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Journey with us to the New Life of Easter.

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- 2 **Wed** **Mothers Union Meeting at 2pm** - beginning with communion at 1.30pm
- 3 **Thurs** **Ayton Churches Lent Group** at 1.30pm in the Coffee Lounge
- 4 **Fri** **Marwood School Easter Service** at 11am in Church.
- 5 **Sat** **Wedding** in Christ Church at 12 noon
- 6 **Sun** **Lent 5** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am All Age Service at Newton followed by Annual Church Meeting.** **5pm Deanery Lent Address** with Bishop Gordon Bates at Stokesley Parish Church.
- 7 **Mon** **Ayton Churches Lent Group** at 1.30pm at the Methodist Church: **Holy Communion at Hollygarth** at 2pm. All Welcome.
- 11 **Fri** **Christ Church Visitors** at 1.45pm in Upper Room.

Holy Week & Easter

- 13 **Sun** **Palm Sunday** - 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Come & Praise; 6pm Memorial Service.
- 14 **Mon** All Welcome. 7.30pm Holy Communion
- 15 **Tues** Holy Communion at 7.30pm
- 16 **Wed** Holy Communion at 10am & 7.30pm
- 17 **Thurs** **Maundy Thursday** Commemoration of the Last Supper at 7.30pm
- 18 **Fri** **Good Friday.** Children's Workshops 10am - 12 noon: Good Friday Devotion from 1.30pm - 3pm.
- 19 **Sat** **Wedding at Saint Oswald's** at 12.30pm
- 20 **Sun** **Easter Day** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Come and Praise: **11am Holy Communion at Newton.**
- 27 **Sun** **Easter 1** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; Wedding Fair at Christ Church.

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



It's All Change

Life is full of change, of beginnings and endings, and change can be unsettling. Little in life remains the same. The village now is different to the village I moved into 21 years ago. Many lovely people have gone from our ranks, and several shops, services and clubs have disappeared from our village. But let's not forget, many lovely people have also moved into our village, new businesses have started up filling in the gaps, and going by Little Fishes, babies continue to be born.

We often don't like change and try to keep everything the same as we think it was, but such attempts are doomed to fail as life is changing all around us, and to survive we need to change too. For example, we may oppose the proposed superstore at Mill Riggs Farm in order to protect our village High Street, but even if successful things will not remain the same as more and more folk in Ayton use the Internet to shop without thinking of the village High Street. To maintain our goods and services Great Ayton will have to grow to give it more customers for its shops and services and enough children for its schools, otherwise change will come to us regardless, and that change may be decline.

Easter is the season that tells us not to fear change. On the night of the Last Supper the disciples remained with Jesus around the table fearing for the future. The familiar pattern they had known over the last three years was about to be turned upside down as Jesus was arrested, tried and crucified, and before they had time to cope with those events, Jesus was back again more alive than ever before.

From treading the paths of Galilee following in Jesus's shadow, the disciples then went on to walk the highways of the world taking the Good News of the Gospel Message to lands near and far. It wasn't the same as when Jesus was with them, and it certainly wasn't worse. It was challenging and dangerous and a whole new adventure that changed the world, but in all the changes and challenges they did experience, what helped them cope was knowing that the one thing that never changed was God's love for them and His promise to be with them.

Human beings have a great capacity for change, and what helps us cope is knowing that God has promised to be with us. If we keep Him and His values before us, we can have confidence for the future.

Happy Easter.

Paul

An Easter Experience

Our Sunday school experienced the events of Holy Week all in one day as they went through the various events leading up to Easter.



The entry into Jerusalem, so full of Hopes and Dreams of a new beginning. They were asked to think of what their hopes and dreams may be for the future and place a stone on the path to represent them.



On Maundy Thursday, Jesus showed the disciples how to serve one another by washing the disciples' feet. As they heard this story, they were asked to think how they could serve others, and then made a cross of water on the palm of their hands as a prayer that they may be of service.



Later on Jesus shared a supper with his friends and said to them that every time they shared bread and wine together, they were to remember him. As the children ate and drank they were asked to remember something about Jesus.



