



October - a time to thank God for the Harvest

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OCTOBER

- 2 **Fri** 7.30pm Harvest Service & Supper at St Oswald's Church with Venerable Sam Rushton, Archdeacon of Cleveland.
- 4 **Sun** **Trinity 18** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion - Preacher The Vicar; 11am Holy Communion at St Oswald's - Preacher -The Vicar.
- 5 **Mon** 2pm Holy Communion at Hollygarth. 7.30pm Church Hall Meeting.
- 8 **Thurs** 7pm **Men's Group in Royal Oak with Bishop Paul.**
- 10 **Sat** 10am - 11.30am Who Let the Dads Out; 12. Noon Wedding at St Oswald's
- 11 **Sun** **HARVEST THANKSGIVING** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion - Preacher - The Vicar; 11am Come & Praise.
- 14 **Wed** 7.30pm Deanery Synod at St Francis, Ingleby Barwick.
- 16 **Fri** 9am Bishop Paul at Marwood School. 4pm Wedding at St Oswald's
- 17 **Sat** 3pm National Service of Thanksgiving for Children in Distress in Christ Church. All Welcome.
- 18 **Sun** **St Luke** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion - Preacher- Revd Geoff Jaques; 11am All Age Service at St Oswald's - The Vicar.
- 19 **Mon** 10am Meditation Group in Coffee Lounge
- 21 **Wed** **Blood Donor Session in Church Hall**
- 23 **Fri** 1.45pm Church Visitors Meeting in Upper Room.
- 25 **Sun** **Last Sunday after Trinity** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion.
- 28 **Wed** 12 Noon Captain Cook Service in All Saints Church.
- 30 **Fri** 2pm Wedding at St Oswald's.

Regular activities on back page

Items in Magenta all take place at St Oswald's Church at Newton,



Come, Ye Thankful People, Come.

Shopping is so easy today. We pop into our local supermarket or shops and usually find everything we want there. A variety of goods appear from all parts of the world all year round. We check the price and, if we are very good, maybe even the calorific content but few of us will give much of a thought as to how it got there. Modern society has distanced itself from the land like no other before it.

Societies that depended on the land never took food production for granted. They knew that, as well as all their efforts, they were also dependant upon the right weather conditions. Too hot and dry or too cold and wet could easily ruin crops and people would go hungry.

Our forebears from the time of Deuteronomy onwards had times of Harvest Thanksgiving so they didn't take these things for granted. When I was a child Harvest was always a big thing in Church and it would be filled with all sorts of produce. Today in many town parishes it goes without much notice, and in these Parishes the traditional Harvest survives best at Saint Oswald's.

The great needs we are seeing in our world and in our own area remind us not to take good things for granted and to show our thankfulness by sharing something with others. At Christ Church, we will be collecting items of food for the Foodbank (not perishable please) as well as monetary donations towards *Together Middlesbrough*. At Saint Oswald's the PCC have yet to meet to decide the charity (Spire is being produced earlier as I am away), but monetary donations will also be appreciated to alleviate poverty somewhere.

As well as thanking God and not taking His gifts for granted let us also add in our farmers. When you next visit the supermarket and buy your milk at a ridiculously low price that doesn't pay the costs of production, spare a thought for all the dairy farmers in our area and next time you pass a field of cows say a prayer for them. They need it.

You are welcome to our Harvest Services on Friday 2nd October at St Oswald's Church, and Sunday 11th October at Christ Church. Come, ye thankful people, Come.

Paul

Organist & Choirmaster/ Mistress Required

Christ Church, Great Ayton

Sunday Services, weekly choir practices & Occasional Offices.

To apply or for further details, please contact the Vicar

revpev@btinternet.com

This Position will require Child Protection Clearance.

Closing Date Monday 12th October 2015



Over the summer months we hosted the Silverwood Band for their weekly practices as their usual venue was unavailable. The music coming out of the doors from Christ Church was superb. If you get a chance to hear this group, that includes several members of our congregations, you will not be disappointed.

Techie Trouble

The Vicar at a local Church experienced some technical problems with the Sound System one Sunday. Instead of starting the service with the usual “The Lord be with you”, he said “There’s something wrong with the microphone.”

