

Great Ayton & Newton under Roseberry Parishes

Spire

JULY & AUGUST 2024

70p



All Saints 12th Century Church

OPEN FOR VISITORS

1pm - 3pm each day

Summer Services

Wednesday 10am Holy Communion

Thursdays 9.30am Prayers the Sentamu Way

Sunday 6pm Taize Services (1st Sunday of the month)

Sunday 25 August at 5pm Songs of Praise

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JULY & AUGUST

JULY

- 1 **Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion.
- 6 **Sat** 1pm Wedding at Christ Church.
- 7 **Sun** **Trinity 6** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **I Iam Holy Communion.** 6pm Taize Service in All Saints Church.
- 9 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church.
- 14 **Sun** **Trinity 7** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Morning Service; 11.15am Holy Baptism; 4.30pm Cafe Church.
- 15 **Mon** 3pm Fry Court Service.
- 18 **Thurs** 10.45pm Marwood Leavers Service.
- 19 **Fri** 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors.
- 21 **Sun** **Trinity 7** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **No Service at St Oswald's;** 11.15am Holy Baptism.
- 28 **Sun** **Trinity 8** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **I Iam Saint Oswald's Day Service & Picnic.**

AUGUST

- 3 **Sat** 1pm Holy Baptism
- 4 **Sun** **Trinity 9** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **I Iam Holy Communion.** 6pm Taize Service in All Saints Church.
- 5 **Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion.
- 11 **Sun** **Trinity 10** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion.
- 12 **Mon** **12 Wedding at St Oswald's.**
- 18 **Sun** **Trinity 11** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **I Iam All Age Service; 12.30pm Baptism.**
- 19 **Mon** 3pm Fry Court Service.
- 25 **Sun** **Trinity 12** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11.15am Holy Baptism; 5pm Songs of Praise in All Saints Church.

Prayer For The Day

Every Weekday at 8.45am on Zoom & Facebook Live.

Same link for Sundays too.

Daily Morning Worship ID: 895 1102 4740 **Password: 450872**

A HUGE THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Last month we held a Gift Day for Christ Church and All Saints Church, as funds at both Churches had been depleted through lockdowns, loss of members and reduced visitor numbers. Maintaining and running large buildings is a costly exercise, but both are well used and appreciated in our village, and this was clearly demonstrated on Gift Day,



The Gift Day was my last chance before retiring to appeal for support to the village that I have been so privileged to be Vicar of for over 31 years. What would be raised? Our first Gift Day in 2004 to repair the Spire, our famous landmark, raised £15,000. Given that this wasn't such a clear cut appeal, I am delighted to report that at the time of writing we have now broken the £16,000 mark - a truly remarkable and generous response, so A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all who so generously supported us.

Ken Taylor very kindly organised the distribution of the Gift Day leaflet by "inviting" 38 people to take on a road under a local leader. This worked extremely well, so many thanks to all who responded to Ken and got all leaflets were out within a week. I posted on Facebook too, as some people see electronic things easier than what drops through letter boxes



The heavens had opened the previous Saturday, so the Gazebo was there to protect us from any deluge, but instead fulfilled its purpose of keeping us out of the sun. We were ahead of schedule as Sue Mason's Pop Up Gazebo truly lived up to its name and Robin and I soon had things organised outside. Not having brought a sun hat, I was very appreciative of its cover.

Audrey and Peter Prunty spied us out earlier than advertised so became the first Gift Day donors of the day to be photographed. They started a stream of folk that went on all day.



Ken, our Treasurer, and Rosemary, one of our Churchwardens, were with me all the time, and we also had Robin Hazell and Rodney Wildsmith representing All Saints and Margaret Lewis also came to help welcome people. Robin Harmar then returned to help us clear away. Our thanks to all who supported.

It was a lovely time to see many old friends, including Chris Thompson, who was the Organist & Choirmaster when I arrived.

Many appreciative comments were heard, and also some shared personal concerns about themselves or family members, so the day has added to my prayers.

We also gave out Bank Details and QR Codes on Facebook, and many donations came in that way too, so if that was you may we say a Thank You to you as well. Unfortunately the QR Codes and Contactless Pay Station don't share names with us as they are collected by a third party.

By 3pm on the day we had collected £11,085 but this has since risen to the £16,000 mark, and donations are still arriving as I write.

This is a huge help, and I am thankful that both Christ Church and All Saints Church can now feel more secure and start getting some of those smaller jobs done.

Thank You all.

