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All Change on the High Street

Thompson's Hardware are moving around the corner, as Great Ayton sees big changes in the High Street.

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- 1 Wed All Saints Committee** at 7.30pm.
- 4 Sat Who Let The Dads Out** 10am - 12 noon in Coffee Lounge.
- 5 Sun Trinity 16** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am Holy Communion at St Oswald's.**
- 6 Mon Holy Communion at Hollygarth** at 2pm. All welcome.
- 12 Sun Trinity 17** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am Come & Praise Service**; 4pm Church Parade Service - All Welcome.
- 15 Wed Fabric Committee** at 7,30pm.
- 17 Fri Christ Church Visitors** at 1.45pm: 7.30pm Harvest Service at Saint Oswald's Church, Newton under Roseberry.
- 19 Sun Trinity 18** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion **11am All Age Service at St Oswald's.**
- 22 Wed Church Hall Meeting** at 7.30pm in the Upper Room.
- 24 Fri Marwood School Harvest** in Christ Church at 11am.
- 26 Sun Last Sunday after Trinity** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion. **11.15am Holy Baptism.**
- 29 Wed Captain Cook Service** in All Saints at 12 noon .

Regular activities on back page

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



An Increasingly Religious World

We are living in what is becoming an increasingly religious world. From our own experience in this country, we can see the advances of secularism and it's easy to assume that the rest of the world is following us, with faith being marginalised.

The truth is different. Outside of Western Europe, most societies are seeing an increase in religious affiliation. At present around 75% of the world's population adhere to a religion, with Christianity and Islam being the dominant two. By 2050 the number of religious people is expected to grow to 80% of the world's population.

If we are to understand people we need to understand the religion that makes them tick. This makes RE one of the most important lessons that can be taught in schools today, as well as engaging positively through collective worship and assemblies, if we are not to remain ignorant of each other.

In the Middle East we are seeing conflict growing with religion at its heart, as the fighters of the "Islamic State" seek to impose a new Caliphate on ancient lands. They are driving ancient communities of Christians and others, through force and fear, from lands they have lived in for 2,000 years or more. The scenes of barbarity and brutality are quite shocking, and what ever we see on TV is but the tip of the iceberg.

It has been said by several writers that these fanatics - who are feared as much by mainstream Muslims - are seeking to fulfil the end time prophecies preparing the way for the end of the world. Christians, Yazidis and others will be expelled from the Middle East - and then they will turn to the Jews! If the Islamic State get too strong, then we have even bigger worries ahead.

As Christians, we have seen several end time sects in our own faith who claim the end of the world, and these things tend to have a violent end. In 1993 in Waco, Texas, 76 followers of David Koresh and the Branch Davidians met a violent end in a siege and fire. The dead included families of women and children too.

How do we combat such goings on? Well you can fight force with force, and we are seeing an alliance based on America drop more and more bombs on the area. Sadly this may be the lesser of two evils, for if not stopped in their tracks all the Christians will soon be eradicated from the Middle East. It's easy to criticise force, but its hard to stand back when you see such suffering.

The bigger battle though, is to fight against ignorance, and that can only be done with knowledge. We need to know what they believe, and most importantly what we believe too, and put all these beliefs under scrutiny. Religion is not about believing 10 impossible things before breakfast each day. It needs to be thought through and details checked, for who wants to live and die for a falsehood.

We also need to ensure that the Church remains strong and confident, for the message of Jesus of Nazareth is the hope of peace for the world today. It will do none of us a service if the Christian voice with its call for peace and reconciliation is either silenced or misrepresented.

That is why here at Christ Church through our *Giving in Grace* initiative we are looking to ways to strengthen our own Church community here in Great Ayton. We are also are trying to help ensure that the Church remains even in the poorer areas of our Diocese by supporting the provision of clergy there too. In addition, we are seeking to do our bit to support Christians overseas who are going through such trials. We have been blessed in so many ways living in Great Ayton and belonging Christ Church, that we want to reach out with that blessing to others.

Our *Giving in Grace* initiative began last month, and we are inviting all who share our vision to join with us in ensuring the Church's voice and presence remain strong. We can't be responsible for others, but we can ensure we do our bit.

Paul

Please note: From 1st October we have to dial the area code (01642) before all local calls on landlines. Please could contributors to Spire include these from now on. Thank you

How To Give

Our Church is here even on the Sundays we don't come. As well as the Sunday Services we reach out to others in the community through Christenings, Weddings and Funerals, School Assemblies and visits, Prayer, Bible Study Groups, visits to hospitals and homes, Services at Hollygarth, involvement in Community Activities, Support for numerous charities home and overseas And so the list goes on.

