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Great Ayton with
Easby & Newton
under Roseberry
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You're Never Too Old

A big shout out for Tony Broder who heard that the link passage between the Church and the Hall needed painting, so came along and very kindly volunteered his services.

His skills as a painter guaranteed a very good job done. Having people help with these maintenance tasks, especially voluntarily, is so much appreciated as there are so many things to do with three Church buildings and a Church Hall complex between Ayton & Newton.

Many thanks Tony. You're a goodun!

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SEPTEMBER

- 1 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion
- 2 **Thurs** 12noon Wedding at Christ Church
- 3 **Fri** 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors - meet in Church
- 5 **Sun** **Trinity 14** 9.30am Morning Worship; 11am Holy Communion at St. Oswald's; 1.30pm Wedding at St Oswald's; 5pm Holy Communion.
- 6 **Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion; 7.30pm Standing Committee
- 8 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion
- 9 **Thurs** 7.30pm Ayton Churches Together Meeting
- 10 **Fri** 2pm Wedding at Christ Church
- 12 **Sun** **Trinity 15** 8am Holy Communion in Church; 9.30am Parish Communion at Christ Church, Zoom & Facebook; 11.30am Baptism; 4pm Cafe Church in Church Hall; 7pm Induction of new Rector of Yarm in Yarm Parish Church.
- 14 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes start again in Church
- 15 **Wed** **10am Holy Communion.**
- 19 **Sun** **Trinity 16** (Foodbank Sunday) 9.30am Sunday Worship in Church, Zoom & Facebook: 11am All Age Service at St. Oswald's; 3.30pm Memorial Service for the Recently Departed; 5pm Holy Communion.
- 20 **Mon** 7.30pm PCC Meeting
- 21 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes meet in Church
- 22 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion
- 26 **Sun** **Trinity 17** 8am Holy Communion; 9.30am Parish Communion in Church, Zoom & Facebook; 11.30am Holy Baptism; 4pm Cafe Church in Church Hall.
- 28 **Tues** Little Fishes meet in 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 11am

(1st 3rd & 5th Sundays)

ID: 893 7600 5713

Password: 969354

Early Morning Listening

For some strange reason, for many months now I have been waking up at 4am and not being able to get off to sleep again. Rather than disturb Karen and the dogs I plug in my earphones and listen to the World Service until getting up time at 5.15am and I can well recommend it. There are some brilliant programmes on at that time, and I especially enjoy the Saturday Deep Dive into an hour long topic.



Over the last few weeks we have had some harrowing tales from around the world. Some are man made tragedies like Afghanistan and all that has been going on at Kabul Airport. Greatest respect for our Armed Forces who are doing a magnificent job in extremely difficult circumstances as well as see the harrowing stories right before their eyes of people desperate to escape as their lives will depend on it. They do it to serve Queen and Country, not for the pay. Thank God for such acts of selflessness, for not every former soldier behaves in the same way.

Other stories have been about the huge effects of climate change. The fires raging in Turkey & Greece (and many other places too) One farmer in Arcadia, a beautiful part of Greece, spoke of his heartache of losing a flock of 2,500 sheep and goats that were killed in the fires. Another saw his 600 Olive trees burnt to the ground. These were just two stories of many, and all concerned will take years to get back to where they were - if ever - as who knows what the future brings.

Fires are also raging in Brazil and their wetlands have lost 74% of their water making fires even easier. Brazil is now 15% drier than around 20 years ago as they have been clearing land for farming and burning down the forests. As well as the loss of habitat to many species, this is also equivalent to the lungs of the world getting Covid and not being able to breathe. These decisions affect more than Brazil.

It's the poorer countries that often see changes the most, even though they are the smallest contributors to the problem. Today I heard that Nepal have seen their monsoon season increase in ferocity, so it doesn't just water the

land, but washes it away. The dry season is now even drier and hotter than before giving many more problems.

Such tales are happening all the time, and like the Emperor Nero we still fiddle whilst Rome burns. Despite knowing we are doing irreparable damage to the world, our lifestyle continues without any urgency of change.

I can't get the World Service in my car so listened to Radio 4 talking about Recycling. Apparently many councils collect the recycling then pay for it to be shipped to a Third World country to be dealt with, thus salving our conscience, but often it is simply dumped. I don't know what our Council does, but hope we are doing better than that. Our oceans are getting full of rubbish. This was born out back on World Service a few weeks ago when a survey team came across a dead whale in the Southern oceans, farther away from land than the moon. They examined the carcass and found plastics inside it - yet it was no where near civilisation.

