

Great Ayton & Newton under Roseberry Parishes

Spire

SEPTEMBER 2024

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HARVEST 2024

Our Harvest Service at Christ Church will be
Sunday 6th October at 9.15am.

Saint Oswald's Harvest will be on Sunday
20th October at 11am

Thanks to Jean Cumbor for the Harvest photo

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SEPTEMBER

- 1 **Sun** **Trinity 14** 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion.
6pm Taize Service in All Saints Church.
- 2 **Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion.
- 3 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church.
- 4 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion in Christ Church: 7.30pm PCC Meeting
- 6 **Fri** 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors in Coffee Lounge.
- 8 **Sun** **Trinity 15** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion;
4pm Cafe Church.
- 10 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Christ Church.
- 11 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion in Christ Church
- 12 **Thurs** 7.30pm Acton Churches Together Meeting at Methodist Church
- 14 **Sat** 11am Holy Baptism at Christ Church.
- 15 **Sun** **Trinity 16** (Foodbank Sunday) 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am
All Age Service at St Oswald's: 12.30 Holy Baptism.
- 16 **Mon** 3pm Fry Court Service.
- 17 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Christ Church; 7pm Newton PCC Meeting
- 18 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion in Christ Church
- 22 **Sun** **Trinity 17** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion;
11.15am Holy Baptism.
- 24 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Christ Church.
- 25 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion in Christ Church.
- 28 **Sat** Quiz in Church Hall
- 29 **Sun** **St Michael & All Angels** 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy
Communion; 5pm Memorial Service for the Recently Departed.

Please note that the 8am Holy Communion will now take place on just the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month. This will be reviewed when a new Vicar is appointed.

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**

ALL CHANGE

Dear Friends,

In July I attended both Farewells to Bishop Paul, the first one in Northallerton Church and the second one in York Minster, where Bishop Paul & Bishop John of Selby, who both started together as Bishops, both retired at the same time.



Two very good services and both with lovely relaxed and joyful atmospheres, as can be see left. Archbishop Stephen preached in the Minster and then presented both Bishops with leaving gifts, which we had contributed to on your behalf. We wish them both well in their retirements. Bishop Paul had just got married a few weeks before this, so truly a new beginning for him.

You don't stop loving and caring for people when you retire, especially if you have been in a place a long time - 13 years as Archdeacon & 10 as Bishop, so it was no surprise to see Bishop Paul (and Archdeacon Amanda) in Middlesbrough following the riot holding a sweeping brush ready for the big clean up. So many issues in the world could be sorted if people would only talk to each other and listen to their concerns - whether they be problems at home or abroad.



The announcement has now been made as to who will succeed Bishops Paul & John. The new Bishop of Whitby will be **Rev'd Barry Hill**, 45, from Leicester Diocese. Former Team Rector of Harborough Anglican Team, alongside roles leading mission, fresh expressions of Church and church planting across the diocese. Barry is married to Stephanie (Pep), who is also ordained, and is father to Greg and Katy. Their dog, Tilly, is considered the "fifth member of the household."

The new bishop of Selby will be **Rev'd Flora Winfield**, who has served in the Dioceses of Oxford, Gloucester, Winchester, London, and Leeds. Ordained deacon in 1989 and priest in 1994, Flora was among the first women to be ordained in the Church of England. Since 2022, she has been the Third Church Estates

Commissioner, among other things chairing the Church of England's Net Zero Carbon Programme Board. Flora is married to Jonathan, and they have a black Labrador dog. We wish them both every blessing in their new roles in the Diocese.

We are facing changes in these Parishes too, as my retirement is now just a few weeks away. The Churchwardens assisted by the Parish Staff and the Area Dean, will be maintaining the mission and worship of the Church, but inevitably some things may not be possible or not be as frequent.