If we want to support this work, our Giving should be...

Regular A sign of commitment is ensuring our Giving comes even when we don't. We can do this by either using the dated Weekly Offering Envelopes or by making a Standing Order with our Bank and give the same amount each week or month. If we don't do this we may end up giving weakly instead!



Our new year of envelopes start on 2nd November. If you would like a set to use, please contact Jean Goat on 01642 723 274. To set up a Bankers Order, contact Ken Taylor, our Treasurer on 01642 722 400 or email ek.recess@talktalk.net

Realistic This means giving a realistic amount to the Church. A £1 coin may seem big to a child (unlikely, but go with me) but take it shopping and it goes nowhere. Our Giving should reflect our generosity. It should be a response to how blessed we feel we are. As I drive back into Great Ayton and see Roseberry Topping and Captain Cooks Monument before me, I constantly give thanks that I live here. I feel similar thoughts when I go out to other Churches. We are so blessed.

Responsible Money is hard to come by, that is why as a Church we work to reduce unnecessary expenditure where possible so we can maintain our generosity. As individuals we can help by maximising our gift where we can by Gift Aiding our giving if we are a UK Tax Payer. By simply signing a Gift Aid declaration we can add 25p to every £1 we give. If we are giving by Weekly Envelopes or Bankers Order, this is easy to monitor and adds considerably to our Gift. If we do ever give spontaneously, perhaps at a funeral or wedding, always look for the yellow Gift Aid Envelopes in the pews. If we all did this all the time, it would make a significant difference at no extra cost to us. To set up a Gift Aid declaration, contact Sheila Levett 01642 723 034.

We can only be generous as a Church because we have so many people willing to be generous to us. Thank you all so much. Together we make a significant difference for good in the world

How Are You?

How do you respond when someone asks “How are you?” Do you gauge that the questioner is only being polite and requires a routine answer of “fine,” “not too bad” or “very well thank you.” Or do you reckon that a more detailed account of your various problems is called for?



Correspondence in a national newspaper recently revealed a variety of responses people had come across. They included....

“How long have you got?”

“Up and down like Tower Bridge.”

“Another day nearer death.”

“Right side of the turf.”

“One foot in the grave and the other on a banana skin.”

“Not much better for your asking, thank you.”

“All right down one side.”

Quoting a character from Star Trek: “My biological and psychological systems are functioning within normal parameters.”

At Grimsby Baptist Church the congregation is encouraged to reply: “Better than I deserve, “ reflecting God’s grace.

One cynic wrote: “A bore is a man who, when asked how he is, tells you.”

Perhaps the oddest thing is when you bump into a friend in the waiting room at the doctor’s surgery and he/she asks how you are. After all, if you were in good fettle you would not be there.

Malcolm Race



A great start for young children (0-5yrs) and their Dads who enjoyed spending time together in the Coffee Lounge for our first meeting of "Who Let The Dads Out?" The bacon butties were especially well received by the Dads. It was a great opportunity for children and their Dads to get to know each other and to have fun together. The Play Dough went down particularly well, encouraged by Adrian!

We meet again on **Saturday 4th October @ 10 o'clock** - look out for the banner during the week before.



Aliens in Ayton?



Passers by could have been forgiven that aliens had landed at Christ Church as suited figures (blue, not green) moved around the Church entering a plastic bubble.

The explanation was far more mundane. They were workmen removing asbestos from the boiler house.

For many years we have been aware that we have had crumbling asbestos around the pipes in the long defunct boiler house at Church. We have managed the situation by locking the door securely and displaying warning notices. The PCC believed that the time had come that we had to grasp the nettle and pay to have it removed, rather than leave it to another generation to deal with.

Because it is such a health hazard, it has to be removed under strict conditions. This has cost us just over £5,300 , but is a job well done.



Mothers' Union News

What a fascinating meeting we had in September with Rev Ann Heading telling us about her 'Life before Ministry'. She told us about her studies of DNA in plants in a humorous way and how long it took to work her scientific experiments - dissecting 500 grains of wheat then going on to working with tics! She kept us all enthralled.

Next month will probably differ from the programme but the meeting is still going ahead with something else organized and a communion Service held by Paul at 1:30 before our meeting.