September is the month many churches remember Harvest or plan for it. We say *The earth has yielded its Harvest. God, our God, has blessed us.* This blessing won't last much longer if we continue abusing the world. We need a whole new mindset of how to behave.

We need to develop sustainable lives that reduce waste and consumption of goods, and recycle efficiently. There are now moves to ensure that spare parts are available for many products so we don't have to dump them when they break. Please Microsoft, develop an operating system that doesn't mean we all need new Computers yet again. We don't need machines with even more capacity we never use.

At the Tokyo Olympics all the metals used in the medals came from reclaimed metals from old mobile phones. What a good use.

What else can be done to make big changes? The biggest change needed is in our mindsets, for if we don't see the need then we won't do much at all.

Read the other articles in this months Spire and think what we can do.

Paul

Inside Our Home

Inside our home is where we stay.
It is where we learn, it is where we play.

Inside our home we splash, splish, splosh
When we give our hands a wash.
We wash our hands lots every day to make sure the germs are away.

Inside our home is where we stay.
It is where we learn, it is where we play.

Inside our home it is never boring.
We like to play but don't do much exploring.
Inside our home we make our own fun.
We laugh and play in the sun.

Inside our home is where we stay.
It is where we learn, it is where we play.

Inside our home we use the phone
to see our family in their home.
We like to send them photos and video clips
and when we see them, we blow them a big kiss.

Inside our home is where we stay,
It is where we learn, it is where we play.

Inside our home we have fun playing
until the day is done.

Rainbows take pride of place when we
celebrate the people who keep us safe.

Lockdown!

Ella, age 9.

Little Fishes is back!

A fantastic group for preschool children and their carers.

Christ Church, Great Ayton every term time Tuesday at the NEW TIME of 9.45am. First session on Tuesday 14th September.



More details on our Facebook page, Little Fishes.

To the Saints of the Diocese of York

The Bishop of Whitby,
the Rt Revd Paul Ferguson,
writes:

With hope and trust

I very much hope that the easing of restrictions has helped you to have a refreshing time this summer, as we all look to the future.

And it's with hope and trust in God that we come to the next important stage in our Living Christ's Story consultation with parishes. Each PCC has been invited to answer a set of consultation questions (or as many of them as you can manage) by 3 September, using the link at the foot of this page.

One of the glories of the Diocese of York is our variety. We have communities of different sizes, coastal and inland, industrial and farming ... As the Church of England from the Humber to the Tees it's our calling to be people of worship, celebration and prayer, of care and service, learning and growth, of good influence in civic life and responsibility for the environment. We'll do this differently in different places, and it's been wisely

said that an effective church does a few things and does them well.

PCCs have been working hard on the consultation — thank you for everything that you have been doing, with special meetings

and awaydays to look at the material. I can't emphasise too much how valuable it will be to have the answers and comments from around the diocese that will help us to move to the next stage of planning.

When we're able to look at all the responses together, it will help shape mutual and diocesan-level support, and also help to decide what can be afforded for the future.

St Paul wrote about the variety of God's gifts (Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12) and the importance of mutual support (2 Corinthians 8-9). In that spirit, your response will be a key part of planning for effective shared mission into the future — thank you.



+Paul Whitby

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PCC_Consultation_2021

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

As there has been no opportunity to have a function since February 2020, the committee has decided to count the house boxes together towards the end of September. A committee member will get in touch with you nearer the time to arrange collection and then return the box to you. If you have any concerns please get in touch with Jean Mitchell (01642 722858) or Marina Charlton (01642 723087).



Jancie Brown

Communion Services News

Coffee Lounge Communion starts again in the Coffee Lounge on the 1st Monday of each month at 2pm. Beginning on 6th September

Wednesday Communion at 10am will return to weekly services from September onwards

Help to knit poppies for 2021 display.

We are making four large poppies for the Remembrance display this year to be made up of hundreds of smaller poppies. They will be red, purple, black and white. We are often asked what the different colours mean so are making a display explaining the meaning of the different colours.

We have most of the red poppies, we mainly require purple, white and black although whatever people knit will be included in the display.