The 8am Service of Holy Communion from September onwards will just be on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, but for Prayer Book lovers you could pop along to Saint Oswald's at 11am on the 1st & 5th Sundays, or the 10am Wednesday service. I am by nature a Lark. I have always loved the early mornings and having the peace and solitude to think and pray as I walk my Labradors, so arriving to set up Church at 7.15am on a Sunday has been something positive for me - but I know there are far more Owls around, so to ensure the continuation of the 8am through winter, it has been decided to reduce its frequency. I have also advised Fry Court that the monthly service there will be suspended until a new Vicar has been appointed, and they can then decide what to do.

Rev'd Jon Dean is kindly looking after weddings and funerals, and Rev'd Geoff Jaques will be taking care of any baptisms in the vacancy.

Sadly this is the penultimate edition of *Spire*. So many regular contributors have disappeared over the years, and our founding editor and most faithful contributor, Malcolm Race, has finally retired at 98! Whilst we now have Facebook to communicate with, I am sure there will be many people, near and far, who will miss *Spire*. Thank you for your loyal following over these years. Thank you also to Jean Goat who has organised the distribution of all the paper copies since it began and to all our faithful volunteer deliverers, many of whom have also been there from the beginning. Also many thanks to Quoin Publishing who persuaded us to go colour and have been so reliable and efficient.

It has been decided to replace the Vicarage, as the house - although lovely - is very expensive to heat and maintain and the garden is far too large for what people want today, so a new home has been bought on Newton Road near the garage which will be far more attractive to a new Incumbent. The Diocese still have to sort out what will happen to the present vicarage. We are very grateful for the 30 years we spent there, but it was on the replacement list when I arrived and our personal situation with our son David's disability has saved it for these last 30 years - and been one of the reasons we have stayed so long. I am pleased that we did.

Love to all.

Paul

Gift Day Final Total

The Gift Day we held in June to raise funds for both All Saints Church and Christ Church received a wonderfully generous response with a final total of £20,089. All Saints received slightly more than 50% as some people chose to support our Grade I listed 12th Century Church. I am delighted they did as it is the original church in the village and an important part of our heritage.

The donations will also be appreciated for Christ Church, and as well as looking to IT provision, we are also getting the steeplejacks in to survey the Spire and see what repairs may need doing.

Thank you all, for such a generous response. **Paul**

Christ Church Hall News

We have had good news for the Church Hall this summer. A grant was received from Impetus Environmental Trust to cover the full amount of the installation of solar panels, so now we are generating electricity and helping reduce our bills.

Also a grant of £2,000 has just been received from the Jack Brunton Trust to replace the disabled access door into the link corridor at the rear of Church which has become warped and difficult to use, and also to re-varnish the main hall floor and renew the badminton court markings.

Further good news is that Northumbrian Water are also going to replace water pipes into the coffee lounge free of charge, to replace the original lead pipes. This is part of their policy of upgrading, and our thanks to them for this.

Our big appreciation to Robin Harmar, who has sought out the grants and managed the projects

Thanks also to the Jonathan Parkin Concert that raised £581, as well as a most enjoyable evening, and also to Wendy Appleyard who has so far raised £400 from her book of Granny's Rhymes.



Saint Oswald's Day Service & Picnic

We had a fantastic day for the Saint Oswald's Day Service & Picnic. Fate brought us forward a week to avoid the Paris Olympics as Chris & John were attending them, and this gave us the sunniest Sunday of summer, so a Gold medal for them both.

Saint Oswald's looked fantastic - but sadly I forgot to get some photos. That's memory when you are getting older!

The food was superb, and we also had an excellent bar. Thanks to John, Chris, Steve and Barbara for arranging outdoors, and to Maureen, Jackie & Jancie for the flowers inside; to all who came, and to God for blessing us with such a lovely day.



More Guiding Awards

As Great Ayton Rainbows celebrated the end of the summer term with a trip to Saltburn beach, they were surprised by Kirsty, the County Commissioner who came to present **County Good Service Awards** to **Pauline Griffiths** and **Catherine Pearson**.

Pauline and Catherine (pictured below) have given many years faithful and loyal service to Girl Guiding in our village. All the Leaders do this work voluntarily for the benefit of the children and put a great deal of time and commitment in organising activities for the girls in their charge.