Jesus then went alone to the Garden of Gethsemane. The children sat quietly and recalled a time when they felt alone.



Jesus was arrested in the Garden, and after a hurried Trial overnight, was sentenced to die on a cross the following day.



The children held on to a small cross to remind them of Jesus' death, but also as a sign of hope for the future because he rose again. They thought of someone who needed help and then placed their cross at the foot of the large cross as their prayer.

The children then gathered outside the empty tomb as they heard the words of the angel that Jesus had risen. Easter shows us that death is not the end, but a new beginning. That is why we celebrate Easter by giving each other Easter eggs.



Our thanks to Karen for leading all the children on their Easter journey. May you find strength and joy in your journey as you travel to Easter.

Lent Activities

Get up with God Over Lent we have been gathering in Church early on a Friday morning (7am) for a simple Communion Service where a different member of our Church has given their personal view on one of the Five Marks of a Growing Church. All the speakers have been very good indeed, and you can still listen to their 5 minute talks on our Church website in the [Audio Section](#).



Following the service we join together in the Church Hall for a simple breakfast to set us on our way. There are still two more to go in April, so why not join us?

Deanery Lent Talks These have been a great success with excellent speakers, and are recorded for you to hear if you missed them, on our Church website. Still Bishop Gordon Bates to go on Sunday 6th April at 5pm in Stokesley Parish Church with **The Desire for Power and Control**.

Ayton Churches Lent Course

This has two sessions left to run this Lent. You can still join us as each session stands alone

Thursday 3rd April 1.30pm – 3pm Christ Church Hall
Jesus - Conqueror of death

Monday 7th April 1.30pm - 3pm Methodist Church
Jesus - Lord and brother

Easter Flowers



If anyone wishes to sponsor one of the Easter Flower arrangements, or donate an offering towards their cost, either in Christ Church or St Oswald's Church, please contact the following people.

Christ Church: Dulcie Jones 01642 722013.

St Oswald's: Maureen Rider 01287 632616

It is a nice way of remembering loved ones or giving thanks for special occasions, and it helps enhance our Easter worship and gives joy to lots of people.

Please note: a gentleman phoned Dulcie recently about flowers when she was out but unfortunately the phone didn't record his number. Please phone again.

A Great Success at the Coffee Morning

The annual Coffee Morning was very well supported with many stalls, lots of customers, and lots and lots of scones!

As well as having an enjoyable morning meeting friends and having a good chat, we also raised £1,435.35 towards Church Funds.

Our sincere thanks to Rosemary Wheway for pulling it all together and to all who supported in so many ways by running stalls, raffles, making coffee and scones and helping set up and clear away. Most importantly, thank you to all who came along to support it.



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

We had a very successful Box Opening Coffee Morning in February, with a lot of people attending and many boxes produced for counting. £319 was made on the morning, and the total Box Opening monies totalled £1,840.95 which is very good. Thanks to everyone who has popped their odd coins into their boxes during the year.



The "Cake-Bake" is our next event, and details will follow in the May Spire.

Jancie Brown

CHRIST CHURCH MEN'S GROUP

Thursday 3rd April at 7ish in the Royal Oak.

We welcome a speaker from our local Credit Union, David Allison, to our next meeting on Thursday 3rd April at The Royal Oak.

You'll recall the Archbishop of Canterbury encouraging all Christians to join their local Credit Union. I joined Tees Credit Union last week, so I hope you'll come along and find out what its all about - what is a Credit Union? how does it work? who needs one? how can I get involved?

We gather as usual around 7 o'clock, if you haven't been before do come and join us for a great evening of Food, Fellowship, Faith & Fun!

Geoff Jaques

Mothers' Union News

They say that laughter is the best medicine and we certainly had lots of it in our last meeting when Mrs Betty Brown, from Guisborough, came to tell us about 'Raising a Smile' and how she came to collate humorous poems, some of which she had written herself, into six books which raised funds for St. Nicholas' Church. We all, I think, went home feeling very uplifted.



