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Easby & Newton
under Roseberry
Parishes

Spire

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It's Harvest Time!

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OCTOBER

- 2 **Sun** **Trinity 19** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's; 12.15pm Christening at St Oswald's.
- 3 **Mon** 2pm Communion & Cuppa in the Coffee Lounge.
- 6 **Thurs** Marwood School Open Day 9.30am - 11.30am; 1.30pm - 6pm.
- 9 **Sun** **HARVEST SUNDAY AT CHRIST CHURCH** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Harvest Parade Service; 11am Come & Praise.
- 10 **Mon** 7.30pm All Saints Church Committee.
- 13 **Thurs** 7pm Deanery Readers Meeting in Christ Church.
- 14 **Fri** 7.30pm Harvest Service at St Oswald's followed by Supper.
- 15 **Sat** 7.30pm Concert in Christ Church
- 16 **Sun** **Trinity 21** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service at St Oswald's.
- 17 **Mon** 7.30pm Simeon's Watch in Christ Church.
- 19 **Wed** 7.30pm PCC Meeting.
- 20 **Thurs** 7.30pm Deanery Synod Meeting.
- 21 **Fri** 3pm Wedding at St Oswald's.
- 22 **Sat** 1pm Wedding at St Oswald's.
- 23 **Sun** **Last Sunday after Trinity** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion.
- 24 **Mon** 1pm Wedding at Christ Church.
- 26 **Wed** 12 noon Captain Cook Service in All Saints Church.
- 28 **Fri** 2pm Wedding at Christ Church: 4pm Wedding at St Oswald's.
- 30 **Sun** **All Saints Sunday** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's. Services will be taken by Revd Paul Hutchinson, Rector of Stokesley, as he and our Vicar swap for the morning.

Regular activities on back page

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



HARVEST TIME

Ask many children today where milk comes from, and it is likely that many will say “from the supermarket”. The idea of this white liquid coming from a cow is quite alien to many of our urban population who have become disconnected from the countryside.

When I first went to Saint Martin’s in Middlesbrough, there were several butchers on Acklam Road, so it was obvious where your meat came from as you saw it hanging up in the shop. Today they are gone and meat comes to us ready packaged in polystyrene trays in the Supermarket. Instead of Butchers, the road is now filled with Fast Food Shops.

The sad consequence of all this is a growing disconnect with the Countryside, that fails to appreciate just what our farmers do for us and how reliant we are on them. Because of the global markets that operate today, it could be claimed that our farmers have never been less appreciated in our own country. We pay a pittance for milk whilst dairy farmers go out of business, but then we complain that the countryside isn't full of pretty cows and those farmers want to develop their land. How dare they! But you can't live off fresh air.

Harvest comes to us from the time of the book of Deuteronomy in the Old Testament, where certain Harvests were remembered at different times of the year when they came in ie. The grain and the grape harvests. If the Harvest was plentiful it was a time of rejoicing. If not, belts were tightened, but it made you realise your interdependence with the land and not take things for granted.

In our Country, Harvest Services have usually occurred in Churches in October time, as we see the fields cleared of their crops. It is a time for us to say thank you for all who produce the food for our tables, and to remember those less fortunate.

Don't take what we have for granted. Make a special effort to come to one of our Harvest Services. We will celebrate it at Christ Church on Sunday 9th October at 8am, 9.15am and 11am and invite people to bring a contribution for the Middlesbrough Foodbank. At Saint Oswald's we follow the old practice of an evening Harvest Service and Supper, and this is on Friday 14th October at 7.30pm in Church. The collection will go to a farming charity, and contributions to the Faith Supper are welcome. Hope to see you.

Paul

Deanery News

Retirement Revd Pam Sanders from the Hutton Rudby, Kirklevington, Worsall and Crathorne Group of Parishes has announced her retirement. She will step down on 31st January next year, and is moving to Orkney - which is even more remote than Middleton! We wish her well.

Saint Mary's Nunthorpe are celebrating 90 years since the building of the Church on the weekend Friday 30th September to Sunday 2nd October. The Church will be open on the Saturday for a Coffee Morning 10 - 12noon with a display of the history of the Church, together with Harvest flowers. At 2pm there will be a special Songs of Praise Service followed by Afternoon Tea. They celebrate their Harvest on Sunday at 10am in Church.



