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Church of England in  
Great Ayton with  
Easby & Newton  
under Roseberry  
Parishes

# Spire

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# APRIL

- 1 **Fri** 1pm Wedding at Christ Church: 7pm Megson Concert in Christ Church
- 2 **Sat** 2pm Memorial Service for Simon Hodgson in St Oswald's Church.
- 3 **Sun** **Easter 2** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's; 6pm Memorial Service for the Recently Departed..
- 4 **Mon** 2pm Holy Communion at Hollygarth.
- 6 **Wed** 7.30pm Christ Church Standing Committee
- 10 **Sun** **Easter 3** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion: 11am Come & Praise.
- 15 **Fri** 1.45pm Church Visitors Meeting
- 17 **Sun** **Easter 4** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service at Saint Oswald's; 11.15am Holy Baptism at Christ Church. 12 noon Newton Annual Meeting; 3pm Holy Baptism at Christ Church.
- 20 **Wed** 7.30pm Great Ayton PCC Meeting
- 22 **Fri** White Rose Singers Concert in Christ Church  
Black Tie evening at Stokesley Town Hall - see adverts
- 24 **Sun** **Easter 5** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11.15am Holy Baptism at Christ Church

***Regular activities on back page***

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

# Where are all the Christians?



Towards the end of March the House of Lords considered an amendment moved by Baroness Cox, Baroness Nicholson, Lord Forsyth and Lord Alton at the Committee Stage of the Immigration Bill. If passed it will empower a Supreme Court Judge to determine whether a genocide is underway against Christians and other minorities in Syria and Iraq and it would require the Government to accelerate resettlement requests of the victims.

What is very clear is that the plight of Christians in the Middle East has deteriorated sharply over recent years. We used to call parts of the Middle East the Holy Land or Bible Lands, but incredibly Christians from those lands are either being forced out because of the violence, or live as second class citizens under constant fear of persecution.

Ironically in both Iraq and Syria the Christians there were far safer under the regimes of the more secular tyrants the West took exception too. Saddam Hussein and Bashar al Assad, although tyrants, didn't particularly pick on Christians just because of their faith. As Saddam fell and Iraq was taken over by more "religious" Muslims, so Iraq increasingly became a no go area for Christians with thousands leaving, and we witness the same happening in Syria with the war going on there. If Assad disappears whoever succeeds him is likely to be less sympathetic to Christians and other minorities than he was.

Back in the Millennium year of 2000 Christ Church raised £10,000 to build an extension onto an Armenian Evangelical Church in Aleppo in Syria. We did this alongside installing our Millennium window at the West end of Christ Church. As I stand behind the altar each Sunday and look at that window I wonder where those Christians are now.

At our last Deanery Synod we had an excellent speaker from the Methodist Asylum Project in Middlesbrough who spoke of the work being done to help integrate people from very different cultures into ours. Many of the asylum seekers come from fairly violent and dysfunctional countries where freedom of thoughts in religious terms is simply not tolerated. We have developed as a nation through things like the Reformation and the Enlightenment, which

has allowed us to question religion and to pursue rational thought. We have a justice system the envy of the world that treats people fairly regardless of their colour or background, and the policing of our societies basically run through the mutually accepted standards and respect we adhere to.

Our work ethic is based on our experience of the Industrial Revolution and the Protestant Work Ethic and we know that through hard work we can change things for the good.

If we drop into this system lots of people who have no idea of this background that makes us what we are, then we can only expect problems. The Methodist Asylum Project in Middlesbrough is a valuable programme that helps newcomers adapt more to their host country by learning more about it.

As Middlesbrough receives the largest number of asylum seekers nationally, one Synod member asked if there were many Christians amongst them. Amazingly the answer was no. The only Christians we have are mainly Iranian Muslims who have taken the chance to convert from their faith now they have the freedom to do so, but many of them are still fearful of the consequences.

So whoever wins the present battles going on out in Syria at the moment, it is unlikely that Christians and other minorities like that Yazidis, will never feel able to return. So where are on earth all they all going to?

My simple brain would say that in the present circumstances, those suffering most and who have no chance of return should be amongst the first to come and settle in Europe, The Lifeboat principle that governs our behaviour, says Women and children first, so where is the preference to take them in first and foremost, or are we going down the route of every man for himself?

My heart goes out to Christians and other minorities who no longer find a welcome in their ancient homelands. Were the same to happen to us, and one day it could, we would hope there was a still a refuge for us.

