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Easby & Newton
under Roseberry
Parishes

Spire

JULY & AUGUST 2017

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- 2 **Sun** **Trinity 3** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion at St Oswald's.
- 3 **Mon** Coffee Lounge Communion at 2pm;
- 8 **Sat** 10 am Who Let the Dads Out; 3pm Wedding at Christ Church; 7.30pm Songs of Summer - Angrove Singers Concert in Christ Church
- 9 **Sun** **Trinity 4** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Come & Praise.
- 15 **Sat** Marwood School Summer Fete
- 16 **Sun** **Trinity 5** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service at St Oswald's.
- 19 **Mon** 1pm Wedding at St Oswalds
- 21 **Fri** 1.45pm Church Visitors Meeting
- 23 **Sun** **Trinity 6** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion.
- 29 **Sat** 1.30pm Wedding at Christ Church

AUGUST

- 6 **Sun** **St Oswald's Day - in Newton; Transfiguration elsewhere!**
8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am St Oswald's Day Service & Picnic
- 7 **Mon** 1pm Wedding at St Oswald's
- 12 **Sat** 1pm Wedding at St Oswald's
- 13 **Sun** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Come & Praise.
- 18 **Fri** 1pm Wedding at St Oswald's
- 20 **Sun** **Trinity 10** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service at St Oswald's; 11.15am Baptism at Christ Church; 12.15pm Baptism at St Oswald's; 3pm Baptism at Christ Church.
- 21 **Mon** 3pm Wedding at Christ Church
- 25 **Fri** 12.30pm Wedding at St Oswald's; 4pm Wedding at Christ Church
- 26 **Sat** 1pm Wedding at St Oswald's
- 27 **Sun** **Trinity 11** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11.15am Baptism at Christ Church; 6pm Summer Songs of Praise in All Saints Church

Regular activities on back page

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

Finding it Hard to be Good?



I came across this story in *The Messenger*, the magazine of Brookfield and Stainton Churches.

“Several years ago a preacher from out of state accepted a call to a church in Houston, Texas. Some weeks after he arrived he had an occasion to take the bus from his home to the downtown area. When he sat down he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change. As he considered what to do he thought to himself “You’d better give the quarter back – it would be wrong to keep it”. Then he thought “Oh, forget it, it’s only a quarter. Who would worry about this little amount? Anyway the bus company gets too much they will never miss it. Accept it as a ‘gift from God’ and keep quiet”.

When his stop came he paused momentarily at the door and then he handed the quarter to the driver and said “Here, you gave me too much change. The driver smilingly said “Aren’t you the new preacher in town”?. “Yes” he replied. “Well I have been thinking a lot lately about going back to church. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I’ll see you at church on Sunday”. When the preacher stepped off the bus he literally grabbed the nearest lamppost and said “Oh God, I almost sold your Son for a quarter”.

Our lives are the only Bible some people will ever read. This is a really scary example of how much people watch us as Christians and will put us to the test! Always be on guard – and remember you carry the name of Christ on your shoulders when you call yourself Christian.”

When we accept Jesus into our lives, he wants the full deal – not just the Sunday bits, but the whole of our relationships with our family, friends, neighbours, workmates and the like. If we let him down in just one part of our lives, then the rest comes toppling down like a deck of cards.

The truth is, being good all the time isn’t easy. That is why we have each other to encourage and support us. That is why we have the best example before us in Jesus. That is why we need the help of God’s Holy Spirit, for not everyone in life is loveable, not every situation is easy, and often we can be weak and fail to do the right thing.

Stand then, in his great might, with all his strength endued, and take to arm you for the fight the panoply of God.

Paul

Coming soon to Christ Church

Start!

God, Jesus and the journey of life in six sessions

A new short course developed by the team behind 'Leading Your Church into Growth'

Through engaging video clips, lively discussion and interactive exercises, it helps people:

- Think about where they are going in their lives
- Grapple with questions about God, Jesus and faith
- Begin to discover the good news of Jesus for themselves
- Consider how they want to respond to him.



Start! Assumes no previous knowledge of anything Christian. The style is down-to-earth, honest, and aims to be fun and enjoyable.

Start!

**Begins on Tuesday 26th September in Christ Church Coffee Lounge
at 8pm with cake, coffee and prosecco.**

See Lesley Miller for more information.

