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**From miser to Billionaire - how's
that for going up in the world!**

**Come and see Daddy Warbucks
join the cast for Annie Jr. in the
Parochial Hall this December.**

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DECEMBER & JANUARY

- 4th Sun** **ADVENT SUNDAY** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am Holy Communion at Newton.** 5pm Christingle at Christ Church
- 2nd Mon** **Carol Service @ Hollygarth** at 2pm. All Welcome
- 6th Tues** **Little Fishes** at 9.30am in Christ Church
- 8th Sat** **Saltburn Songsters with North Skelton Bank with a Concert for Christmas** in Christ Church at 7.30pm
- 9th Sun** **ADVENT 2** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Come and Praise: 4pm Freemasons Christmas Carol Service.
- 11th Tues** **Little Fishes** at 9.30am in Christ Church: **First Night of Annie Jr. In Parochial Hall at 7pm.** (See page for other nights)
- 12th Wed** **Marwood Christmas Production** at 1.30pm in Parochial Hall
- 13th Thurs** **Marwood Christmas Production** at 6pm in Church Hall
- 16th Sun** **ADVENT 3** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am All Age Christmas Service at Newton;**
See overleaf for other Christmas Services.
- 18th Tues** **Little Fishes** at 9.30am in Christ Church:
- 23rd Sun** **ADVENT 4** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 6pm Christmas Carol Service:
- 30th Sun** **CHRISTMAS 1** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am Holy Communion at Newton.; 12 noon Holy Baptism**

January 2013 - in brief *Happy New Year!*

- 7th Mon** **Holy Communion at Hollygarth** at 2pm. All Welcome
- 11th Fri** **Church Visitors Meet at 1.45pm in Upper Room**
- 16th Wed** **Parish Life Meeting at 7.30pm**
- 21st Mon** **PCC Dinner at Royal Oak**
- 23rd Wed** **PCC Meeting at 7.30pm in Upper Room**

Items in Magenta all take place at St Oswald's Church at Newton, and the remainder at Christ Church, unless otherwise stated.

Christmas Services 2012

Monday 2nd December

2.00pm Hollygarth Carol Service



Wednesday 12th December

2.00pm Mothers' Union Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 16th December

11.00am All Age Christmas Service *at St Oswald's, Newton*

Monday 17th December

7.00pm *Christmas Carols on High Green*



Tuesday 18th December

7.30pm *All Saints Carol Service***

Thursday 20th December

7.30pm *St Oswald's, Newton Christmas Carol Service***

Friday 21st December

10.30am Marwood & Roseberry Schools' Carol Service

Sunday 23rd December

6.00pm Christ Church Christmas Carol Service**

Christmas Eve

2.00pm *Christmas Communion at Hollygarth Hall*

5.00pm Crib Service**

10.00pm *Christmas Communion at St Oswald's, Newton*

11.30pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity

Christmas Day

8.30am Christmas Communion (Prayer Book Service)

9.30am Christmas Communion & Carols

Wednesday 26th December - St Stephen's Day

9.30am Holy Communion



All Services are in Christ Church, unless otherwise stated *in italics*

** Denotes that a collection is taken for the Christmas Appeal

Aidan, Cuthbert and Hilda at Advent

At Diocesan Synod earlier this year, I spoke about the joy of having a venturesome faith, about Generous Churches Making and Nurturing Disciples and spreading the Good News of the Gospel.



As disciples we are called to follow Christ and to be the Good News of the Gospel. We aspire to follow his teachings and, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek to become more like him day by day. But it's not easy! Life can be tough.

Loving our neighbour as ourselves is one of the hardest tasks. We are called to be salt and light to the whole world, preserving what is good; and reflecting God's light into dark corners and thereby bringing transformation by the power of the Gospel.

Advent is such a wonderful time to be reminded of Aidan, Cuthbert and Hilda. These three missionaries worked diligently to build communities of prayer, worship and hospitality. They weren't prepared to stay safely in those communities. Their overriding purpose was to go out and tell others about Jesus and to see their society transformed- and they didn't take no for an answer! If we all do this, building up the body of Christ in our churches and then go out to tell others, we will see what God did in the lives of Aidan, Cuthbert and Hilda happening in our own generation!

Growing the Body of Christ is not a task that we should add to a New Year's resolution list or something that is left to one side until a quieter moment comes our way. This Christmas, go and be the Good News of the Gospel and take with you the words Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew: And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth as been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Do not be afraid. Go out and become a new generation of Aidans, Cuthberts and Hildas in your own community!