**Paul**

## Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

Is your date of birth either 21st April 1926 or 12th June 1926 and you live in North Yorkshire? If so you can apply for a free ticket for yourself and someone to accompany you to a special service in Ripon Cathedral on 12th June 2016 to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. If your 90th Birthday falls this year, you may go into a draw for a ticket. To apply either go to [www.nyll.org.uk/iam90thisyear](http://www.nyll.org.uk/iam90thisyear) or contact David Kerfoot MBE DL [david.kerfoot@kerfcs.eu](mailto:david.kerfoot@kerfcs.eu) Tel 01609-775122.



Regular attenders at the Wednesday morning 10am Service gathered together for coffee and scones to say goodbye to Sue Lithgow before she returned to Canada. Sue has been a regular with us for half of each year recently as she stayed with her mum. It was agreed that we won't wait for someone to go to Canada before we do it again!

## May 1st – a different Service!

The Tour de Yorkshire will be in the village during the morning so we have chosen this date for our fifth Praise and Party at 3pm. We are hoping that as many people as possible will attend a short service (which will include the choir), followed by Afternoon Tea in the Hall.

We will particularly welcome those who find an early morning service difficult to attend and can, on this occasion, provide transport for everyone who needs it. Please phone Enid Sedgwick (01642 722417) if you need a lift or just as importantly if you can offer one.

From 17<sup>th</sup> April there will be a list at the back of the church to sign up if you can provide small sandwiches or little cakes for the Afternoon Tea. The Visitors Group will co-ordinate the food and serve drinks.

**Rosemary Wheway**

## A Silverwood Thanks

On behalf of the Silverwood Band I'd just like to thank you all for your support at our concert in February, we raised nearly £1100. As agreed prior to the concert the ticket money was split between Christ Church and Ellie Northey. With a raffle and donations at the end of the concert Ellie got around £700 to add to her fundraising for her Girlguiding Service Project with £360 going to Church.

**Alison Lambert**

The concert was hugely enjoyable, so many thanks to the Band for coming to play and for the very kind donation to Church Funds. Ed.



# If the World were 100 PEOPLE:

50 would be female; 50 would be male

26 would be children, 74 adults, 8 of whom would be 65 and older

There would be:

60 Asians

15 Africans

14 people from the Americas

11 Europeans

33 Christians

22 Muslims

14 Hindus

7 Buddhists

12 people who practice other religions

12 people who would not be aligned with a religion

12 would speak Chinese

5 would speak Spanish

5 would speak English

3 would speak Arabic

3 would speak Hindi

3 would speak Bengali

3 would speak Portuguese

2 would speak Russian

2 would speak Japanese

62 would speak other languages

83 would be able to read and write and 17 would not .

7 would have a college degree, 22 would own or share a computer

77 people would have a place to shelter them from the wind and the rain, but 23 would not

1 would be dying of starvation

15 would be undernourished

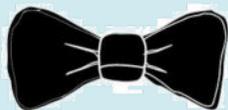
21 would be overweight

87 would have access to safe drinking water

13 people would have no clean, safe water to drink



Stokesley School Christian Youthworker Project Present



## Black Tie Event

Stokesley Town Hall

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016 from 7pm - 11pm

2 Course meal and entertainment from Northern Soul Elite

Tickets £25 from Chris Stokeld 01642 723573

## White Rose Singers



*at Christ Church, Great Ayton*



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016 at 7.30pm

**Supporting *Childline***

Tickets £7.50 includes interval drink and canapés  
from Avril Nicholls 01642 711583 or Gill Day 01642 762086

# m e g s o n

'Simply Brilliant'  
**The Sunday Express**

'A force in the folk revival'  
**Neil Spencer – The Observer**

'The most original duo on the British folk scene'  
**Robin Denslow – The Guardian**



**Christ Church,  
Great Ayton**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 8.00 p.m.**  
**(doors open 7:30)**

**Tickets £12 from:**

**Great Ayton Discovery Centre**

**Thompsons Hardware**

**John Dickinson 01642 724450**

The husband and wife duo bring an infectious mix of heavenly vocals, lush harmonies and driving rhythmic guitars. Comprising Debs Hanna (vocals, whistle, piano accordion) and Stu Hanna (guitar, mandola, banjo) 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.



The 'Tour de Yorkshire is coming to Great Ayton on Sunday 1st May.

The parish council along with the local businesses invite you to be part of what promises to be a great family day out!