Again this year we shall be collecting items for the Womens Refuge and also the Seafarers. If anyone would like to donate anything it may be given to Jean Goat, Angela Jaques or myself, Lynda Walker. I will take them to their respective places at the end of November/beginning of December. Many thanks. **Lynda Walker**

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The annual "Cards for Christmas" coffee morning will take place on Saturday, 11th October, from 10am in the Methodist Church coffee lounge - entry is £1.50. Several charities will be there selling their cards and other merchandise.



On Wednesday, 22nd October, I am holding my annual Bridge Drive in the Parochial Hall at 7pm - tickets are available from me @ £7 per person, to include refreshments (Tel: 01642 723873).

Jancie Brown

BIG Changes in the High Street



Nat West Bank

A big shock was the unexpected news that our last remaining bank is closing down on 1st December. Changes in banking practices from hole in the wall cash machines and cash back at local stores, together with Internet banking, have made a physical bank non viable in a community of almost 5,000. Now customers will have to travel to Stokesley - and hopefully be fit enough to make the steps!

The warning is to ensure we support the Post Office that still provides some financial services, together with a friendly face to serve you.

Seasons Ladies Fashions



The shop on Park Square that took over from Mary Petch selling ladies fashions has closed down due to retirement. We wish David Lax and his staff all the best for the future and thank them for the service given over the years.

Christmas Opening in the Village



On Thursday, 6th November, many of the village shops and cafes will have a late night Christmas opening until 8pm. Given that chocolate Santas and Mince Pies appeared in September, this is relatively quite near Christmas, so pop along and support our stores get into the Christmas spirit.



**NEW
START
FOR
THOMPSONS
HARDWARE**

Thompson's Hardware moved onto Great Ayton High Street 44 years ago, having formerly been in Newton Road where Sam's Bakery is now. For Billy Thompson, it was a big risk taking on such a large shop, but it soon became an indispensable part of the village.

Billy had an Aladdin's cave out the back, and if you came in saying "You won't have one of these, will you?" he would disappear through the back and return like the genie moments later clutching what you wanted in his hand!

Richard started in the business 32 years ago, working alongside his father, and then taking on the shop when Billy retired. The Aladdin's cave was incorporated into the shop, and if you can't find what you want, it's usually there by the next day. Thompson's Hardware is a store where service and courtesy to customers are still very much in evidence.

As well as being the source of all our hardware needs, Thompson's also kindly acts as Box Office to many concerts in the village, for which many are grateful.

As the lease on their present premises comes to an end, **Thompson's Hardware are moving into Park Square this month** to take over Seasons shop. We wish them every success in this exciting new beginning. Call in and see them.

The former shop, owned by the Co-op, will be incorporated into the present store.

A Prayer focus for Christ Church

Monday 6th – Friday 10th October

Many people are grateful that Christ Church can be open daily. Many come in to say a prayer. During this particular week we hope that all who have a connection with our church will come in to spend some quiet time in the four “corners” arranged to highlight - *Prayer for the world and its areas of conflict* - *Prayer for each other (the church family)* – *God’s gift of creation* – *The Cross and our response*.



There will also be times when prayers are said together during the day beginning with Morning Prayer at 9.00 am (not Tuesday or Wednesday)

At 12 noon the prayers will be for areas of conflict throughout the world.

The prayer spotlight at 5.30 pm will change each day.

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| Monday | 6 Oct | 9.00 am | 12.00 noon | 5.30 pm |
| Tuesday | 7 Oct | Little Fishes | 12.00 noon | 5.30 pm |
| Wednesday | 8 Oct | 10.00 am H/C | 12.00 noon | 5.30 pm |
| Thursday | 9 Oct | 9.00am | 12.00 noon | 5.30 pm |
| Friday | 10 Oct | 9.00 am | 12.00 noon | 5.30 pm |

Lord, we come as your people; we come as your friends.
We come together. We come as we are. We come to be made one.
We come to worship and pray that we might go in your name. Amen

Enid Sedgwick

The prayer morning to be held at the **Friends Meeting House**, High Green, on **Monday 20 October** will be a morning of imaginative contemplation guided by Fiona Fidgin, from St. Antony’s Priory, Durham – an opportunity to be part of a group making discoveries about a different way into a time of prayer. For more information and details of times please contact

Pip Nel St. Margaret’s RC Church

Dorothy Sills G/A Methodist Church

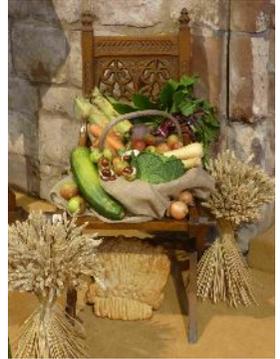
Enid Sedgwick Christ Church

NEWTON NEWS

We have moved our **Harvest Service** to Friday 17th October at 7.30pm in Saint Oswald's. We welcome as our Preacher Revd Paul Hutchinson, the Rector of Stokesley.

