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

Spire

JUNE 2017



You are
invited to



STOPS &

STRAWBERRIES

Sunday June 25th from 3pm

Drop in to enjoy strawberries with a glass of
Prosecco; be entertained by light organ music,
Marwood pupils and our film; see how the
restored organ works.

A family afternoon at Christ Church
why not come along



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JUNE

- 4 **Sun** **PENTECOST** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion at St Oswald's. **6pm Churches Together Service for Pentecost at the Methodist Church**
- 5 **Mon** Coffee Lounge Communion at 2pm; 7.30pm Hall Committee Meeting.
- 6 **Tues** **Nunthorpe MU visit to Saint Oswald's Church at 2pm .**
- 7 **Wed** Fabric Committee Meeting at 7.30pm
- 8 **Thurs** **General Election Day.** 1pm Wedding at St Oswald's; Flute Recital by Hannah Peverell in Stokesley Parish Church at 7.30pm
- 10 **Sat** Yorkshire Cancer Concert in Christ Church - see page 14
- 11 **Sun** **TRINITY SUNDAY** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Come & Praise.
- 12 **Mon** **Newton PCC at 7pm**
- 14 **Wed** Bible Course in Church at 7.45pm
- 16 **Fri** Church Visitors at 1.45pm
- 18 **Sun** **Trinity 1** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion. 11am All Age Service at St Oswald's.
- 19 **Mon** 1pm Wedding at St Oswalds
- 20 **Tues** Deanery Synod in Yarm Parish Church at 7pm
- 21 **Wed** All Saints Meeting at 7.30pm
- 23 **Fri** **Summer Concert at St Mary's, Nunthorpe at 7pm**
- 25 **Sun** **Trinity 2** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 3pm Stops and Strawberries in Christ Church.
- 28 **Wed** Bible Course in Church at 7.45pm
- 29 **Thurs** **Concert at Saint Oswald's Church at 7.30pm**

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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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Light in Darkness

I started off writing a message as to how important it is for all of us to use the vote we shall have at our General Election due on 8th June. That every citizen over 18, regardless of sex, social standing or religious background, has a vote in the future of our country is something we should be immensely proud of. It is not the same everywhere, for there are still countries where women don't have a vote and minority faiths can be second class citizens without equal rights.

Here in the UK we can voice our concerns at the Ballot Box and hold our Government to account, whilst it remains the body making our laws. If we don't like the direction they are taking we can remove them. If we have confidence in them, we can retain them. In many parts of the world the only way to change direction can be through bloody coups and rebellions and many elections are considered rigged. We have the Mother of Parliaments - something to value and protect, and we do that by ensuring we use our vote.

Sadly, I turned on the TV on Tuesday morning to see the tragic and wicked events unfold of the terrorist attack in Manchester, where a Teenybopper Pop Concert was deliberately targeted killing and maiming many indiscriminately. The youngest fatality was a lovely little girl of eight, and all other stories will be equally as tragic, and how many lives changed irrevocably by the injuries sustained?

To target without warning a concert attended predominately by children, and to attack in such a violent and indiscriminate way, is an act of pure evil, whoever does it. It is quite against the Geneva Convention. I would hope anyone of any religion and none with an ounce of decency and humanity would agree. How then, does the perpetrator, who appears to be an Islamic extremist who killed himself in the process - think that this is an honourable act winning him 72 virgins in Paradise - as I assume that is why he gave his life? I suspect the majority of people who believe in an afterlife would see this act as a one way ticket to the other place!

Such acts of terror make us more determined that there is a better way that brings out the best in humanity as people respond heroically and generously regardless of their religion. Let us all pray that we may see the God of Love in each other, and that light will continue to dispel darkness.

Keep safe, and vote on June 8th.

Paul

50 Year Celebration of Dance

Bradley's School of Dance and Musical Theatre celebrate their fiftieth year this year. Pictured right are some of the original members in a photo on our Church Hall stage.