Paul



Christ Church Hall

It was back in the autumn of last year that the Church Hall committee decided to try to undertake two projects in 2024. The first was to install solar panels on the roof of the church hall and the second was to restore the finish on the floor of the main hall.

The reasons for putting solar panels on the roof are two fold, firstly it was thought that a more environmentally friendly way of generating some of our electricity would be from solar panels, secondly it would help bring down the cost of our electricity.

The hall floor was last done in 2018 but unfortunately in covid times we covered it in stickers requesting people keep two meters apart. Remember those days? What we hadn't realised was the difficulty we would encounter when removing them, a steam cleaner was eventually brought in which, although removed the stickers, did nothing for the floor itself. The hall is used constantly by many different groups so it's important to keep it in good condition for everyone's benefit.

So how have we got on with these projects to date?

Installing solar panels required planning permission as we are in a conservation area and next to a grade 2 listed building (Christ Church). This went through the due process, eventually being granted in May. The next step was to find the finance to pay for the project, we applied to *Impetus Environmental Trust* whom I'm delighted to say agreed to fund the whole cost of the project. It's now planned to install the solar panels along with battery storage sometime in



July or August, so watch this space or perhaps the roof of the hall!

The restoration of the hall floor has provisionally been booked for the October half term when the hall is not so well used. Not having to contribute financially to the solar panel project has helped us enormously, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Nicky Graves and the board of *Impetus Environmental Trust* for giving us their support. They have been exceptionally good to us.

Robin Harmar

Saint Oswald's Day Service & Picnic

We celebrate our local Patron Saint on Sunday 28th July at 11am at Saint Oswald's Church, followed by a shared picnic afterwards in the Memorial Garden behind Church. Please bring along some food & drink to share. (Finger food)

Please note the slightly earlier date for this. St Oswald's Day is actually 5th August.



Seen on Facebook and worth Forwarding

"You got hammered at the bar on Saturday but came to church on Sunday....You can sit with me. You're right where you need to be.

You're a drug addict but came to church on Sunday....You can sit with me. You're right where you need to be.

You're divorced, and the last church you attended condemned you for it.... You can sit with me. You're right where you need to be.

You've had an abortion and it's slowly eating away at your heart, but you came to church on Sunday....You can sit with me. You're right where you need to be.

You've been unfaithful to your spouse but came to church on Sunday....You can sit with me. You're right where you need to be.

Here's the thing, people don't come to church on Sunday for you to sit in the pew and quietly judge them because you feel that you're somehow better than them.

People come to church because in their deepest, darkest, most painful moments, they heard about a man named Jesus who could save their soul and they'd like to know Him."

Mark 2:17

On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Yorkshire Cancer Research

The Great Ayton Committee of Yorkshire Cancer Research was formed 76 years ago by Mrs Kathie Harbottle and a group of friends. Over the years fund raising has continued within Great Ayton and the surrounding villages and the generosity of people has been marvellous.

Unfortunately the present committee have not been able to organise the events we used to due to problems with hips, knees, etc (A case of all of us getting older!) If anyone would like to volunteer in organising an event we would love to hear from you.

Donations are still being made within the District from those wishing to help in the fight to find the cause and cure of cancer. The committee over the last 31 years are very grateful to the Reverend Canon Paul Peverell for all the support and help he has given moving chairs and tables, but especially for all the wonderful “Graces” he wrote for the lunches. Christ Church has been very generous to Yorkshire Cancer Research and all charities in giving the full collections taken at funerals and weddings to be donated to the nominated charity. We would like to say a big thank you to Paul and wish him and Karen a long and happy retirement.

The head office of Yorkshire Cancer Research is based in Harrogate where chief executive, Dr Kathryn Scott, heads a dedicated team researching how to save lives in Yorkshire and beyond. All information can be found on yorkshirecancerresearch.org.uk



YCR Committee & Helpers 2017

Thank you to everyone who over the years has helped at events, donated prizes, and so generously supported Yorkshire Cancer Research.

Margaret Stevens

A Time To Celebrate

Pat & Audrey from Bilsdale caterers are regular visitors to the Church hall, providing food for functions and funeral teas, so it was lovely to see them out of working clothes and into their finery for Sam and Robin's wedding last month.



They work so hard doing things for others that it was good to see them being able to relax and enjoy themselves on such a happy occasion.



Christian Aid Week Fundraising

A big 'thank you' to everyone who volunteered during Christian Aid week and also to those that donated to help people come out of poverty by finding a way to make a living for themselves.

