ Church.
- 14 **Sat** **12.30pm Baptism at St. Oswald's**
- 15 **Sun** **Blessed Virgin Mary Trinity 11 (Foodbank Sunday)** 9.30am Sunday Worship in Church, Zoom & Facebook: **11am Holy Communion at St. Oswald's;** **12.30pm Holy Baptism at St Oswald's;** 5pm Holy Communion in Christ Church.
- 18 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion in Christ Church.

- 22 **Sun** **Trinity 12** 8am Holy Communion; 9.30am Parish Communion in Church, Zoom & Facebook; 11.30am & 2pm Holy Baptism at Christ Church.
- 23 **Mon** 1pm Wedding at St Oswald's.
- 28 **Fri** 1.30pm Wedding at St Oswald's.
- 29 **Sun** 9.30am Sunday Worship in Church, Zoom & Facebook: **I am Holy Communion at St. Oswald's**; **12.30pm Holy Baptism at St Oswald's**; 5pm Holy Communion in Christ Church.

Prayer For The Day Every Weekday at 8.45am on Zoom & Facebook Live on Daily link below.

Daily Morning Worship

ID: 895 1102 4740

Password: 450872

Saint Oswald's at I am

(1st 3rd & 5th Sundays)

ID: 893 7600 5713

Password: 969354

It's The Real Thing

If you want a drink of cola, Coca Cola proudly proclaim that they are The Real Thing, as distinct from Pepsi or shop own brand colas.

That phrase came back to mind over recent weeks as weddings and Christenings have started up again, the choir have returned to Church for some Live singing, and last Friday I went into Marwood School again for the first time since March 2020 to take a live assembly in Year 1 that was Zoomed to the other classes.



I realised just how much I have missed these events and the energy they give me. Zoom and Facebook have been good and have many plusses, but you don't get the same back as something Live - and that applies to worship too.

As more jabs are rolled out and things get safer, we need to try and get back to some new safe normality for we are missing out on so much by not meeting in person. The hug, the chat, the look in the eye that says so much can only be done in person for on a screen everyone is either listening in with Zoom or is cut off on Facebook. They are good supplements, but we still need the real thing.

Apart from the first three months of Lockdown we have had funerals in Church (and should have been able to have them earlier, in my humble opinion.) Whether it be funerals or Sunday services, I have always felt extremely safe in our Church buildings. Their size and ventilation, combined with the common sense of the congregations who attend, have made Churches one of the safest places to be. Long may it continue.

I do worry, though, having had people missing for so long and watching from afar via the Internet as to whether we will even get some of them back. Fear and apprehension have been racked up to quite a level - most probably far higher than need be so to scare the sceptics. I do appeal to folk, both for their sake and for the Church's sake to try and come back in person as soon as you feel able to. We do need each other. It has already made such a difference having the organ and some of the choir back in Sunday worship and I am looking forward to the day when I can sing in Church again.

Those who belong to our congregations will not just be concerned for their own safety, but for the safety of fellow worshippers too and will act accordingly. We have the care for each other, and that is more than simply keeping free of infections, but enjoying and being enhanced by each others company and support.

This last 15 months has been very hard and it will take a while to rebuild confidence, but we need to have a quality of life as well as a quantity. We need to be able to cuddle our grandchildren, see our friends and safely have a coffee and a chat. Hopefully those days are now coming back.

We will still be streaming and Zooming Services to keep in touch with friends we have made over this last year, but I am looking how to simplify it to make Sunday morning slightly easier. We will be going back to using the Service books on Sundays with Holy Communion, so I wont be preparing the same Service sheet on those days.

Keep safe, and the Welcome mat is out.

Paul





**Open Air
Eco Church Service
in
All Saints Churchyard
11 o'clock on Sunday
July 11th**

Short environment talks, prayers and **WE Will SING!**

Refreshments - coffee, cake and squash - will be served before, during and after the service.

Please invite a friend.

**The Open Air Service launches a week
'Caring for God's Acre'
July 11th to 18th**

There will be a printed guide available, so you can explore this Living Churchyard, record the plants, insects and birds that you see so we can improve our understanding of the existing biodiversity.

We would also like your suggestions on how we can play our part to combat the climate emergency.

**Throughout this week and beyond you can
enjoy the peace and tranquillity of this amazing
part of God's Creation**



Rosie's Challenge

Last March the government announced that vulnerable people would have to shield from Covid. That evening I dropped my little girl, Chloe off at Rainbows. I thought I would use the hour whilst she was there to get the supermarket weekly shop with Ben, then aged three. In a busy household of children and child minded children we get through a lot of food.