The Dancing class was started by the late Betty Bradley, but for many years now has been run by her daughter Margaret Connolly. See if you can spot her in this line up.



Margaret very much believes that the girls (and occasionally boys) need to perform, as they have been to the West End of London, Euro Disney, and this year are performing at Indigo at the O2 Arena on 10th June with their "Rock stars" numbers. The new group is pictured left.

There will be having a reunion in the Church Hall on Saturday evening on 15th July, to which former pupils are very welcome. Contact Margaret for more details.

On Tuesday 5th December they will once again be putting on a Pantomime as Great Ayton transforms into old Peking in China for the setting to the well loved **Aladdin**, and guess who will be returning to the role of Widow Twankey?



Nick Training to be a Reader

We are delighted to report that Nick Land has been selected to train as a Reader from this September onwards.

Nick and Helen have been very much part of Christ Church since moving to the village around 22 years ago with their sons Jonathan, David and Edward.

Nick Has been very active in the life of our Church working with young people and running the Bible Study Group. He and Helen often host young peoples events at their home and also arrange for the Student Boxes to go out each year.

Nick is also Lay Chair of the York Diocesan Synod and also a member of General Synod, so is well aware of the workings of the Church.



Nick brings considerable experience from his working life, both as a psychiatrist and in senior management, so will have much to offer, but the most important gift of all is his passion for Jesus. He is also well blessed with a loving and supportive wife who shares his faith and commitment.



Great Ayton Remembers

All Quiet on the Western Front

Tie a Yellow Ribbon...



Great Ayton Methodist Church are organising ribbon tying again on the railings outside Suggitts with the support of the other Churches in the village, between Sunday 28th May and Sunday 11th June. We invite people to tie a ribbon and remember a loved one, the needs of the community and of the world. Ribbons will be available from all the Churches, Suggitts, the Discovery Centre & Thompson's Hardware.

There will be a short thanksgiving in Waterfall Park opposite Suggitts at 12.30 pm on Sunday 12th June lead by Rev. Lisa Quarmbly. Everyone is welcome.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Ceilidh in February for Stokesley School Youthworker Project. The evening was great fun and we raised £430 which will be used to put on events for young people in the area.

Praise & 60th Party!



I was delighted to see such a good turnout for this years Praise and Party, the sixth one so far.

We aim to invite the housebound and those who struggle with early mornings, to a shorter afternoon service followed by Afternoon Tea in the Hall. Those who can't make the service are taken a box of goodies from the tea, which is much appreciated.

On walking into the Hall after the service, I discovered that - unusual in the Church of England, secrets can be kept, and there were 60th Birthday balloons on a table laden with food, and the most incredible looking - and very tasty - birthday cake, so celebrate an occasion that happened earlier that week, together with glasses of champagne for everyone.

I was forbidden to take photographs and to enjoy the occasion. Many thanks to all who kindly sent cards and gifts. I haven't stopped since, or is slowing down a sign of age? Paul



The Cubs learnt about the needs of the Foodbank with Dorothy Wood.

Hannah Peverell

Flute Recital

Accompanist
Alison Gill



Stokesley Parish Church

Thursday 8th June 2017 at 7.30pm

Pieces include

J S Bach - Sonata No 6 in E

Ibert - Jeux

Debussy - Syrinx

Anne Boyd - Bali Moods No 1

Piazolla - Histoire du Tango

Admission is free, but donations welcome to cover costs.

There will be a break for refreshments



On Thursday 11 May our Churchwardens were all sworn in and made legal in a packed service in York Minster.

Churchwardens are the Officers for the Bishop of the Diocese, so it was fitting that this year they were admitted by Sentamu, Archbishop of York, who also preached.

The Nave of York Minster was packed for a moving service, and if you could count all the hours of voluntary work they people there represented, it would be a fantastic total. Our Churches could not survive without the faith and generosity of our volunteers who take on various offices and ministries within our Churches.