Their Vicar is off on long term sick leave, so well done Saint Mary's in organising this celebratory weekend. Many years ago, Nunthorpe used to be a daughter Church to this Parish.

Changes to Deaneries There is a consultation going on at present to see how Deaneries can be more efficient and supportive. A Deanery is the name given to a group of Parishes that work together. We are in Stokesley Deanery which takes in Swainby, Faceby, Carlton, Bilsdale, Kildale, Ingleby Greenhow, Kirkby, Stokesley, Seamer, Hilton, Hutton Rudby, Crathorne, Kirklevington, Worsall, Yarm, Ingleby Barwick, Stainton, Brookfield, Hemlington, Nunthorpe, Great Ayton and Newton under Roseberry (and a few smaller places too).

The elephant in the room at the moment, is that if present trends of giving and income continue, we are unlikely to be able to afford the same number of Stipendiary clergy as we have at the moment. Even if we could, there is likely to be a shortfall as many are approaching retirement. How do we continue to witness and worship as a Church? Can we use this opportunity to grow in new ways as we work more closely across boundaries?

As part of this process, Paul Hutchinson, the Rector of Stokesley, and myself have decided to make stronger links between our parishes to support one another. On several Sundays a year we will swap Churches so that you may get to know him, and the folk of Stokesley and Seamer will see me. This will take place the first time on Sunday 30th October when the Pauls will swap Churches..

A Drop becomes a Deluge

The only miracle recorded in all four Gospels is the feeding of the five thousand. Remember the story? Jesus, after preaching to the crowd, decides to have dinner with them. Biblical scholars put the number beyond five thousand as in that day women and children were not counted in totals like that. The disciples are told by Jesus to feed the crowd. The disciples objected that it would be impossible to feed so many people. Andrew spoke up and said, “Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?” John 6: 8

Amazingly Jesus had everyone sit down to supper and took the small offering given by the boy and started passing out the food. Miraculously the Scripture says that, “When they all had enough to eat... they gathered up twelve baskets of food.” All this from one little boy’s offering! What made the boy’s gift worth so much? It was given willingly and sacrificially. A gift given in faith will always be multiplied by God to achieve His purposes. It was not the little boy’s responsibility to worry about how everyone would be fed. It was only his responsibility to willingly offer what he had to Jesus.

We all share in the responsibility for maintaining the life of our Church. If all people offer something, however small, great things can be achieved. It is even better when people commit themselves regularly to give, for then even when they have a Sunday off they are still supporting the Church. If you just give when you attend your support may turn out to be pretty mean if you don’t come every week, and most people are more generous than that.

It is best to set aside an amount each week that you want to give to the Church, and then to give it either by Bankers Order or at Christ Church by using the weekly offering envelopes, where you get an envelope for each week of the year and bring them all when you come. Our Churches need this support for we don’t receive any central funds and are rightly expected to support poorer parishes.

If you would like to join our Giving Scheme with a Bankers Order, then please contact Ken Taylor or Jancie Brown, our Treasurers. If you prefer Weekly Offering Envelopes, then contact Jean Goat (Pictured right) 01642 723 274. If everyone who came regularly gave a little, it would turn into a deluge of support.



Wydale Weekend 2017



**Friday 7th April -
to Sunday 9th April**

Jesus Uncovered

Following the success of our last visit, we have booked another Spring weekend at Wydale Hall to go away together, enjoy each others company and build up our faith. There will be times to talk and have fun together over the Palm Sunday weekend. We hope this date will fit in with those at college or school.

- **in one another**
- **in the Bible**
- **in our community**
- **and in ourselves**

The Cost

Adults	£145
Children 12 - 16	£87
Children 2 - 12	£58
Pre School Children	Free

Special Offers for Adult Prices only

Pay in full by 31st December 2016

Less £20

Cheques payable to *Great Ayton PCC*

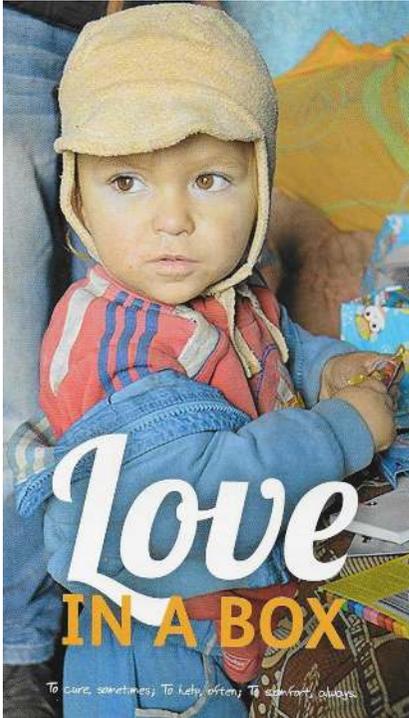
We shall do this through

- **Fun activities**
- **Worship**
- **Times of teaching, talking & listening**

Dip in or dip out

its for you to enjoy, not endure!