We congratulate them, and all the team from Great Ayton Guiding for the tremendous work they all do. It is a tribute to the friendship they find, that we also have a Trefoil Guild made up of former Guiders and Leaders who have gained so much from their time as leaders.

Pictured right are some of the Guide Leaders from when I arrived, including Brown Owl Betty Breckon who died in May of this year. The common characteristic of such leaders is that they give into the community in many other ways too. Well done Ladies!



Deanery Environment Service

15th September 2024 – 3pm

At St Francis of Assisi,
Ingleby Barwick

Weather permitting we
are holding the service outside
bring a chair if you would like to



Memories of Sunday School



For the last 23 years I have been privileged to live with our Sunday School Leader and have seen first hand all the work that Karen has put in planning, preparing and delivering lessons.

Together with the story and teaching, each Sunday has also had a craft activity attached that has had to be prepared beforehand so that the children had time to do it.

A Giant Goliath was made so children could be David throwing their paper stones at him. They had jelly Red Seas for Moses to cross, Puppet Last Suppers and lots, lots more. The Coffee Lounge was decorated with many lovely murals, and we all have been delighted to see what the children had made when they came back into Church at the end of the 9.15am. Sometimes they shared bread they had made, or handed out other gifts to the congregation, the occasional song, and lots of happy memories. The 9.15am service won't be the same.





For Mothering Sunday they would do flowers for their mums and Dulcie Jones was invited in to help.

Karen took over from Jenny Nash in organising the Good Friday Workshops & Service in Church. Lots of Craft Activities had to be planned, manned and sourced for the day, and all was ready and waiting before the first person crossed the threshold. The

key to success is good preparation. Often when I went over to unlock Christ Church on Sundays at 7.30am, Karen would already be in the Hall setting up as it had been booked out the previous evening.



Christ Church would be full on Good Friday for the service, with all the craft items displayed, and finding what you had made at the end of the service was enjoyable chaos.

The Good Friday Workshops is now what is called Messy Church, and the parents enjoyed it as much as their children.



After Autumn half term it was All Systems go preparing first for the Christingle Service, where the Sunday School led the prayers.



Then it was straight on to the Christmas Eve Crib Service. On both occasions Christ Church would be packed full. In 2020 we had to do the Crib Service on Facebook, and in 2021 due to a Covid breakout, the heavenly host of Angels was much depleted and we could only muster two Wise Men! Thankfully things recovered after that.



For several years Karen also took Sunday School & helpers to the Emmaus Centre at Wydale Hall for a weekend where many happy memories were made.



Karen has always been grateful to the PCC who have funded lots of Sunday



School activities, to Jean & Peter Lofthouse who gave a donation each year for many years, and to all who donated soft Toys for the Sunday School Soft Toy Tombola which was a regular feature of the Village Fete for many years.

Since 2018 Karen has also arranged the annual Poppy Display outside Church, which has added significantly to our Act of Remembrance.

She has also been part of the Flower Guild for several years supporting Marina in decorating Christ Church for all the Festivals.



She helped with Come & Praise, and also supported me running Confirmation Class for a couple of the Confirmations, has opened her home to Marwood Sports Days, Midsummer Dream Concerts and Summer Garden Services, and has answered many queries at the vicarage and put up with me.

In all this time she has never sought the limelight or any thanks, and I know that I will be in big trouble including this article in *Spire*, but I couldn't have done what I have done without Karen's firm and unwavering support in the Parish, and also at home where she has been the best wife and mother you could have wished for, for David, Hannah and myself as well as all our four legged friends.

In July Karen stepped down quietly from Sunday School without any fuss, so let me put my Vicar's hat on to say a very big thank you to her, for all that she has done in both Church and Village over the years we have been here.

Paul



Ode To Paul

I know you won't blow your own trumpet
So I'm going to do it instead.
Some good things I'll be saying about you,
But don't let them go to your head.