As usual, our service will be followed by a Faith Supper in Church, so please bring finger food to share and/ or a bottle of wine.

Our Harvest gifts in thanksgiving for all God gives to us will go to help the work of **Together Middlesbrough**, who support the poor just down the road from when we live. The PCC decided to go local as many appeals have gone abroad.



Our All Age Service on Sunday 19th October will be taken by Revd Sarah Strand, the new curate of Stokesley, as the Vicar has been invited to preach at the Captain Cook Service in St Mary's, Whitby.

Lychgate Light

We have applied for permission to install a light in the lychgate at St Oswald's to help on the darker evenings - primarily for Harvest and Christmas, but we do have a December wedding also.

Weddings We have been delighted to welcome eleven couples for weddings at Saint Oswald's Church this year, and Christ Church have had a similar number. It has been a pleasure getting to know the couples beforehand and be part of their special day.



Using our Churches more for such occasions not only helps us build links with other people, it also aids the finances of both Churches. May we record our special appreciation to Andrea and her team at Whinstone View Wedding Venue who encourage many couples to look our way.

YORKSHIRE CANCER RESEARCH

Great Ayton & District Committee

Quiz Night on October 5th at 7pm in the Conservative Club. Please contact Mike Myers on 01642 722637 for tickets.



Kildale Coffee Morning on 7th October 10am - 12 noon in Kildale Village Hall. Cakes, Cards, Crafts & Jams.

"Not a Lunch" 19th November at 12:30pm in Christ Church Hall, Great Ayton. Tickets £10.

Margaret Stevens

Guisborough Choral Concert

After the success of its Midsummer Melodies concert in June, Guisborough Choral Society is preparing to present its autumn concert on Saturday October 18, 7.30pm. in St. Nicholas Church, Guisborough. The highlight of the evening will be Robert Schumann's intensely-moving Requiem. Written in 1852, only four years before the composer's own death at the age of 46, this is a rarely-performed but stunningly beautiful work that the choir feels should be much better known. The programme will also include, Jan-Dismas Zelenka's Magnificat, and motets by Anton Bruckner, whose short sacred pieces include some of the Austrian composer's most tender and heartfelt music.

Tickets are available from Guisborough Bookshop and Greensleeves Music (both in Chaloner St., Guisborough), www.wegottickets.com, or on the door. Prices are £10, £8 concessions, £1 under-19s. Further information from the Publicity Officer on 0790 55 22 918

Love in a Box Appeal 2014

Can you help in bringing Christmas to thousands of poor children in Romania? If so, Sylvia and Peter would love to hear from you.



The annual Children in Distress Christmas Shoe box appeal was on the point of being cancelled as no-one could be found to run the collecting depot at Preston's of Potto. At the 11th hour Sylvia and Peter stepped forward to offer, but they will need help in sorting and packing the boxes.

If you could spare a couple of hours when needed over November, then please contact them **NOW** to offer your help, by calling Peter and Sylvia on 01642 722 312 or email pete@peterrobinson1.plus.com

We shall have our own Love in a Box Service at Christ Church on **Sunday 16th November at 4pm**, and invite all local Churches and schools to join us, enabling one pick up point in the area.

The reward is knowing you are putting smiles on many faces at Christmas.

THE ELIJAH APPEAL

Having heard the dreadful news of thousands of Christians being forced from their homes in Iraq by the forces of "Islamic State", we started a collection in Church to help them.

I am pleased to report that we have sent two cheques off for £4,378 and £115 respectively from Christ Church, Great Ayton and Saint Oswald's Church, Newton under Roseberry. We have sent the money to the Fellowship for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East, which is run by Canon Andrew White, the Vicar of Baghdad, for he and his team are working where it is all happening and can get help where it is needed most.

Many thanks to all who contributed and supported this appeal.

