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under Roseberry
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Roseberry Topping is one of the most romantic places in the world to propose. As viewed from Saint Oswald's Church, Newton under Roseberry. See Page 16

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- 4 **Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion; 7pm Newton PCC.
- 5 **Tues** 7.30pm Great Ayton Standing Committee.
- 6 **Wed** 7pm Mothers' Union Deanery Festival in Christ Church.
- 7 **Thurs** 7.30pm Ayton Churches Together at Friends Meeting House.
- 8 **Fri** 1.45pm Church Visitors Meeting.
- 9 **Sat** 10am Who Let the Dads Out; 12.30pm Wedding at Saint Oswald's Church.
- 10 **Sun** **Trinity 13** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Come & Praise.
- 11 **Mon** 7.30m Staff Meeting.
- 16 **Sat** 1pm Wedding at Christ Church.
- 17 **Sun** **Trinity 14** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service at Saint Oswald's.
- 20 **Wed** 7.30pm Great Ayton PCC Meeting.
- 23 **Sat** 12 noon Baptism at Saint Oswald's Church; 5.15pm Deanery Service in York Minster.
- 24 **Sun** **Trinity 15** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11.15am Baptism at Christ Church; 12.15pm Baptism at Saint Oswald's Church.
- 26 **Tues** 11am WWI Remembrance for William Trembath.
- 29 **Fri** 1.30pm Sidesmen's Meeting at Christ Church Coffee Lounge
- 30 **Sat** 1pm Wedding at Christ Church.

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

Reflections of an Interim Vicar



I understand that I am the first Interim “Vicar” in the Church of England following recent changes in legislation. Until now, vacant parishes always came under the Rural/Area Dean who worked together with the Churchwardens to run the Parish, and services would be staffed usually by a variety of local clergy. Whilst nominally in charge, the Area Dean has no authority to attend PCC Meetings, and custom was that no changes be made in vacancies until the new Vicar arrives.

As Priest in Charge of Nunthorpe Parish for 12 months, my situation is different, in that I have the same authority as the Incumbent, albeit it under a license for a specified time. This means I chair the PCC Meetings and can give direction to the Church by giving continuity, rather than it being different clergy every week, thus helping prepare it for the future. It’s about encouraging the development of what is already happening, rather than trying to change everything. Nunthorpe has many people with great gifts using them for the benefit of their church. We need to build on this.

Our message has been that here is a Welcoming Church that is open to all. At Saint Mary’s we now stand outside to greet people on a Sunday morning - although I’m sure Stuart East did this as well. The services are a warm, respectful and relaxed formality, and like Great Ayton, I know I can rely on the Parish Staff to continue this approach when I am not there. We have also delivered a Welcome Leaflet through every door in the Parish which is already bearing fruit with more enquiries for baptisms and weddings. There is great potential for what we can do with services in both the Church and the Church Hall, and we are reaching out into the community from visiting schools to Residential and Nursing Homes.

Great Ayton and Newton under Roseberry were already very much a full time job being very active Parishes both in Church life and the Occasional Offices of baptisms, weddings and funerals. I haven't knowingly given anything up at Ayton to make more time for Nunthorpe - except for time off! Working days start at 7am after walking my dogs at 6am, and I am writing this in the Golden Hour between 7am and 8am when the house and phone are silent. It’s the most productive hour of the day.

Being an Interim Vicar is like the old Music Hall Act of spinning plates. The entertainer would run between two rows of spinning plates trying to keep them all spinning. When one started to wobble, they would run back to that and spin it

some more, but the audience were waiting for one to come tumbling down! Have any of my plates tumbled yet? Here are my thoughts so far.



I'm not a manager, and not destined to go far. I am by nature a hands-on Parish Priest who loves his people and just wants to do the best I can for them and I am more than happy with that. Before I started at Nunthorpe I had agreed with Paul Hutchinson at Stokesley Church that to support each other we would exchange on the 5th Sundays of the month, which is appreciated by all our Churches. If 4 fifth Sundays are removed from 52 weeks of the year, this leaves 24 Sundays for each parish, assuming you alternate. If you take holidays - at which I am not very good at - then this would go down to 22 Sundays for each Church. Question: If the Good Shepherd was only around 22 weeks of the year, would he ever have noticed a sheep was missing? I know I can't notice the things I used to, and having always known the names of everyone in my Churches, I am struggling now. What'shername is alive and well!

If you don't have the same relationships, it's harder to spot what needs to be done or encouragement needed to help people grow. The American Church talks of being a Rancher rather than a Shepherd, but for me the personal contact is so important in Church and Community.

I am very much enjoying the challenge of being the Interim Vicar for Nunthorpe, but know that very soon they will need far more time and attention than I am able to give it - as too will Great Ayton, Newton and especially Mrs P!

An Interim Vicar is a very good idea and I am enjoying my time very much, especially meeting the faithful folk at Nunthorpe and going into new schools. The Christmas run up will be a very big challenge, for on top of Church work I am appearing again as *Widow Twankey* in Panto too. Like any athlete heading for the finishing line, you can make that extra effort in the last moments - as long as the line doesn't move!



Paul

Local Alzheimer's Centre To Close

You may have read in the Darlington & Stockton Times that the Alzheimer's Day Centre held in Stokesley is to close at the end of September. This day centre provides day care for clients two days a week, offering vital respite to their carers. Without this respite, the strain on the carers would increase significantly and may reach a level where some struggling or even unable to cope. Places in a similar Day Centre in Northallerton have been offered but the journey is too far for some and the cost too high. Support needs to be provided locally. Most carers do not want or cannot afford to put their loved ones in a care home but this may be an unwelcome consequence.