Total giving follows:

Envelopes:	£1276.09
Street collection:	£148.03
Christ Church:	£213.77
Just Giving:	£ 260.00
Total:	£1897.89



The estimated Gift Aid total is around £299.62, including that given via Just Giving So, in theory, that takes us to: £2197.51, which is pretty good for one week!!

Ann Davies

Our Churchwardens are now Legal



Following their appointment at the Annual Church Meeting, Churchwardens then have to be legally sworn in at the Archdeacon's Visitation Service. Here we have Chris Stinson & Steve Fellowes at Yarm Church and Rosemary Whewey & Helen Land at Northallerton Church.

Summer Services at All Saints Church

Taizé Style Worship

First Sunday of the month at 6pm

Songs of Praise

25th August at 5pm

Every week

Holy Communion

Wednesdays at 10am

Prayers the Sentamu Way

Thursdays at 9.30am



Newton News

What is happening in Saint Oswald's Churchyard, for the grass doesn't seem to be cut short all over anymore?

We now follow a new regime that encourages bio diversity by allowing wildflowers to grow, rather than mowing them down. As well as the colour, they also attract bees and other insects to pollinate them, and a variety of birds that eat them - or the insects!

As a consequence we had discovered that we have 38 different flowers and grasses, and have just discovered two more - Tansey & Purple Toadflax. If the grass was consistently cut short we would never have known this.

The flowers and grasses then attract birds, bees, moths, insets and other pollinators. We have nesting bullfinches in the churchyard that eat dandelion seeds and groundsel that many may call weeds. Without them we may not have any bullfinches.

There are moths who are attracted to the five different grasses we have discovered in the churchyard. These in turn feed the birds and bats. We have also spotted 38 different birds in the churchyard, including owls.

We are most fortunate in having Eric Harrison cut our grass, as he is most knowledgeable about wildflowers and cuts around them when they are out, then strims when they have died back. This year all gardeners have faced a huge challenge with the speed of growth and the constant rain. Let's hope the dry spell stays for a while.

Flowers & Grasses	
Meadow Buttercup	Primrose
Creeping Buttercup	Cowslip
Lesser Celandine	Forget-me-Not
Common Poppy	Hedge Bindweed
Shepherd's Purse	Speedwell
Garlic Mustard	Red Dead Nettle
Dog Violet	Hoary Plantain
Red Campion	Groundsel
Chickweed	Dock
Stitchwort	Daisy
Herb Robert	Dandelion
White Clover	Bluebell
Red Clover	Snowdrop
Bramble	Thistle
Dog Rose	Timothy
Rosebay Willowherb	Sheep's Fescue
Ivy	Cock's Foot
Hedge Parsley	Scarlet Pimpernel
Cow Parsley	Tansey
Nettle	Purple Toadflax



It is because of our churchyard management that encourages bio diversity that we won first prize for Churchyard of the year and have also achieved the Silver Eco Award.

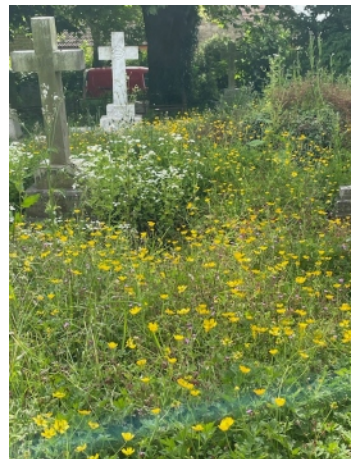
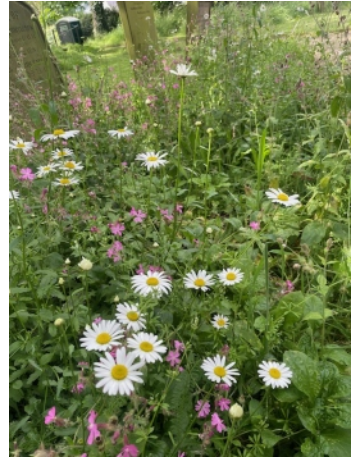
Had we had manicured lawns with just short grass, we would never have been considered.

All Saints Church in Great Ayton also follows a similar regime, but Christ Church just with grass outside is cut more frequently – nevertheless, Gary Frankish also avoids the snowdrops and daffodils when they are out and allows them to die back before cutting. Hedges too, are deliberately left until later before being cut to allow birds to have fledged and left their nests, as they too are declining in numbers.

We are trying to manage a living place that is home to a very wide variety of flowers, insects and birds that all need a home to survive, and we couldn't do what we do without the knowledge and experience of John Stinson who give so much of his time to caring for Saint Oswald's grounds.