Not hearing this, the Congregation said, “And also with you.”

Sent in by KBT

Love in a Box Appeal 2015

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



They are once again helping co-ordinate the collection of all the Shoe Boxes at Preston's of Potto and would value 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 722312 or email pete@peterrobinson1.plus.com

We shall have our own Love in a Box Service at Christ Church on **Sunday 15th 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.

Leaflets available in Christ Church.

WORDS

Poetry is an expression
A feeling for words.
A piece of work
A performance.
Poetry is an emotion
Harsh or gentle.
A composition
A Haiku.
Poetry is satisfying
Fulfilling.
An inspiration
An incentive.
Poetry is fantasy
Or reality.
A thing of beauty
Even dealing with death.
Poetry is reading matter
Speaks to an open mind.
Rhyming or rhythmic
Or perhaps just prosaic.
Poetry can be humorous
Or serious.
Poetry is
In all of us ...

Jean Cumbor
Written '93.

CONFIRMATION

The Bishop of Whitby is coming on **Sunday 1st November at 5pm** to take our Confirmation Service in Christ Church.

This is our chance to stand up and declare our faith in Jesus, and be confirmed in that faith by the Church. Please come and support the candidates.

“Why meditation can be a medication for life”

A reminder that Revd Nicholas Buxton will be at Christ Church, in the coffee lounge, on **Monday 19 October** to pass on his insights into why meditation belongs at the heart of everyday life. He will begin at **10am**. There will be a break for refreshments and the morning will finish approximately 12.30pm. Curious? Then do come along to the coffee lounge – no previous experience required.



Royal Northern Sinfonia

Musical Journeys...

By bus for £7.50 return

Tickets for the bus can be purchased up to four working days before the concert. Does not include concert ticket.

Pick up points are:

Fountain Street Car Park, Guisborough,

5.15pm

Great Ayton High Street car park,

5.30pm (opposite Coopers chemist)

Stokesley High Street car park

bus stop, 5.45pm

You can book tickets for both the concert and the bus at Sage Gateshead Ticket Office on 0191 443 4661 or online at www.sagegateshead.com

Concert tickets start at £10 up to £33.

Fri 30 Oct | 7.30pm | Sage One

MOZART'S VIENNA

Lars Vogt *conductor/piano*

Royal Northern Sinfonia

BEETHOVEN

The Creatures of Prometheus
Overture (5')

MOZART Piano Concerto No.20
(28')

WEBERN Langsamer Satz (9')

HAYDN Symphony No.103,
'Drumroll' (29')

Guisborough Choral Society - Remembrance Concert

On Remembrance Day weekend Guisborough Choral Society will present a very special Remembrance Concert. The choir has invited special guests, the Dishforth Military Wives Choir, to sing with it at the event on Saturday, 7th November in St. Nicholas Church, Guisborough. The concert will feature Gustave Fauré's beautiful and universally-popular *Requiem*, as well as a full and varied programme of remembrance-themed works, readings and the playing of the Last Post.

The Dishforth choir is part of the Military Wives Choirs movement - now numbering 75 choirs - that has grown up in the wake of the hugely-successful Gareth Malone TV series *The Choir* and the release of the hit single *Wherever You Are* in 2012. With Ruth Sladden (the Musical Director of the Military Wives Choir) and her husband Dan singing the solo parts in the *Requiem*, it all adds up to the promise of a wonderful musical experience and a deeply-moving tribute, on the eve of Remembrance Day, to those who gave their lives in the service of their country.

The concert is at 7.30pm on Saturday, 7th November in St. Nicholas Church, Guisborough. Tickets are £10, £8 concessions, £1 under-19s and will be available from 8th October from Guisborough Bookshop and Green-sleeves Music in Chaloner St. Guisborough, or www.wegotickets.com

Robin Says Thank You

Many thanks to everyone who sponsored me to take on the Great North Run, so far to date £660 has been raised for Daisy Chain, well above my initial £500 target. I enlisted the help of Barbara the sheep to help me along the way, a forlorn hope, no grass on the Tyne bridge! Next year, Hm-mmm? Many thanks to you all, and especially Paul, for helping me raise money for different charities over the last few years.