There are two amendments to the programme:- The first is the theme for this year it is 'Sowing the Future Together' and now 'Help us Grow'. Secondly, as Christ Church is hosting the Deanery Advent service, it has been agreed that the branch service can be amalgamated with it. That is now on the 3rd December. No service on the 10th December.

On each of the branch meeting days Paul has kindly offered to take a short Communion Service at 1:30 before the meetings.

2nd April Bill Masters - Gilbert and Sullivan. (Bring your singing voices with you!)

6th May Ann Coppie - Arm Chair Exercises (No need to wear a leotard!)

Jean Goat and Lynda Walker

Make a Mother's Day

A total of £100 has been sent to the Make a Mother's Day appeal. Many thanks to all who contributed to this worthwhile cause

Annual Meetings

As both annual Church Meetings take place after this edition of Spire is sent to the printers, there will be a full report and details of elections next issue.

Could This be You?

Last month 5 members of Christ Church told of their experiences of a short course we ran last year for anybody who wanted to learn more about God's love through Jesus Christ and what it means to be a disciple. There were 10 people on that course, read below what the other 5 who came had to say afterwards:

Craig Cartwright said: *'I was initially slightly nervous and apprehensive about joining such a group. However I think it was a case of by week 8 it had only felt like we had just started and the course was already over!!'*

The group was led very ably by Margaret and Geoff who nurtured and encouraged all in the group wherever we were in our journey of faith. I would definitely recommend this to anyone who would like to explore their own faith with solid support from group members and a great leadership team!!'



Emma Stowell wrote: *'If you are curious about Christianity and what it means to be a Christian, definitely sign up. You will be able to ask the questions you've always wanted to, without feeling embarrassed and will meet people of different ages/backgrounds who will have numerous questions of their own.'*

The experience will open your mind and eyes to things that you never really put much thought into previously and you may even be surprised by the information you learn along the way!

The environment is very supportive and as the group learns together you will also begin to support each other throughout your individual journeys.'

Emma Wood writes: *'It has been an inspiring and reassuring exploration of Christian faith within a warm and friendly group. It has helped me to understand Christianity, and helped me to grow as I continue along my own journey of faith.'*





Grace Enderwick (pictured with granddaughter Molly) said: *'I've found it a real challenge which I have enjoyed and also the sense of belonging and interacting with a small group of people on a learning journey. I feel more confident and also a renewed energy into being able to go forward. Thank you'*

Mark Stowell says, *'One of the important things to remember as young Christians and members of the church is that you are not 'in' the way and certainly not 'alone'! You are important to God and the Church.*

So what does this course do for you? Yes, it helps you prepare for confirmation but more importantly it helps us to grow closer to God and to learn more about your faith in a safe and secure environment.

As you progress through the course you will realise pretty quickly that the Christian life is a bit like a journey! It's essentially the journey of a lifetime and is one of the best journey's we can make together! You'll also have a lot of fun and make lifelong friends along the way!



Geoff & Margaret will be starting the next course after Easter, so if you want to:

- ü Learn more about the Christian faith, or
- ü Join with others for fellowship along the Way, or
- ü Refresh what you learned before, or
- ü Explore the Christian story in a friendly open environment, or
- ü Brush up on the Basics

then maybe our 2014 Pilgrim group is for you!

Interested? Do get in touch to find out more, contact Margaret Lewis 722628 or Rev. Geoff Jaques Text or call: 07887573086 or Email: jaques132@gmail.com

SITUATIONS VACANT

We are looking for a successor to Jennifer Roberts to act as Office Secretary when she retires after 16 years in post at the end of May.



The position is to

- Provide secretarial support for the vicar
- Maintain files and records
- Publish service sheets etc as required
- Take and oversee Church Hall bookings
- Manage the day to day running of the Church Hall.

The position is for nine hours a week equally spread between Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings at £8.50 per hour. Holidays will be four weeks pro rata, but some will be expected to be taken in school holidays when the hall is not in use.