The cyclists will be coming from Middlesbrough, turning left by the Treebridge roundabout towards Great Ayton. At Guisborough Road, they will turn left and go around the roundabout and down Newton Road, through the High Street, across the stone bridge and then passed The Buck towards Stokesley. They will be passing both the High and Low Green areas of the village, and its hoped that we can really make this a great day of celebration.



What is certain is that we will be getting lots of visitors into the village to watch what is going on and to enjoy that party atmosphere. We are being given an incredible opportunity to put Great Ayton on the map - and the TV too with the live coverage - and to show people what a great community this is.

The village traders are getting together to lead the way and will be posting their ideas and others in the shop window next to Ayton's Fish & Chip Shop.'

What could you do? Do you live on the route? Could you decorate your house appropriately?

The yellow bikes have been a sign of welcome at previous Tour de Yorkshires. Could you display one?



**Let's put out the flags for the 1<sup>st</sup> of May and give a real Yorkshire welcome to our visitors and give them a Grand Day Out.**

**Ee Champion!**



1st Great Ayton Scouts proudly present

# Hank Wangford and Brad Breath

Friday

6th May

2016,

doors at

7pm,

Great Ayton

Church Hall,

TS9 6AA

**Tickets**

**£10**



Bar.....  
with beers  
from  
Brass  
Castle  
Brewery

For tickets please contact [patrickhugheswsj@gmail.com](mailto:patrickhugheswsj@gmail.com) or

tel 07542 328 192

Raffle for Roseberry School in Darjeeling and The Margaret Pyke Centre

## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The boxes have all been opened and the grand total is £2101.11, which is quite a bit up on last year's collection. Well done to everyone!

We send you best wishes for Easter.

**Jancie Brown**



## Yorkshire Cancer Research

Great Ayton and District Committee

The Coffee Morning at Ingleby Greenhow was a wonderful morning both socially and financially. Margaret Connelly brought some of her pupils from the Bradley School of Dance to entertain us, a very big thank you to them all and to all the parents and grandparents who brought the children.



A very big thank you to Sandra Howat and Debbie Cowley who organised the morning for Y.C.R. with help from Mary Boardman on raffle, Ann, Mona, Pat and Molly working in the kitchen. It was lovely to see Celia Thompson and to be able to thank her for all the previous coffee mornings she had organised on behalf of the committee. The total raised was £1281-98 a fantastic amount.

## An Afternoon Tea

to celebrate the Queens 90th birthday

(Best bib and tucker, even hats may be worn) on Wednesday April 20th at 2:30pm in The Parochial Hall Tickets £5 adults, £2 children, available from committee members or 01642 722044 or 01642 723334 Raffle.

## Dates for your diary

15<sup>th</sup> May. Quiz in the Conservative Club at 7:30pm.

3<sup>rd</sup> August Coffee Morning in Christ Church Hall 10am - 12noon

11<sup>th</sup> October Kildale Coffee Morning, Village Hall 10am - 12noon

15<sup>th</sup> October "Songs of the Silver Screen" with the Tees Valley Gilbert and Sullivan Society in Christ Church.

16<sup>th</sup> November "Not a Lunch" 12:30pm

# Contemplative Prayer

On **Monday 18 April**, at the **Friends Meeting House**, High Green, Father Kevin, from Ampleforth Priory, will make a welcome return visit to Great Ayton to guide a time of prayer, reflection, contemplation and shed light on any relevant questions we might want to ask. The Meeting House will be open from 9.45 am for a prompt start to our prayer morning which begins at **10.00 am**. Coffee break is about 11.15 - the session finishes 1pm.



Contact people are - Carole Avison (Friends), Dorothy Sills ( Methodist Church) Pip Nel (St. Margaret's) Enid Sedgwick (Christ Church)

In 2015 York Diocese received **£852,000** from Fee Income from Weddings and Funerals, which is 6% of the Diocesan Budget.

Stokesley Deanery contributed **£44,702** just over 5% of the total. There are 21 Deaneries in the Diocese.

Great Ayton & Newton contributed **£12,142** or 27% of the Deanery total. There are 10 Benefices in the Deanery.

# Malcolm's Bits and Pieces



Headline: "Fire on Bus, Passengers Alight"

Passengers at Gatwick Airport railway station were told trains had been delayed by "Bovine Intrusion."