Going, Going, Gone!



One of Great Ayton's well known landmarks disappeared in September when the large Cedar tree opposite Hollygarth was taken down. The tree, although much loved, was growing far too close to the house and was causing it damage. This had been generously coped with by the owner for many years, but eventually difficult decisions have to be made.

Here at the Vicarage we appreciate very much just how difficult this decision is for the resident concerned, for this year we are also to lose the beautiful beech tree from our garden that is such a feature in All Saints churchyard too.

The tree has shed two limbs over the last 24 years, the last one falling into the vicarage garden without warning on a still day, and just missing the house by a few feet. Had anyone been under it at the time...

The limb causing anxiety now, overhangs the public footpath and many monuments even older than the tree. As the footpath is used by many visiting the Cook grave and walkers alike, the option of re-routing around the back of the Church is not practical.

The issues with our tree date back 100 or so, when previous generations pruned it. The tree also has the beginning of an infection.

Losing the tree will be a great loss to us, as well as all the wildlife that live in it, but we have a duty of care to all who visit All Saints Churchyard. We expect the work to be done later this year when the leaves fall.



YORKSHIRE CANCER RESEARCH

Great Ayton & District Committee

There will be a Coffee Morning at Kildale Village Hall on Tuesday 6th October, at 10:00am to 12 noon.

There will be raffle, cake stall, Christmas cards and crafts. Admission £1.50. Coffee will be made by Mrs Margaret Cook (who for many years helped her aunt Hilda Lewis) and Mrs Margaret Snaith. These ladies have done this for several years and the Y.C.R. Committee are very grateful for all their hard work and very good coffee! This event was started by Mrs Rene Ridley and her friend Mrs Dent instead of a House to House collection and it is now an annual event, so please come and enjoy a pleasant morning.



The "Not a Lunch" will be in the Parochial Hall on Wednesday 18th November at 12:30pm.

Margaret Stevens

A Centre For Asylum

Middlesbrough and the wider Tees Valley make up one of the Home Office dispersal areas for people who have claimed asylum in the UK. Large numbers of people seeking asylum are housed in the Tees Valley, mainly in Middlesbrough & Stockton. Many churches, faith and community groups are seeing growing numbers of people who are seeking asylum and often wonder what services and support is available.

Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency (MVDA) has produced an excellent guide to specialist VCS services in Middlesbrough for refugees and people seeking asylum. It shows the range of support and services available and will help with guiding people to the right place for advice and support. The guide is available here www.mvda.info/content/resources

REPORT FROM DARJEELING

Life in the Himalayas is never easy, but this summer Darjeeling has been hit hard. The earthquake and its aftershocks had people sleeping on the streets in fear and closed schools for a while. Tourists fled and with them the major source of income. I arrived at the height of the monsoon and found a town under siege by rain. Steep hillsides destabilised by the quakes were shedding slides of mud and rock on a daily basis, blocking roads and demolishing houses. At Roseberry, the inadequate foundations of the playgroup base had been seriously weakened and the building would have to be demolished and replaced before a disaster occurred.



All was gloomy until I entered the classrooms and met again the smiling faces of the children. Against all odds, teaching has improved and a new set of pupils is being prepared for Secondary school. One morning ex-pupil Heena appeared at my door bringing the mid-summer exam results from her new school. She had come top in English and Maths. It was especially pleasing because as a Muslim she had been refused entry at the local government-supported Mission school.



Samir at home on his bunk bed

The weekend was a time for home visits. It wasn't easy walking anywhere in such weather but in the morning we were encouraged by a smiling Samir who came to meet us at the edge of the slum and led us down a warren of slippery steps and alleys to the tiny one roomed "house" he shares with his parents and young brother. Samir

is a bright boy with an insatiable curiosity, but it is hard to see what the future can hold for him and his brother. His mother is pleased that he is learning so much at Roseberry, but fears they may not manage to put the boys through Secondary education. She ekes out a meagre living pouring cups of tea for tourists up on the square, but for now the tourists have gone. Later we visited Diksha at home. Diksha and Samir are in the same class, but Diksha lives an hour away in a lonely little house on a tree covered hillside above the tea garden. A new road under construction is providing welcome work for her grandmother, breaking rocks with a lump hammer. What a life!

