

# *The Ecclesiastical Parish of Great Ayton with Easby*

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## **Annual Report 2014**



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### **PCC as at February 2015**

**Ex Officio:** Clergy - Revd Paul Peverell, Revd Geoff Jaques & Revd Jon Dean:  
Readers - Margaret Lewis & Peter Titchmarsh: Churchwardens Martin  
Simmons & Vicki Nath

**Deanery Synod Reps:** Rosemary Wheway, Nick Land, Rob Pepper, Robin  
Harmar, Craig Cartwright,

**PCC Members:** Ken Bellamy, Julie Bourke, Mark Stowell, Alison Lambert,  
Enid Sedgwick, , Eric Boyce, Caroline Legg, Vicky Gawthorpe.

# A Word from the Vicar



As we look back on 2014 my feeling is one of thankfulness for the many positives we have seen in the life of our Church.

We saw the retirement of some long-standing Church Officers and workers. Rosemary stood down as Churchwarden and Ken Bellamy as Vice Chairman of the PCC. I have always valued their wise counsel over the years. In the Church Office, Jennifer Roberts also took a well deserved retirement. Getting the right people into roles is always the most important thing, and we have done well with Vicki Nath becoming Churchwarden, Rosemary kindly keeping her experience in use as Vice Chairman, and Sarah Botez has brought a cheerful efficiency into the office - even coping with Windows 8! All joining a first rate team who serve our Church.

In the life of our Church we have seen blessings in many ways

- Whilst numbers at traditional services have dropped slightly, overall they have been maintained by increases in the new services and ventures, like Come & Praise, Little Fishes, Alternatives and Who Let the Dads Out.
- We have had a most successful Giving in Grace campaign, to help further the work of our Church both within and outside of our Parish, helping us maintain our generous response to the Diocese.
- We have seen great increases in weddings (22) in the patch, and even at Christ Church (11), giving us the privilege to be part of people's lives. We celebrate this too with all the Baptisms (32) and Funerals (43) as people still see Christ Church as an important part of their lives.
- We have had an appeal to help Syrian Christians, and the most successful Christmas Appeal ever, this time for Roseberry School in Darjeeling, India, which contributed to over £34,000 for charity in the year.
- We have had many good services here, and have been able to share our blessings with others as the staff help out at other Churches.

My thanks to all the people who help in so many ways in making Christ Church such a lively Church. Come along and hear more our Annual Church Meeting on **Wednesday 18th March in the Parochial Hall at 7.30pm** and show your support.

**Paul Peverell, Vicar**

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# **The Parish of Great Ayton with Easby**

## **MINUTES of The Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

Present (36) Reverend Paul Peverell (Vicar/Chairman)  
Mike Acornley, Ken Bellamy, Julie Bourke, Craig Cartwright, Jeanne Crombie, Jean Cumbor, Helen Dickinson, Victoria Gawthorpe, Margaret Herriman, Geoff Jaques, Alison Lambert, Margaret Lewis, Betty Manton, Jean Mitchell, Vicki Nath, Nicky Pepper, Rob Pepper, Margaret Petrie, Audrey Prunty, Malcolm Race, Jean Robinson, David Rowland, Enid Sidgewick, Martin Simmons, Christine Smailes, Emma Stowell, Mark Stowell, Ken Taylor, Peter Titchmarsh, Pauline Titchmarsh, Rosemary Wheway, Ann Whittaker, Dorothy Wood, Gordon Wood, Anna Wilson.

Apologies (20) were received from:

Eleanor Batch, Eric Boyce, Mary Boyce, Audrey Collins, Jo Dean, Jon Dean, John Dickinson, Robin Harmer, John Huddleston, Maureen Hudson, Ben Lambert, Nick Land, Caroline Legg, Ron Mitchell, Angela Jaques, Andrew Prunty, Peter Prunty, Elsa Taylor, Jonathan Winterschladen, Vivienne Winterschladen.

### **Meeting of Parishioners**

The Vicar welcomed everyone to the meeting which began with a Bible reading and a prayer.

### **Election of Churchwardens**

- The Vicar spoke of how we serve the church and then hand on the baton.
- We would like to acknowledge the 'retirement' of Rosemary Wheway who is retiring as churchwarden – she has carried out the role in a quiet and self effacing, but super efficient manner. We propose to say a special thank you to Rosemary on Easter day for all she has done in the last 8 years, but for the time being we gave a huge round of applause.
- We are grateful to say that we have two nominations for Churchwarden for this year.
- We welcome Martin Simmons back after a good year last year and welcome Vicki Nath to the team.
- Vicki Nath had been proposed by Rosemary Wheway and seconded by Ken Taylor.
- Martin Simmons had been proposed by Eric Boyce and seconded by Enid Sedgwick.
- There were no further nominations and they were duly elected and welcomed as Churchwardens for the coming year.

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

Those present, who are on the electoral roll, were invited to stay for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

### **Apologies for Absence**

- A list of the names of people giving apologies was read out.

### **Minutes of Meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

- The minutes of last year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting had been circulated with the Annual Report. It was noted that Mrs Jean Cumbor was present but not recorded.
- The minutes were proposed by Gordon Wood and seconded by Martin Simmons. All agreed.

### **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

### **Electoral Roll Report**

Alison Lambert reported that following the revision of the roll for 2014, which closed on 9<sup>th</sup> March, the number appearing on the Roll is now 287, a net increase of 17 for the year. This net increase is due to 22 new applications being accepted, 1 member being added through the year as their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday was reached and 6 names being removed from the list. There are still a significant number of church members who are not on the Roll. Applications for enrolment can be accepted after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting and throughout the year not just at the Annual Revision. Thanks were expressed to Alison for her work on the Electoral Roll. The number on roll affects the number of places on the Deanery Synod and as the number on roll is now below 300 we have one less place on the Deanery Synod.

### **Presentation of the Annual Report for 2013**

The Annual Report for 2013 has been published and distributed in several formats, including on the website and in paper copy. Thanks were given to all those who have contributed their written words to the Annual Report but also for all the work that they carry out during the year to make Christ Church such an active and lively church. Formal adoption of the report was proposed by Ken Taylor and seconded by Martin Simmons and agreed by all present.

## **Financial Report & Presentation of the Audited Accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013**

Ken Taylor presented the financial report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013 – full details of the income and expenditure are available in the Annual Report.

The Parish Share has been replaced by The Freewill Offering.

The Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme has started.