We walked into the supermarket to be greeted by empty shelves. No fresh fruit or vegetables, no dried goods, no meat. I stared at the shelves trying not to panic at the thought of what I was meant to feed the children for the week. The fear was crippling. I reassured Ben it was fine and headed home.

Luckily my husband thought to go to the petrol station and managed to get some food. I've never forgotten how frightening it was not knowing what I was going to give the children to eat.

A few months ago I read about a challenge to raise awareness and funds for refugees. The idea was simple you would eat the same rations as a Syrian refugee in a Jordanian refugee camp. I signed up. How hard could it be?

A refugee in a Jordanian camp receives a weekly ration supply of:

- rice
- small quantity of flour
- lentils
- chickpeas
- oil
- one tin of sardines

The average refugee lives in a camp eating these ration for 12 years before being re-homed. This was only a week, surely I could manage.

I wrote a meal plan of mostly rice with occasional flat breads. That seemed OK. The charity allowed me to earn food by raising certain amounts of money. I earned 8 tea bags, salt and 210ml of milk.

The first day I ignored the meal plan and skipped breakfast thinking I was being clever. I used my milk and tea bags to allow me two cups of tea in the morning by recycling the tea bag. I had rice for lunch and rice for tea. I spent the first night having stomach cramps and cold sweats.

One of my breakfasts.

I then made myself eat every meal I'd planned however I felt. It was a long week! I felt sick a lot and was very tired. I found my usual routine exhausting and had little energy for any additional things. In a week I lost 8lbs. Given my BMI is 22 that is a big loss! It put my borderline in the underweight category. I also had no fruit and vegetables, hardly any protein and only dairy because of the additional items I earned.



What have I learnt?

I spent a lot of the week reading refugees stories and the main thing that struck me was that none of them wined about stomach ache. They were all grateful for the opportunity for a fresh start away from the horrors that they had experienced. I really considered what I have. I have a house, money for food, access to clean water and medicine. I have a lot to thank God for and definitely will try harder to be grateful.

I will also use this as an opportunity to help these people by explaining my experience to others. If you are interested in learning more the Concern website is a great place to start. If you are able to donate this is the link to my fundraising page: https://www.rationchallenge.org.uk/rosie-lovell?fbclid=IwAR3ZZI8qCcTPgOPn-YjI8Uwxyk0mxX6NbYLiolwkFpW7sK6AG_ILAMJlOpY

NEWS

Birthday Buddies To mark the Queen's 95th birthday, the Royal Mint decided to send special commemorative uncirculated £5 coins to 95 people also celebrating 95th birthdays this year. Nominations were invited and my family put my name forward. To my surprise my name came out in the draw and it duly arrived in the post. The coin, designed by a heraldic artist, includes the words "my heart and my devotion," used by the Queen in her 1957 Christmas broadcast, the first to be televised.

Malcolm Race *A very worthy recipient. Ed.*



A New Lay Dean for Deanery Synod At the last Deanery Synod our own John Dickinson was elected by the laity of the Deanery to the position of Lay Dean. The Lay Dean works with the Area Dean, Rev'd Tessa Stephens, and the Deanery Leadership Team in seeking to give purpose and direction to the Deanery. Stokesley has always been a good Deanery to be in and has punched well above its weight. We have many new challenges ahead, so welcome to the team, John. Our prayers are with you.

Dan's the Man - New Office Secretary We are delighted to announce the appointment of our new Office Secretary to replace Sarah Botez who left in January. Dan Matuszak has been appointed and has already shown his computer skills with Jane's Ordination Service.

Dan also drives coaches on the school runs, so best trying after 9.30am Monday, Thursday or Fridays. You can phone on 01642 722665 and leave a message if he

isn't available, or email gapo1876@outlook.com



Always bright, cheerful and helpful, we believe Dan will be a great asset to the Church Hall team as well as being of help and support with Parish Administration.

Saint Oswald's Appeal

Please help us raise £15,000 to improve facilities for all who use our beautiful 12th Century Church.

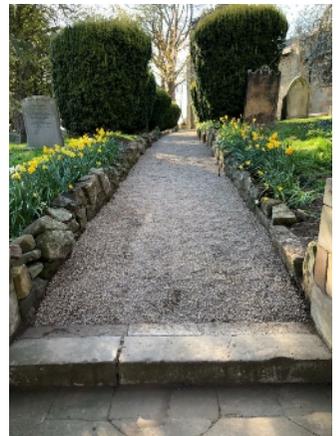


After many years of carrying water to Church, taking cups and glasses back home to wash, and lighting the path with lanterns and an extension lead to the Porch light, the PCC have decided its time we moved forward. We want to make life easier for all in the future and improve our facilities.

Can You Help Us Improve Our Facilities For All?

