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THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 7.30
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Happy New Year to all
www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk

60p

Lent Activities

All Lent activities begin on or following Sunday 14th February

Sundays
At 5pm

Deanery Lent Talks with various speakers at Stokesley Parish Church. Talk followed by Compline

Mondays
at 9am

Start the week with the Vicar! Morning Prayers and Thought for the Day, in Christ Church.

Wednesdays
At 10am

Holy Communion & Address (If you haven't been before, join us for Lent)

Fridays
At 7am

Get Up With God - the ever popular early morning communion followed by breakfast that gives a great start to the day.

THE PSALMS - PRAYERS FOR TODAY'S CHURCH

This year the York Course looks at some of the Psalms, those ancient songs that express all manor of emotions. We start together to hear a recorded input, then break into groups for a chat about what we have heard. The venues and dates are varied to allow maximum participation from all Churches in our village. Come to one, come to all.

- 1 Monday 15th February 1.30pm – 3pm Saint Margaret's Church, Sunnyfield**
Know that the Lord is God (Psalm 100)
- 2 Wednesday 24th February 7.30pm – 9pm Royal Oak Upper Room**
Why not join us for a meal beforehand at 6pm?
Out of the depths have I cried (Psalm 130)
- 3 Wednesday 2nd March 10.45 - 12 noon Friends Meeting House, High Green**
How long, O Lord? (Psalm 13)
- 4 Thursday 10th March 1.30pm – 3pm Christ Church Hall, Guisborough Road**
You spread a table before me (Psalm 23)
- 5 Monday 14th March 1.30pm - 3pm Methodist Church, High Street**
Unless the Lord builds the house ... (Psalm 127)

Stokesley Deanery Lent Services

PASSION OF CHRIST

A short service followed by an address from a visiting speaker at Stokesley Parish Church on Sundays in Lent at 5pm (*Not Mothering Sunday*)

14th February - Venerable Sam Rushton, Archdeacon of Cleveland

21st February - Sister Anita, Order of the Holy Paraclete, Whitby

28th February - Revd Alison Wilkinson, Methodist Minister from Seaton Carew

13th March - Mgr David Hogan, Parish Priest St Bernadette RC Church, Nunthorpe.

Charity Auction of Surplus Christmas Gifts

Another successful Charity Auction took place on Saturday 16th January where £733.30 was raised to support the work of Children in Distress.

Many thanks to all who donated surplus gifts and to those who came to enjoy an afternoon bidding for items.



Our thanks to our four auctioneer and their assistants, and to Mary and Doris for kindly doing refreshments once again

FEBRUARY

- 1 Mon** 2pm Holy Communion at Hollygarth.
- 7 Sun** **Sunday before Lent** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's**; 6.30pm Archbishop's Pilgrimage Follow Up at Marton Church Hall.
- 10 Wed** **ASH WEDNESDAY 10am Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes**
- 11 Thurs** Silverwood Band Concert in Christ Church at 7.30pm
- 14 Sun** **Lent 1** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion: 11am Come & Praise.
- 17 Wed** Blood Donor Session in Christ Church Hall
- 20 Sat** 1pm Holy Baptism in Christ Church
- 21 Sun** **Lent 2 (Foodbank Sunday)** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am All Age Service at Saint Oswald's**. **2pm Wedding Afternoon at Saint Oswald's**.
- 27 Sat** LYCIG Follow Up Day in York
- 28 Sun** **Lent 3** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am WW1 Commemoration Arthur Wilks; 11.45am Holy Baptism; 4pm Wedding Afternoon at Christ Church.

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

The Church

Sometimes people think of the Church as being like a giant helicopter. They don't want to get too close in case they get sucked into the rotas.

From Ten Second Sermons by Milton Jones

Archbishop Sentamu's Pilgrimage of Prayer, Witness and Blessing



Archbishop Sentamu is now well underway on his six-month Pilgrimage of Prayer, Witness and Blessing across the Diocese of York.

He begins his Pilgrimage in Whitby on Tuesday 1 December; he will later journey to the East Riding, and finish in York Minster on Trinity Sunday (22 May 2016).