There has been a record level of charitable giving this year – £36,773 paid out to approximately 50 different organisations.

New tax changes mean that we have to operate as a small business.

Highlights of the financial year were:

- o Unrestricted surplus = £4,362
- o Restricted deficit = £3,689
- o There is £51,525 in reserves

Ken Taylor gave a brief overview of the budget for 2014-2015.

- o Details of the budget set were outlined.
- o This includes £82,500 to be given as our Parish Freewill Offering to the Diocese and £13,700 for projects which need to be carried out urgently. Projects include the removal of asbestos from the old boiler house, the refurbishment of the bells and the upgrading of the church electrics.
- o Based on the budgeted income and expenditure, it shows that the in-year accounts will show an £8,000 deficit – as the accounts have run with significant surpluses for a number of years this allows a deficit budget to be set.

The finances were proposed by Ken Bellamy, seconded by Gordon Wood and all were in favour.

Ken expressed his sincere thanks to the Sidespeople and Helen Dickinson, Sheila Levett and Jean Goat who all help him to manage the church's money. Thanks were given to the 194 members of planned giving schemes, 155 of which also gift-aid. Ken made a request that, when shopping on line, you register on the [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) site as this will donate an amount to your chosen charity each time you make a purchase.

The Vicar thanked Ken Taylor for all his work on the accounts – it was acknowledged that every year work on the finances has become more and more involved and complicated and it is very much appreciated that church is in such good hands.

## **Child Protection Report**

The Child Protection Report from Gail Juckes was read to the meeting: 'Safeguarding' or 'Child Protection' remains an important part of the Church's commitment and 'Protecting All God's Children' is our policy from the Diocese of York. At Christ Church we have adapted and adopted this policy and a copy is available at the back of the church.

Legislation requires that anyone applying for a position in the church which involves significant contact with children has to be checked by the DBS (formerly CRB) before taking up any employment, paid or unpaid. If the contact with children is only occasional, a Confidential Declaration is all that is necessary. As Child Protection Officer, I keep up to date with the changes in Child Protection legislation and keep records checked. All information on the DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) and the Declaration Forms is confidential and safely stored.

The Diocese of York provides a consultant, Sue Roughton, and a part-time in-house advisor, Sarah Harrison, who may be contacted on 07551 124951 by parishes or members of the public or via me if anyone has any concerns referring to children within our parish.

The Vulnerable Adult policy now deems that Church Visitors are not required to complete a DBS form.

## **The Vicar's Comments**

The Vicar gave his report for the past year:

27 baptisms and 1 Thanksgiving Service, some of which were beamed to Sweden, Canada and other places.

12 weddings in 2013 with 11 weddings and 1 blessing booked for 2014

Christ Church hosts its own wedding fair and this gives the opportunity to break down barriers and introduce people to a friendly church

31 church funerals and 21 crematorium funerals

Little Fishes continue to thrive and are well supported

Sunday School has good attendances and a host of interesting activities.

Teachers at local schools say they can tell who comes to Sunday School as they are able to answer the R.E. questions !!

Come and Praise is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month with additional dates for Easter and Mothering Sunday. One Sunday last year Come and Praise was in Saint Margaret's as Christ Church was being used for a wedding fair.

Other special services were held throughout the year for children and families, Good Friday workshops, Garden Service, Love in a Box, Christingle, Church Parade.

Confirmation Service was taken by Bishop Gordon Bates – several candidates came through our Discipleship Group

Archbishop Sentamu came to the Stokesley Deanery Service, hosted in Christ Church in September.

Another successful praise and party service was held in September.

A wonderful weekend at Wydale was enjoyed by a number of congregation members.

An enjoyable coffee morning, a charity auction, a choir concert and a memorial concert have been held.

Attendances at Christmas has increased – particularly the Crib Service – although average weekly attendance is falling slightly.

Church reached out with regular monthly collections for the foodbanks in addition to Harvest. These collections are taken each month by Gordon & Dorothy Wood.

Our charitable giving has included Special appeals for charities, PCC giving, as well as church based charity groups, eg the Children's Society.

Church also reach out with visits to people from our church visitors, involvement with local school, participation in community activities (eg helping in the Discovery Centre, participating in the Panto), civic services. The church supports the community.

Nick Land has stepped down from running the Firm and Neil Harris has been joined by Julie Bourke, Helen Dickinson and Claudia Kirby.

Ann Whittaker stepped down as Foundation Governor at Marwood School after approximately 30 years and was replaced by Vicky Bradley.

Roger Arkell retired after 18 years as Custodian of All Saints Church and we await news as to who will be the new Custodian.

Eric Boyce stepped down as Churchwarden and was very ably replaced by Martin Simmons.

This year Rosemary Wheway is taking a well earned break from her years as Churchwarden. She has attended numerous committees, helped to work out policies, including the Child Protection Policy, has helped to run some of the confirmation groups, organised sidesmen for the services, planned trips including York and Whitby, arranged parties and coffee mornings. She always has a willing smile, a listening ear and wise counsel. She has always been available to read in church whenever readers are absent. She has led the team of church visitors and is a Marwood governor. Words cannot express how appreciative we are of her and how glad she will not be leaving us completely.

We need to learn more about being a generous church; of finding new ways to find new disciples and to make old ways effective; and to support the other churches in the area by being involved in the Deanery and the Diocese.

The Vicar thanked all the Parish Staff, the organisations, all the people who are vital to the running of the church, to our congregation for turning out in bad weather as well as good and Thank you also to God.

### **Election of members to the Church Council – 6 vacancies**

- o Nominations have been received for John Dickinson, Anna Wilson, Kenneth Taylor, Julie Bourke and Mark Stowell
- o They are duly elected onto the PCC
- o There were no further nominations and there remains 1 vacancy on the PCC

### **Election of members to the Deanery Synod – 4 vacancies as term of office has expired**

Four positions are vacant as the members' term of office has expired.

Nominations have been received for Rosemary Wheway, Craig Cartwright and Robert Pepper. They were duly elected onto the Deanery Synod, and as there were no further nominations there remains one vacancy on the Deanery Synod.

### **Appointment of Sidesmen/Sideswomen**

Jean Duffy and Michelle Armstrong have retired as sidespeople and James and Nicola Burns have been appointed as additional sidespeople. Thanks to all for the work they do.

### **Appointment of Independent Examiners**

Ken Taylor proposed S.V. Bye be appointed as our Independent Examiners.

This was seconded by Martin Simmons and all agreed.