The successful candidate will need to be fully conversant with the Microsoft Office Products, be of cheerful disposition, discrete, enjoy meeting with people and able to run an effective office - and get on with the Vicar!

Job Description available on request. To apply, please respond via email to the Vicar, Revd Paul Peverell at revpev@btinternet.com stating clearly your experience and qualifications

Closing date for applications will be Thursday 17th April 2014 and interviews will take place in early May.

Coming Soon to a Service Near You!



We have recently appointed three new people to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at our services and have chosen three younger members of our Church. Mark Stowell, Vicky Gawthorpe and Neil Bradley will be taking it in turns at the different services of Holy Communion to help administer the chalice. All three are regular members of our congregation, and we thank them for accepting this new role. Do look out for them and welcome them to your service.

Concert 7.30pm Sunday 6th April
Michelmas Singers, dir. Thomas Neal
Les Chansonniers
L'HOMME ARMÉ

The choir will be joined by *Les Chansonniers*, an early music quintet based at York that performs songs and dances (mostly of 16th century French origin) on the instruments of the day.

This year is the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War, which is the prompt for a concert that reflects on various aspects of military conflict. It starts with the French song of the title (*The Armed Man*), which made its first appearance around 1453.

Teams Make a Clean Sweep

In March on consecutive weekends both Saint Oswald Church at Newton under Roseberry and Christ Church at Great Ayton were given thorough Spring Cleans.

Our thanks to the brave souls who scaled the heights to get the cobwebs down and to those who called out encouragement! Very Long handled brushes were used at Christ Church, whilst at Newton John clambered up a ladder clutching Henry Hoover!



We had very good turn outs at both Friday evenings (pictured) and also for the Saturday mornings when the washing and polishing took place.

To all who come, this does make such a difference and the cleanliness of our Churches is often remarked upon by visitors.

Our thanks to Maureen and Paul at Newton who gathered together a good team - including Long John Silver, and to Jan and Irene at Ayton who attracted one of the best turnouts I can remember in recent years.

The good work done at the Spring Clean is maintained throughout the year by volunteers. If you would be willing to help, then please see either the Churchwardens at Newton, or Jan Thompson or Irene Reah at Ayton



You Can Help Save a Life

There is one very easy and real way that you can help make the difference between Life and Death for someone, and that is to help with the annual Christian Aid Door to Door collection in the village. The money we raise makes significant differences in some of the poorest places on the planet and literally makes the difference for some between life and death.



Christian Aid week takes place 11th - 17th May and volunteers are needed to help collect from roads in our village. If you could spare some hours to do this and help make a difference, please contact Ynez Clarke on 01642 723181 or ynez53@yahoo.co.uk.

Now and Then

We were disturbed to hear last month, that the much appreciated magazine, Now & Then, was experiencing delivery problems as the Gazette would no longer deliver it alongside the Herald and Post.

Jim Knights had kindly agreed to deliver Now & Then in Great Ayton, but it is a huge undertaking, so we appealed for help in the last Issue of Spire.

I am delighted to say that the very good response we got said a huge amount about how both magazines are read and valued, so now Jim has a good team around him to help deliver the next issue. Thank you to all who responded so quickly.

The Contemplative Group went one Monday morning to The Friends to learn something about their history and their background.

We learnt that in the 1600s they were known as seekers and the first to travel around the country to draw them together was a young man by the name of Fox. Nevertheless, Carole Avison told us much more than that, we all felt her enthusiasm, and very much enjoyed her talk and if you would like to know more about The Friends then join us next time we go. The notice will be in the church and in Ayton's fish shop window.

Ann Browne

YORKSHIRE CANCER RESEARCH

Great Ayton & District Committee

The House to House Collection has raised over £2200 (few boxes still to be counted). A very big thank you to all the collectors and to everyone who gave so generously.



On a lovely morning at Ingleby Greenhow, some Bradley School of Dance pupils entertained a packed hall at the Coffee Morning. Many thanks to Celia and the ladies who organised this event, to Margaret, dancers and supporters and to everyone who came and enjoyed the morning. The total raised was £1,256-63.