You can follow and share in Archbishop Sentamu's journey on the dedicated website

www.pilgrimage.archbishopofyork.org

Archbishop Sentamu is spending six days, from Tuesday to Sunday, in each of the Deaneries. He will be walking a sizeable distance each day from the coast, over moor and dale, along highways and byways, through both the rural and urban

communities from the Humber to the Tees and the A1 to the coast. His aim is to meet people, pray with them, and to encourage them to follow Christ, and bless what God is doing.

Archbishop Sentamu said, "My prayers have led me to this pilgrimage. St Paulinus, St Aidan, St Cuthbert and St Hilda of Whitby in their time shared the good news of Jesus Christ with the people of the North. Praying for those who come to know Christ is a great privilege and a joy. During this pilgrimage, I would like to encourage everyone I meet to commit themselves afresh to try praying, be open to encountering Jesus Christ, pray for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and receive the gift of the joy provided by Jesus Christ – and be thankful. Pray with me, and join me on the road!"

“The Church is Always Asking for Money”

I have heard that statement made many times over the years, and obviously there is an element of truth in it, for without any money we couldn't pay any bills - unless someone has found a way around this.

Our responsibility as a large Church in a relatively well off area of the Diocese is also to support those who struggle more, so in effect with the money given as our Freewill Offering and Church Fees put together, Christ Church and Saint Oswald's pay for almost two full time clergy as we gave £105,625 to the Diocese.

At Christ Church and Saint Oswald's we also believe in encouraging people to support other good causes too, by donating collections from our baptisms, weddings and funerals to charities chosen by the families. With baptisms we give a choice of three to choose from - Zoe's Place Children's Hospice, Daisy Chain or Clic Sargent Children's Cancer Charity - but with weddings and funerals it is a free choice. As well as raising big amounts of support for good causes, it also increases goodwill to the Church, and sometimes people kindly request that donations come to us.

Our Churches also give a proportion of their income each year to various charities and you will have read last issue what Christ Church supported.

There are often special appeals during the year to respond to, as well as the Harvest and Christmas Appeals, and as you will read elsewhere in Spire, this Christmas we shattered all records.

Some may ask why we don't keep more of this money for ourselves, and the answer is simply because it is in being generous to others that people are generous back to us in return. Give and it shall be given unto you, or as a dear lady in my former Parish used to say “Money is made round to go round. Give it away and it comes back to you.” Thank you to all who help us be a generous Church.

So the next time you hear someone say “The Church is always asking for money” you can say, “Yes, but they give it away too.”

Christian Aid	1449.83	Multiple Sclerosis Society	181.00
United Society (formerly USPG)	750.00	UCCF	1000.00
Church Mission Society	750.00	Zoe's Place	1280.03
Church Army	750.00	Cash for Kids in Yorkshire	282.99
Children's Society	1793.71	Leven District Scouts	212.20
Children in Distress	997.00	Mental Health Matters	53.53
Archbishop of York's Discretionary Fund	1000.00	Lymphoma Association	300.67
Tees Valley Youth for Christ	1236.75	Teesside Hospice	1964.64
The Bible Society	580.00	St Catherine's Hospice	538.94
Anglican International Development	1000.00	JCUH Coronary Scanner Appeal	619.96
Mary's Meals	1000.00	Daisy Chain	1382.03
British Heart Foundation	365.00	"A Way Out"	946.50
Brain Tumour Research	520.74	CLIC Sargent	909.37
Ataxia UK	142.94	School Aid India	3924.63
North Tees Hospital (Breast cancer research)	104.02	Open Door North East	1000.00
Yorkshire Cancer Research	888.92	Middlesbrough Food Bank	206.00
Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust	237.00	Together Middlesbrough	1366.25
Marie Curie	238.47	Royal British Legion	819.85
Butterwick Children's Hospice	601.01	Yorkshire Air Ambulance	268.65
Great North Air Ambulance	847.34	Redcar RNLI	215.73
Macmillan Cancer Support	1856.93	Sponsorship -Uganda	200.00
Herriott Hospice Homecare	102.72	Sponsorship WW Jamboree	200.00
Lewy Body Society	104.83	Positive Strokes	238.03
Great Ayton Health Centre	285.63	Student Boxes	141.90
Alzheimer's Society	951.34	TOTAL FOR 2015	36807.08

GETTING READY FOR YOUR WEDDING

Couples being married at Christ Church or Saint Oswald's are invited to a get-together to help make your day even more special, and to pass on helpful information.