All meals are included.



LOVE IN A BOX

Its time to get ready for our annual Christmas Love in a Box Appeal, as we gather a shoebox full of gifts for some of Europe's poorest people.

Children in Distress have worked in Romania for over 25 years, and for many of these have been taking Christmas gifts for children, who otherwise wouldn't get anything.

Our **Love in a Box Sunday** is earlier this year on **Sunday 6th November with a service at 4pm.** Pick up your leaflet from the back of Christ Church and pop along to Boyes!

Make a difference to a child this Christmas by giving a gift, rather than exchanging a present.

Guards of Honour

You wait years for one, and then two come on the same day!

Gavin Coates is a keen cricketer and hockey player, so the bats and sticks were out for him and Ruth at Saint Oswald's.

Just a couple of hours later we left Church to members of Lois's Judo Club also sending her and Jason off in style.



CHARITIES WE SUPPORT

UCCF: THE CHRISTIAN UNIONS

Christian Unions (CU's) are mission teams that operate at the heart of university and college campuses to give every student in Great Britain an opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ. These CU's are led by students and are resourced and supported by paid Staff Workers and Relay workers from UCCF. They work in cooperation with local churches.

Amongst the achievements last year were:

- 46,000 students at CU mission weeks
- 30,000 students at CU carol services.
- 9000 students attended fresher week events put on by the CU's.
- 860 seekers attended mission follow up courses.
- 70,000 specially prepared 'Uncover John Gospels' distributed.
- 105,000 visits every month to Bethinking.org, a fantastic Christian resource website provided by UCCF.

At our last Parish Wyedale weekend we used the UCCF produced material 'Uncover Luke's Gospel' , and we have our sights on the latest 'Uncover John's Gospel' for the next one.

Last year UCCF had an income of some £5M of which £305,000 was donated by churches, including £1000 from Christ Church. The proportion of income spent on fundraising and governance was 6%.

When our young adults leave home and head off to universities and colleges, it is reassuring to know that there is a Christian support framework in place that speaks their language, and where they can hear the gospel compellingly explained and attractively lived out. To find out more visit <https://www.uccf.org.uk/>

Martin Simmons

“Meditation not Medication”

This was the headline used in a newspaper article by a reporter who took part in one of Reverend Nicholas Buxton’s meditation sessions in order to find out about them. These meditation sessions grew from his work with a local charity, which was helping people with addiction and other problems. Revd Buxton came to Great Ayton to talk about meditation and his charity work last year. Quite a large group met in Christ Church coffee lounge to hear him speak – saying when he finished that they would like to hear more about his work and to have time to practice meditation whilst he was with the group.

Revd Buxton will make a return visit to Great Ayton on Monday 17 October.

The venue will be the Friends Meeting House which will be open from 9.45 am for a prompt start to the session at 10am until 1pm – with a coffee break half way. All are welcome. Please let Pip Nel (St Margaret’s), Dorothy Sills (Methodist) Enid Sedgwick (Christ Church) Carole Avison (Friends) know if you will be coming.



Praying at the Methodist Church

There is no charge for the morning but donations to Revd. Buxton’s meditation charity would be welcomed.

Simple Prayers

Archbishop Sentamu during his pilgrimage of prayer, witness and blessing last year taught a simple pattern of prayer to everyone he encountered on his journey, to encourage their prayer lives. A group gather in Christ Church to use this pattern of prayer together on Friday mornings from 9.00- 9.30 am. All are welcome at this gathering - the prayer pattern is very easy to pick up and use.

Contact people - Enid Sedgwick and Christine Smailes.

My wife told me to stop doing my flamingo impression. I had to put my foot down.

The first time I bought a universal remote control, I thought "this changes everything".