### **Questions about Church Matters**

#### **Recommendations or Resolutions for consideration by the PCC.**

There were no questions.

The Vicar thanked all present for their contributions to the meeting.

Ken Bellamy thanked Paul for his work, his energy and all that he does with our church and on behalf of everyone, wished to say 'THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH AND WELL DONE. Please carry on the good work'.

## CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

The congregation can be reassured that the church silver and other items of value continue to be safe and records continue to be updated and safe.

2014 has seen the congregation of Christ Church continue to be active and welcoming. "Alternative style" services are still a regular feature and this year has seen the start of "Who Let The Dads Out" which has attracted several new Dads and their young children. The ongoing Giving in Grace campaign has been a success so far both in the financial appeal and in the aim of growing our church in mission and faith.



Regular building maintenance issues have been addressed as well as several larger projects. Remedial painting, gutter clearing, tree pruning and testing of portable appliances etc. have all been attended to. Asbestos has been removed from the old boiler room achieving a safe storage area below the church. The tubular bells have been temporarily removed for repair but should be back in situ by Easter for us to enjoy before services and wedding for many years to come.



The 1899 Binns pipe organ is in need of major restoration. We have applied for an historic organ certificate and await the decision regarding this. In order to pay for the restoration we are working in partnership with the Halifax Organ Academy towards an Heritage Lottery Fund grant application combining organ restoration and multimedia equipment installation. An important part of the grant application is to set up a Friends of Music group and to hold 12 organ workshops and concerts over the next 3 years for the people of Great Ayton. A trial run of these workshops in August was a great success which we hope to replicate. The grants are very competitive to obtain so we will need a plan B if we are not successful.

In All Saints Church the window in the south wall of the chancel has been replaced. In the coffee lounge the office wall has been removed and cupboards built for storage purposes. Further refurbishment of the coffee lounge is still planned.

We would like to thank the many people involved in keeping the church and grounds both looking beautiful and services running smoothly. We greatly

appreciated having the help of the scouts before Remembrance Sunday to clear leaves in the church grounds. There are many unsung heroes who commit themselves on a regular basis to rotas that enable church life to continue. Special thanks also go to our vicar Paul supported by Geoff, Jon, Margaret and Peter for their leadership and hard work.

## **icki Nath & Martin Simmons, Churchwardens**

### **PCC Secretary Report 2014**

Since the last Annual Church Meeting in March, the PCC and Standing Committee have met on 5 and 6 occasions respectively. These meetings were well attended and the effective running of our church was discussed.

Meetings of the All Saints Committee, Ayton Churches Together Committee, Hall Committee, Projects and Fabric Committee and Parish Life and Young People Committee were held throughout the year with reports given at the full PCC meetings.



Unfortunately I am unable to share a photograph of the PCC members as they work **invisibly** behind the scenes. However, I know you will agree that we must **thank all our PCC members** for their enthusiasm and commitment.

Amongst their many tasks (although possibly not without professional help!) our Churchwardens have removed asbestos, chopped down trees, repaired the vestry, choir vestry, porch, north wall of the nave and the chancel arch as well as organising organ workshops, electrical repairs and the refurbishment of the bells.

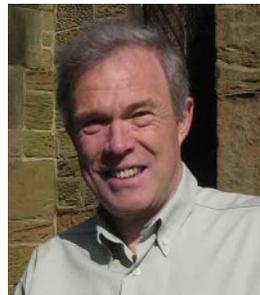


An important focus for our church this year has been the progression of our Giving in Grace Campaign, which has allowed us to acknowledge how blessed we are in our lives and find a way to share that blessing with others. Once again, Paul has shown us how good it is to support one another and how we are able to make a difference within our village, throughout the Diocese and overseas.

**Julie Bourke, PCC Secretary**

## Financial Report 2014

Financially, 2014 was another eventful year as we sought to implement a new stewardship programme following our generous offer to the Diocesan Common Fund made the previous year. Following a lengthy period of preparation, we finally launched **Giving in Grace** during September and October. This, however, gave us insufficient time to generate an increase in planned giving to the levels required and consequently we suffered a deficit of £16,290 on our General Funds against a budgeted loss of £9,000 for the year.



Despite this setback, our reserves remained at £35,235 which represents 3 months of general fund expenditure, still within our targeted range. The results of Giving in Grace were however sufficiently encouraging to indicate that we will recover some of this loss in 2015.

Unrestricted income fell from £120,760 last year to £117,519. In addition to the lower than expected planned giving, we also suffered falls in the general level of donations and fee income. We again took full advantage of the Gift Aided Small Donations Scheme (GASDS) which allowed us to collect an additional £1,250 in tax rebates.

Unrestricted expenditure showed an increase from £116,398 in 2013 to £133,810 this year. This was largely the result of our generous donation of £82,500 to the Diocesan Common Fund. Other operating costs were generally held in line with the budget and we were able to proceed with two important repair/refurbishment projects viz removal of asbestos from the old boiler house (£6,427) and further stonework/drainage and associated plaster repairs to the north wall (£3,169).

We donated £8,000 to mission giving from general funds. As well as our usual support for the Tees Valley Youth for Christ project at Stokesley School, we also gave to two other important local projects, namely the Middlesbrough Food Bank and Stockton Parish Church to support their work with asylum seekers.

During the year we ran two major appeals. At Harvest, we supported the work of Canon Andrew White at St Andrew's Church in Baghdad. For the Christmas appeal this year, we decided to support School Aid India, a charity established by Ayton resident Helen Jones to run Roseberry School for the poorest children in Darjeeling, northern India. A record total of £2,837.45 was raised for this very worthy cause.

Overall, our mission giving from funerals and weddings, special services, appeals, and donations from general funds reached the excellent total of £34,848, distributed among 42 different charities – which again demonstrates the enormous generosity of the people of this parish (see attached table for full details).

The Church Hall had a satisfactory year with reserves returning to a more healthy level of £4,926. All Saints Church however still gives cause for concern as income from visitors and services is barely sufficient to fund essential maintenance and operating costs.

And finally, to all those who help to manage the finances - Helen Dickinson, Jean Goat, Sheila Levitt, Robin Harmar and the sidespeople – a huge thank you to you all!

**Ken Taylor** Hon Treasurer

### **Stokesley Deanery Synod**

2014 saw the election of Parish representatives to Deanery Synod. As the Electoral Roll had fallen our allocation changed from 5 to 4 representatives. These are Nick Land, Rob Pepper, Craig Cartwright and Rosemary Wheway. The clergy and readers also attend.