+Sentamu Ebor

Archbishop's Award

In October Viv Winterschladen received a Distinction in the Archbishop's Awards for Choral Music. It tests singing, knowledge of music and involvement in Church life. Well done Viv, a well deserved distinction..

Here she is being presented with her certificate by our Director of Music, Craig Cartwright.



The Memory Tree

The Memory Tree will appear in Christ Church in the first week of December. It is a way of remembering loved ones who have died, but are still in our hearts, especially at this time of year.

Just come into Church and write a message or simply their name on one of the cards and hang it on the tree.

Any donations made will be sent to support Herriott Hospice Homecare who do so much to support the terminally ill in our area.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If anyone wishes to sponsor one of the Christmas window decorations in memory of a loved one, please see either Dulcie Jones 722013 or Marina Charlton 723087. The suggested amount is £25 and a small laminated card will be placed by the arrangement recalling the name of who it is given in memory of.



CHRISTMAS CHEER

Log fires burning alone we sit
Christmas trees aglow fairy lights are lit
Our daughter upstairs in bed fast asleep
Dreaming of Santa his promise to keep.

Outside the snow lay crisp and white
Voices echo the sound of Silent Night.
Parcels to wrap stockings to fill.
Rejoice be merry the season of goodwill.

The true meaning of Christmas
Goes back a long way
It marks the occasion of a birthday
Of Jesus our Saviour his praises we sing
Born unto Mary and Joseph, a king.

Tiptoe downstairs just as day is dawning
See your child's face
Light up on Christmas morning
Is a wondrous sight as was the star
That led shepherds and wise men afar.

Jean Cumbor
Written 1983.



It was the week before Christmas.
Parking spaces were hard to come by.
There were long lines, crowded stores,
rude people and grossly inflated prices.
In one long checkout line, one man was
heard to say, "They should kill the guy
who started Christmas." One wise and
godly woman in the line said "They did -
they hung him on a cross." Therein lies
the REAL Christmas story

Angrove Singers

Christmas Concert

Saturday 1st December

at 7.30pm

**Great Ayton Methodist
Church**

Carols and Readings followed by
mince pies and seasonal punch



Tickets £7 adult and £3 children &
students

Saltburn Songsters

Present



The Magic of Christmas

Saturday 8th December

At 7.30pm

Christ Church

Tickets £6 from Thompsons Har-
ware or call Ticket Secretary on
(01642) 486 300

Includes Mince Pie & mulled wine

Directed by Dan Matuszak

Annie Jr.



Come along to the New York Municipal Orphanage (Parochial Hall) to enjoy the wonderful Christmas tale of Annie put on by the Bradley School of Dance and Guests.

Tuesday 11th December at 7pm

Wednesday 12th December at 7pm

Friday 14th December at 7pm

Saturday 15th December at 1.30pm

Sunday 16th December at 1.30pm

Tickets are £6 adult and £4 concessions for all performances and can be bought from the Discovery Centre (Library) on mornings from Tuesday 27th November, or call the Box Office 01642 72 32 50

PASSING ON A BLESSING - UPDATE

At our Harvest we started a ball of blessing rolling as I handed out £10 notes to the congregation to pass on a blessing.

Due to the wonderful coverage that we have had by the media, both locally and Nationally and in TV, Radio and Newspapers, the story has travelled far and wide and encouraged many people to reach out to others with acts of kindness.



The wonderful cartoon by Andy Ward that accompanied the article in the Daily Mail

So what has been done?

Cakes have been taken to individuals, a stroke support group and Yatton House, Flowers have been taken to various people, several folk have been taken out for meals or trips out, dog food has been donated to the Saltburn Animal Rescue, children's books donated to the women's refuge, a Christmas gift sent to a soldier in Afghanistan, donation made to a big issue seller, raffles have been made, good have been made and sold like calendars and jewellery.

Any money returned to us is being sent to the Barnabas Fund supporting Christians in Syria.

Other Charities have benefited including Smile - working in Romania, Justice First - working with asylum seekers in the Tees Valley, The Children's Society, Eating Stones- a charity working with poor children in Kenya.

Our Scouts and Guides are having a little rivalry. The Scouts are raising funds for the Tees Wheely Boats Appeal for wheelchair users to access the river, whereas the Guides are raising funds for the Oncology Department at the RVI Newcastle where one of our Rainbows is receiving treatment. Please support them if you can.

