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& Christ Church

Sunday 14th April 2013

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MARCH

31st Sun **EASTER DAY.** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Come & Praise at Christ Church and **Holy Communion at St Oswald's Newton**; 4pm United Songs of Praise at Christ Church

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1st Mon **Easter Monday** Holy Communion at 9.30am

6th Sat **Wedding at Christ Church at 12 noon**

7th Sun **Easter 2** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am Holy Communion at St Oswald's Newton followed by Annual Church Meeting: 2;30pm Holy Baptism at Newton** 6pm Memorial Service at Christ Church

12th Fri Christ Church Visitors meet at 1.45pm in Upper Room

14th Sun **Easter 3** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion, followed by coffee at st Margaret's RC Church; 11am Come & Praise at St Margaret's Church, Sunnyfield: **Vintage Wedding Fayre at Christ Church from 12 noon - 4pm**

16th Tues Little Fishes re start swimming again 9.30am in Church

20th Sat Stokesley Choral Concert in Christ Church

21st Sun **Easter 4** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am All Age Service at St Oswald's Newton**; 12.15pm Holy Baptism at Christ Church.

25th Fri **Weddiing** at Christ Church at 11.30am

28th Sun **Easter 5** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion; 12 noon & 3 .30pm Holy Baptism at Christ Church

Take a Leap of Faith this Easter

I love the Easter season. This time of year is not just about the fact that Jesus was crucified and died – but also remembering that he rose again and conquered sin for our salvation.

Whilst Lent is a time of reflection, contemplation and penitence, Easter itself is a time of great joy and rejoicing for the Church.

Christ's resurrection brings us a new world of opportunity and new beginnings. When God has defeated death, what is there for us to be afraid of? I always think we should look forward to the future with hope rather than trepidation. I have a venturesome faith. When I agreed to jump out of an aeroplane for charity, I was full of hope and filled with anticipation. Not only did I complete the jump and walk away in one piece, but I was left with a real sense of gratitude – and I had helped make a difference to some people in need.



As part of the Body of Christ, we need to take a leap of faith once in a while. Take hold of God's hand and trust him. When we see people suffering and being troubled by the difficulties we face as a society – unemployment, homelessness, loneliness, low pay, and cuts to essential services and amenities, to name but a few – we have a duty of care to be generous.

We have talked at length about being generous churches growing and nurturing disciples in our diocese. Of course it is important to be generous with our wallets, if we are able – we should put our money where our mouth is on inequality and unfairness – but it is also about being generous with our hearts, heads and hands too.

I hope that this Easter your hearts will be filled with God's generous spirit of love; that your heads will be full of wisdom and compassion; and that your hands will be used to serve others in all you do. We should never be afraid of failure. We should always aim high and keep trying in the face of setbacks – that is a mark of real strength and courage.

When Jesus has already won the battle for us, what is the worst that could happen? No matter what our situation, we can always say: "Hallelujah, He is Risen". May I wish you all a blessed and uplifting Easter.

Sentamu +



Whilst the rest of the Country was in the grip of some of the worst March snow in living memory, a group of 40 of us went off to Wydale Hall for Palm Sunday weekend. Thankfully the snow avoided our part of the country, enabling safe arrival and return - but it was a freezing walk for some on Saturday afternoon in Scarborough!

Several people joined us for the first time for a Wydale Weekend, and wondered why they had never done so before.

Nothing was compulsory and most joined in the activities. We used a series of studies of encounters with Jesus to bring about our encounter and get to know more about him. In the process we got to know more about each other, as Wydale gives chance to talk in the bar, over a meal or just relaxing.

We had some services to bring us together, and the evening ones seemed more popular than the early morning ones, for some strange reason! The services were led by different members of the group.

On the Saturday evening we had the W Factor, with many acts from ballet, poems, and music, many with a humorous flavour and all home grown.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable weekend. Many thanks to all who helped run it, those who came to it, and to the staff at Wydale for their welcome & hospitality.



Freewill Offering in the Diocese

In 2014, the funding of mission and ministry in the Diocese of York will be approached in a different way. Instead of each Deanery being allocated an amount of parish share to pay, from 2014 all parishes will be invited to make a Freewill Offering to the Common Fund.

In the same way that members of congregations are asked to give generously to God through their local church, now PCCs will be asked to offer a generous proportion of their income to support the shared responsibilities that we have as a Diocese. Our shared vision in the Diocese of York - Generous churches Making and Nurturing Disciples - is for churches to be growing, and money is needed to support mission and growth.

If you're a member of a PCC, please make sure that you've read the information on Freewill Offerings, which you can find on the Diocesan website under "Generous Churches".

More information on how to make an offer will be sent to parishes in the first week of May, and all offers should be sent to Diocesan House by the end of July. Each parish will be sent information on costs of ministry and shared support, and information about the parish within the overall context of its deanery and the Diocese.