The Minster Service comes around around every five years with ones in between being taken by the Archdeacons in Churches within the three Archdeaconries.

Pictured with the Vicar are Paul & Maureen from Newton, Vicki and Rob from Ayton, Mike and David from Nunthorpe, and Geoff and Jon representing the licensed clergy in the Parishes.

Letter From Helen Jones

In the 10 years since we opened Roseberry School I have been humbled many times by the dedication of our staff in Darjeeling. They are very poor by our standards, and struggling in their own daily lives, but still they want to help others even worse off than themselves, especially their pupils. Here in the UK I have been almost overwhelmed by the generosity of our supporters over the years, and I want to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart.



Last Christmas the Great Ayton & Newton Parish Churches and a local choir together raised over £6,000, while many cheques from private donors came through the post. So we now have the full amount needed to construct our new pre-school building.

TOGETHER WE ARE CHANGING LIVES

.....as I saw for myself when I visited Darjeeling in April and joined them in their 10th Anniversary celebrations. The school was swept and polished and decorated with hand made bunting, and with displays of work that the children were doing. There were performances of Nepali dancing, as well as recitations and songs in English. Many ex pupils came to visit and made impromptu speeches of thanks to their old teachers. I was almost submerged by the presentation of ceremonial white silk Kadas in thanks.

The following week, school settled back to normal, and our visiting Teaching Consultant Sarah worked day and night to provide guidance to the staff. Primary teaching is not my field of expertise, and the teachers have progressed far beyond my ability to help, so I felt virtually redundant. This is exactly as things should be.

Roseberry is already being heralded as the best Primary School in Darjeeling and begins its second 10 years with the promise of even greater things to come.

Work on the new building is planned to start in late November, and should be completed by the start of the new school year.



Stop Press

We always knew the day would come when some particularly deserving pupil would be unable to take up a place in Secondary School because of a lack of funds. I instructed our Director to let me know if this happened so that we could help.

Diksha, who I have written about before, is our first such case. She did very well in her entrance exams and got a place at a good Girls School. Her course will last 8 years, and we have committed to covering her costs for the whole period. SAI does not usually have money to spare, so we have been asked to set up the Diksha Fund to support any especially needy children through their education.



If anyone wishes to contribute to this fund they should send donations to me in the usual way noting that it is for the Diksha Fund. I have already received £100 to start it off.



There will be a display of photographs and work from Roseberry School in Darjeeling in St Margaret Clitherow Church Hall for their Supporters and Friends Strawberry Tea on Sunday 25th June from 2pm - 5pm

NEWTON NEWS

Annual Church Meeting At the Annual Church Meeting on Sunday 30 April, Maureen Rider & Paul Carter were elected unopposed as Churchwardens to serve for another year.

We were delighted to welcome Ruth Coates onto the PCC with a view to her taking over the Treasurer's role from Jancie Brown, who has indicated that she wishes to step down from the role next year. Here is **Team Newton**, following the Reception of Churchwardens and PCC Members on 21st May.



New Vestry Windows It was already planned to replace the vestry windows with new ones of the same style. The recent damage has brought this forward and we are putting in for a Faculty to have them replaced in bronze, for lower maintenance. They should be installed later this year.



Portaloo Queue

At a recent wedding, the Portaloo, kindly provided by Waters Waste of Great Ayton, truly proved its use when it was visited by the Bride and three Bridesmaids before the ceremony could begin!

Deanery News



New Ministries for Hutton Rudby Group of Parishes

On Sunday 5 May Canon John Ford was licensed as the Interim Priest in Charge of the Hutton Rudby/ Kirklevington Group of Parishes whilst also remaining as Rector of Yarm.

Also licensed as the Assistant Curate was Revd Dr Robert Opala. Robert is Polish and a former Roman Catholic Priest in the Carmelite Religious Order, and is now married.