Of course you don't need to be given money to do good to one another, and I know that many folk do this all the time. As Christians we do this in response to all that God has given to us. What the idea has done has been to get people all over talking about it and doing something, and thanks for the large scale of this must go to the media for their great support. If you didn't see the excellent Daily Mail follow up article, there is a link on the website . Well done, and keep the blessings going.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

We held a very successful quiz in November - Jim Lawton set some interesting questions, and everyone seemed happy. £488 was raised on the evening, which was very good.



The annual **Christingle Service** will be held on Sunday, 2nd December, at 5 pm in Christ Church. Envelopes and candles will be at the back of the church for anyone to collect.

On Saturday, 22nd December, we will be Carol Singing on the High Green between 10.30-11.30 a.m. Anyone is welcome to join us!

It just remains for me to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year from all the committee.

Jancie Brown (723873)

Mothers' Union News

At our November meeting Mrs. Margaret Stevens presented us with a beautiful glass vase in memory of her mum our one and only Laura Lamb, who we still miss. Mrs Linda Walker is standing down as our treasurer, a job she has diligently done for over twenty years! We are desperately looking for someone to take on the role of treasurer for us.



We have the Deanery Carol Advent Service December the 6th at 2pm at St. Peter & St. Paul Stokesley. Our own Christmas Carol Service in Christ Church on Wednesday December 12th at 2pm.

Also a reminder that our social is on January 9th with the Wilton Male Voice choir and a pooled tea.

Elaine Brown

Love in a

Well done to all who supported this years Love in a Box Appeal which brought in 272 boxes for children in Romania.

We had a great turnout for the service and all the boxes were taken away by Ynez & John Clarke and Suzanne and Ken Underwood, who have been helping sort and pack.

Thanks to all who supported

Christ Church, St Margaret's Church and the Methodist Church. Marwood, Ingleby Greenhow, Roseberry, Kirkby and Great Broughton and Stokesley (Maple house) Schools.

Thanks to Dawn McNamara for all the photographs of the service.



Well

Box 2012



Done!

New Editor for *The Dalesman*

The very popular Yorkshire Dalesman Magazine has a new Editor and our Vicar can lay some claim into his appointment!

Adrian Braddy, (pictured) has just begun what the late Richard Whitely reckoned to be the best job in the world as he moves from being Editor of the *Craven Herald* to take on this magazine much beloved by Yorkshire folk.



Adrian is the son of my former Churchwarden when I was Vicar of St Martin's in Middlesbrough. When I was there I started off a Church Magazine with the imaginative title *St Martin's Parish News*. It was done on my Amstrad PCW with cut and paste pictures and then run off by Prontoprint. We thought we were cutting edge back then!

When I came to move here I wondered who would take it over. Adrian was in his teens and a fairly quiet lad, but it was a case of still waters running deep. He had a great interest in computers, the local area and in writing, and so took on his first Editorship taking the magazine forward with great enthusiasm.

Adrian has worked on several newspapers, enjoying most the local ones, and was Editor of the *Teesdale Mercury* before going to the *Craven Herald*, and now is the editor of the iconic *Dalesman* Magazine - but it all started with a humble Parish magazine.



The Dalesman has a circulation of 36,500 and features articles of Yorkshire wit and wisdom, with many items of interest of local culture and history too. I confess it's a while since I last read it, but now knowing the editor I will be popping along for my copy to see what is in it. Who knows, we may be even reading about Great Ayton in it in future months!

Good luck to Adrian and *The Dalesmen* in their new partnership.

Answered but not Acknowledged

A man dreamt that he went to Heaven. An angel was deputised to show him around, and soon they entered a large workroom filled with angels.



The angel guide explained, "This is the Receiving Section. Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received." The area was terribly busy, with huge crates of petitions arriving by the minute from people all over the world. Many angels were sorting out the petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and even scraps of paper.

Then the angel guide took the man into another workroom, again filled with angels.

"This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered." The angels were working so fast here that the feathers on their wings made a pleasant swishing noise. The blessings and answers to prayer were stacking up high, packaged and ready for delivery to Earth.

Finally the angel guide took the man to another workroom. To the man's surprise, it was empty except for one angel, sitting in front of a table with a few scraps of paper lying on it. He was gently preening his wings out of boredom. "This is the Acknowledgment Section," the angel guide said quietly. "It's sad, but after people receive the blessings that they ask for, very few send back acknowledgments."