Email miller.lesley@rocketmail.com

Dedicated Service Acknowledged

Following this years St George's Day Parade at Hutton Rudby, many friends and Scout supporters hurried back to the Coffee Lounge to prepare a surprise party and presentation for Jean and Ian McWilliams to acknowledge their tremendous contribution to Scouting in Great Ayton helping in both Cubs and Scouts, and until recently, Ian has also been Group Scout Leader.



On behalf of the Scouts, David Sims spoke warm words of appreciation on behalf of many generations of Ayton's young people who have benefited from the huge amount of voluntary hours that Ian and Jean have put into Scouting. They were presented with gifts which included a wee dram and suitable glasses to drink it with.

Ian and Jean haven't retired, but have taken on a new role with the District running the SAS! I can't quite remember what the initials stand for, so I will leave to your imagination. Well done Jean and Ian.

Paul

The Christian Aid Collection this year totalled £2,585

Thanks go to the House to House Collectors, Richard Thompson (for receiving envelopes) and all those who gave so generously.



Great Ayton Remembers

All Quiet on the Western Front

Christine Smailes

We are all shocked to hear of the sudden and unexpected death of Christine Smailes, when she had gone to visit her daughter to help her out.

Christine was fully involved in many different aspects of Church life, and was especially welcoming with the young.

To everything she did she brought a sparkle and love. The last email I received from her when she was in Stoke Mandeville Hospital contained the following jokes. I share them with you, so you may remember and be thankful for a lovely lady who always brought a smile.



Once again the Washington Post has published the winning submissions to its yearly geologism contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternate meaning for common words... and the winners are:

1. **Coffee** (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.
2. **Flabbergasted** (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. **Abdicate** (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. **Esplanade** (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. **Willy-nilly** (adj.), impotent.
6. **Negligent** (adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
7. **Lymph** (v.), to walk with a lymph.
8. **Gargoye** (n.), gross olive-flavored mouthwash.
9. **Flatulence** (n.), emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
10. **Balderdash** (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.
11. **Rectitude** (n.), the formal, dignified bearing adopted by protologists.
12. **Pokemon** (n.), a Rastafarian protologist.
13. **Circumvent** (n.), an opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men.
14. **Frisbeetarianism** (n.), (back by popular demand): That the belief that when you die, your Soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.

Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up.

Like an onion, the Church has placed layer after layer on the figure of Jesus, but who is the real Jesus and what does he stand for today, and what challenges does he give us? Do you want to know more?

Bishop John Pritchard will be leading us on **Saturday 7th October in Christ Church from 9:30am to 1pm**. Please put the date in your diaries and come along. There'll be no charge to attendees but we will be inviting donations as we will need to pay expenses, etc.

Below is Bishop John's intro & brief bio. Attached is his smiley face!

“The figure of Jesus dominates history as well as being the centre of the Christian faith. But in many ways he remains mysterious, hard to pin down, enigmatic. In this morning, through input, chat, stories, visuals, music and more, we'll explore some of the many facets of this compelling life and see how it impacts our own. No-one will be put on the spot! Why not give it a try?”



Who is Bishop John? Most of us have read at least one of his books – here he is in his own words:

‘I’ve been incredibly fortunate in the variety of posts I’ve held – Birmingham curate, Diocesan Youth Officer, Taunton vicar, Cranmer Warden, Archdeacon of Canterbury, Bishop of Jarrow, Bishop of Oxford. I’ve felt imposter syndrome with each one! Maybe I missed my original vocation as a summer tram conductor in Blackpool. I’ve enjoyed writing a number of books, walking, cricket, photography, the arts, reading, travel (ideally if someone else is paying) and lots more. God has been very gracious.’

Prayer Walking

A weekly prayer cycle for our village began at Christ Church on 28 May to coincide with THY KINGDOM COME - the global wave of prayer called for by Archbishops Welby and Sentamu, who asked individuals and churches to come together to pray that their friends, families and neighbours come to know Jesus Christ.



As our prayer cycle takes us to each of the streets in our village week by week throughout the year, the idea is to be out and about in the relevant area together, to focus on the people living or working there, to pray for God's kingdom to come and His will to be done. It isn't about being seen praying – it is about being aware of our surroundings, seeing and praying. You can pray quietly together or in silence. You could walk in twos or by yourself in your own time. If you are interested in finding out more and being part of this venture I will be pleased to give you more information.