Saint Oswald's Church, Newton under Roseberry



Sunday 21st February at 2pm

Christ Church, Great Ayton

Sunday 28th February at 4pm



Lunchtime Concerts at Stokesley Methodist Church

Thursday 4th February at 1.30 pm

Ángela Zamorano Tardón cello

Lee Jae Phang piano

Light lunches available beforehand.

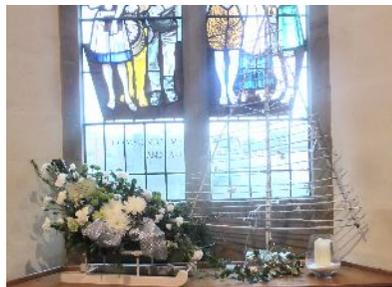
Tickets £7 in advance from Brown's Newsagents,
East End Or pay at the door.

More details from

<http://sotherans.wix.com/classical-cleveland>



Christmas in Great Ayton & Newton

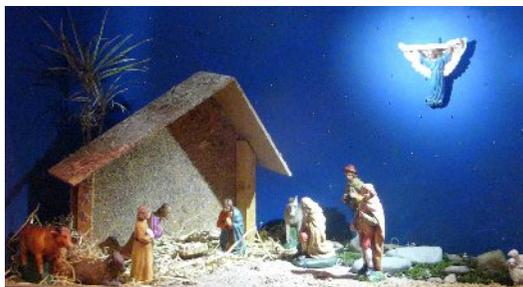


We are most fortunate in having talented people who decorate our Church buildings so beautifully for the Christmas season, for this really adds to our worship.



The Memory Tree at Christ Church brought comfort to many as they left many prayers and remembrances of loved ones on it. It also raised £114.10 for Herriot Hospice Homecare.

The story of the birth of Jesus was captured in many ways including the Crib at Christ Church and the Instant Nativity told with passion at Saint Oswald's.



Christmas Carol Services



Our Parishes are blessed with several very well attended Christmas Carol Services. At All Saints John Appleyard introduced us to Hark! The herald angels to Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah"

St Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry, saw their biggest attendance yet with folk sat on the altar steps.



Roseberry and Marwood Schools filled Christ Church to capacity for an excellent service.

At Christ Church's Service we used the new screen and projector and heard the huge increase in singing from the congregation. The choir were excellent once again.

A very good crowd for Carols on High Green raised £604 for Teesside Hospice.



Great news was that our Christmas Appeal to help repair Roseberry School in Darjeeling in India shattered all previous appeal records and raised an incredible £5,000 towards the £25,000 needed to replace the pre school in a safe manner. Helen Jones spoke movingly of the excellent work being done and the difference being made to poor children in the area. Here's how they did.



Carol Service	Total
Hollygarth Carol Service	16
Freemasons Carol Service	221
All Saints Carol Service	419
Saint Oswald's Newton Carol Service	1115
Marwood & Roseberry Carol Service	399
Christ Church Carol Service	965
Christ Church Crib Service	595
Donations	856
Gift Aid	414
Total	5000

The Archbishop's Visit



The Archbishop of York joined us for prayers on Christmas Eve morning. I called for him with my Archie to walk both to Church! The prayers were simple but very powerful and we had a good turnout.



Following prayers, we walked down the High Street in the pouring rain to witness the queues at the butchers - a sight to behold! All worth while when presented with your own Petch's Pork Pie.



We called in at several shops where the ABY greeted people. The Post Office was now quiet as the last post for Christmas had been delivered. Richard Thompson was ever ready for a run on batteries. Then it was off to Kildale.