The poppies need to be all one colour with no coloured centres, this makes knitting them easier as you don't need to change wool or sew a button on.

Also we need people who can stitch the poppies onto the hessian. This is going to be quite a task as there are hundreds to stitch on.

Completed poppies can be left at the back of Christ Church.

Any queries, anyone who can sew on poppies or anyone requiring a pattern please ring Karen Peverell 01642 722333



Saint Oswald's Appeal

We are pleased to say that our Appeal to install water and a kitchen into the vestry and mains lighting to Lychgate and Church path has started well with £10,000 of the £15,000 target already raised. We have fingers crossed that the rest will come in and that material prices don't rise too much in the meantime.

The lighting to the pathway and lychgate is well overdue as we have had to rely on battery lamps and extension leads for all evening services and events.

Once the kitchen facility is available in Church it will make the building far more useful and welcoming. We wont always have people willing to carry water and dirty/clean cups back and forth to their homes.

We had Coffee & Cake for Saint Oswald's Day and it went so well, we will repeat for Harvest Sunday and maybe on other occasions too. In the meantime we have a large backlog of Christenings to get through with many children now 18 months old. It seems an easier job to give a cat a pill :)

New Appointments

Rector of Yarm with Kirklevington, Picton and Worsall

The Reverend Darren Richard Moore, (Chaplain to Barnard Castle School in the Diocese of Durham) has been appointed as Rector of the Benefice of Yarm with Kirklevington, Picton and Worsall.

Darren will be collated by the Bishop of Whitby in the Parish Church of Saint Mary Magdalene, Yarm at 7pm on Sunday, 12th September 2021.

Great Ayton Methodist Church

There is a service of welcome to Rev Rob Weir at 3pm on Saturday 4 September in the Methodist Church. Rob, Fiona and their family have moved into the village and are looking forward to their time here.

They are not complete strangers to the North East and have heard of Petch's Pies and Suggests ice Cream long before coming here. We look forward to seeing them around. The Vicar will be representing Christ Church at the Service and with his other hat of Editor of Spire, will have a camera handy to catch some photos for the next issue.

Cafe Church is Back!!



Long before we were able to have coffee and cake whilst watching services on Zoom or Facebook, we had it with Cafe Church on Sunday afternoons.

Join us on 12th and 26th September at 4pm for coffee, cake, conversation - followed at 4.30 by informal worship, singing, teaching and discussion. Light tea and video provided for primary and pre-school children. We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each Month in the Church Hall - so plenty of room if you are more relaxed with a bit of distance!

**Contact Nick and Helen Land for more details
(01642 778076).**

Come to the first one on Sunday 12th September at 4pm

All Saints Eco Service

It's so important that the Eco message gets out quickly as we are already suffering the consequences of our thoughtless actions. In July we celebrated Eco Sunday outdoors in All Saints Churchyard, and were blessed with a sunny day.



A good sized congregation made the most of safely getting together and singing for the first time led by Drew. Thanks to Geoff for planning and leading the service and others who made contributions as to what is happening locally.

It was good to see a whole spectrum of ages present and all enjoyed the coffee and cake. Many thanks to Helen for her baking. All cakes were personally tested by our Churchwardens - and indeed they were very good.



GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

From September 19th - 26th communities across the country will join together for the Great Big Green Week. It will be the biggest event for climate and nature ever in the UK, and everyone's invited!

Here at Christ Church our worship on Sunday 26th will focus on Climate and Caring for Creation as will our talks on Prayer for the Day during Great Big Green Week.

Community group "Climate Action Stokesley and Villages" will be holding an event in Stokesley Market Square on Saturday 25th focusing on Food and Waste, with plenty of ideas about how each of us can change the way we live and make a difference. Look out for details nearer the time.



From sports and nature to faith and international development organisations, The Climate Coalition represents a diverse group of people across the UK; in spite of their varied interests, they are all unified by one thing: passionately wanting to protect the things we all love from climate change.

National organisations, institutions, businesses and media outlets are joining in, getting more people involved around the country, and putting pressure on the UK Government to up its game on climate change.

Please join us – together we can make a difference.

