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- 1 **Mon** Bank Holiday
- 3 **Wed** 7.30pm Standing Committee
- 4 **Thurs** Organ Workshops
- 7 **Sun** **Easter 4** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion;
11am Holy Communion at St Oswald's; 12:15pm Holy Baptism at St Oswald's.
- 8 **Mon** Coffee Lounge Communion at 2pm; WWI Commemoration at 11am in Christ Church.
- 10 **Wed** Bible Course in Church at 7.45pm
- 11 **Thurs** Churchwardens' Visitation in York Minster at 7pm
- 12 **Fri** Wedding at St Oswald's & at 12 noon.
- 14 **Sun** **Easter 5** 8am Holy Communion; 11am Come & Praise; 3pm Praise & Party.
- 17 **Wed** PCC Meeting in Upper Room at 7.30pm
- 19 **Fri** Church Visitors at 1.45pm
- 20 **Sat** Wedding at St Oswald's & at 12 noon.
- 21 **Sun** **Easter 6** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion. 11am All Age Service at St Oswald's; 12:15pm Holy Baptism at St Oswald's.
- 24 **Wed** Bible Course in Church at 7.45pm
- 25 **Thurs** **Ascension Day** Get Up With God Communion at 7am at St Oswald's followed by breakfast at Kings Head
- 28 **Sun** **Easter 7** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion;

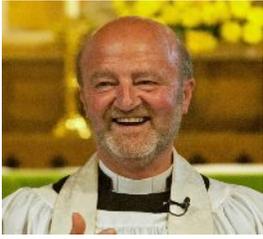
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Items in Magenta all take place at St Oswald's Church at Newton.

Items in blue at St Mary's Nunthorpe

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Forgiveness

How easy do you find it to forgive? I suppose a lot depends on what has been done to you, but over recent years there have been some heroic acts of forgiveness that are so Christ like in their character: Terry Waite, having been held in brutal conditions in Lebanon, often in solitary confinement for months on an end, got off the plane and spoke words of forgiveness. Nelson Mandela, on his release after 23 years of captivity spoke words of forgiveness and reconciliation that brought people together and inspired the Truth and Reconciliation Commission that achieved so much. Gordon Wilson witnessed his daughter Marie killed by an IRA bomb on Remembrance Sunday at Enniskellen, and hours afterwards on TV said, "I bear no ill will. I bear no grudge".

Forgiveness is one of those qualities that Christians are called to show, seventy times seven, when people hurt them. It would be a mistake and a disservice to humanity to think, though, that only Christians can forgive, and that forgiveness only comes when people say sorry.

Lisa, my Methodist colleague in the village, showed me a book called *The Forgiveness Project*, containing all sorts of stories of forgiveness coming from all sorts of different backgrounds, some religious, some not. All stories are different. Some come following apologies, some not; some are shown in words, others in deeds. The golden thread running through them all is the graciousness of the person forgiving, and how they find the process empowering for them as it releases them from the burden as much as those forgiven.

The author, Marina Cantacuzino, maintains that forgiveness is not easy and shouldn't be assumed as a duty, otherwise another burden is placed on those already hurting. In April we were reminded of the hurts of Northern Ireland when Martin McGuinness died. The story of Jo Berry and Patrick Magee features in the book. Jo's father Sir Anthony Berry MP was killed in the Brighton bombing and Patrick Magee planted the bomb. She has forgiven him, although he hasn't apologized in words, but both often speak on a platform together for peace. She found that path to forgiveness lay in understanding and seeing the other person as a human. She says "Perhaps more than anything I have realised that no matter which side of the conflict you are on, had we all lived each other's lives, we could have all done what the other did."

In a troubled world with many awful things happening, forgiveness puts the chance of redemption and change back into the world and gives us great hope for the future. If you want to be inspired, buy a copy of *The Forgiveness Project* by Marina Cantacuzino, but don't forget a box of tissues to go with it.

Paul

Get Up With God Specials

What better way to start the day, than with worship followed by breakfast together? We had a change from our weekly Friday 7am slots at Christ Church, and gathered instead in Saint Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry, for the last Friday in Lent. The silence and atmosphere of this ancient Church made a wonderful setting for worship. Afterwards we moved to the King's Head in Newton for breakfast together. Our congregation was almost equally drawn from Newton, Nunthorpe and Great Ayton - with a stray from Ingleby Greenhow!