Enid Sedgwick

Spire Online

If ever you don't receive your copy of Spire in your Inbox, please note that it is also available on our website www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk together with many back issues.

NEWTON NEWS

Bequest Saint Oswald's Church has received a most generous bequest from the late Mary Baines. As a young girl, Mary had worked in service at Newton Hall and always had a close love and connection with the village. Although a member of Great Ayton Methodist Church, Mary continued to attend special services like Harvest, until she was too frail to do so.

We are most grateful to Mary for thinking of the Church in this way, and the PCC are now moving to ensure necessary maintenance and pointing are carried out on the Church, as well as noting other works that could improve the worship experience.

Thanks to Mary's generosity, and knowing that for the time being the fabric of the Church will be cared for, the PCC have been able to be generous with donations given to the Diocese, principally from Church Fees from weddings in Church.

Freewill Offer At the last PCC Meeting, we unanimously decided to send £15,000 to the Diocese to help Parishes not in as fortunate a financial position as ourselves. The PCC also agreed unanimously that we should increase the amount we give to the Diocese next year from £15,000 p.a. to £18,600 p.a. A delightful old lady I used to take Holy Communion to in Whinney Banks when I was Vicar there in the 80's used to say, "*Vicar, Money is made round to go round. If you give it away, it comes back to you.*" The generosity we show to God in life always brings a blessing back in return.

St Oswald's Day Service & Picnic

We celebrate our Patron Saint, Oswald, the first Christian King in England, on Sunday 6th August at 11am with an All Age Celebration Service in Church followed by a bring and share Picnic in the Church Garden. Please bring along a contribution of food and drink to share. Sunshine on order.



Rejuvenation Project for the Church Hall

Following on from our unsuccessful bid to the National Lottery to do a major revamp of the Church Hall, we are now having to look to more modest changes that can make significant differences to the facilities, particularly in the kitchen and toilet areas. (If you have ever attended a winter function and strayed into the gents loo, it's like visiting Narnia - always winter and never Christmas!)

SPA architects are drawing up a modernization program for us that will be put out to tender to local builders by September. By October we should have a better idea of the sort of sums we are looking at it to undertake the work. The plan is to undertake the work in the summer holidays of 2018 when the halls are least used.

How will we pay for the refurbishment? Once we have a better idea of the costs we will apply for grants from other grant making bodies who may be willing to help us. The likelihood is that there will be a shortfall that we will have to fill ourselves through Fundraising efforts starting in the New Year.



PROJECT SUMMARY

- 1) The Coffee Lounge toilets will be rebuilt from scratch over much the same floor plan as present but extended to take in the current table store and intervening external gap. This will provide Ladies, Gents, Accessible and baby changing facilities for both the Coffee Lounge and the Hall.
- 2) The Gents toilet in the Hall will be converted into a store room, principally to house Marwood School's gym equipment and any large items currently stored in the Coffee Lounge passageways
- 3) The Ladies toilet in the Hall will be divided in two. One half will be converted into two unisex toilets and a hand basin, generally, but not exclusively, for use by children when in the Hall. The other side will become a store cupboard for the tables currently stored next to the kitchen

4) The kitchen will be completely modernised, only keeping the central heating boiler and the instant hot water boiler. The size of the kitchen will be reduced by about a third. This will enable a walk in store room to be built at the far end with its own entrance at the base of the stairs leading up to the upper room. This store will primarily be there to house the cleaning equipment currently in the little room next to the disabled toilet. The new kitchen should include an electric oven, electric hob, microwave, fridge and glass/cup washer.



5) The stage will be widened and segregated from the passage, linking the new kitchen with the Hall. The stairs to and from the stage will remain in the same place. It is intended that the new passage will be just that, and not house all manner of things as it does right now.

6) The sliding doors between the hall and the coffee lounge will be replaced. The serving hatch shutter will be renewed if something with improved sound proofing can be found.

In addition to the main items listed above there will also be changes to the walls, floor finishes and lighting. Further modernisation around furniture, soft furnishings and projection equipment are all on the wish list but funding will decide how far down that list we get. The important part is to get the toilets and kitchen modernised first.