Geoff Jaques

The Climate Emergency: A cause for hope and a call to action

The meeting of the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of Parties (COP 26) will have a powerful influence on the future of the planet. It is being hosted by the UK and will be meeting in Glasgow from 31 October to 12 November. The quality of the leadership the UK brings to it will be critical and that depends not just on what we say but what we both plan to do and actually do. Fortunately, the Government has set itself a bold emissions reduction target of 63% from 2019 to 2035. Unfortunately, it still has to spell out adequately how it will achieve this target.

This is the conclusion of the Climate Change Committee in its report to Parliament **Progress in Reducing Emissions** published in June 2021. <https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/2021-progress-report-to-parliament/> The Climate Change Committee is the official watchdog set up by the Climate Change Act of 2008 to ensure that the Government does not just do what is politically expedient, but what is necessary for the country and the planet.

The Progress Report offers more than 200 recommendations and places particular emphasis on the need **for the Government to produce its Net Zero Strategy before COP26**. The Report adds that the Strategy “will carry the greatest weight if it is accompanied by the **Treasury’s Review of Funding**.” This was due for publication in autumn 2020 but it remains unclear whether it will now be published prior to COP.

What we are asking you to do could be the key to giving the UK the authority and credibility it needs to guide the 197 nations at COP26 to agree to demanding decisions and commitments that are so desperately needed.

- I. Please contact your MP by letter or preferably in person to ask them to bring pressure to bear on the Treasury to produce the Treasury Review of Funding as soon as possible, so that COP 26 may be a cause of hope. If you would like support with this, contact Hope for

the Future <https://www.hftf.org.uk/mps> who have a brilliant track record in enabling constituents to have creative meetings with their MP.

2. Email Chancellor Rishi Sunak to urge him to put the money on the table to enable climate action both at home and abroad. You can write to him at rishi.sunak.mp@parliament.uk . Or you can add your name to the CAFOD petition making this ask at: <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/85465/action/>

Suggestions for what to write

1. Save why you are so concerned that Cop 26 should be a success. Make it personal and as powerful as you can.

*2. Use the **Progress in Reducing Emissions** recommendations to make it clear how vital it is that the Treasury produce their Review of Funding to substantiate the U.K.'s Net Zero Strategy. Failure to do so could undermine the whole of COP 26 because the U.K.'s credibility as Chair would be undermined. Also say how brilliant it would be if the UK set a magnificent example and how much you hope that that will be the case!*

3. A letter would be great. Meeting your MP, perhaps with two or three other people would be even better.

If you want more background on, there is a pithy and informative Forward and an Introduction headed 'Overall progress on climate policy: Net Zero and adaptation' in the Climate Change Committee report *Progress in Reducing Emissions* pages 6 to 10 (see link above).

Please let us know how you get on – we would love to hear from you.

*This comes from the Environment Group at St Mark's Church, Broomhill, Sheffield as part of their engagement with the **Make COP 26 Count** programme run jointly by Hope for the Future and US PG (Partners in Global Mission). Contact us at environment.stmarksffield@gmail.com*

Cabbages in the churchyard

– how a family-friendly lockdown project took off

Upper Helmsley is a tiny village of only a handful of households, 8 miles northeast of York.

Hidden behind mature trees just north of the village, St Peter's church would be easily missed, if it were not for the cheerful roadside signs pointing to the 'churchyard allotment' and the vegetables for sale.

Where a year ago there was an uncared-for corner of the churchyard, now there are eight raised vegetable beds, brimming with produce. Children & Family worker Rachael Harrison explains: "When we were forced to close the churches in the Benefice due to COVID19, we started thinking about ways in which we could bring families together outdoors. A plan was hatched to start an allotment club for youngsters, as a Covid-safe alternative for Messy Church in the benefice. We thought the produce could be distributed to older or housebound residents in the community, or perhaps sold at the roadside."



The project caught the imagination of the local community. Two farmers provided fertile soil, friendly villagers brought spare gardening tools, the vicar donated an old greenhouse, local gardeners shared plants and good advice, and a churchwarden salvaged wood to create the vegetable beds and produce stall.

Even the Fire Brigade volunteered their help, filling the water storage tank behind the church (St Peter's isn't connected to the mains). "The response from the local community has been incredible", say churchwardens Phil and Mari Richards, "everyone has been so positive and helpful!"