As the Archbishop continued his pilgrimage through Stokesley, calling in at the Co-op and the Crib Services at Stokesley Parish Church, so we filled Christ Church for the Crib Service with the Christmas Story told in word and song by our Sunday school, featuring an incredible angels dance. I was too busy enjoying it to photograph it!



Despite the big show in town in Great Ayton, it was lovely to see numbers at Saint Oswald's Christmas Eve Communion increase from last year.



Midnight Mass has been on the decline for many years due to the change in worship patterns and licensing hours. Prior to my arrival we had a Policeman on the door to deter drunks. We had gone to former wrestler, Les Prest, when I came!

This Christmas Eve we were packed with a congregation of 253 who had come to experience this once in a lifetime occasion, of an Archbishop taking our service. They were not disappointed for Archbishop Sentamu was on form, and his sermon is still available to hear on our website.



It was good to see Christians from all denominations from our village gathered together for this occasion.

Thank you, Archbishop, for your encouragement and faith. May your visits be the spark that rekindles faith wherever you go.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

I hope that you had an enjoyable time over the Christmas period and haven't succumbed to any nasty coughs and colds.

The annual Christingle service went off well, with a full church - £546.53 was collected from the "candles". The committee sang carols just before Christmas, ably accompanied by John & Jamie, and several people also came along and joined in - £137.73 was collected that morning.



On WEDNESDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY, we are holding the BOX OPENING COFFEE MORNING in Christ Church Hall between 10.30 am and 12 noon. Entrance is £1.50, and there will be a cake stall, Pauline's cards and a raffle, so please come along and bring your boxes as well.

Advance notice: the Lent Soup Lunch will take place on Thursday, 17th March, - details will be in March Spire.

Jancie Brown

Yorkshire Cancer Research

Great Ayton and District Committee

Coffee Morning

Ingleby Greenhow Village Hall

Saturday 5th. March 10am - 12 noon

Display by Bradley School of Dance
Cakes, Jams, Tombola, Raffle

Tickets £1.50



Contemplative Prayer Father Kevin from Ampleforth Priory will make a welcome return visit to Great Ayton on Monday 18 April to guide us with humour and wisdom through a morning of prayer, reflection and contemplation. The venue for his visit will be the Friends Meeting House the time will be from 10.00 am - 1.00 pm. Reserve the date in your diary now - more details about the morning nearer the time.



Megson in Concert at Christ Church on Friday 1st April.



Three times nominated in the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, Teesside duo Debs and Stu draw heavily on their local heritage to create a truly unique brand of folk music. They bring an infectious mix of heavenly vocals, lush harmonies and driving rhythmic guitars. Megson have gained fame on the British folk scene, not only for their arresting and intelligent songwriting, but for their exquisite musicianship and northern humour. We are delighted that they have included Great Ayton in their Spring Tour of the UK, please put the date in your diary now and look out for details in the coming weeks.

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It's All Change at the Oak



The surprising news that greeted the New Year was that the Royal Oak is to change hands.

The Monaghan family took it over in 1978 under Derek, who “retired” five years ago handing over to son Simon. Over recent years Simon has extended his business ventures into The Mill in Stokesley and the Derry Arms in Long Newton (Both worth a visit) He knew that the Royal Oak was a village pub that needed a landlord to give it the time he could no longer give - and then fate took a hand.

Simon Fletcher, an Aytonian through and through, was getting tired of his commute to work in Liverpool and was looking for a new challenge. He mentioned to his wife Katie about

running the village local he had worked in years ago, and it sparked a thought that lit up many ideas. Simon M was approached and Paul Steele, a former chef at the Oak was also brought in as a business partner, and so out of nowhere a deal was done.

Simon, Katie and Paul are very much looking forward to be able to give the Oak the time and the love it needs to keep it as the well loved village local we have known over many years.

There will be a brand new menu with locally sourced produce cooked to a consistently good standard. Some favourites will remain, including the famous Parmo and even Derek Monaghan who is remaining to help out.