Riding Lights Theatre Company presents

Simeon's



Watch

A puzzle in the family at Christmas

written by Bridget Foreman directed by Paul Burbridge designed by Sean Cavanagh

MONDAY 17 OCT: 7.30pm

CHRIST CHURCH, Guisborough Rd, Great Ayton, Middlesborough, TS9 6AA

Tickets: £12 / £10 (concessions)

Box Office: 01904 613000 / 01642 722400 or online: ridinglights.org/simeon



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Leah keeps losing things. First it was her knitting, then the sheep, and now her father keeps wandering off. She frequently loses her temper and some days she thinks she's losing her mind.

Or is it her father Simeon who's doing that? Staring out of the window, muttering about angels, waiting with unshakeable conviction for 'God knows what'. It's all a game to Leah's daughter, which only makes things worse.

Something has to change.

As the nights draw in, watching her father's dementia slow him down and her daughter's future race ahead, Leah seems to be waiting too - but for what?

Simeon's Watch is an engaging new play about family. A memorable story about growing old, discovering hope and being surprised.

**Get ready for Christmas,
make time for Simeon's Watch.**

TOURING THE UK: 12th Oct - 18th Dec 2016
SEE IT AT CHRIST CHURCH GREAT AYTON
MONDAY 17th OCTOBER 2016 @ 7.30PM

Riding Lights Theatre Company
Friargate Theatre, Lower Friargate, York, YO1 9SL
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Marwood School Open Day

Thursday 6th October

For parents of children born
between 1st September 2012
and 31st August 2013

9.30am - 11.30am and 1.30pm - 6.00pm

Staff and Governors warmly invite parents of children due to start school in September 2017 to come and visit our school during the Marwood School Open Day. You are very welcome to call in and see the school at work during the above mentioned times.

Chloe's Chinese Walk

Last month we featured an account of Chloe, a young lady from our Co-op Store who is walking part of the Great Wall of China this month to raise funds for Clic Sargent - the Children's Cancer Charity.

Chloe's life has been touched by Cancer when she was young, and this walk is in appreciation of all the support she has received.

Following the Online Issue of Spire going out, I noticed Chloe's Just Giving Page increased very quickly. To all Spire Readers who supported her, thank you very much on Chloe's behalf.



She goes to China for the walk this month and will celebrate her 21st Birthday when she is there. If you still want to sponsor Chloe either go into Great Ayton Co-op and make a donation there, or click on <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chloe-brown24>

A Great North Thank You

Thank you for publicizing my Great North Run for me. It really helped.

It was a fantastic day , such a brilliant experience . You can't really appreciate on the TV what 57,000 people en mass looks like ! It took over 30 minutes to cross the start line . There was incredible support all around and I ran with my sister Frances and friends Jade H and Ronnie.

Fran and I crossed the line together at 2 hrs 6 minutes (really wanted to be under 2 hrs but maybe next year!) So far due to the amazing generosity of friends/family/Great Ayton residents we have raised approx. £2, 200 for Macmillan Cancer Support.



I would love if you could pass on my sincere thanks and gratitude to all those people who supported me,came to the coffee morning /handed over sponsorship and just wished me well . It has been quite overwhelming to have had such a response.



Thank you for your help in spreading the word once again

Best wishes,

Rachael Myers

If you missed out on sponsoring Rachael and still wish to do so, visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Rachael-Myers2>

Yorkshire Cancer Research
Great Ayton and District Committee

Kildale Coffee Morning

Tuesday 11th October 10 am - 12 noon
Tickets £1.50
Cakes, Crafts, Raffle.



**Concert by Tees Valley Operatic Society,
"Songs from the Shows".**

Saturday 15th October at 7:30pm
In Christ Church.

Tickets to include light refreshments £8
available from 01642 722 044 / 01642 723 334/ 01642 722 786.

"Not a Lunch"

November 16th at 12.30pm in Christ Church Hall

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The "Cards for Christmas" coffee morning will take place on Saturday, 15th October at Great Ayton Methodist Church on the High Street. Cards from several charities will be on sale.

Jancie Brown

Tel 01642 723873



Great Ayton Remembers

Next Remembrance in

February 2017



SHOP FEVER

(With apologies to John Maserfield)

I must go down to the shops again
To Thompson's Hardware store.
And all I need is a hard brush
And a mop to clean the floor
And a dish cloth and a duster
And a yard of copper wire
Or a few nails and a tin of paint
And some kindling for the fire.