Replacing the old wooden building on the steep hillside above the extension will cost around £25,000 and an appeal will be launched in September with a view to building during the winter of 2016. Further information from Helen Jones on 01642 723357



Diksha playing with her friends

At the September Great Ayton PCC Meeting, it was decided to hold our Christmas Appeal once again for Roseberry School to help them raise the funds they need to make their school safe. This will take place at our Christmas Carol Services.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Our first event in October is the "**Cards for Christmas**" coffee morning in The Methodist Coffee Lounge on **Saturday, 3rd October, from 10 -12 noon**. Entrance is £1.50, including coffee & biscuits.



On **Wednesday, 7th October**, I am running a **Bridge Drive** in the Parochial Hall at 7 pm. Tickets are £7 and include light refreshments and are available from me.

Advance notice for a **Quiz**, to be held in the Conservative Club on **Sunday, 15th November** - more details in the next Spire.

Jancie Brown



Nigel stepped down from running Middlesbrough Foodbank and his position has now been filled by Soroush. We wish them all well as they continue this much needed charity supporting those struggling with poverty in our own area.

NEWTON NEWS

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Our annual chance to say a special Thank You to God for the Harvest, and all who contribute to it, will be on **Friday 2nd October at 7.30pm in Saint Oswald's**. We welcome as our Guest Preacher our new Archdeacon, Venerable Samantha Rushton.

The service is followed by a faith supper in the Church. Please bring along a contribution of finger food, sweet or savoury, or a bottle of wine.

There will be a collection for a charity decided by the PCC this month.



Paul Carter greeting Archdeacon Sam

Christ Church Cleaning

We are about to do the Church Cleaning and Brass Cleaning Rotas for another year and would really appreciate more volunteers.

We need 3 people for the general cleaning and 2 for the brasses.

Most of the work is done in pairs, so if you feel you can help (it is usually only 3 times a year and takes no more than 2 hours max each time).

Please contact:- Jan Thompson on 01642 723344 or Irene Reah on 01642 723804. Thank You.

Enjoy the Flowers!



THE SITUATION

In Washington DC, at a Metro Station, on a cold January morning in 2007, this man with a violin played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes.

During that time, approximately 2,000 people went through the station, most of them on their way to work.

After about 3 minutes, a middle aged man noticed that there was a musician playing. He slowed his pace and stopped for a few seconds, and then he hurried on to meet his schedule.

About 4 minutes later:

The violinist received his first dollar. A woman threw money in the hat and, without stopping, continued to walk.

At 6 minutes:

A young man leaned against the wall to listen to him, then looked at his watch and started to walk again.

At 10 minutes:

A 3-year old boy stopped, but his mother tugged him along hurriedly. The kid stopped to look at the violinist again, but the mother pushed hard and the child continued to walk, turning his head the whole time. This action was repeated by several other children, but every parent - without exception - forced their children to move on quickly.

At 45 minutes:

The musician played continuously. Only 6 people stopped and listened for a short while. About 20 gave money but continued to walk at their normal pace.

The man collected a total of \$32.

After 1 hour:

He finished playing and silence took over. No one noticed and no one applauded.

There was no recognition at all.

No one knew this, but the violinist was **Joshua Bell**, one of the greatest musicians in the world. He played one of the most intricate pieces ever written, with a violin worth \$3.5 million dollars. Two days before, Joshua Bell sold-out a theatre in Boston where the seats averaged \$100 each to sit and listen to him play the same music.

This is a true story. Joshua Bell, playing incognito in the D.C. Metro Station, was organized by the Washington Post as part of a social experiment about **perception, taste and people's priorities.**

This experiment raised several questions:

*In a common-place environment, at an inappropriate hour, do we perceive beauty?

*If so, do we stop to appreciate it?

*Do we recognize talent in an unexpected context?