Our project includes:-

- Bringing water from the main road into the vestry
- Utilising the trench for electricity to the lychgate and to have lights along the path controlled from Church..
- Installing a small kitchen with storage in the South side of the vestry.
- Making a hatch opening into Church through the stone balcony wall to make safer passage for drinks into Church and back again.
- Making a new altar frontal chest to fit in the space that is left.
- Equipping the kitchen area with crockery, water heater & coffee making facilities
- New lighting, heating and decoration for the vestry.



Path re laid with wires for lights

We have made a start with some of the work before wedding season started and hope to complete in the Autumn. Faculty permission has been granted.

The Target Figure is £15,000



The green cupboards are to go and a hatch through to Church in their place. (See photo below) This allows safer serving of drinks than bringing them from behind a door. Table, water container etc. are to be removed and other items put in cupboards.

Electrics to be moved. Sink under window and cupboards along the back wall. A smaller frontal chest to be made to replace the larger bulky one.



New lights to light counter, cupboards and desk.

Your Support Will Be Gratefully Received

Donations can be sent to:

Mrs Chris Stinson,
3 Roseberry View, Newton under Roseberry,
Middlesbrough, TS9 6QT

Or paid Direct into the Church Account

Newton under Roseberry PCC
Sort Code : 55-61-02 Account Number: 07510985
Putting Kitchen Appeal in the Reference Box

**Or bring it in Person as we celebrate St Oswald's Day
on Sunday 1st August from 10am to 2pm .**

There will be a short service at 11am and hopefully, weather and Covid permitting, some sort of picnic afterwards in the Memorial Garden.

If you can Gift Aid any donations, that will help greatly.

If we were to overshoot our Appeal any surplus would be put into the Church Fabric Appeal for further improvements.

Yellow Lines Come to Newton under Roseberry

If you have driven through Newton under Roseberry recently you will see that Redcar & Cleveland Council have finally had to put double yellow lines through the village due to the dangerous parking on both sides of the road. On sunny days you take your life in your hands coming out of Church Lane towards Great Ayton but hopefully this is now a thing of the past.



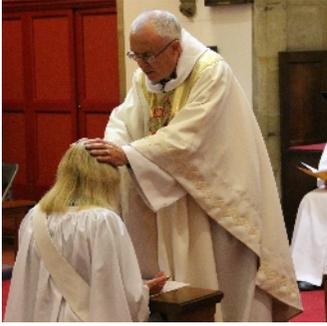
Church Lane leading to Saint Oswald's Church has now been made residents only, but Redcar & Cleveland Council have been most helpful allowing those attending Church on Sundays and special occasions to still do so.

We are liaising with them to send a list of services and occasions each month so they can inform their Parking Enforcement Operatives.

Things did get very bad this year, possibly because all shops were closed and the Topping was somewhere to go to, but it was a question of time before a serious accident occurred.



ORDINATION DAY 2021



After all the uncertainties and delays to Jane being ordained Deacon last year, it was good to see her Ordination as a Priest go off without a hitch this year.

Curates spend one year as a Deacon before being Ordained as a Priest. The Deacon ordinations were taken by the Archbishop in York Minster but it is now policy for the Priestings to be in the home Church of the curate.



It was a busy day for Bishop Paul, Archdeacon Amanda and Martin Sheppard from the Diocesan Communications team as they came hot foot from Vanessa Kirby's Service in St Chad's in Middlesbrough.

We had a good crowd in Christ Church to support Jane who came from Normanby, Newton & Great Ayton as well as friends from near and far and work colleagues from the past.



The staff turned out on Parade and we had a reduced choir to sing for us, led by Andrew on the organ - which almost behaved itself!

The Service was taken by Bishop Paul, whom Jane also asked to preach as he has been part of her journey since she started with Reader ministry, so a very personal address was ensured.





As well as those in Church for the Service, it was also Zoomed and Streamed on Facebook and the latter has now been viewed over 400 times, so a far bigger congregation that we could ever have hoped for.

At the end of the service Jane cut a cake and those present were given a piece and a glass of Prosecco as they left Church the long way via the Church Hall.



Many thanks to all who helped make it such a special day for us all, but especially Jane.

To those who cleaned and prepared Church.

To Marina for the lovely flowers

To all who welcomed & served drinks.

To all who read, sang & prayed.

To Bishop Paul for leading the service.

And to Almighty God for the heavenly applause & light show.



Much to Celebrate at Marwood!