So, PCCs should ideally now be scheduling two or three meetings for May, June and July, to discuss and pray about the offer you will make to the Common Fund.

Some Facts about Finance

Parish churches receive no direct income from the government. All money for repairs, running costs and clergy come from the people in the Church.

Churches send money into the Diocese to help pay clergy for our own Parish and in poorer areas. Last year we sent from our Parishes of Great Ayton and Newton £82,352 which was made up of £76,703 Parish Share and £5,649 from clergy fees for weddings and funerals.

Clergy do not receive fees personally from doing weddings and funerals. It all goes into a common pot to be shared out equally in the Diocese.

Great Ayton and Newton have a committed core of people who give their financial support without grumbling, so that we can be here for God's work. Are you one of them?

New Churchwarden for Ayton

Following the retirement of Eric Boyce after 6 years as Churchwarden for Great Ayton with Easby, we are delighted to report that Martin Simmons was elected at the Annual Church Meeting alongside Rosemary Whewey, who continues in the role. Both Churchwardens will be given their Staffs of Office on Easter Day at the 9.15am Service to serve for a further year, as this is an annual appointment.



Crowning Glory

To mark the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen's Coronation in 1953, Guisborough Choral Society are inviting you to "Crowning Glory", a concert of stirring coronation music by Handel (including "Zadok the Priest"), Purcell, Mozart and others. It's in St. Nicholas Church, Guisborough on Saturday 27 April at 7.30pm. Tickets from Guisborough Bookshop, Greensleeves Music (both Chaloner Street Guisborough), choir members, or on the door. £10, £8 concessions, £1 under-19s.



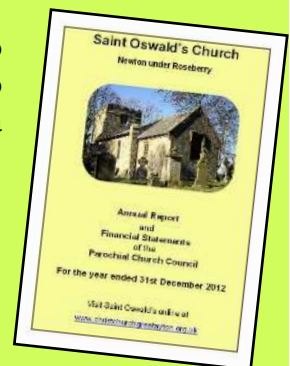
Newton under Roseberry Annual Parochial Church Meeting

A time to elect Churchwardens & PCC Members, to hear all that has been going on in our Church and to show our support and appreciation - Oh yes, and a time to offer ourselves too!

Sunday 7th April at 12 noon

St Oswald's Church

Annual Report available in Church or at
www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk



Choir Concert



Our Church Choir showed their musical versatility recently with an excellent concert with a variety of music, both sacred and secular.

In the first half, they sat robed in the choir stalls treating us to some well known anthems - and repeated Stainer's *God so loved*

the world for the vicar on Passion Sunday.

The second half saw a change of clothes and style, with songs from the shows, solo items and the grand finale of *Always look on the bright side of life*. By the end of a very enjoyable evening, that is just what we were doing.

How fortunate we are to have such a gifted group of singers under Craig's direction.

Coffee Morning a Great Success

It was toy heaven for one young man at the recent Church Coffee morning. We had a Hall full of various stalls of books, cakes, jewellery, bottles, raffle, pickles and bricabrac.

The coffee and scones kept flowing throughout the morning - if a scone can flow?

A gigantic raffle brought the morning to a close, and we raised a grand £1,250.

Thank you to Rosemary for organising and to all who supported and helped in any way



Great Ayton Dramatic Society Presents

A Night of Popular Music

**Featuring The Wilton Mail Voice Choir
& *The Accordion Workshop Group***



Great Ayton Dramatic Society is proud to present a night of song and music. This evening will feature the ever popular Wilton Male Voice Choir. Also The Accordion Workshop Group will be on hand to provide their unique sound.

Thursday 11th April at 7:30 pm

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

Tickets only £5.00 (includes refreshments)

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

Also available on the door.

Mothers' Union News

April already!

Thank you to all who bought or gave donations to Elaine Dunning, our speaker last month. You raised £86.50p for Zoe's Place Children's Hospice. A successful afternoon!



This year Great Ayton Mothers' Union donated £135 towards the "Make a Mother's Day" campaign whereby donations are made in remembrance of mothers no longer with us, at the same time helping to change the lives of people all over the world.

Programmes supported included:-

Literacy - to help someone read and write for the first time,

Fly me to the Moon - to help coordinators reach isolated communities ie provide transport,

Shine a light - to buy clean water, food and shelter to save lives,

Expand a mind - to help bring a family out of poverty.

Many thanks to all who donated towards this worthwhile campaign, making it so successful.

April 3rd - Jennifer Finel - A Cross in My Pocket

The meeting will be preceded by a short service of Holy Communion in the hall, especially for those who find Sunday Mornings too early.

Monday 8th April

Lady Day Service at 11am in the

RC Cathedral, Coulby Newham.