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Throughout the churchyard allotment verses from 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' are displayed on colourful A4 posters. A simple log seating area surrounds a wooden cross. Meetings start with a prayer: "Dear Lord, bless this sacred place, our precious church allotment space. Show us your care from up above, help us to work with united love." The work at St Peter's churchyard has been blessed: the vegetable beds are overflowing with produce, and since the start of the project three months ago, no fewer than 21 families and over 30 young people aged 1 year to 14 years have visited and taken part – tilling, planting, weeding, and finally, harvesting!

Recently, the allotment team has sought advice on how to make other areas of the churchyard more wildlife friendly.

Some areas are now left uncut, to encourage wildflowers. The next project is to build a 'bug hotel'. The church building itself is not forgotten – planned improvements to the facilities will make the building more accessible and user-friendly. The allotment project has given the church a great reputation - no doubt the local community will respond positively to fundraising initiatives.

- **Inspired by St Peter's story? Visit Upper Helmsley to take a look yourself, and contact the Diocesan Green Ambassador, Revd Johannes (Jan) Nobel (jan.nobel@yorkdiocese.org or 01904 870814) for further advice.**
- **Please note that faculty approval may be needed for changes to churchyards.**





*Charlotte Cresswell & David Pacitto
married at St Oswald's on 10 July*



*Alex Horton & Jennie Dale married at
Christ Church on 17 July*



*Joanne Kelly & David Joy married at St
Oswald's on 5 August*



*Victoria Gilmore & Michael Horton
married at St Oswald's 7 August, and
daughter Elsie baptised the same day.*



*Adele Pennington & James Bell married at
Christ Church on 23 August.*

Wedding Gallery

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

25 July	Finlay George Norman
25 July	Willow Grace Norman
31 July	Louie James Lenihan
7 August	Elsie Jean Winton
14 August	Lachlan Henry Pinkham
15 August	Jude Robert Lewis
15 August	Rosie Mae Anderson
15 August	Bertie George Jackson
22 August	Olivia Lola Sibly
22 August	Elisa Kayleigh Persano

Weddings

10 July	David Pacitto & Charlotte Cresswell
17 July	Alex Horton & Jennie Dale
5 August	David Joy & Joanne Kelly
7 August	Michael Winton & Victoria Gilmore
23 August	James Bell & Adele Pennington

Funerals & Memorial Services

8 July	Nik Cook
16 July	Pauline Turner
6 August	Mollie Peacock
11 August	Brian Johnston
12 August	Barbara Cope
26 August	Tim Willis
27 August	Betty Ellis
27 August	Joan Wise
31 August	Norman Pinkham

Entries in Black from Great Ayton

Entries in Magenta from 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

Malcolm's Musings

"To the applause of all who had helped, the vicar and his wife rolled in the new gravel." - *Parish magazine*

The Warwickshire and England bowler Ashley Giles was nicknamed "the King of Spin." His county ordered 500 coffee mugs bearing this title. When they were delivered, they were inscribed "King of Spain."



A recent obituary of the Irish actor Shane Briant recalled that his first professional stage debut was as Hamlet at the Eblana Theatre, Dublin. "He was delighted at a school matinee to wring from a young audience member the plaintive cry: 'Oh Jeez, don't die, Hamlet. Don't flippin' die.' "

From a newspaper report some years ago: Commenting on a complaint from Mr— - about a huge gas bill, North West Gas said: 'We agree it was rather high for the time of the year. It's possible Mr has been charged for the gas used up during the explosion that destroyed his house.'

"A tree is something that stands in the same place for hundreds of years, then suddenly jumps out behind a reversing vehicle"

TV subtitles are sometimes more entertaining than the programme behind them. On one recent drama we were told that a character was "sitting on a peer." Uncomfortable for both of them, I imagine!

On his retirement, a Devon man was presented by his employer with a box containing stationery, pens, pencils and paper. A note inside explained: "We have long known you have been nicking such things for years, so we thought this lot would keep you going in your retirement."

A prima donna, speaking at a dinner, was banging on about the fact that her voice was insured for half a million pounds. "Oh really?" commented one bored listener. "And what did you do with the money?"

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	Cafe Church (2 nd & 4 th Sunday of month)
	5.00pm	Holy Communion in Church - 1 st & 3 rd Sundays

Wednesday 10am Holy Communion BCP - now every week

At Saint Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry

Sunday 11.00am Services on 1st, 3rd & 5th 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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Please phone first to make an appointment as hours may sometimes vary
(For services or pastoral matters, please contact the vicar)