Robert is a very cheerful character, and will add to the Team of Revd Pauline Percy, Su Reid and Kate Brown, as well as the staff at Yarm Parish Church.

This is the second Parish in the Diocese to use new legislation to allow for an Interim Priest in Charge to help through vacancies.



Christ Church Hall

Our Church Hall is a well used community facility used by many village groups, fundraising functions, Uniformed Organisations, Marwood School and for numerous family occasions.

Although we are constantly doing many smaller upgrades with our faithful team, it desperately needs a major upgrade. Despite its very wide use, we were turned down for a lottery grant earlier this year. We are now looking to see what key improvements we can raise funds for, especially in the kitchen and toilet area. This will probably need community support as well. Watch this space.

May I also make a plea that anyone intending using the Hall - even for a choir gathering there before a concert in Church, to avoid confusion with bookings, **Please book in person with Sarah** in the Church Office on 01642 722665 or email gapo1876@outlook.com or call in Monday, Thursday or Friday mornings. The Vicar will still book funeral teas due to the need for a quick answer, but everything else to the office, please.

Yorkshire Cancer Research

Great Ayton and District Committee

Last month we said goodbye to a very loyal committee member. Margaret Norgan had for 25 years sewn craftwork and baked for all our events. We will miss her expertise and her friendship.



The concert by The Tees Valley Gilbert and Sullivan Society is on Saturday, 10th June at 7pm in Christ Church, Great Ayton. Tickets are £8 to include light refreshments. Please contact 01642 722 044 or 01642 722 786 for tickets.

There will be a Coffee Morning in Christ Church Hall on Wednesday 2nd. August 10-12 noon. Tickets or pay at the door £1.50.

Margaret Stevens

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

"NATURE into ART" - Jean McClure is giving a Flower Demonstration on WEDNESDAY, 7th JUNE, at 7.00 pm in Christ Church Hall. Her previous demonstrations have been very enjoyable. There will be a raffle, and tickets @ £7.50 (including Light Bites) can be obtained from Marina Charlton (01642 723087) or committee members.

We are in need of a Treasurer - Liz Mico has been in post for 6 years and states that she wishes to step down from this role. Is there anyone out there who would like to take on this position? It's not very onerous - you need be involved in the our branch's activities as little or as much as you wish. Please get in touch with Marina Charlton if you are interested.

The Cake Bake took place on a sunny morning and £148.20 was raised - thank you to all those who baked and shopped.

Jancie Brown

Tel 01642 723873



Charity Dance

Saturday 1st July

In Aid of Clic Sargent.

-Helping children with cancer.

Live performance from..

The Graft

*Bar along with Pie
and Peas supper.*

Held at Great Ayton.

Parochial hall.

19:30-23:30.

£10 a ticket.

Contact

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Raffle

MIDSUMMER MUSIC

St Oswald's Church
Newton under Roseberry

Thursday 29th June

At 7.30pm

An Evening of Jazz &

Songs from the Shows

Featuring Cherie Gears, Ryan Jaques
and Isaac Conroy

Tickets £10 (Includes a glass of wine)

Raffle

Proceeds to Church Funds

St Mary the Virgin
Nunthorpe

Summer Concert

Featuring local schools
& The Festival Choir

Friday 23 June at 7pm



Tickets £5 payable at the door

Angrove Singers

Summer Concert

Saturday 8th July 7.30pm

Christ Church

Tickets £10 from Choir
Members

Please note new date

THE ART OF COMMUNICATION

From: Managing Director

To: Works Manager

On Friday evening at approx. 5.00 pm, Haley's Comet will be visible in this area, an event which occurs every 75 years. Please have the employees assemble in the yard and I will explain this rare phenomenon to them. In case of rain, we will not be able to see anything, so assemble them in the workshop and I will show them a film of it.