One possible conclusion reached from this experiment could be :

If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world, playing some of the finest music ever written, with one of the most beautiful instruments ever made . . .

How many other things are we missing as we rush through life?

Enjoy life NOW .. Take time to enjoy the things around you.. You may not get a second chance.

This came into my Inbox a couple of years ago and I marked it for attention. I think it was worth the wait! Ed.

Long serving Gift Aid Secretary retires...

It doesn't seem like 17 years since Sheila Levitt agreed to become our Covenant Secretary but, throughout the intervening time, she has worked diligently and undemonstratively to recover tax from HM Revenue and Customs from a variety of giving schemes from covenanting to Gift Aid and, most recently, the small donations scheme. She has had to adapt to seemingly endless changes in regulation from HMRC and the inevitable knock-on effects on the processes she uses to make the claims. The net effect? The Church has benefited from tax refunds of over **£215,000** in this time!! So no-one can say Sheila hasn't played her full part in supporting our Church or is more in need of a well-earned retirement! Thank you Sheila for all you have done!!



... and Ynez steps into the breach!



We are delighted that Ynez Clarke has agreed to take over as Gift Aid Secretary. Many will remember that Ynez for several years was the local fundraising coordinator for the Royal British Legion - in her new role she will be assisted by husband John (to help sort out the inevitable computer glitches!). If any of you have any problems or questions regarding Gift Aid, I am sure that Ynez will do her best to help. Her contact details will from this month onwards be on the back

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So, welcome on board to the new “smiling face of Gift Aid”!!

If you would like to join the envelope scheme, by giving a regular donation towards Church each week in a special dated envelope, please contact Jean Goat 01642 723274.

Wedding Gallery



Hannah Waters & Oliver Hebdon married at Christ Church on 29 August



Katy Winterschladen & Pete Egerton married at Christ Church on 4 September



Kesia Bruce & Chris Train married at Christ Church on 5 September



Lisa Pybus & Femi Sopekan married at Christ Church on 12 September



Katharine Benson & Bradley Johnson married at St Oswald's on 17 September



The Groom arrived in style!

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

30 th August	Louie John Langdon Neveah Mary Langdon
5 th September	Estelle Celia Matthews Isobel Matthews
20 th September	Matthew Daniel Lebourne

Weddings

29 August	Hannah Waters & Oliver Hebdon
4 September	Katy Winterschladen & Peter Egerton
5 September	Kesia Bruce & Christ Train
12 September	Lisa Pybus & Femi Sopekan
17 September	Katharine Benson & Bradley Johnson

Christian Burial and Cremation

17 August	Arthur Greenwell
10 September	Freda Grunwell
14 September	Cliff Dawson

Services in Magenta took place at St Oswald's Church, Newton

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Diocese of York	www.dioceseofyork.org.uk
Stokesley Deanery	www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk
A Church Near You	www.acny.org.uk

Unusual Places Visited

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Kahoots. Apparently, you can't go there alone. You have to be in Kahoots with someone. I've also never been in Cognito. I hear that no-one recognises you there. I have, however, been in sane. They don't have an airport, you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there thanks to my children, family, friends and work. I would like to go to Conclusion, but you have to jump, and I'm not into physical activity anymore. I have also been in Doubt. That's a sad place to go, and I try not to visit it too often. I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm. Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older. One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart!

At my age I need all the stimuli I can get! OK that's enough of that, I'm starting to feel very old - My job is done! Life is too short for negative drama and petty things. So laugh insanely, love truly and forgive quickly!

Some Sillys

Last night my wife sent me a text saying she was in Casualty. When I got home I watched all 50 minutes of it, never saw her once, the lying beggar. She still hasn't come home and I'm starving.

I walked into a coffee bar and ordered a Latte. The waitress enquired "Is it for sitting in?", "No, its for drinking."

I've bought some really expensive new 'Chanel' Aftershave that smells strongly of breadcrumbs - but the bird's love it.

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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

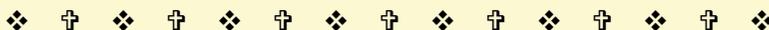
Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion - in Christ Church

Baptisms, Banns and Weddings can be arranged in person at 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

*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)

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