Get Up With God Ascension Day Special 7am on Thursday 25th May at Saint Oswald's Church

If you want to join us for breakfast, please let Paul know that you are coming so he can warn the Kings Head.

Doing your bit for Christian Aid Week

By Emma Peak and Kerry Crellin

As we all head towards our final preparations for Christian Aid Week, in the North East office we are speaking to people all the time who are getting ready to do their bit. From Norham to Nunthorpe and Alston to Amble, across the region churches are coming together locally to organise collections and events and services in what is still, in our 60th anniversary year, the biggest act of Christian witness in the UK.

It never ceases to amaze us how, despite their own problems, people refuse to sit back quietly and do nothing about the challenges faced by the most vulnerable people in our world. This month we would like to share with you the story of one such supporter Theodor Davidovic.

“I was born in Serbia in 1926. I was only a young child when my parents died and I became an orphan. Later, when I was just 12 years old, I went into service for a rich man. It was not an easy time. When the Germans invaded Serbia in 1941, I escaped that life of near slavery and joined the resistance. Four years later, when the war ended and the Communists took power, I fled the country.



For the next two and a half years, I moved from one city to another, one country to another, living in tents in refugee camps. I went from Serbia to Germany and then to Italy, before I finally made it to the safety of the UK. When I watch the current news footage of refugees, I see my own history reflected in their faces.

For two and a half years, Christian Aid sent food parcels and tents to those of us in the camps. They kept us alive – just as they save the lives of refugees today. Supporting Christian Aid has been my way of paying back the kindness they showed me. I started collecting for them in 1970 and now in my 90’s I’m still collecting for them today. After all, when I was a refugee they reached out the hand of friendship to someone who was less fortunate – someone who was hungry and poor. By supporting and collecting, I can now extend that same kindness to vulnerable people around the world.“

Theodor’s story features in the film we have produced for Christian Aid Week which you can find on our YouTube channel or download from the resources section of the Christian Aid Week website: caweek.org

We wish you every blessing as you do your bit this Christian Aid Week.*

A Flowering of Talent



Our talented Flower ladies have not only filled our Church with beautiful displays over Easter, they have also embroidered a new seat cover for one of the sanctuary chairs. Several of the ladies helped Pauline Titchmarsh with the embroidery, and the cost was met from the Flower Guild funds. This newly recovered chair will add beauty to Christ Church for many years to come. Our thanks to them all, for all that they do.

Great Ayton Remembers

Next Remembrance on 8th May

at I I am Church

As we remember

Joseph Baines



Pensioners Lunch at the Royal Oak

Mondays & Fridays 12 noon - 1pm

Main Course & Dessert for only £5.99



Looking for a good meal at a good price with good company?

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Palm Crosses

Our thanks to Great Ayton Brownies for kindly helping make the Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday. We got a good production line going, and the girls learnt a skill that they will remember.

We also received some Palm Crosses from the Diocese of Ho in Ghana, made by the children there, so we had plenty to give away.

May 14th – A Different Service!

We have chosen this date for our sixth 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 Elsa (722400) if you need a lift or just as importantly if you can offer one.



From 30th April there will be a list at the back of the church to sign if you can provide small sandwiches or little cakes for the Afternoon Tea. The Visitors Group will co-ordinate the food and serve drinks and we are grateful to have *The Firm* to waitress once again.

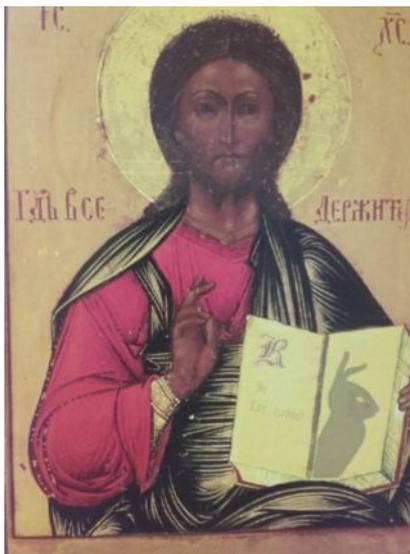
Rosemary Wheway

Contemplative Prayer

A Day at Ampleforth has been arranged by The Contemplative Group for Monday 19th June, 10am till 4pm. Everyone is invited. The day is to be conducted by Fr Kevin and will include some silent prayer. If you are unable to stay all day that is quite alright. We are asked to give £30 or a donation which includes lunch. You are asked to tell either Enid or me, Ann Browne, so we can let Ampleforth know how many for lunch.