Each year the Deanery organises Lent services and in 2014 these included a talk followed by a short service in Stokesley Parish Church.

There were three meetings in 2014 with informative talks at each of them - all members of the congregations were invited to the talks. In February Rev Clay Roundtree spoke of his visit to St Michael's Anglican Primary School in our link diocese in S Africa. In June we heard of new activities being planned in the Archdeaconry for children and young people by Revs Jo and Andy Bowden. This was followed in November by a very informative talk from Heather Black. She is the Development Officer for Middlesbrough Together and spoke of her work with the Church Urban Fund. At the end of this she was presented with our cheque which was part of the Mission Giving for this year.

**Rosemary Wheway**

## **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding (Child Protection) remains of paramount importance to the Church of England's family policies and as such I maintain our Church records and policies to keep them up to date.

The list of persons requiring a DBS clearance is shorter than it used to be in that not everyone now needs to be checked before commencing to work for the Church.

However, the last communication I had from the York Diocese Office informed me that the list may well be changed yet again so watch this space...

I attend meetings as required to keep up to date and to meet CPOs from other Churches in the York area. This is useful if we are unsure of any procedure as we can ask the appropriate people and the York Office is always very helpful.

Lastly may I ask that everyone be vigilant and keep an eye on our children. They are God's gift to us and no child deserves abuse.

### **G Jukes**

Child Protection Officer, Christ Church Great Ayton.

## **All Saints Church**

In my first Report as the new custodian of All Saints I would like to acknowledge Roger Arkell's seventeen years in the post. His enthusiasm and willingness to share his vast knowledge certainly helped in motivating me to accept the challenge of becoming custodian. I am still in the process of seeking advice about the role and getting to know those involved.

We continued to receive visitors from all over the U.K. and, indeed the world. Visitor numbers were slightly lower than the previous year, but this was probably explicable in terms of the very fine summer weather meaning a trip to the seaside was preferable to a museum or something similar. Of more long term concern was the fact the church was closed on up to a quarter of all available afternoons because of the lack of volunteers, and this again demonstrates that we need more guides. A special thanks to those guides who regularly sign up for weekend slots, always the hardest to fill, but at the same time, the most likely to attract

Regrettably the last regular services at the church were suspended during the year as congregations fell to unsustainable levels. However, there were still a number of Christenings and the three special services - Summer Songs of Praise, Captain Cook Memorial and Candlelit Carols - were as usual well



attended and enjoyable occasions. How can we realistically build on this and ensure that All Saints remains very much a living church as well as a wonderful historical monument?

In terms of the fabric of the church, the south chancel window was duly replaced by a specialist firm from York and the path leading to the front porch has again been strengthened. by the use of reinforced gravel. I an told that the obligation to keep the cemetery tidy, undertaken for the past five years by Richmondshire District Council under sub-contract is due to revert to Hambleton District Council and so it will be interesting to see whether standards are maintained. There is also the ongoing issue of the large old beech tree overhanging from the vicarage garden.

Some ideas to promote the existence and use of All Saints over the next two years are already in place, but further suggestions would be welcome.

Finally, a big thank you to all of those involved with All Saints, including the committee, guides, and especially those who undertake all the unsung task such as cleaning the brass, keeping the altar cloths clean, safety checks, tidying up, etc. You ensure that the church is in a fit and proper state to receive visitors and for services. The feedback received from locals and visitors suggests it is a very valued asset to the village.

**Robin Hazell**  
Custodian

## Christ Church Visitors

We have had another successful year with the addition of two new Visitors bringing the total to 19. This has made it possible for us to visit 34 people on a regular basis. This year several Visitors have also made short term visits to people whose circumstances may have temporarily changed such as following a stay in hospital. This is a new venture and will be continued whenever it is needed.

We continue to meet regularly with the clergy so that they can monitor our visits and we review our guidelines annually. In 2014 we were given some excellent training from a member of the Cruse Bereavement Care and will continue to meet the training needs of those who visit.



Our aim is to visit anyone in the village in need – the housebound, lonely, sick and infirm – but this does not exclusively mean those who were regular churchgoers. We visit people mostly in their own homes but several of those visited eventually move out of the village to Care Homes and our Visitors travel as far as Catterick and Northallerton as well as Stokesley and Guisborough to stay in touch. They also visit hospitals if this is appropriate.

The group supports the monthly and Christmas Hollygarth services and also transports some of the people who would otherwise be unable to attend. These are open to **anyone** who appreciates a weekday afternoon service - not just the residents of Hollygarth.

In 2014 we hosted our third Praise and Party service followed by tea in the Hall. This attracted many for whom the 9.15 service is just too early. The total attending included 17 people personally invited of whom 4 were in wheelchairs. Everyone appreciated both the “praise” and “party” and we hope to host a similar event in 2015. Our new venture in 2014 was to take a selection of food after the party to those who were unable to attend. This was warmly welcomed.

We continue to deliver cards on the first anniversary of a bereavement and also a Welcome Pack whenever we see a removal van in the village.

These are very rewarding tasks and we would welcome more visitors so that we can extend our visits to more people. Please tell us if you know someone who would like a visit or you have new neighbours but more importantly **join us if you can!**

**Rosemary Wheway**

## **Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF)**

Check out their website [www.brf.org.uk](http://www.brf.org.uk)

“An accessible yet stimulating aid to spending time with God each day” is offered with daily reading notes published by BRF. Their most popular edition here at Christ Church is *New Daylight*, currently used by 48 people



– three of whom use large print copies and two iphone/ipad apps.

Other editions used are *Day by Day*, *Guidelines* and *Upper Room*.

Some of the readers of *New Daylight* meet monthly in small groups in each other's homes using the notes as a starting point for wide ranging discussion on aspects of faith and its challenges for us as we try to live our daily lives in the light of what we learn. One of the *New Daylight* writers Andrew John gave us this helpful prayer at the end of a chosen bible passage and comment during last year.

*“God of surprises, may we discover new joy as we find you in unexpected ways. Give us eyes to see beyond our own experience and grace to respond with open faith. For Christ's sake. Amen.*

The dates and venues for our monthly meetings are notified via the weekly news-sheet – if you are interested in using the notes or want to find out more about them, please come and join us.

**Enid Sedgwick**

### **Bible Study Group**

Why study the bible? Hebrews 10 says "let us consider how we may spur one another towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together but encouraging one another". Helping one another understand God's word and how it applies to our lives is one good way of doing this.