Firstly you are a Parish Priest
And very approachable too,
Delivering sermons with humour and style,
Taking services for many or few.



Weddings, funerals, baptisms,
Don't leave time to sit by the fire.
Then hospital visits and school assemblies
Not to mention editing Spire.



You could have been an actor,
Pantomime Dame, Puppeteer,
Dog Lover, purveyor of magic tricks...
Something for a late life career?



Most of all you're a well loved person.
I'm sure everyone will agree,
But when you retire you won't be Rev Pev,
Just plain Mr Peverell P.



Sheila Wray

Leaving Gift

If anyone wishes to be associated with a leaving Gift for Paul and Karen you can contribute via BACS to *Great Ayton PCC*, Sort Code 09-01-55 Account No: 37616705 with "Leaving Gift" as a reference.

Or you can hand direct to Ken Taylor, Treasurer or Rosemary Wheway & Helen Land, Churchwardens or Mandy in the Church Office.

Find Time to Say “I Love You”

After 21 years of marriage, my wife wanted me to take another woman out to dinner and a movie. She said, “I love you, but I know this other woman loves you and would love to spend some time with you.”

The other woman that my wife wanted me to visit was my mother, who had been a widow for 19 years, but the demands of my work and my 3 children had made it possible to visit her only occasionally.

That night I called to invite her to go out for dinner and a movie. “What’s wrong, are you well?” she asked. My mother is the type of woman who suspects that a late night call or surprise invitation is a sign of bad news. “I thought that it would be pleasant to spend some time with you,” I responded. “Just the two of us.” She thought about it for a moment, and then said, “I would like that very much.”

That Friday after work, as I drove over to pick her up I was a bit nervous. When I arrived at her house, I noticed that she, too, seemed to be nervous about our date. She waited in the door with her coat on. She had curled her hair and was wearing the dress that she had worn to celebrate her last wedding anniversary. She smiled from a face that was as radiant as an Angel’s. “I told my friends that I was going to go out with my son, and they were impressed,” she said, as she got into the car. “They can’t wait to hear about our meeting.”

We went to a restaurant that, although not elegant, was very nice and cozy. My mother took my arm as if she were the First Lady. After we sat down, I had to read the menu. Her eyes could only read large print. Half way through the entries, I lifted my eyes and saw Mom sitting there staring at me. A nostalgic smile was on her lips. “It was I who used to have to read the menu when you were small,” she said. “Then it’s time that you relax and let me return the favour,” I responded.

During the dinner, we had an agreeable conversation — nothing extraordinary but catching up on recent events of each other’s life. We talked so much that we missed the movie. As we arrived at her house later, she said, “I’ll go out with you again, but only if you let me invite you.” I agreed.

“How was your dinner date?” Asked my wife when I got home.
“Very nice. Much more so than I could have imagined,” I answered.

A few days later, my mother died of a massive heart attack. It happened so suddenly that I didn't have a chance to do anything for her. Some time later, I received an envelope with a copy of a restaurant receipt from the same place where mother and I had dined. An attached note said: "I paid this bill in advance. I wasn't sure that I could be there; but nevertheless I paid for two plates — one for you and the other for your wife. You will never know what that night meant for me." "I love you, son."

At that moment, I understood the importance of saying in time: "I love you," and to give our loved ones the time that they deserve. Nothing in life is more

Notices and News

Paul & Karen's Final Services 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 4pm**.

Bible Reading Fellowship "An informal get-together has been arranged to discuss topics from the. May to August Bible Reading Fellowship notes. This will be at the home of Chris Robertson, The Cottage, Bridge Street at 2pm on Wednesday 18th September. All welcome for chat and refreshments.

The notes for September to December are now available for anyone interested. Please contact Angela Jaques Tel: 01642 722979.

CHURCH HALL 200 Club

AUGUST 2024 Winners	
£20	32 Marion Maidment
£20	89 Ken Bellamy
£20	84 Kath & Barry Stewart
£10	48 J Winterschladen
£10	53 Marilyn Walker

If you would like to join the Church Hall 200 Club, and maybe become a lucky winner as well as helping raise funds for improvements and equipment, its only £24 a year.