A lawyer for Bette Davis rang the actress to tell her about a rumour in New York that she had just died.. Miss Davis promptly replied: "With a newspaper strike on, I wouldn't consider it."

A display of gloves in a shop boasted the notice: "Buy one, get one free."

A woman who bought a new one-piece bathing costume from a department store found later it had a tag advising: "May become transparent when wet."

When Yogi Barra was asked by his wife whether he wanted to be buried or cremated, he replied: "Surprise me."

"Five out of every three people have trouble understanding fractions" - Ken Dodd.

Note on the grill room menu of a Baghdad hotel: "Steak and chops are grilled before our customers."

A letter to a newspaper recalled how a couple complained at a café they had visited for the first time that the beans were cold, the eggs hard and the toast burnt. The waitress replied: "Perhaps it will be better the next time you come."

The landlord of a pub called the Duke of Hamilton received a letter from a local political organisation addressed to the Duke of Hamilton, followed by the correct address and post code. The letter began: "Your Grace...

# Saint Oswald's Spring Clean



There was a good turnout for the annual Spring clean at Saint Oswald's Church at Newton under Roseberry. Ledges were dusted, brass was polished, carpets hoovered and it is believed 23 spiders were rendered homeless!

We had a great turnout with several wedding couples past and future also joining in the fun. Our thanks to all the volunteers to help keep our Churches and grounds clean, tidy and welcoming for visitors. It is often commented on.

## Joan Lithgow

Sue and Patrick Lithgow and their families would like to thank everyone for their kind caring thoughts, letters, cards and flowers which were given after our Mom's death.

Special thanks to Dulcie, Marina and the flower club for the lovely arrangements in Christ Church. Rev Pev and his 'team' were outstanding and guided us gently through every step of a daunting emotional path, turning it into an true celebration of Mom's life which I know she would have loved.

Thank you to all.

**Sue Lithgow**



# An Incredible Feat

In last months Spire we recorded the incredible feat undertaken by Keith Heaviside of climbing Roseberry Topping 6,100 times.

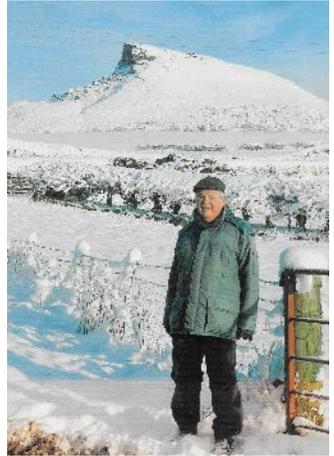
Keith's story of his daily climb of the Topping had been sent to the Darlington & Stockton Times by friends to mark his 6,000<sup>th</sup> ascent, but Keith got wind of it and asked them not to run it.

We ran the story in Spire, which was then picked up Debbie Calgie, our village correspondent for the D & S who featured it. A journalist who supplies many stories to newspapers was taken with the D & S account, so got in touch to find out more. I sent him my funeral address and contact details for the family.

A few days later I received a tweet - From the Spire to The Times, and Keith story had hit the National newspapers featuring in The Times, The Telegraph and The Sun. I got home to find BBC Tees and Tyne Tees Television also wanting details of the many who had climbed the equivalent of 220 Mount Everest's.

The story hit many other newspapers, and even featured in the New York Times!

A Google search revealed entries on websites for 6 pages, many in languages I couldn't understand, of an ordinary man from our village, who through perseverance and dedication had achieved something extra-ordinary.



## Great Ayton Remembers

It's all quiet on the Western Front.

There are no more WWI 100<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversaries until July



# From the Registers

## Holy Baptism

13 March  
20 March

Joseph James Frankish  
Declan Tommy Lee Brand



## Christian Burial and Cremation

19 February  
1 March  
7 March  
16 March  
18 March

Len Eaton  
Les Jones  
Bert Fraser  
Gillian Lauriston  
May Wilson

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

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Stokesley Deanery	<a href="http://www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk">www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk</a>
A Church Near You	<a href="http://www.acny.org.uk">www.acny.org.uk</a>

## Inner Peace

If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

If you can relax without alcohol,

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

Then you are probably the family dog!



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# The Parishes of Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry

## Services

### Christ Church, Great Ayton

<b>Sunday</b>	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
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am Little Fishes Carer & Toddler Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	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](mailto:revpev@btinternet.com)

### At St Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry

**Sunday** 11.00am Services on 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month only  
1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion; 3<sup>rd</sup> All Age Worship



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