Last summer we studied Hosea. This was a challenge as sometimes we found it a problem to understand and sometimes we found it a problem when we did understand it! But we believe that all scripture is from God so it is important that we wrestle with the difficult bits as well as the easier bits. At the moment we are studying Ephesians - which helps us understand not only what God has done for us individually in Jesus, but the importance of what he has done for us together as the Church.

We meet fortnightly in term time for an hours study and then coffee and cake. We would be delighted to welcome new members, previous experience definitely not required.

**Nick Land**

## Little Fishes

After four years Little Fishes is still going strong with a regular attendance of fifteen or more children and their carers as well as several previous carers. In 2014 we celebrated our 150<sup>th</sup> meeting with cake, of course!

This year we have welcomed back several mums with their second child, having been regular attenders with their first child who has now moved on to school. As well as the Little Fishes leadership team we are always pleased to hear other storytellers on a regular basis.

Services lasting about twenty minutes are always lively – some more than others – and conducted on an informal basis in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. The children quickly learn the actions to the songs and enjoy taking part. Birthdays are always celebrated and there is always a rush to blow the candle out! Afterwards tea and freshly brewed coffee, biscuits, and sometimes cake are served by a willing band of helpers while children play. A great opportunity to mix and get to know each other.



Some families also attend the monthly “Come and Praise” services and also some under-5 year olds bring their Dads along to “Who Let the Dads Out” on Saturday mornings.

We are always happy to see anyone, young or not-so-young at the service. A warm welcome awaits from the friendly greeting on arrival at the church door to worship and fellowship over refreshments. You may be surprised!

Special thanks are due to the sidespeople and other willing fishers involved in all aspects of this outreach into the local community. Long may the mission to reach out to youngsters and their carers in this venture continue.

**Angela Jaques**

## Alternative Worship

Education Sunday was marked by teenage members of our Firms singing an original composition by Emily, Jessica & Ellie with a backdrop of pictures heralding those who offered their services during WWI. We also heard one of our Firm Leaders, Neil Harris, interview student Ed Land about his journey of faith.



Our joyful 'Alternative Worship' also had a sad note this year as the inspirational leader of our music & singing group passed on to join the heavenly host. Gill's service of thanksgiving was led by AMMSG as we celebrated her life amongst us with her family & friends. The sound of the curlew will have a special resonance for all who were there.

The weather was kind to us this year so in July we were able to hold our 'Open Air' on Low Green as planned! We welcomed special guest Greg Brown who gave us a real insight into the work of Tees Credit Union. The Bradley School of Dance & Musical Theatre performed to Abba's "Money, Money, Money!"

## Come & Praise

This service which enables those with young families to worship in a relaxed environment also attracts a number of older members of our church who enjoy our slightly 'chaotic' worship. In addition to our regular monthly service (on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month) we held specials on Mothering Sunday & Easter Day. We continued to attract a variety of families with children of all ages; attendance was usually in the 30s but on Mothering Sunday and our BBQ Sunday over 60 joined in.

Our Palm Sunday service featured 'real' palms being waved as you can see in the photo. Sadly rain came down and so our July 'BBQ' had to be indoors this year but our 'house on the rock stood firm' and we still enjoyed our burgers & sausage!

"Great Big God" is our regular link for 'Little Fishes' to feel at home. Our music often came courtesy of digital technology but also led on the piano on occasion – musical volunteers always welcome! The Prayer Tree was a regular feature offering all ages the chance to write a few special words of their own and place them on a branch.

**Rev'd Geoff Jaques**

## Sunday School Report 2014



Always the highlight of the year 'The Crib Service' This year we had 26 children taking part singing some lovely songs and telling the Christmas Story accompanied by Mrs Winterschladen on the piano.

We meet every Sunday during term time school except for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of

the month when it is Family Service at 11am. We have over 30 children on the register with an average attendance of around 22. A good number of parents help on the rota. This year we have had Libby Hendry an old member of Sunday school assisting as part of her Gold Duke of Edinburgh award.

Activities are available from 9am for early arrivals. We start with a service. The children take turns lighting the altar candles, we change the colour of the cloth as in Church to teach the children about Church colours and seasons. The service continues with our weekly story, prayers, the peace and singing. We finish with a craft activity linked to the story we have told. The children go into Church for the end of the service and show their crafts and tell the congregation what they have learnt.

We have followed the lectionary with our stories at Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Harvest. We have studied many other bible stories too. On Good Friday we had around 65 children attend the craft workshops. The children produced some lovely crafts and were joined by their families for a short service in Church.

We participated in the special services for Love in a Box and Christingle. Dave the Time Traveller came for our party in January and everyone had a very enjoyable afternoon.

We would thank the PCC for their continued financial support which allows us to do interesting crafts and run special events for the children.

**Karen Peverell and Alison Collins.**

## The Younger Firm

We are a Christian Youth Group for anyone aged 10 to 14. We meet on the second and fourth Sunday of the Month at 6pm. Typically our club nights involve games, prayers and time for reflection as well as a very popular tuck shop.

2014 has seen our members riding roller coasters and bopping away at a pop concert at Lightwater Valley at a Christian Youth event, for over three thousand secondary aged children. We have attended a dazzling Firework Party, Easter Egg Hunt and BBQ with other young people from the Great Ayton and Stokesley area, very generously hosted and provided for by Nick and Helen Land.



Many of our members are bell ringers, servers or help out in our Sunday School, they have also led intercessional prayers and readings at our 9.15am service. In addition to this our members have participated in the family Come and Praise and the Alternative Service. We talk often about what it is like to be a young Christian today and we have a great amount of fun doing it.

**Claire Sheridan, Linda Banks & Neil Harris**

## The Older Firm 2014



The Firm is a youth group held twice a month and provides younger members of Christ Church and the local Methodist Church a chance to meet together and learn about the Bible whilst having fun.

We have club nights when members enjoy table tennis, snooker, games and chat. We celebrate special occasions including our Firm Formal Night (when we say goodbye and good luck to members leaving for university) and invite the members of The Younger Firm to enjoy a disco and non-alcoholic cocktails at our New Year's Party.



A large number of members joined other churches in the Diocese for a day's visit to Lightwater Valley, including a music concert – despite the rain it was great fun!

We thank The Land Family for hosting fun events, such as the annual Firework Night, Easter Egg Hunt and Summer BBQ.