The man was astonished – and embarrassed. "How does one acknowledge God's blessings?" he ventured.

"Simple," the angel answered. "Just say, 'Thank you, Lord.' And mean it, from your heart. Otherwise, it won't reach here."

Recollections

The word Remember seemed to dominate the Vicar's letter last month. My memory goes back a long time living in the village when I remember attending remembrance Sunday from a very early age with my mum. There were also two other children a few years my senior called Mary and Harold Surtees, who every year would leave the congregation and walk up the embankment carrying a poppy wreath between them, and place on the War Memorial in memory of their father, Harold Surtees, who was killed in World War One and whose name appears on the war memorial.



In later years Mary married a local lad, Alf Steven's, whose younger brother Kenneth was killed in World War Two and also features on the memorial with his name also read out each year.

After the First World War ended a group of ex service men in Great Ayton, including my father, got together and called themselves Comrades of the Great War. In later years they joined and formed a branch of the British Legion

Bill Kirby
Ex Pat Old Aytonian

"Now and Then"



Readers of the popular free magazine **Now and Then** will be interested to know that its editor, Peter Cook, has produced a 300-page book of the same title containing over 50 stories and 340 pictures which have appeared in the magazine over the years.

Covering items of interest over a wide area of Teesside, North Yorkshire and East Cleveland, it is the sort of book you can dip into – and would make an excellent Christmas present ! It is on sale at Great Ayton's Discovery Centre at a modest £10 – and Peter is kindly donating a percentage of the proceeds to the Discovery Centre.

Budding New Florist in Great Ayton

If you want to say it with flowers, you now have a new way of doing it in Great Ayton with a new florist starting up in business.

Jackie Gough from the High Street has started up **Leven Flowers** and is initially working from her workshop at home creating special arrangements for all occasions. At the moment she is busy making Christmas Wreaths as pictured, but is also available for also do bouquets, arrangements, weddings and funeral flowers.



Jackie is a fully qualified florist, having achieved the Diploma of Floristry with Distinction. I discovered after winning the flower arrangement in the raffle at the Yorkshire Cancer *Not a Lunch, Lunch*, that this was one of Jackie's arrangements, so I can vouch for how good they are.

If you want something to help that special occasion, then contact Jackie at **Leven Flowers** 07816 458 311 and she will be delighted to help, or visit her website www.levenflowers.co.uk



Post Room Takes on New Look

The former post room in the village where our letters used to be sorted in the days of morning deliveries has now been transformed into an extra seating area of **Stamps** Cafe in the High Street. It is lovely, airy and spacious and fits in well with the rest of the cafe.

YORKSHIRE CANCER RESEARCH

Great Ayton & District Committee



We had a great Halloween Party with 50 or more children, parents, grandparents and the committee joining in the games as well as dressing up!

The "Not a Lunch" was very successful. 161 Ladies and Gentleman helped us to raise over £2700. The amount for this year will not be known until the end of March.



The Coffee Evening held in October was a very enjoyable evening when Hazel Stephenson entertained everyone with how she became an author.

The raffle organised by Judith Allport was sponsored by Barclays Bank £ for £ making a grand total of £2302.90p.

The committee would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year and say thank you for all the generous support extended to Yorkshire Cancer Research



Margaret Stevens



Panto Time

Dick Whittington

Great Ayton Dramatic Society are pleased to present this traditional pantomime, full of opportunities to boo the bad guys, cheer the heroes and laugh with the jesters. We are delighted to welcome “Dame” Alan Stemp back to the Parochial Hall Stage along with some new and some familiar faces including a good sprinkling of our talented youth members.

Whilst still holding down our prices we have introduced a family ticket this year to help ease the strain on tight Christmas budgets, only £14 for 4 seats providing you include at least one child.

**From Wednesday 16th January to Saturday 19th January
at 7:30 pm every evening, matinee 2:30 pm on Saturday.**

**Christ Church Parochial Hall
Guisborough Road, Great Ayton**

Tickets only £6.00, concessions £4.00.
Family Tickets £14.00 for 4 seats (must include at least 1 child)

Tickets can be obtained from:-
Thompsons Hardware, High Street, Great Ayton in January
or call the box office 01642 722096.