The children at Marwood Church of England Infant School were delighted to receive a letter of thanks from Kensington Palace written on behalf of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. Following the death of Prince Philip, the children had felt inspired to write personal letters to Prince George, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis. Some of the children in school had previously lost Grandparents and understood the feeling of loss and grief. Each child,



from reception to Year 2 wrote a heartfelt letter which was sent to Kensington Palace. Accompanying the children's messages, a letter from the Head teacher (Mrs Dorothy Walton) was also included along with a copy of 'Grandad's Island' by Benji Davies, a book that the school uses to support children who have also lost Grandparents.

'I am very proud of our children's actions. The letters written were very personal and supportive as a number of our children have also experienced loss of a loved one. Children often handle grief in a different way to adults and we use a range of books as a stimulus to talk about feelings. Grandad's Island was particularly pertinent for the Royal children as the story is about a Grandad who is also a sailor, just like Prince Philip. The children were thrilled to receive a response to their letters.'

This is a double celebration for Marwood Church of England School as they were also chosen by York Diocese to perform the Lord's Prayer for the Church of England's Pentecost Service which was led by the Archbishop of York and broadcast on Sunday 23rd May.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/pentecost-sunday>

[the children appear at 36 mins 30 seconds]

Wedding Gallery

A great joy to see weddings start back again at our Churches and to meet up again with many friends in the wedding trade.



Casey & James were the first ones at St Oswald's followed by Hazel and Malcolm. Numbers were restricted to 30, but there was enough joy for 130.



As Hannah wasn't available to play due to her final exams, we welcomed a Classical Trio to the first wedding and our good friend Anita Aslin on Harp to the second. Although I say it myself, Hannah is amazing on the flute, so I do hope some of our weddings also choose that as well as her playing the keyboard at Newton.

We also welcomed Vicki Brotton and Steve McDonald back for photographs. If all the weddings are like these we are in for a very good season.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

30 May	Oliver John Norman
5 June	Bob Muir

Weddings

3 June	James Armstrong & Casey Fleming
13 June	Malcolm Matthias & Hazel Bennett

Funerals & Memorial Services

28 May	Georgie Westhead
7 June	Beryl Davies
9 June	Peter Smith
11 June	Terry Robinson
21 June	Brian Harrison
25 June	John Churchill

Entries in Black from Great Ayton

Entries in Magenta from Newton under Roseberry

We are fortunate in Great Ayton to have a family run firm of Funeral Directors in the village who direct people to us for funerals, as they know that having been vicar here over 28 years there's a very good chance we know each other. Other out of town firms may not do this. Anyone who lives in the Parish can have a Church of England service either in Church or at the Crematorium, and everyone gets as good a service as we can do. We also do Zoom, Visual Tributes and relay outside at no extra cost, and produce service sheets at most reasonable rates. Don't forget to ask for us if you want us.

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Stokesley Deanery	www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk
A Church Near You	www.acny.org.uk

Malcolm's Musings



Judge (to prisoner in dock): "Who is coming to defend you?"
 Prisoner: "I need no man to defend me. The Lord is my defender."
 Judge: "You would be well advised to employ someone who is better known locally."

A one-time engineering apprentice in Manchester recalled the day he overslept, dressed hurriedly, rushed out and jumped on to a tram. "Trafford Park," he told the conductress when she came round for fares. "We are not going to Trafford Park," she said. "It says Trafford Park on the side," he pointed out. "Yes luv, but we are not going sideways."

Asked his profession, the undertaker replied: "I follow the medical profession."

At a performance of Faust at the Abbey theatre in Dublin, the trap door stuck, allowing only the lower half of Mephistopheles to disappear into the nether regions. A voice from the gallery called out: 'Hurrah, boys, Hell's full !'

A keen cricketer asked a priest if there was any cricket in Heaven. "I can't tell you now," said the priest. "Come back on Sunday." The man did so. "The good news is that there is cricket in Heaven," the priest told him. "The bad news is that you are down to bat on Friday !".

An American senator who frequently received abusive letters used to reply like this: I attach a copy of a letter I have received. I thought you should know that some nutcase was writing to me using your name."

"Did you write the words or the lyrics? Interviewer

Rehearsing one of his plays, Noel Coward was irritated by a young actor in a small part who kept on asking about the motivation of his character. "In your case." Coward informed him, "It's your pay packet."

Malcolm Race

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The Parishes of Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry

Services

Christ Church, Great Ayton

Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) 2 nd & 4 th Sundays
	9.30am	Morning Worship 1 st , 3 rd & 5 th Live on Zoom & Facebook.
	9.30am	Parish Communion 2 nd & 4 th Live on Zoom & Facebook.
	4.00pm	Come & Praise (2 nd Sunday of month on Zoom)
	5.00pm	Holy Communion in Church - 1 st & 3 rd Sundays

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
by emailing the Vicar, Paul Peverell at revpev@btinternet.com

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(For services or pastoral matters, please contact the vicar)