From: Works Manager

To: Plant Manager

By order of the Managing Director, on Friday at 5.00 pm Haley's Comet will appear above the yard. If it rains, please assemble the employees and proceed to the workshop where this phenomenon will take place, something which occurs every 75 years.

From: Plant Manager

To: Plant Supervisor

By order of the Managing Director at 5.00 pm. On Friday, the phenomenal Haley's Comet will appear in the workshop. In case of rain in the yard, the Managing Director will give another order, something which occurs once every 75 years.

From: Plant Supervisor

To: Plant Foreman

On Friday at 5.00 pm, the Managing Director will appear in the workshop with Haley's Comet, something which happens every 75 years if it rains. If it does rain, the Managing Director will order the Comet into the yard.

Plant Foreman:

Put this notice on the board

When it rains on Friday at 5.00 pm, our phenomenal 75 year old Managing Director, accompanied by his friend Bill Haley, will drive his **Comet** through the yard to the workshop. Please be there.

I was sorting out old files and came across this gem from the past. So true. Enjoy!

Wedding Gallery

I'm on a Committee



Abi Lyon & Shaun Muir married at St Oswald's on 27 April

*Oh give me your pity, I'm on a committee
Which means that from morning to night
We attend and amend and contend and defend
Without conclusion in sight.
We confer and concur, we defer and demur
And consider a load of reports
We compose and propose we suppose and oppose
And the points of procedure are fun
But as various notions are brought up as motions,
There's terribly little gets done!
We resolve and absolve but never dissolve,
Since its out of the question for us
What a shattering pity to end our committee
Where else could we make such a fuss.*



Catherine Gargett & Matthew Hulbert married at St Oswald's on 12 May

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you."

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."



Lee Gordelier and Sarah Williams married at Christ Church on 20 May

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

7 May
21 May

Edward James Thompson
Emilia Alice O'Shea

Holy Matrimony

27 April
12 May
20 May

Shaun Muir & Abigail Lyon
Matthew Hulbert & Catherine Gargett
Lee Gordelier & Sarah Williams

Christian Burial and Cremation

4 May
11 May
15 May
19 May
19 May
25 May

Peter Hardwick
Len Owens
Diana Turnbull
Margaret Norgan
Elsie Prest
Connie Heslop

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

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Stokesley Deanery	www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk
A Church Near You	www.acny.org.uk

Malcolm's Bits and Bobs

Football teams are often felt by their supporters to be in need of divine inspiration - and sometimes the Church is moved to offer a little help.



In 1994 all Ireland was exhorted to pray for rain to help Jack Charlton's team to beat Holland in Florida and reach the quarter-final of the World Cup. The editor of the Sunday Press asked his religious correspondent, Fr. Colm Kilycane, for a prayer which he featured on the front page...

It went: "God our Father, we ask pardon for the times past when we have been ungrateful and grumbled about the rain. We now thank *you that you have given us* a wet and misty island as home. We beseech you look favourably on our prayers for wet weather in Orlando tomorrow. May your clouds shield our footballers from the scorching sun.

"Send your rains to water the pitch. Let a gentle, damp breeze be on the backs of our players in both halves, We ask this through Christ our Lord."

Two years ago a set of official prayers was drawn up for the Church of England by the Bishop of Leeds, the Rt. Rev. Nick Baines to support the England team playing in the World Cup in Brazil. It included a prayer for all those involved in the World Cup, another for Brazil itself, a third "for those simply not interested" - "Bless us with understanding, strengthen us with patience and grant us the gift of sympathy if needed."

When it came to England, the prayer was simply "Oh, God." But there was an alternative which urged: "Please help England to rediscover their legs, their eyes and their hunger, that they might run more clearly, pass more nearly and enjoy the game more dearly."

Comment on the outcome would be superfluous!

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The Parishes of Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry

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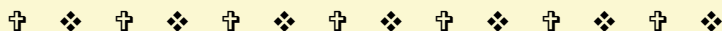
Christ Church, Great Ayton

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