The coffee lounge kitchen will continue to be modernised this coming summer using the talents of Phil Rotherham. It is hoped that a glass washer will be installed as part of this modernisation work.

Finally any suggestions for improvements that may have been missed or other points you may wish to raise would always be very gratefully received.

Many thanks

Robin Harmar

Chairman of the Church Hall Management Committee.

Happy 5th Birthday to the Discovery Centre



Five years ago around 600 people packed into the Church Hall to protest about plans to close the village Library. There was simply not enough left in the budget to keep all libraries open. Rather than lose our Library, a group of volunteers set



out to save the renamed Great Ayton Discovery Centre, and have done such a good job, usage has increased considerably and on 5th June the deeds to the building were officially handed over from the County Council to the management committee.

Trustee Irene Macdonald (right) paid tribute to the 53 volunteers who have made GADC work, and what better time than in National Volunteer week!

Ken Taylor, Chairman of the Trustees, was handed the deed to the building by County Councillor Heather Moorhouse. Also from NYCC was Gary Fielding, Corporate Director of Strategic Resources, who congratulated the group on their success.



A party isn't a party without a cake, so Arthur Cowan, the longest serving volunteer, was asked to cut the cake after speaking enthusiastically about working in the centre. A toast and Bib N'Ticker buffet rounded off a lovely evening.

ORGAN WORKSHOPS IN 2017

There is only 1 one day workshop remaining this year. This workshop is for adults with some keyboard skills. It will be held here in Christ Church on:

Saturday 14th October

This will be run by Professor David Baker from the Halifax Organ Academy. It is open to local musicians and ones from further away. For further information or to book please contact David Baker: 01422 884655 or by email: d.baker152@btinternet.com

Further workshops are planned both for schools and for individual children and adults over the next 2 years, so watch this space over the coming months.



Flute Recital Success

Hannah Peverell thanks all who attended her Flute Recital at Stokesley Parish Church last month. The evening contained a lovely selection of music for the flute, and Hannah added two Gershwin numbers on the piano too. Thanks also to Paul Hutchinson of Stokesley Parish Church for kindly welcoming

us there. They have a far better piano than we have here and, on General Election Day, the parking was easier too.

Following the deduction of costs Hannah was able to send £200 to the **We Love Manchester Emergency Fund**, supporting all those affected by the recent terrorist attack there. Hannah will be attending the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester this September.

She is pictured above with a very proud mum, and an equally proud dad took the photograph.

Yorkshire Cancer Research

Great Ayton and District Committee

The concert performed by The Tees Valley Gilbert and Sullivan Society in Christ Church was a very enjoyable evening and raised £664.



Coffee Morning on Wednesday 2nd. August in Christ Church Hall 10 am - 12 noon. There will be a cake stall, jams, fancy goods, raffle, Tombola. Tickets or pay on door £1.50.

The Kildale Coffee Morning is on Tuesday October 3rd 10am- 12 noon.

There will be an event on Wednesday 22nd November in Christ Church Hall. Details to follow.

Margaret Stevens

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Jean McClure gave an excellent Flower Demonstration during June, which was enjoyed by the audience.

Her arrangements were the raffle prizes and I'm sure the lucky winners were pleased to take them home. The evening raised £281.60.



We hope you have a good summer.