FUTURE EVENTS

On Wednesday 25th. June, ladies from the Community Bakery at Bedale will give a talk and bring samples of bread for us to taste and enjoy. The evening will start at 7pm and after the talk, coffee and cakes will be served. More details to follow.

The annual Coffee Morning at the home of Mrs Sylvia Tanfield will be held on Wednesday 6th. August.

The Kildale Coffee Morning is booked for 7th. October 10-12 noon. "Not a Lunch" will be held in the Parochial Hall on Wednesday 19th. November.

We hope to see you at our future events, thank you for all your generous support.

Margaret Stevens

Musical Notes

Following a very successful and enjoyable trip to St George's Minster in Doncaster in July 2013, Christ Church Choir have been invited back to sing whilst the Minster Choir are on holiday. This year the choir will be singing at the Minster on 20th July 2014 for the I lam Sung Eucharist.

In addition the choir have also been invited to sing Choral Evensong at Ripon Cathedral on 27th September 2014 at 17:30.

More details will be forth coming nearer the time if you would like to come along to support the choir at these events.

Congratulations go to all the members of the choir for their dedication and hard work to produce the high standard needed to be invited to these venues.



York City Gospel Choir are returning to Christ Church on Saturday 10th May. Many of you came to hear them 3 years ago, we had a great evening, so do come and join us for their return concert.

All proceeds will be to support the Stokesley School Christian Youth Worker Project - in 2011 we raised over £1000, with your help we can raise even more this year.

Ticket Prices: Adults £8, Students £5, Families £20 (2 adults and up to 3 children)

The concert will begin at 7:30, the first half will be 45-50 minutes then after a 20 minute break during which light refreshments will be served, the second half will be 35-40 minutes.

YCGC will have CDs for sale.

Tickets are widely available - if in doubt ask Geoff Jaques

A vintage wedding scene featuring a white horse-drawn carriage with a bride and groom. The bride is wearing a white dress and a veil, and the groom is in a dark suit. They are surrounded by other people in formal attire. The background is a lush green garden. The text is overlaid on the image in various colors and fonts.

VINTAGE WEDDING FAYRE

Parochial Church Hall & Christ Church

Sunday 27th April 2014

from 12 noon - 4pm

Contact info@kissthebride.biz for details and booking

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

16th March

23rd March

Ella Rose Cowan

Nancy Elizabeth Willis

Jack Rigg

Holy Matrimony

21st February Sarah Beeforth and Robert Hill



Christian Burial and Cremation

5th March

7th March

12th March

25th March

31st March

Jean Fitzakerley

Mike Carter

Grace Bailey

Betty Skelton

John Burt

Services in Magenta at St Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry

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Stokesley Deanery	www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk
A Church Near You	www.acny.org.uk

Jewish Humour

Remember the old-time Jewish comedians of Vaudeville days - Shecky Green, Red Buttons, Totie Fields, Milton Berle, Henny Youngman, and others? You may have only heard of them, but don't we all miss their kind of humour? Not a single swear word in their comic routines like today:

* A car hit an elderly Jewish man. The paramedic says, "Are you comfortable?" The man says, "I make a good living."

* I just got back from a pleasure trip. I took my mother-in-law to the airport.

* I've been in love with the same woman for 49 years. If my wife finds out, she'll kill me!

* Someone stole all my credit cards, but I won't be reporting it. The thief spends less than my wife did.

* We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.

* My wife and I revisited the hotel where we spent our wedding night. This time I was the one who stayed in the bathroom and cried.

* The Doctor gave a man six months to live. The man couldn't pay his bill, so the doctor gave him another six months.

* The Doctor called Mrs. Cohen saying, "Mrs. Cohen, your check came back." Mrs. Cohen replied, "So did my arthritis!"

* Doctor: "You'll live to be 60!" Patient: "I AM 60!" Doctor: "See! What did I tell you?"

* Patient: "I have a ringing in my ears. "
 Doctor: "Don't answer!"

Many thanks Stan. See you soon.

Editor of Spire

Paul Peverell

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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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