This follows on the Prayer Initiative from Ascension Day till Pentecost of our two Archbishops and is a good way of furthering our prayer life, but remember no matter how little you know or how much, we are all beginners along the path of Prayer.

Ann Browne.



Agatha Crusty And The Village Hall Murders

Springtime and the next show from Great Ayton Dramatic Society, This time a murder mystery; a pastiche on Agatha Christie but with a large injection of comedy. Along with our regular cast, we will be welcoming back some old friends. Seating will be a mix of both theatre and café styling.

Agatha Crusty (pronounced Croosty) is a crime novelist. She's also pretty adept at solving crimes. From Toby, the Vicar, and Eleanor, Chair of the committee, to Harry Knott the caretaker and identical twins Olivia and Oliver Truscott-Pratt, there are plenty of suspects. And with an investigating officer as incompetent as DI Twigg, there are plenty of laughs as the murders begin to pile up. But, while packed full of wit and very funny scenes, this is also a genuine murder mystery with an ingenious plot which will tax the little grey cells of the audience at the same time.

Tuesday May 16th, Thursday 18th, Friday 19th & Saturday 20th from 7:30 pm in Christ Church Hall, (Note - no show on 17th May)

Tickets £7 concessions £6 available in May from Thompson's Hardware, Box Office 01642 722 096 or on the door.

Theatre and Café seating - Come early, grab a table and bring a bottle.



EASTER



The Easter season began in Church with Marwood Infant School's Easter Service with all the children taking part with songs, readings and music. We can now watch them on the big screen - just like the arena!

As Schools broke up the Friday before Palm Sunday, I was able to attend the very moving Maundy Thursday Service in York Minster, where the Archbishop washed some very clean feet!



The Good Friday Workshops were much enjoyed by children and adults alike.

After the bustle of all the children in Church in the morning, we had a more quiet and reflective Devotion led by Archdeacon Sam.



On Holy Saturday -the Day before Easter Day - we welcomed Lillian Jackson into the family of the Church at her baptism



MEMORIES



Our Churches looked super for worship with wonderful flower arrangements skilfully arranged and a lovely Easter garden. Thank to those who plan them and spend many hours in putting all these arrangements together. We also had the Easter paintings in Christ Church by the late Philip Ross.



The best decoration of all is a full Church singing praise to God, and we were blessed with good attendances all morning and in the evening. The Choir were brilliant under Michael's direction and at Newton we also enjoyed live music thanks to Andrew Blair on the organ.

It was my aim to join all the Churches I am responsible for on Easter Day and preach, starting at Christ Church for 8am & 9.15am, then St Mary's Nunthorpe at 10am, and ending at St Oswald's Newton at 11am. Doing 4 services on a morning is common, but not in such a short time, but it worked. I also received our Churchwardens into office at Ayton & Nunthorpe - but not Newton as we still await our AGM. A rousing Easter Praise with friends from the other Churches rounded off a great day.



*Vicki Nath & Rob Pepper,
our Churchwardens*

The Cracked Pot

Many years ago a rich man had a servant whose job was to carry water each day from a distant stream to his master's house.

The servant carried the water in two large pots, each of which hung from opposite ends of a pole he carried across his neck. One pot was in perfect condition and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream. The other pot had a crack in it, though, and always arrived at the master's house half full.



For two years the servant delivered only one and a half pots of water to his master's house each day. The undamaged pot was proud of itself. It had been made to carry water without leaking and it did the job perfectly. The cracked pot, on the other hand, felt ashamed. It was miserable knowing it was not able to accomplish what it had been made to do. Still, it did the best it could, even if it was only half of what the perfect pot could do.