Also available on the door.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

18th November

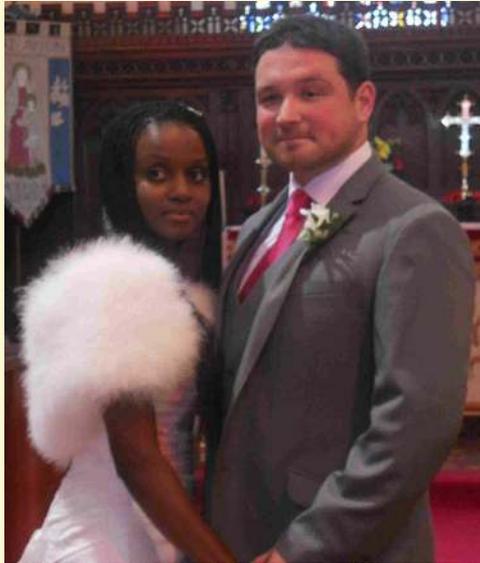
Archer Kieran Osborn

Esme Grace Fegan

Holy Matrimony

10th November

Celia Chambers and David Sims



Christian Burial and Cremation

12th November

Joan Hendry

22nd November

Iain Warnes

* Denotes service has taken place at St Oswald's Church, Newton

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Church Office e-mail	greatayton.parishoffice@virgin.net
Diocese of York	www.dioceseofyork.org.uk
Stokesley Deanery	www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk
A Church Near You	www.acny.org.uk

A Christmas Miscellany

Mince Pies were originally filled with meat such as lamb. They were also made in an oval shape to represent the manger that Jesus slept in as a baby, with the top symbolising his swaddling clothes.

Boxing Day takes place on December 26th. It is celebrated in only a few countries. It began in England in the Middle Ages. Boxing Day was the day when the alms boxes were opened in parish churches so that the contents could be distributed to the poor.

The First Christmas Crackers were made in 1850 by a London sweet maker. His name was Tom Smith. One evening, while he was sitting in front of his log fire, Smith became engrossed in the sparks and crackling sounds coming from the hearth. Suddenly it occurred to him what fun it would be if his sweets and toys could be opened with a crackling sound as the decorative wrappers were pulled in half.

During the Second World War, the Allied Army was advancing through France. The Germans were making a last stand wherever they could. During a night of heavy fog the opposing armies moved very close. Only a long green meadow and one farmhouse separated them.

As dawn came, the fog lifted. Bullets and bombs began to explode and men began to die. After a long period of severe battle, the house in the green meadow was hit and began to burn. Then someone whispered, "Look!" It was unbelievable, but there was a small baby crawling across the field.

As the soldiers saw the child, the shooting stopped. It became very still. Every eye was on the baby. Suddenly, a soldier got up from his position, ran into the open, grabbed the baby up into his arms, and ran back into his line. In a moment a great cheer went up on both sides, and then the bullets began to fly again. The baby brought peace just for a moment.

Editor of Spire

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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
	9.15am Parish Communion with Sunday School
	11.00am Come & Praise (2nd Sunday of month)
	Evening Worship - as announced in the Diary
Tuesday	9.30am Little Fishes Carer & Toddler Group
Wednesday	10.00am Holy Communion - in Christ Church

At St Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry

Sunday 11.00am Services on 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month only
1st & 5th Holy Communion; 3rd All Age Worship

For enquiries about Baptisms, Banns and Marriages, please come to
Christ Church Vestry on **Fridays** from 6pm - 7pm



Vicar	Rev'd Paul Peverell	The Vicarage, Low Green	722333
	Rev'd Geoff Jaques	132 Roseberry Crescent	722979
	Rev'd Jon Dean	White House, Dikes Lane	722649
Readers	Mrs Margaret Lewis	97 Wheatlands	722628
	Mr Peter Titchmarsh	3 Greenacre Close	724153
Churchwardens	Mrs Rosemary Wheway	Southbrook, Dikes Lane	722451
	Mr Eric Boyce	74 Marwood Drive	722552
Organist	Mr Craig Cartwright		07554422779
PCC Secretary	Mrs Julie Bourke	12 Yarm Lane	724508
PCC Treasurer	Mr Ken Taylor	The Recess, Newton Rd.	722400
Electoral Roll	Mrs Alison Lambert	54 Roseberry Crescent	722565
Child Protection	Mrs Gail Luckett	69a High Street	723504
Gift Aid Sec.	Mrs Sheila Levett	34 Wainstones Close	723034

Church Hall Office

For **Church Hall bookings**, please contact the Church Office **Tel 722665** on **Monday or Friday 9 am - 12 noon, and Thursdays 10 - 12 noon or leave a message.**

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