**Julie Bourke & Helen Dickinson**

## **Marwood Church of England Voluntary Controlled Infant School**

Marwood School continues to be a happy, friendly and very popular school, achieving very high standards in teaching and learning across all areas of the curriculum. This is recognised by the local authority with their regular visits to the school.

This year has seen further improvements to the physical environment with new planters and the addition of some lovely plaques to the pergola in the Spiritual Garden.



Rosemary Wheway has stepped down as a Foundation Governor after many years and we'd like to thank her for all her work for the school over the years.

Marwood School continues to enjoy weekly collective worship with the Vicar with parents also able to observe this at least once every half term when it is hosted in Christ Church. Collective worship in church is well supported by parents and grandparents. The Church is also used for special services such as Harvest and the Carol Service as well as Marwood 'weddings and baptisms'. The children are



encouraged to attend services such as Education Sunday, Love in a Box and the Christingle and are welcomed into Sunday School. Details of special events within the church such as the Good Friday workshops are communicated to parents and the events are well supported by the children and parents.

The Governors and the Headteacher, Mrs Celia Wilson are very proud of the strength of the links between Church and School. The school continues to strongly focus on promoting spiritual development and upholding the Christian values of the church and this was recognised in the most recent SIAS inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools). This would not be possible without the dedicated team of staff, helpers and a supportive parent body who work in collaboration to maintain a happy, caring and well-supported school which enables the children to flourish and fully experience their school motto of "Happy friends learning together". We are extremely grateful to all the staff, helpers and parents who work hard to ensure this happens.

**Vicky Bradley**  
Foundation Governor

**Alison Lambert**  
Foundation Governor

**Celia Wilson**  
Headteacher

## Christ Church Parochial Hall

We had a very poignant and exciting year in 2014 which saw quite a lot of change. We said goodbye to Jennifer Roberts, who left us in May after many years of service. Great thanks are extended to Jennifer for her hard work and efforts over the years. In her place we welcomed Sarah Botez to the role, Sarah has settled-in nicely as one of the team! We also said goodbye to long-serving cleaner Pam Gatenby and in her place we welcomed Tabitha King who has proved herself a very hard-working, friendly and fun member of the team.

Phil Rotherham, our wonderful maintenance guy, was kept extremely busy in 2014. The major renovation came in the Coffee Lounge when the office was taken down and replaced with new cupboards which allows more space in the Coffee Lounge and well-needed cupboard space! We would like to express our gratitude to Phil for all his continuous dedication and hard-work.



Financially, we finished in a much more positive position than at the end of 2013, to this we would like to express our thanks to the 'Sunday Coffee' ladies and '200 Club' members for their kind donations, to all our regular Hall users for their commitment and to all members of the community for their support in helping our Hall remain as a great service to the village.

2015 will be a tremendous year!

**Sarah Botez**

## Church Cleaning Report

What can we say but a big thank you to everyone who gives up their time to come down and either do general cleaning or polishing the brasses. You are all doing such a marvellous job, the Church always looks so spick and span and welcoming. It is also very much appreciated that you continue to be so organised and all just get on with things once you have the rotas.

We have had some very positive comments from visitors who say what a beautiful Church we have and how clean it always looks. It is good to be able to tell them that we have some very kind volunteers who take a pride in keeping the Church looking as it is.

Last year the annual spring clean went really well and lots of volunteers turned up to give their support, so thank you one and all. Just to finish things off, we also organised for all the carpets to be professionally cleaned too.

The annual spring clean this year will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 5.00pm and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 9.00am. We would love to have a good turn out like last year, so if you can put the dates in your diary and come along willing and able to give a helping hand we would very much appreciate it.

Also we are hoping to find some younger men, who are not afraid of heights, to come along and climb up the ladders to dust the tops of the pillars and some of the ceilings. So if you know of anyone willing to have a go at this rather daunting task please let us know or just ask them to come along to the Church on the days quoted above. Coffee and biscuits will be provided.



A couple of people have retired recently: thanks to them for all they have done over the past years. To date we have not been fortunate in recruiting any new volunteers to the rota, so if you know of anyone who would be willing to help, please let us know.

To finish, can we please say again to all the hardworking volunteers a really big THANK YOU and we hope you will continue to support us.

Please let us know if you think we need to update or be aware of anything.

Contact numbers:-

**Jan Thompson**..... 01642 723344 (with regard to cleaning)

**Irene Reah** .....01642 723804 (for alterations to the details on the rotas}

## Sunday Morning Coffee

Sunday Morning Coffee continues to be a very popular social gathering and a means of welcoming newcomers and visitors to our congregation.

Unfortunately, Val Moore has been unable to help due to health problems. We hope that she will be able to join us again soon and wish her well.

We are pleased to welcome four 'new' ladies to the Rota - Mary Boyce, Doris Huddleston, Emma Stowell and Nicky Pepper - to whom we are most grateful.



Our thanks go to all the ladies on the Rota, the extra helpers from the congregation and David Rowland, whose services are greatly appreciated. Any profit we make goes towards the running of the Church Hall.

**Pauline Titchmarsh**

## Middlesbrough Food Bank

The regular monthly contribution to the Middlesbrough Food Bank from the congregations of Christ Church and the Quaker Meeting is considerable and much appreciated. It always involves at least one heavily laden car and, on several occasions two to three vehicles during the past year. £180 pounds cash has been given which our treasurer sends off to the Food Bank office to cover necessary transport costs.

Since starting up almost 8,000 food parcels have been given out from eight distribution centres across the town. Everyone knows that this should not be necessary in a modern affluent Britain but through delayed social security payments, unemployment, rising costs, ill health etc. some families do find themselves unable to afford basic necessities. The thought of young children and adults suffering consequently is unbearable. Your contributions help to overcome this by a professional, carefully controlled temporary provision of food for three days to overcome this need.



New developments include “Cut the cost of cooking,” a course which teaches how to cook on a budget and provides attendees with a slow cooker on completion. (Donated by a local firm, Cummins of Darlington). A professional debt advisor is to be available and links with credit unions have been set up. Volunteer staff are available to advise on agencies able to solve the longer term problems.

Please accept a sincere “Thank you,” from the Food Bank staff but mainly from those who benefit from the generosity exercised by people from Great Ayton churches.

**Gordon and Dorothy Wood**

## Church Men

We have held several enjoyable gatherings in The Royal Oak and our speakers have included our own Rob Pepper sharing something of the excellent work of local charity “A Way Out” which we had previously supported through our Church Carol Service Collections.