Jancie Brown
Tel 01642 723873

Angrove Singers

Invite you to

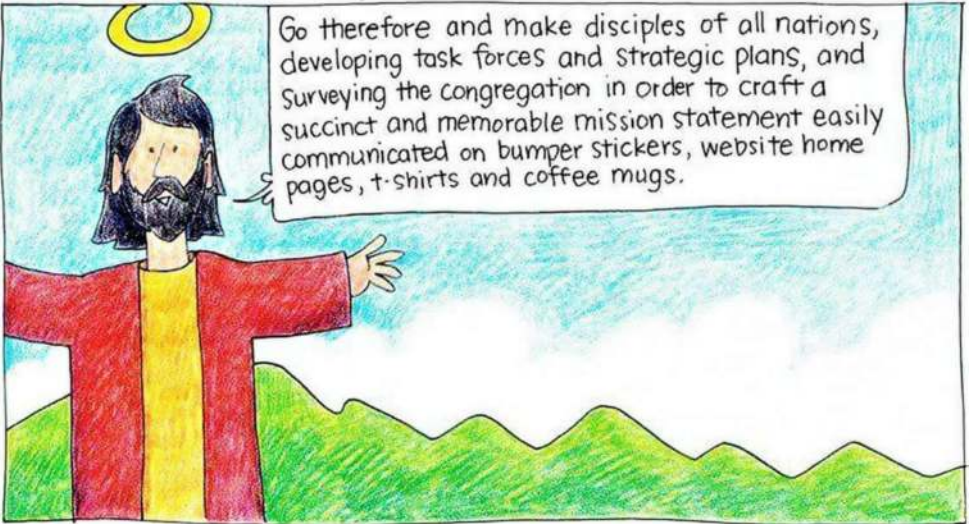
Summer Songs & Supper

Saturday 8th July 7.30pm

Christ Church

Tickets £10 from Choir Members

THE GREAT COMMISSION REVISITED



Bank Holiday Songs of Praise



All Saints Church, Low Green

Sunday 27th August at 6pm



Have you a favourite hymn you would like to sing?

Then contact Peter Titchmarsh and tell him.

The Three Inch Fools

Back by popular demand, present

TWELFTH NIGHT

Five actors, with all manner of musical instruments present an inventive take on Shakespeare's rib tickling comedy

Stokesley Parish Church

Wednesday 5th July at 7pm

Tickets £14 adult, £10 under 18

from Paul Hutchinson 01642 710405

Marwood Infant School

Summer Fete

Saturday 15th July 11am - 2pm

In the School Grounds, Low Green

Lots of stalls and the draw of the

GRAND RAFFLE





A pilgrimage for the Diocese of York

For young people,
children & families
30th August to
3rd September 2017



A 40 mile pilgrimage -
you can choose to walk
the whole distance
or just come for a part
of the day.

Following the story of
Hilda, one of our most
important local saints.
Starting from Hinderwell,
through the Esk Valley
and finishing in Whitby
at the Abbey.



Each day will include : Walking, fellowship,
worship (Messy/All Age), and food !

This is the second year for this pilgrimage and we anticipate larger numbers, so please book early as numbers may be restricted.

Further enquiries and for a booking form contact
Sarah Weyell sarah.weyell@zen.co.uk

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

28 May

Isabella Sophia Hauserman

Holy Matrimony



Carol Devine and Lewis Wilson
married at Saint Oswald's on 8 June.



Nikki Baillie and Karl Pape married
at Saint Oswald's on 19 June

Christian Burial and Cremation

16 June
28 June

Christine Smailes
Enid Bibby

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

Parish website	www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk
Church Office e-mail	gapo1876@outlook.com
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



Someone once suggested that it should be compulsory, if serving peas, to also serve mashed potato. A correspondent to a newspaper recently quoted a poem offering an alternative

I eat my peas with honey
I've done it all my life,
it make the peas taste funny
But it keeps them on the knife

A small girl, asked if she had enjoyed being a bridesmaid, replied: "Yes, but they asked for toast for the bridesmaids and I never got any."

A youngster had learned Pitman's shorthand for employment and on her first day, aged 17, went to take dictation - to be confronted with the word bromochlorodifluoromethane BCF - a firefighting agent.

Star Wars, Only Fools and Horses and Halloween have all been chosen as themes for funerals as people increasingly opt for personalised events, according to a national firm of funeral directors. A recent funeral at Teesside Crematorium ended with mourners leaving to the strains of "Fly Me to the Moon."

A pet parrot in an East Sussex home inadvertently poisoned three dogs by feeding them grapes, which can cause renal failure in dogs. The bird's owner explained: "Peaches is a fantastic mimic and must have called each dog over by name to be fed, then dropped grapes in front of them" The dogs made a full recovery - but grapes are now banned from the house.

A voucher from a garden centre invited the bearer to enjoy a free tea, coffee or hot chocolate, it helpfully added that the voucher could not be used on line.

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Services

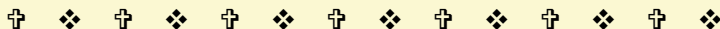
Christ Church, Great Ayton

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



Vicar	Rev'd Paul Peverell	The Vicarage	01642 722333
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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*)