Since we started this regime the Churchyard has become a fascinating place and we are learning things we never knew before, as well as appreciating and supporting nature.

Unlike cemeteries which are usually maintained by ratepayer contributions ie Great Ayton, Churchyards like Newton, Nunthorpe & Stokesley, are maintained voluntarily or at the church's expense..



SCHOOL AID INDIA

It is difficult in a few words to convey the magnitude of what some very deprived children and their teachers are achieving with the help of Roseberry School Darjeeling.

In the early days, 17 years ago, I remember watching a pre-school lesson. Solemn little 3 year olds sat at tiny desks in a classroom that was little more than a dark cupboard. The aim of the lesson was to learn the English names of 4 animals. They stood to recite L - I - O - N, LION. Over and over again they chanted with glazed eyes. (The next day was the same). Our two untrained teachers had nothing but the memories of their own school days to guide them.



Fast forward to 2024, and we arrive in a large bright colourful room abuzz with activity. A small group of children and their teacher sit on cushions in a carpeted area talking about a story. Another group are gathered round a low table threading coloured pasta tubes onto laces. Elsewhere an assistant is talking with more children as they fill coloured buckets with sand, learning new words as they play. Another group are making geometric shapes from long thin sausages of playdoh, learning the names for the shapes as they form them. Yet more children are grouped around a blackboard busy with small slates practicing English letters with great concentration. The whole class gather in a circle for simple action rhymes and songs in English before switching to another activity or free play. If the weather is fine they may go outside on the yard and use the ground for chalk drawings or play following games with their teachers. This is now the best pre-school in Darjeeling,

staffed with teachers and assistants who continue to learn on the job, guided by our senior teacher.



The children arrive at school speaking a variety of languages, Bengali, Nepali, Tibetan or Hindi. Some have very poor communication skills because their parents are too preoccupied with scratching a living to give their children much attention. Some have never used a toilet, few have ever held a pencil. Somehow our teachers help the children to grow so much in skills and confidence that they are well placed to cope in a competitive world by the time they move on to large secondary schools where teachers have little time to give individual attention. We are finding that the focus on a good grounding in English helps them massively later on as they face examination papers in English or apply for jobs which require require good English communication skills. It is so heart warming to see what can be achieved with the support the charity is able to provide.

Helen Jones
July 2024

Guiding Success



Photos courtesy of Christine Kenyon

Two of Great Ayton's Guiders were surprised with County Good Service Awards at the Girlguiding NYNE county AGM for their dedication to Girlguiding in Great Ayton, both with various roles.

Alison has served for 35 years running the 2nd Great Ayton Brownies based at the Methodist Church. Sarah has served for almost 30 years with the 1st Great Ayton Guides and has assisted in several different Groups in that time.

Both Leaders are very community minded, for you may remember seeing Alison receiving an award for Scouting, as she also is a Cub & Scout Leader, supporting her husband Ben, who is Group Scout Leader.

Sarah has played maids to Kings in the Bradley School of Dance Panto over the years.

Both Alison and Sarah stepped in short term to help someone out - and are still doing it with lovely smiles. Well done to both of you, and all the Leaders of our Uniformed Organisations who give their time and talents voluntarily.

**Christ Church, Great Ayton
Sunday 7 July 2024 3.00pm**

Angrove Singers
invite you to
'Summer Showtime'
Songs from great shows, with a
sprinkling of Disney magic!



***Musical Director:
Jeremy Harbottle***

***Accompanist:
Jenny Hesford***

**Tickets: £12 (Adult) £5 (U18/Student)
From Gt Ayton's Discovery Centre, Thompson's
Hardware, choir members, ring 01642 941 732,
or on the door (cash or cheque)
Please join us for tea, coffee and cakes in the Hall
after the concert.**

Repairing the Leeks

A man was asked to paint a boat. He brought his paint and brushes and began to paint the boat a bright red, as the owner asked him. While painting, he noticed a small hole in the hull, and quietly repaired it. When he finished painting, he received his money and left.

The next day, the owner of the boat came to the painter and presented him with a nice check, much higher than the payment for painting. The painter was surprised and said “You've already paid me for painting the boat Sir!” “But this is not for the paint job. It's for repairing the hole in the boat.” “Ah! But it was such a small service... certainly it's not worth paying me such a high amount for something so insignificant.”

“My dear friend, you do not understand. Let me tell you what happened: “When I asked you to paint the boat, I forgot to mention the hole. “When the boat dried, my kids took the boat and went on a fishing trip. “They did not know that there was a hole. I was not at home at that time. “When I returned and noticed they had taken the boat, I was desperate because I remembered that the boat had a hole.