Wines for Christmas

I attended a most enjoyable wine tasting evening in Great Ayton last month run by Mike Sharman who has trained in knowledge of wines (A sommelier!) and who lives in the village. If you are like me, you never quite know if the bottle you are buying is a good one or not, so expert advice is helpful. I asked Mike if he could put together a special deal for Christmas for Spire Readers, and here it is. Paul.

PS if 12 bottles are too many, why not share 6 each with a friend.

Would you like some decent Wine for Christmas? Not only will you get free delivery you will be buying from local independent wine merchant Mike Sharman of *Sharman Wines*.

A 12 bottle festive case consists of 3 reds and 3 whites , 2 bottles each of the following

Reds

Les Coteaux Cotes du Rhone (France)
Borsao Garnacha (Spain)
Vista TR (Portugal)



Whites

False Bay Sauvignon Blanc (South Africa)
Mirabello Pinot Grigio (Italy)
Piemonte Chardonnay (Italy)

Special Christmas offer price of £78 for 12 bottles. You can contact Mike on 0753 1177 733 or via his website <http://www.sharmanwines.co.uk/> where you can see the full list with tasting notes if you would like to try other wines .



Mike Sharman

Wedding Gallery



Steven Parker & Kathleen Roberts married at St Oswald's on 30th August



Lisa & Andy Grainge whose marriage was blessed at Christ Church on 30th August



Chris Palmer & Phoebe Dye married at Saint Oswald's on 6th September



Harriet Richardson & Mark Beeforth married at Christ Church on 6th September



Daniel Bishara & Vicky Rollinson married at Christ Church on 12th September



Charlotte Ward & Freddy Galliers-Pratt married at Christ Church on 19th July

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

31st August

Matthew Alexander Cross

Abigail Joy Swales

Mia Elizabeth Swales

Chloe Louise Swales

7th September

Kai David Harland

14th September

Lily Ivy Gawthorpe

21st September

Isla Christiana Davison

Jake Andrew Sykes

Millie Louise Clarke



Abigail, Mia and Chloe Swales with
mum and dad, Dan and Lucie, at their
Christening

Holy Matrimony

30th August

Stephen Parker & Kathleen Roberts

Andy & Lisa Grainge (Blessing)

6th September

Phoebe Dye & Chris Palmer

Mark Beeforth & Harriet Richardson

12th September

Daniel Bishara & Vicky Rollinson

Christian Burial and Cremation

28th August

José Cowen

17th September

Nancy Bulmer

22nd September

John Houghton

Entries in Magenta took place at St Oswald's Church, Newton under Roseberry

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

Out of the Mouths of Babes...

One summer evening during a violent thunderstorm a mother was tucking her son into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, 'Mummy, will you sleep with me tonight?' The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. 'I can't dear,' she said. 'I have to sleep in Daddy's room.' A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice: 'The big sissy.'

It was that time, during the Sunday morning service, for the children's sermon. All the children were invited to come forward. One little girl was wearing a particularly pretty dress and, as she sat down, the minister leaned over and said, 'That is a very pretty dress. Is it your Easter Dress?' The little girl replied, directly into the minister's clip-on microphone, 'Yes, and my Mum says it's a bitch to iron.'

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him 'How do you expect to get into Heaven?' The boy thought it over and said, 'Well, I'll run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, 'For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!''

. A little boy was doing his math homework. He said to himself, 'Two plus five, that son of a bitch is seven. Three plus six, that son of a bitch is nine....' His mother heard what he was saying and gasped, 'What are you doing?' The little boy answered, 'I'm doing my math homework, Mum.' 'And this is how your teacher taught you to do it?' the mother asked 'Yes,' he answered. Infuriated, the mother asked the teacher the next day, 'What are you teaching my son in maths?' The teacher replied, 'Right now, we are learning addition.' The mother asked, 'And are you teaching them to say two plus two, that son of a bitch is four?' After the teacher stopped laughing, she answered, 'What I taught them was, two plus two, THE SUM OF WHICH, is four.'

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The Parishes of Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry

Services

Christ Church, Great Ayton

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| 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

Baptisms, Banns and Weddings can be arranged in person at Christ Church Vestry on **Fridays from 6pm - 7pm** where the clergy are present. Or make an initial contact by emailing the Vicar, Paul Peverell at revpev@btinternet.com



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Church Hall Office

For **Church Hall bookings**, please contact the Church Office **Tel 01642 722 665** on **Monday, Thursday or Friday 9 am - 12 noon, or leave a message.**

Email. gapo1876@outlook.com (For services or pastoral matters, please contact the vicar as this phone isn't manned every day)