We have also just received a most generous bequest of £500 from the late Vera Winter, one of our members, who died last year. It is very kind of Vera to remember us in this way., She was always so keen to come to MU Meetings and show her support.

Elaine Brown, Secretary

Confirmation 2013

- Do you want to find out more about the Christian Faith?
- Do you want to say publicly that you are a Christian and be “confirmed” as part of God’s Church?
- Do you want your faith to play an important part in your life?

Then Confirmation may be for you.

We will be welcoming Bishop Gordon Bates on Saturday 15th June at 6pm at Christ Church to take our Confirmation Service.

If you are School Year 6 or above, then come along to a short introductory meeting on **Friday 19th April at 4.15pm in the Coffee Lounge**

If you can’t make this date, then please contact either Paul or Karen Peverell to express an interest. Email

revpev@btinternet.com

Any adults, from either Church, please contact Revd Geoff Jaques and see the information on the next page.



Discipleship for Dummies

A new short course for all who would like to either:

Learn more about our Faith

Refresh what they learned before

Prepare for Confirmation

Brush up on the Basics



**8 One hour sessions beginning
@ 8 o'clock on Monday 29th April**

To book your place or to find out more, contact
Rev. Geoff Jaques

Text or call: 07887573086 or Email: jaques132@gmail.com

Come & Praise on Sunday 14th April

Due to the Vintage Wedding Fayre at Christ Church, there will be no coffee at Christ Church after the 9.15am service. However, as St Margaret's RC Church have very kindly offered to host our **Come & Praise Service at I I am in St Margaret's Church** that day, they are also putting on Coffee beforehand and invite us to join them.

We thank them for their kind hospitality. Do come along to one or both of these events.

Bequest

Our sincere thanks to the late Vera Winter who has very kindly and generously left Christ Church £5,000 in her will. As you will read in the MU Notes, she also left £500 to them, and I gather there were other village organisations similarly remembered. How thoughtful of Vera to remember us all with such generosity.

AND THEN IT IS WINTER

You know. . . time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But, here it is... the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise... How did I get here so fast?

Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is... my friends are retired and getting grey... they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me... but, I see the great change... Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant... but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be. Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so... now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last... this I know, that when it's over on this earth... It's over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done.. .things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet... let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, what ever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life... so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember... and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY! HAVE A GREAT DAY.

It's A Constant Job

Looking after big buildings or an ancient Churches is like painting the Forth Bridge - you never stop, for as soon as you sort one problem, another one rears its head. Here in this Benefice (*A Group of Parishes under a Vicar*) we have three Church buildings and a large Church Hall. Two of our Churches are 12th Century, and all are Listed Building - All Saints Church 1, St Oswald's Church 2*, and Christ Church 2.

In Great Ayton we are fortunate in a large congregation at Christ Church to help maintain it and a very keen Custodian at All Saints Church in Roger Arkell, who works hard to keep this piece of local history open and in good repair.

At Newton under Roseberry we also have an ancient treasure in St Oswald's Church that is being more appreciated than before, but we also have a smaller population and congregation to maintain it, or raise funds for it.

St Oswald's has seen regular maintenance and improvements over recent years, including the pointing of the nave, decoration of the gallery area and a new lighting scheme to be installed shortly.

It's the unexpected items that cause the problems. Last year we lost a very old Horse Chestnut tree because of disease, and it had to be carefully removed. This year we are faced with the Church wall collapsing into the Memorial garden, caused by tree damage, and the PCC now have to decide whether to repair or remove the wall.



The PCC are also now taking on the responsibility for cutting the Churchyard grass. For many years this has been very generously carried out by Willis family at Snow Hall Farm, but increasing demands on the farm now make this impracticable. May we express our most sincere thanks to them for all they have done for many years, and may I also express my thanks to the team at St Oswald's who are working hard to keep things going and moving forward.

If you value our ancient Churches and want to see them remain in good repair for future generations to use and enjoy, then help make it so by giving your support now, or by remembering the Church in your Will.

BITE BACK AT HUNGER TOUR



with live music from Gareth Davies-Jones
performer, activist, campaigner and professional singer-songwriter

"Inspired and inspiring - honesty, depth and passion are the hallmarks of Gareth Davies-Jones' songs... a gem of an evening." Tony Charnock, Topic Folk Club, Bradford

Tuesday 16 April

Great Ayton

St Margaret Clitherow RC Church

Race Terrace, TS9 6NS

8pm

Refreshments will be provided

A multimedia presentation of real life stories, music and images from across the world. Come and be informed, inspired and equipped to put your faith into action to eradicate extreme poverty once and for all.

Supporting the **ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE IF** campaign.