“Imagine my relief and joy when I saw them returning from fishing. “Then, I examined the boat and found that you had repaired the hole! “You see, now, what you did? You saved the life of my children! I do not have enough money to pay your 'small' good deed.”

So no matter who, when or how, continue to help, sustain, wipe tears, listen attentively, and carefully repair all the 'leaks' you find. You never know when one is in need of us, or when God holds a pleasant surprise for us to be helpful and important to someone.

Along the way, you may have repaired numerous 'boat holes' for several people without realizing how many lives you've save.

Make a difference... be the best version of you...

Notes and News

Farewell Services There will be an Archdeaconry Farewell Service at Northallerton Parish Church on Sunday 14th July at 4pm for Bishop Paul and a joint Service of Farewell with Bishop John of Selby in York Minster on Tuesday 16th July at 5.30pm in Evensong.

Wendy Appleyard writes ... I have published a book called **Granny's Rhymes** for all ages and am aiming to sell them to raise money for our All Saints 12th century church. They are £5 cash per copy and all funds will go towards our unique old church which relies on donations from the public and historic grants. If you need any more information please contact Robin Hazell, All Saints Custodian. I will be selling them in the church coffee lounge after the 9.15 service each week. Thank you for your support.

Paul & Karen's Final Service

Our final services before we retire will be on Sunday 6th October at Saint Oswald's Church at 11am, and Sunday 13th October at Christ Church at 3pm.



Taizé

If you enjoy Taizé Style worship, then join us in All Saints Church at 6pm on the first Sunday of the Month in July, August and September.



An Old Friend Is Seen Again

For many years Tawny Owls nested in the end terrace chimney next to Christ Church car park and we were used to seeing owlets almost coming to Church. When the fir tree outside the vestry blew down, the owls lost the vantage points needed to protect their young, so moved on. It would appear not very far, for this photo comes from the tree in the vicarage garden near where the Scout Van used to be. Mark, our Ornithologist neighbour spotted it, and also saw four owlets in the tree behind the Scout hut. Welcome back!

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

8 June Sebastian Thomas Hebdon
9 June Millie Mary Ingram

Holy Matrimony



Andrea Johnson & Peter Foster married at St Oswald's on 25 May.



Samantha Dobson & Robin Baker married at Christ Church on 31 May



Grace Rutter & James Bell married at Christ Church on 15 June

Funerals & Memorial Services

17 June Joan Greaves

Services in Magenta took place at Saint Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry.

Parish website	www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk
Church Office e-mail	gapo1876@outlook.com
Diocese of York	www.dioceseofyork.org.uk
Stokesley Deanery	www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk
A Church Near You	www.acny.org.uk

When children write to their minister...



“Dear Vicar...

I know God loves everybody but then He never met my sister. Yours sincerely, Arnold. Age 8.

Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson. Sincerely, Pete. Age 9.

My father should be a minister. Every day he gives us a sermon about something. Robert Anderson, age 11.

I'm sorry I can't leave more money in the plate, but my father didn't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you have a sermon about a raise in my allowance? Love, Patty. Age 10.

My mother is very religious. She goes to play bingo at church every week even if she has a cold. Yours truly, Annette. Age 9.

I would like to go to heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there. Stephen. Age 8.

I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland. Loreen. Age 9.

I liked your sermon where you said that good health is more important than money but I still want a raise in my allowance. Sincerely, Eleanor. Age 12.

I hope to go to heaven some day but later than sooner. Love, Ellen, age 9. Athens

Please say a prayer for our school football team. We need God's help or a new goalkeeper. Thank you. Alexander. Age 10.

I liked your sermon on Sunday. Especially when it was finished. Ralph, Age 11

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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)
	9.15am	Parish Communion <i>Live on Zoom & Facebook.</i>
	4.30pm	Cafe Church (<i>2nd & 4th Sundays of month</i>)
Tuesday	9.45am	Little Fishes Toddler Service (<i>School Term time only</i>)
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer - every week

At Saint Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry

Sunday	11.00am	Holy Communion on 1 st & 5 th Sundays of the month
		All Age Service on 3 rd Sunday of the month
		(No Service on 2 nd & 4 th Sunday of the month)
		<i>Contact the Vicar for Baptisms & Weddings</i>

Baptisms, Banns and Weddings can be arranged
by emailing the Vicar, Paul Peverell at revpev@btinternet.com

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Church Hall Office

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