Finally the cracked pot spoke to the servant one day by the stream. "I need to apologize to you," the pot said, "For two years now, I have been able to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your master's house. Because of my flaws you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value for your efforts."

The servant simply said, "When we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path."

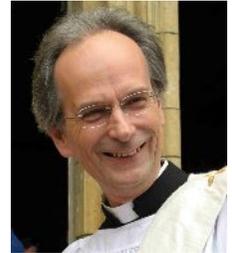
As they made their way back to the house, the cracked pot saw the gorgeous wildflowers beside the path and was cheered a little by their beauty.

When they reached the house, the servant said to the cracked pot, did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path?

Ten Years Ago

So what were the stories in Spire 10 years ago?

Clergy News A coach was arranged to take Parishioners to York Minster to see **Jon Dean** ordained Deacon.



Rodger Petch started his missionary work in Lancashire as Team Rector in the Halliwell Parish in Bolton.

Msg. Ray Charlton announced his retirement and Father Derek Turnham was appointed to Saint Margaret's Church.

Revd Clay Rountree prepared to move to become Vicar of Ingleby Barwick

A New Carpet was laid in Christ Church Chancel!

Eric Boyce stepped into the breach and became Churchwarden to support **Rosemary Wheway**, as only one Churchwarden had been elected by the Annual Meeting.



All Saints Church Custodian **Roger Arkell** was appealing for more Guides to help give a welcome to visitors to our ancient Church.

Eucharistic Minister **Wendy Appleyard** was licensed to distribute Holy Communion, primarily at the Hollygarth Centre monthly Holy Communion.

Spire There were still two editions of Spire - the printed black and white version and the coloured pdf version. It would be March 2009 before these were combined to what we have today



News

Damage at St Oswald's Sadly, last month some unthinking person decided to kick the hand crafted panel in on the porch door at St Oswald's. These doors had been hand made many years ago with the design to match stained glass windows. The wood was very dry and it wouldn't have taken much to break - but a lot more to repair. Sadly, just at the time of finishing Spire, we have had another attempted break in. There's no money in Church and the silver isn't valuable. Folk are welcome to come and check on a Sunday to save disappointment!



It serves as a reminder for us all to keep our eyes open and report anything suspicious, for the intent was presumably to steal what was inside. (Its not that valuable lads!)

Hutton Rudby Group Following the retirement of the Revd Pam Sanders from the Hutton Rudby/ Kirklevington Group, the Revd Canon John Ford has been appointed as Interim Priest In Charge (a la Rev Pev) as well as remaining Rector of Yarm, and will be licensed on 7th May. Also to be licensed that day is the Revd Dr Robert Opala who is to be licensed as Assistant Curate. Robert is a former Roman Catholic Priest who has recently married and has now been received into the Church of England. We wish them all well in this new phase of ministry.

90th Birthday Thank You

A Big Thank you from **Louie Nicholson** for the cards and presents she received to celebrate her 90th birthday in February. She always thinks about the church and the friends she has there.

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and Saturday 20th May 2017 at 6:15pm
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book and lyrics by Eric Idle, music by John Du Prez & Eric Idle
original screenplay by Graham Chapman, John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle, Terry Jones & Michael Palin
This production is by kind arrangement with Theatrical Rights Worldwide, New York.

Yorkshire Cancer Research

Great Ayton and District Committee

On Saturday June 10th at 7pm in Christ Church, Great Ayton there will be a concert given by *The Tees Valley Gilbert & Sullivan Society*. Tickets £8 to include light refreshments. Tel: 0642 722044 / 01642 723334

The final total raised at the Ingleby Greenhow Coffee Morning was £1,111.75.

Dates for your diary.

Wednesday 2nd August,
Coffee Morning in the Parochial Hall 10-12 noon.

Tuesday 3rd October
Kildale Coffee Morning.

Wednesday 22nd November
Christmas event.



Margaret Stevens

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Soup Lunch which took place in March raised £666.60, which was a splendid total. We thank everyone who attended and hope you enjoyed it.

In May, we are holding our Annual "Cake Bake" on SATURDAY, 20th MAY, outside the shops between 9.30 and 11.00 am. Any donations of cakes, wrapped & priced, would be welcome.