I must go down to the shops again
To Petch's shop for a pie,
For a bacon joint and a dozen eggs
And a tasty chicken thigh.
Or a pork chop and a sausage roll
And a pound of shiny liver.
Then a cheese scone and a fruit tart
For a picnic by the river.



I must go down to the shops again
To Suggitt's ice cream shop
For a large tub or a ninety nine
Or a frozen lollipop.
And a sherbet dab and a tube of gums
Or a chewy, fruity sweet.
Then a ham bun and a cup of tea
While I rest my weary feet.



Sheila Wray 2016

A wife asks her husband, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk and if they have avocados, get 6. A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk. The wife asks him, "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?" He replied, "They had avocados."



Louise Clarke & Simon Lewis
married 13 August at St
Oswald's



Liam Barnard & Holly Moffat
married 20 August at St
Oswald's



Charlotte Brown & Jonathan
Stephenson married 21
August at Christ Church



Ben Brown & Nikki Stokes married
22 August at St Oswald's



Becky Melton & Pete Gardner married
26 August at St Oswald's



Kelly Carter & Andy McDonald married
27 August at St Oswald's



Colin Stockdale & Jackie Corner married
9 September at St Oswald's



Rebecca D'Ambrosio & Tom Johnston
married 10 September at Christ Church



Lucy Jefferies & John Thompson married
10 September at St Oswald's



Andrew Stephenson & Jennifer Dixon
married 15 September at St Oswald's



Anthony Frankish & Nikki Ellis married
16 September at Christ Church



Ruth Nugent & Gavin Coates married
17 September at St Oswald's



Lois Farley & Jason Cresswell married
17 September at St Oswald's

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

10 September

11 September

25 September

Luke William Devine *(In All Saints)*

Ella May Roddam

William Thomas Sibley.

Weddings

13 August

20 August

21 August

22 August

26 August

27 August

9 September

10 September

10 September

15 September

16 September

17 September

17 September

Simon Lewis & Louise Clarke

Liam Barnard & Holly Moffatt

Jonathan Stephenson & Charlotte Brown

Ben Brown & Nikki Stokes

Peter Gardner & Becky Melton

Andrew McDonald & Kelly Carter

Colin Stockdale & Jackie Corner

Tom Johnston & Rebecca D'Ambrosio

John Thompson & Lucy Jefferies

Andrew Stephenson & Jennifer Dixon

Anthony Frankish & Nikki Ellis

Gavin Coates & Ruth Nugent

Jason Cresswell & Lois Farley

Christian Burial and Cremation

16 September

26 September

Bob Goodwill

Ruby O'Keefe

Entries 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

Malcolm's Bits and Bobs

Shortly before an important function in North Yorkshire, a brewery wagon arrived on the scene. A drayman asked "What's happening today?" A Police Officer replied "It's an official opening." "Who's opening it then?" asked the drayman. The Marquis of Normanby." "Why didn't they get somebody English?" queried the drayman.



With apologies to an Irish readers.... . Irish colonel addressing his regiment: "Men, the enemy will be upon us within the hour. Now will ye fight or will ye run?"
 "We will."
 "You will what?"
 "We will not."
 "Ah, my brave boys. I knew ye would."

"My wife would have made a great prison reformer. She never lets a man finish a sentence."

Extracts from a report from Lloyds to its shareholders.... _ "In recent years... business and consumers have been deleveraging... "We continue to derisk the business..." "Our low-cost, low risk, differentiated capital generative business model is structured to be reliant through the economic cycle." Got all that?

"I have always held the view that a speech, to be immortal, need not be everlasting." — The then Archbishop of York, Dr Coggan, at a magistrates; dinner.

One of the electricians installing new lighting in the roof of Liverpool Cathedral accidentally left the lift door open, making it impossible for anyone to call the lift down again. Unaware of this, visitors to the cathedral were surprised to hear the clerk of works yelling heavenwards: "Peter, close the gates."

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The Parishes of Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry

Services

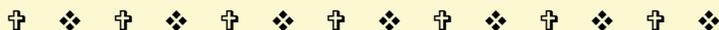
Christ Church, Great Ayton

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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PCC Treasurer	Mr Ken Taylor		01642 722400
Safeguarding	Mrs Gail Jukes		01642 723504
Gift Aid Sec.	Mrs Ynez Clarke		01642 723181

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*)