This month 80 members of the 200 Club contributed £85 to the Hall Fund.

To Subscribe, contact either Julie Bourke juliebourke@hotmail.com or Karen Peverell karen.peverell@btinternet.com



**CHRIST CHURCH GREAT AYTON
CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT**

**Saturday 28th September 2024 at
7.00pm**

CHRIST CHURCH HALL, GREAT AYTON

PIE AND PEA SUPPER – VEGETARIAN OPTION

BRING YOUR OWN DRINK

£10.00 PER TICKET

MAXIMUM 8 PER TEAM

TICKETS – CONTACT MARIAN ON 07971 090038

Yorkshire Cancer News



On Wednesday 14th August we held a “Brew it for Yorkshire Cancer Research “ morning for present and past committee members along with family and neighbours. Thankfully the sun shone, we had a brilliant morning with donations amounting to the wonderful sum of £600.

Paul, Karen and Hannah Peverell came as this will be the last Y.C.R. event (much smaller than we used to do!) before they retire.

Paul has attended all the annual lunches since arriving to be Great Ayton’s vicar composing a “Grace” for each event. Thank you from us all and best wishes for your retirement.

Village News

Over the summer we have heard of the deaths of Dick Stainsby, David Kent and the Rev’d Alan Clarke - Minister around the same time that Ted Appleyard was at Christ Church. All three contributed for the good in our community, and we send our condolences to their families, to the Methodist Church and also The Friends, where Dick also became a member. Well done, faithful servants.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

14 July Daniel Lewis Simpson
21 July Tommy Edward Light
3 August Verity Jane Rogers
4 August Zachary Robert Howe



Holy Matrimony



Laura Phalp & Timothy Napier-Hemy married on 29 June at St Oswald's.



Olivia Enderwick & Hamish Robinson married on 6 July at Christ Church.



Louise Kearney & Jordan Brannigan married on 12 August at St Oswald's.

Funerals & Memorial Services

15 July Catherine Smithson
19 July Michael Sheffield
19 July John Arnold
6 August Maurethe Parker
16 August Jean Robinson

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

Parish website	www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk
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Diocese of York	www.dioceseofyork.org.uk
Stokesley Deanery	www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk
A Church Near You	www.acny.org.uk

Malcolm's Musings - from September 2014.

A builder's van containing two Asian men was spotted in West Yorkshire carrying the slogan: "You've tried the cowboys. Now try the Indians."



A cement delivery company in Hastings is called "William the Concreter."

A cesspit emptying lorry bore the name "Suck-cess."

Asked for a piece of wood 4 ins by 2 ins, the salesman replied. "Sorry, we have to supply in metres, so that will be 50 x 100 mms." How much will that be? "15p a foot."

A young man was spotted with the letters LOVE tattooed on the knuckles of one hand and on the other hand the letters HAT on the middle, second and little finger. The tattooist had started on the wrong finger.

From the Redhill and Reigate Life: "The society will begin rehearsals on Monday September 9th in Christ Church Hall. The evening will take the form of a Sinalong.

A man with a broad Yorkshire accent became a college Fellow. An elderly academic asked him patronisingly "Are you having problems with the accent?" "No," he replied. "If you speak slowly I can understand most of what you say."

A blue plaque spotted by a Daily Telegraph reader in Ludlow read: "No-one of particular significance ever lived here.

Two villages that had bought their phone boxes from BT decided to undergo a Twinning ceremony. A letter in the paper asked, "Will they exchange rings?"

One organist pondered over what to play at the end of a funeral service and settled on "Sheep Shall Safely Graze." Only afterwards did he discover that the funeral had been that of a butcher.

A rector wrote that he was taught two things at theological college - 1. Jesus is the Son of God, and 2. Never offend the organist.

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If you would like a paper copy of Spire delivering to your door, please contact Jean Goat on 01642 723274.

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