A lucky winner!

In June, we are holding a **FLOWER DEMONSTRATION** by JEAN McCLURE on WEDNESDAY, 7th JUNE, the title of which is **"NATURE INTO ART"**. Tickets @ £7.50 will be available from committee members or Marina Charlton (01642 723087).

Jancie Brown

Tel 01642 723873

Fairies at Work

I don't know if you believe in Angels, but can I say that fairies are alive and active in both Christ Church and Saint Oswald's doing lots of hidden jobs to ensure a good experience for us when we come to Church.

Every year both Churches undergo a thorough Spring clean with ledges dusted, brass and woodwork polished, and many spiders made homeless. This makes the regular clean much easier to do.



Thank you to Irene Reah and Jan Thompson at Christ Church, and Maureen Rider and Paul Carter at St Oswald's who rally great teams of volunteers to do this work - not all who are on the photographs. Your work and efforts are greatly appreciated.

We still need extra volunteers to help join the rotas during the year to polish brass or run over with Henry the Hoover. If you can spare some time, and want to join our fairies - the unseen heroes of our Churches, then please see any of the named people above. Irene is up the ladder and Jan is in the pink. If you go to St Oswald's you will know Maureen and Paul, our Churchwardens.



Two wonderful bloopers from the Lent and Easter Season. So its not just us!

WINNERS ALL!

Last month I attended the Hambleton Community Awards evening at The Forum in Northallerton as we had local nominations.

The two Margaret's had been nominated by John Fletcher for 40 years dedicated work running the Yorkshire Cancer Committee and raising over £1 million.

Amelia Herbert had been nominated for an Award by Debbie Calgie for an individual who had made a huge impact on their community, by starting the Traders Group and running our hugely successful village response to the Tour de Yorkshire.

I thought we had two worthy and definite winners with well presented cases, but unfortunately both were pipped at the post.



All *Spire* readers will agree with me that all three ladies are big winners in our Community and we are very grateful for the huge difference they make by their energy and enthusiasm.

It was still an enjoyable evening, hearing from so many people who give selflessly for others. Well done John and Debbie in nominating them.



The ladies who make the coffee each Sunday after the 9.15am service went together for a coffee to Fletchers Farm cafe. Excellent coffee, delicious cheese scones and teacakes as big as bin lids!

Thank you Fletchers, and well done ladies!

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

2 April

15 April

30 April

Harry Charles Woodward-Turner

Lillian Helen Jackson

Lulah Belle Campbell

Christian Burial and Cremation

28 April

28 April

28 April

Audrey Collins

Connie Wright

Ernie Atkinson

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

Yorkshire Films

Whatever happened to the Ilkley Lads

Apocalypse Nowt

Sleepless in Settle

Reeth Encounter

Some like it Otley

Truly, Madly, Keighly

The Full Bronte

Beverley Which Way but Loose

They Died with their clogs on

I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mum, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. It read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.'

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. 'Mummy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now, she's hitting the bottle.'

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Malcolm's Bits and Bobs



Teacher: "And with what do you connect Baden-Powell ?"
 Reply: "A hyphen."

"I am marvellous housekeeper. Every time I leave a man I keep his house." - the late, much-married actress Zsa Zsa Gabor.

"...as Blackburn Rovers search for their eighth permanent manager in seven years...." - Newspaper sports report.

Tchaikowsky, the eccentric pianist and composer, left his skull to the Royal Shakespeare Company to be used in performances of Hamlet. His executor had the task of arranging for the skull to be delivered to the RSC, where it was used by David Tennant in 2008.

"No man ever listened himself out of a job" - US President Coolidge.

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

A grandson was asked if he wanted more custard. "No" came the reply. "No what ?" was the censorious rejoinder. "No fear."

During the recent scare about the shortage of vegetables, a Morrison's delivery van was spotted bearing the sign: "No courgettes are stored in this van overnight."

"Leather standard and wide-fit shoes - Buy one and get one free" - From a recent mail-order catalogue.

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Services

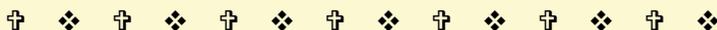
Christ Church, Great Ayton

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



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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*)