To book a place RSVP by 9 April to Ann Davies on 01642 723986
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Stokesley School Youthworkers Report

As the end of term approaches we have enjoyed a few exciting weeks. We had our third annual visit from young people from Heritage Park, Texas. Over a week they served the school and community in an exciting week of activities and events, including a charity volleyball match, an informal coffee shop drop in and a Christian youth event in Stokesley with over fifty young people in attendance from a cross section of ages. During lesson times, the guests discussed faith with students and shared their own experiences. Our approach is always to help students explore their own thoughts and to consider the Christian gospel message.

Our Café Church has continued to be a success and we are excited by the openness of the different people who come along regularly. We have been blessed with the willingness too of the coffee shop staff who have commented how much they enjoy



our sessions there. Following on from this and our special event we are holding a May SI event in which we hope to see new people come and explore faith.

Exam season is coming up in May and we ask that you remember to pray for different age groups who are undertaking various exams.

Neil, Matty and Kayla

Recycling

Please remember to save all used stamps, printer ink cartridges (except Epsom), postcards, old mobile phones and foreign coins.

They can be left in the black box at the back of church (North aisle) and raise much needed funds for Children in Distress.

YORKSHIRE CANCER RESEARCH

Great Ayton & District Committee

A very big thank you to all the ladies and gentlemen who braved awful weather during the recent House to House Collection. The total collected was a marvellous £2,606.16p. Thank you to all who so generously donated. For several years, the ladies who used to collect in and around Ingleby Greenhow, Easby and Battersby have held a Coffee Morning in Ingleby Greenhow Village Hall. Another successful morning raised £1198.10p. many thanks to the ladies, the pupils who entertained everyone from the Bradley School of Dance and to everyone who so generously supported this event.



Thank you for all your support.

Margaret Stevens.

Dates for your diary.

Wednesday June 19th Parochial Hall 7:00pm.
Coffee Evening with Wensleydale Cheese Demonstration. £4.

Wednesday August 7th Coffee Morning at Mrs Sylvia Tanfield's.

Tuesday September 17th
Parochial Hall 7:00pm. Coffee Evening. Details to follow.

October 1st. Kildale Village Hall, Coffee Morning 10-12noon.

November 2nd Parochial Hall, Halloween Party 2-4pm.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The recent "Soup Lunch" was extremely successful - we served nearly 90 people and the event raised £703 which is really excellent. We had a few extra helpers and we are very grateful to them.

The "Box Opening" figure has now been finalised, and the amount from the boxes is £1815, which is, again, a splendid total.

A "House to House" collection will take place in the village between 13th - 27th April.

Our annual "Cake Bake", which usually takes place in May, will now be in June - date yet to be fixed, but details will be in next month's Spire.



Jancie Brown

DEAR MUM

I was the beginning
Born in the Spring
You gave me love
Amongst other things.

Like a new flower
I blossomed and grew
You gave me life
I owe it to you.

Without a blemish
Pure as driven snow
You watched over me
I'm thankful you know.

Learning wasn't easy
Sometimes an anxious mind
You were always there
A helping hand and kind.

A haven of security
You have given me
My time has come to fly
I must be free.

I will not forget you
Even to the end
My guardian angel
Mother and Best Friend.

Jean Cumbor
Written 1972.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

3rd March

Grace Libby Trueman



This young lady actually thanked me for Christening her and was a real charmer.

Christian Burial and Cremation

25th February
6th March
18th March
26th March
27th March

Angie Bottomley
Mavis Dawson
Ray Clark
Steph Helm
John German

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

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A Church Near You	www.acny.org.uk

HOW TO STAY YOUNG

1. Try everything twice.

On one woman's tombstone she said she wanted this epitaph:

"Tried everything twice. Loved it both times!"

2. Keep only cheerful friends.

The grouches pull you down. (Keep this in mind if you are one of those grouches!)

3. Keep learning:

Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever...

Never let the brain get idle. 'An idle mind is the devil's workshop.'

And the devil's name is Alzheimer's!

4. Enjoy the simple things.

5. Laugh often, long and loud.

Laugh until you gasp for breath.

And if you have a friend who makes you laugh, spend lots and lots of time with HIM /HER.

6.. The tears happen:

Endure, grieve, and move on.

The only person who is with us our entire life, is ourselves.

LIVE while you are alive.

7. Surround yourself with what you love:

whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever.. Your home is your refuge.

8. Cherish your health:

If it is good, preserve it.

If it is unstable, improve it.

If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.

9. Don't take guilt trips.

Take a trip to the mall, even to the next city, state, to a foreign country, but NOT to where the guilt is.

10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

"I love you, my special friend."

11. Forgive now those who made you cry. You might not get a second chance.

Remember! Lost time can never be found.

Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

(This came in the email, and I thought it, on the whole to be good advice. Hope you enjoy it. Thanks Stan!)

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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



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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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