Simon Monaghan is looking forward to returning in the future as a customer, and I am sure that he will be delighted to see how Simon, Katie and Paul are taking the Oak forward. We wish them all every success for the future.

Annual Spring Clean

Friday 18th from 5pm & Saturday 19th March from 9am

**We need a good team of helpers to spring clean our Church. For some reason the turnout last year was very low. Please can you help this year?
Its so much easier with more hands to help.**

Sign up on the list in Church



Great Ayton Remembers

The next of our WWI Centenary Commemorations will be on

Sunday 14th February at 12 Noon - Gilbert Rumbelow

Tuesday 23rd February at 11am - Herbert Wilson

Sunday 28th February at 11am - Arthur Wilks



We will meet in Church during the winter months. Ian Pearce is also giving very interesting presentations on each man that are well worth hearing

SILVERWOOD BAND



In Concert

Christ Church Great Ayton

Thursday 11th February 2016 from 7.30pm

Tickets £6 including Refreshments

Box Office 07814 100 080

Proceeds between Christ Church and supporting Ellie Northey's
Girl Guiding Project to the Philippines

It's because I care

We care for Carers
Volunteering just a couple of hours of your time
can make a real difference to a carer's life.
Ask us how.

Tel: 01642 710085 or email

communityvisiting@stokesleycca.org.uk

Stokesley & District Community Care Association. Charity No. 519662

The Community Care Assoc. supports people in our local communities who care for their loved ones on a full time basis. Volunteer sitters can give carers a break of up to two hours a week.

We are **recruiting Volunteers** to help us to do this in Great Ayton, full support and training is provided. If this Interests you we would love to hear from you. Just ask for Kay or Sarah.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

28 November	Noah Thomas McLeavey
6 December	Oliver David George Fox
19 December	Aida Amel Stephanie Dean
20 December	Nilah Mae Galloway
10 January	Alexander William Hunter

Christian Burial and Cremation

4 December	Ingrid Burrows
10 December	Leslie Cumbor
11 December	Clive Griffiths
17 December	Pat Miller
30 December	Joyce Smith
5 January	Val Moore
7 January	Ray West
8 January	Val Carter
11 January	Babs Dunning

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

BELIEVING

When I hear familiar sounds
I know you are near.
When I feel the warmth of the sun's rays
It will be your arms embracing me.
When I listen to the ocean
It will be your whispers.
When a cool breeze caresses my cheek
It will be your spirit passing by.

Jean Cumbor

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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

Malcolm's Bits and Bobs

Influence is what the other fellow has when he gets the job you should have had on merit.

Sign at the entrance to a field in Berkshire: "Trespassers are requested to shut the gate behind them to prevent savage bull getting out."

A pessimist is one who has lent money to an optimist.

The CEO of an authority in Durham received an anonymous letter demanding a reply to an earlier letter — also sent anonymously.

A cynic once observed that a politician is someone who stands for whatever voters fall for.

On her retirement, the head teacher of a primary school received a card in which a seven-year-old boy had written: "May you rest in peace."

President Ronald Reagan once gave this definition of middle age:: "Middle age is when you're faced with two temptations and you choose the one that will get you home by 9.30."

Two boys, playing noisily in their grandmother's room, suddenly noticed that she was reading her Bible. "We'd better be quiet," remarked the older boy, "Grandma's swotting for her finals."

A civil servant, deliberating at a public inquiry into a road scheme, was asked when a decision might be forthcoming. "Somewhere between imminent and expected soon," he replied.

A girl at a boarding school wrote to her parents: "Last week the Bishop came for a confirmation. I could see him very well from my place in the chapel. Now I know what a crook really looks like."



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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 (<i>2nd Sunday of month</i>)
	Evening Worship - as announced in the Diary
Tuesday	9.30am Little Fishes Carer & Toddler Group
Wednesday	10.00am Holy Communion

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

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



Vicar	Rev'd Paul Peverell	The Vicarage	01642 722333
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	Rev'd Jon Dean		01642 722649
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