Once again we were invited to join the Methodist Men for their annual Coffee Morning at Windle Bridge Nursery, several men from Christ Church took this good opportunity to catch up.

Peter Warry joined us for our May meeting. Several of us had heard Peter speak in a professional capacity (as York Diocesan Secretary) and were already aware of his depth of faith and commitment to Christ. He spoke in a personal capacity about his Journey of Faith; how his faith has affected his life and work; how he has decided to respond to God’s grace.

Our November evening was one we’ll all remember when Rev’d Alan Farish and friends joined us from Stockton Parish Church! Earlier that evening he had been with 50 Iranian Christians holding their service in Farsi! He brought two of the men with him who told of their own journeys of faith and their struggle to gain asylum here. There are currently people of 11 different nationalities in the church, several who speak no English, they are “soaked in the love of Christ through our church community”, said Alan.



As part of our support for the England World Cup campaign we shared this prayer written by the new Anglican Bishop of Leeds (Nick Baines) from the Church of England website: "God, who played the cosmos into being, please help England rediscover their legs, their eyes and their hunger: that they might run more clearly, pass more nearly and enjoy the game more dearly. Amen." Sadly, their running, passing and enjoyment did not however result in the trophy ‘coming home’!

Probably the most important activity this year was our launch of Who Let The Dads Out? – see the article below.

We are looking forward to another varied year in 2015, all Church Men are welcome at any of our gatherings, no need to sign up – keep an eye of the Pew News and come along!

## Who Let The Dads Out?



We launched this new monthly venture in September. Like many other churches, we have been seeking new ways to reach out to our younger adult male population. WLTDO? has been successful in other parts of the UK in creating space where dads and their children can have fun together and is founded on the Christian principle of wanting to demonstrate God's love to communities.

All children aged 0-5yrs are welcome to bring along Dad and/or Granddad from 10 o'clock; we serve bacon butties & mugs of freshly made coffee for the men and breadsticks & squash for the little ones. Each month 7 to 14 men have got together and enjoyed space to chat and play – it's also given Mums the chance for some space of their own! Some of our children also come to Little Fishes and all families are welcome to our Come & Praise and Café345Church services.



We'll continue to meet once a month in the Coffee Lounge during 2015 – look out for the banner (see pic) and drop in for a butty!!

**Geoff Jaques**

## Church Website

Since its creation nearly 12 years ago our church website continues to grow and is visited by a growing number of people *spread throughout the world!* In 2014 we have had 5,508 different visitors from 91 different countries. The top three - UK, Brazil!! and the USA. The 91<sup>st</sup> is Zambia.

There are regular updates by myself and the Vicar each week when we try to keep up-to-date with news of past and forthcoming events affecting our parish and congregation.

After the Home page, the five most popular sections are: The Calendar, Sunday Bible readings, Magazine, Newton Church and the Occasional Offices (Christenings, weddings and funerals). We put audio and videos on from time to time too. If you haven't had chance to have a browse yet then go to [www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk](http://www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk). We have received two positive comments just recently from people concerned with both funerals and Christenings as to just how detailed and helpful our website is.

Don't forget, if you are a secretary or one of those responsible for one of our different organisations, details of information and news of activities can be featured on individual pages on the website. Such information should be sent, preferably by email, to either myself or the Vicar.

**Peter Titchmarsh - Webmaster**

### Spire

The Church Magazine continues to grow in circulation. The electronic version began in 2003 when I got bored with Question Time one evening, and played around on the PC, starting the pdf Spire version. Over the years the circulation has grown for the e-version to well over 500, with a further 300 paper copies produced each month. Many people also visit the website to download our Magazine and others forward it to many friends all around the world keeping them in touch with what is happening in Ayton.

As Editor, I try and keep the copy interesting to non Church folk as well. News from the community also features, and the Register page keeps many in touch with funerals they have missed! Its good to see Spire in homes when I visit, and I gather from many that the first page they look for are the jokes at the back.

Many thanks to all who send things in - and include photographs.



**Paul Peverell**

## The Children's Society- Great Ayton Branch

The total raised by the society for the year 2014 is £7531.80. This year, in addition to our regular events we held a "knit in", on a pleasantly sunny afternoon. Lots of strips were knitted but have not yet been stitched into a blanket.

Our total this year has been boosted by donations from both Christ Church and Saint Oswald's Church. The collection at the funeral of our dear friend and committee member, Gill Steele, was also donated to the Children's Society.

This year has seen other changes, both on our committee and regionally. Helen Dickinson has stepped down from the committee and we thank her for all her support in her work with us. We have had another change in the regional fund raising managerial post as Helen Whiteley has replaced Jonathan Turner, who has moved to another situation within the Society.

We did not have a House to House collection this year, following discussion by the committee, and this absence is reflected in the yearly total.



We would like to express our thanks to those who kindly acted as counters at our Box Opening and to those who regularly assist at our events. We are grateful to Mike Myers for his support as Quiz Master at our annual quiz. Thanks are due also to all the committee members for their continuing support, to enable the events to take place!

**Marina Charlton**, Chairman.

## Guiding in Great Ayton

Great Ayton District has had another very successful year with all units enjoying many activities both indoors and outside.



The Brownie Units had a great day at the Sage in February 2014 to celebrate 100 years of Brownies with a day of music and song. All units in the village then went to Wetherby Racecourse in May to join in the celebrations with a day of activities for them to do and performances for them to watch. Most Brownie and Guide units have been away for weekends in the last year with leaders putting a lot of hard work into making these weekends fun and special for the girls.

We have Senior Section members achieving their Young Leader and Adult Leader Qualifications. We appreciate the effort they put into being part of the teams running weekly meetings and also into gaining their qualifications at a time when they are also busy with school, college, etc. We also continue to see Guides doing a lot of hard work to achieve their Baden-Powell Challenge Awards including a Challenge weekend, this can range from going on a sailing trip on one of the tall ships training ships to producing an animation using playmobil.

We have been lucky enough to have several of our Guides and Senior Section members selected to take part in International Visits over the last year and have two more due to participate this summer - Libby Hendry is taking part in the World Scout Jamboree in Japan and Molly Caygill will be going to Switzerland.

I'd like to thank all the leaders and young leaders for all their hard work over the year providing the girls with the opportunities to try new things.

The social side of Guiding for the adults involved is also important, with District and Division social events throughout the year. The Trefoil Guild is active in Great Ayton with regular meetings and outings.

There are 2 Rainbow, 3 Brownie and 2 Guide Units in the village along with the Division Senior Section Unit (for those aged 14-25). Most of the units are full but there are some spaces available.

**Alison Lambert**

District Commissioner

## 2nd Great Ayton Rainbows

Rainbows continues to be very popular in the village with a full unit and long waiting list.

The girls love anything to do with food, so we've had lots of baking, crafty nights. We also invited two ladies from the local trefoil guild to help us sew buttons on our cloth bags – easier said than done!



The Brownies celebrated 100 years of guiding this year, so a small group of rainbows went along to the NEE Region Event at Wetherby Racecourse for the day. Fortunately, it was one of the warmest Saturdays of the summer, which of course called for ice-creams. There were over 11,000 Rainbows, Brownies & Guides and leaders.

Our trip to the beach at the end of the summer term was not quite as warm as last year but we enrolled two new rainbows and it didn't stop them all paddling in the sea.

Under the guidance of two of our young leaders; Grace & Melissa, the rainbows had a fun packed night making themselves into 'egyptian mummies' with toilet roll.



We ended the year with Christmas crafts, a trip to the panto, and a Christmas party.

**Christine Kenyon**  
Rainbow Leader

## 1<sup>st</sup> Great Ayton Brownies

2014 was a year of celebration for Brownies as it was our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday!

We had a fantastic musical day at the Sage, Gateshead with girls from across North Yorkshire and the North East. We had a ceilidh, sang and danced in our wellies!



We spent the next few months working on the Starquester Challenge, ticking off lots of challenges, including visiting the indoor climbing wall, to gain our badge before attending a festival style event at Wetherby in May.



The sun shone on us as we joined thousands of girls celebrating 100 years of Brownies – there were acts and music, circus tent and animals, all finished off with a daylight firework display and live music.

Alongside all the birthday activities we have worked on the Hostess badge, entertained parents with poems, completed the Designer badge and made poppies and advent calendars.

We finished our year with another noisy trip to Middlesbrough Theatre pantomime a fitting end to a busy year.

Thanks go, as always, to everyone who gives their time and energy to Girl Guiding, giving the girls amazing opportunities and and new experiences.

**Alison Selby**  
Brownie Guider

## 1<sup>st</sup> Great Ayton Guides

We have a full unit with 25 girls and a waiting list too. We have enjoyed a number of activities over the year including making and floating boats on the river, various walks around the local area and a treasure hunt around the village. We have completed our Healthy Lifestyles, Guiding Traditions,



Science and Chocolate badges. The chocolate badge is always a favourite with most of the girls. Two girls have completed the Baden Powell Adventure and another group of girls have started theirs.

Some girls enjoyed the Star Quest Adventure for the Big Brownie birthday at Wetherby where we were pleased that the sun shone for a day of outside activities.

We had a great night at the climbing wall where some of the girls conquered some fears.

We ended the summer term with a trip to Saltburn beach with the Rainbows, Brownies and Senior Section. Sandcastle master pieces and a dip in the sea was enjoyed.



We are pleased that Molly Caygill one of our girls has been selected for an international adventure. She is going to stay at Our Chalet in Switzerland (one of the four World Centres) in August and is busy fundraising for her journey.

We ended the year with a trip to see Jack and the Beanstalk at the theatre along with the Rainbows and Brownies.

**Veronica Snaith**  
Guider

## Leven Division Senior Section

We have enjoyed another busy year, we have 24 girls in the unit and a lively bunch they are! Meeting every other week seems to work for the girls, fitting in so many activities is not easy and we are really pleased to be able to keep them in Guiding for that little bit longer.



The girls took part in the Starquester Challenge to celebrate 100 years of brownies, they made some amazing light pictures using torches and slow shutter speed cameras, went on an orienteering Easter egg hunt (in the dark – just to make it more interesting!). They built shelters out of newspaper with some amazing results.

We challenged the girls to get into groups and run an evening meeting each.

Each group were given a different amount of money and asked to evaluate each others efforts and try and guess who had which budget. We had an evening 'Round the World', a lesson in gambling (with sweets), a cake decorating night complete with tea and scones and a baking night hampered by being tied together!

They have made advent calendars and enjoyed another 'back to childhood' Christmas party with pizza and jelly and ice cream.

A lot of the girls also work with Rainbow, Brownie and Guide units, their enthusiasm is endless and we have lots of laughs along the way.

**Alison Selby**  
Senior Section Guider



## Missing Reports

The diligent of you will have noticed that some reports are missing this year. All were requested to be in by the end of January, and by the beginning of February we had so many Funeral Services come it, I didn't have chance to chase them.

If the organisations concerned would like to submit their Reports late, I will include in future editions of Spire.

**Paul**

## Facts and Figures for 2014

Baptisms	32
Weddings & Blessings	12
Funerals in Church	26
Funerals at Crematorium	17
Easter Communicants	179
Easter Attendance	250
Christmas Communicants	195
Christmas Attendance (Eve & Day)	502
Average Attendance - Adult	129
Average attendance - Child (term time)	29

Added to these figures are those from Saint Oswald's Newton under Roseberry, that has come alive with weddings and attendance over recent years.



JCUH Neo-Natal Unit				216		216
Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research					60	60
Teesside Hospice	69	68			2563	2700
JCUH Stroke Unit					63	63
South Cleveland Heart Unit					158	158
Daisy Chain			207	330		615
Stockton Parish Church						1000
Friends of Deep Griha					326	326
School Aid India	339	150	3253			3742
Middlesbrough Food Bank		180				180
Church Urban Fund (Middlesbrough Together)						1000
Royal British Legion			651			651
Stokesley Deanery Mothers Union			218			218
☺ Camphill Village Trust Ltd					257	257
Blitz Corporation					614	614
Great Ayton Health Centre					105	105
Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team					164	164
Tees Credit Union			93			93
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# **The Parish of Great Ayton with Easby**

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

Wednesday 18th March 2015 at 7.30pm in the Church Hall

### **Meeting of Parishioners**

1. Election of Churchwardens

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting 26th March 2014
3. Matters arising
4. Electoral Roll Report
5. Presentation of Annual Report for 2014
6. Financial Report and Presentation of Audited Accounts for year ended 31st December 2014
7. The Vicar's Comments
8. Election of Parochial Church Council members
9. Appointment of Sidesmen and women
- 10 Appointment of Independent Examiners
11. Any Questions on Church matters for consideration by the PCC