Given the increasing issue of dementia and Alzheimer's affecting our Society today, it is a sad move that we lose such a valued local facility.

Forget Me Not Memory Cafe



Stokesley Methodist Church
Last Tuesday of the month,
2 - 3.30pm

A friendly place for anyone who has concerns about their memory or the memory of a loved one or friend. Come along to relax, meet new friends and enjoy fun activities and conversation.



Refreshments provided, free admission.
Please spread the word!

All are welcome!

Deaneries Celebration Service

The Area Deans and Lay Deans of the 21 Deaneries making up the Diocese of York will be anointed by Archbishop Sentamu during a service celebrating the renewed life of our Deaneries in York Minster at 5.15pm on the 23rd September.

All Deanery Synod members are invited to the service which celebrates the new vision adopted for every Deanery this year; to be “a local network of churches, inspiring, influencing and leading mission and ministry,” committed to enabling mission, resourcing ministry and supporting relationships.



The Archbishop will preside and preach at the service, which will be a celebration of what God is doing amongst us, to commission all Synod members including those who make up the Deanery Leadership Teams, for the work ahead and specifically to anoint the Lay and Area Deans as they embrace their new roles.

“There’s a sense of hope and expectation that is growing for the new direction which our deaneries are taking;” says Andy Broom, Archdeacon of the East Riding and Chair of ‘Developing our Deaneries’.

“We recognise that God is at work amongst us in new ways and we wish to celebrate this. I hope that all members of Deanery Synods can join us for this special occasion as we mark this new Chapter in the life of our deaneries.”

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 and brief biography. 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:

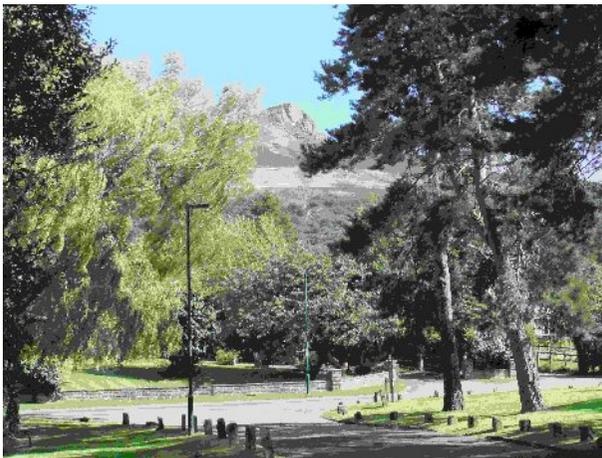
‘I’ve been incredibly fortunate in the variety of posts I’ve held – Birmingham curate, Diocesan Youth Officer, Taunton vicar, Cranmer Warden, Archdeacon of Canterbury, Bishop of Jarrow, Bishop of Oxford. I’ve felt imposter syndrome with each one! Maybe I missed my original vocation as a summer tram conductor 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.’

A Prayer Walk in Newton under Roseberry

Knowing very little about Newton (it's usually a village I pass through on my way to somewhere else!) I asked Jancie Brown, a well-known member of the church community there, if we could prayer walk her area together.



On a Saturday afternoon at the end of July we began our walk at Saint Oswald's Lych Gate heading slowly towards the Village Green – stopping to look at some amazing views of Roseberry Topping lit up by the afternoon sun. The seating area at the front of The Kings Head was packed. The busy flow of traffic on the main road never stopped. The car parks were full and the footfall up and down the pathway to Roseberry Topping, constant.



We walked past each of the houses on both sides of the main road, with short stops for prayers along our way. Then onwards to Church Lane which, with Jancie as my guide, was such an interesting place, with a “wow” factor at the end where, with the sun, the wind, and the clouds casting light and shade, the views across the open farmlands

were stunning. We retraced some of our steps for a quiet walk through the churchyard to reach the church door which Jancie unlocked. In the peace and quiet of this little gem of a church building, after my tour of the village I learnt now about the people who worship at Saint Oswald's at the

present time and have taken on the various responsibilities to ensure that the Life of the church continues. We prayed for them and offered all we had shared together that afternoon in prayer to God. Jancie locked up and we walked down to the Lych Gate to end our memorable walk together.



There is information re Prayer Walking on the Prayer Board in Christ Church. Please be part of this venture at any time – you can walk with me, with a friend or by yourself. Thanks to those who have told me they are walking or praying for the relevant areas at home.

Christ has no body on earth but ours,
no hands but ours, no feet but ours.
Ours are the eyes through which
He is to look out into the world,
Ours are the feet with which
He is to go about doing good, and
Ours are the hands with which
He is to bless the whole world now. Amen



Enid Sedgwick



Au Revoir to Viv Winterschladen



At the end of summer term, Marwood Church of England Infant School wished a very happy retirement to its longest serving member of staff - Mrs Vivienne Winterschladen.

Viv started at Marwood school, not quite in Victorian times, but 19 years ago - initially on four days a week before becoming full time in Year 1.

Always sparkling and fun, Viv has always enjoyed those extra curricular times that are so important to any school and every child. Summer Fairs would have Viv dressing up for the Village Floats, which have always been so much fun.



Her beret here was well earned for she also ran the French class after school for many years.

It has not just been up front on special occasions where Viv has shone, for she also took on the responsibility of being the staff representative on Marwood School Governing Body, with special concern for Health and Safety in School. The Marwood School Governors have always been a very happy bunch and a pleasure to be with, so her successor will have some rewarding and enjoyable evenings ahead.





As well as teaching nineteen years of Y1 pupils, Viv will most certainly be remembered for all the music she has brought to the school. Every day with school worship Viv would lead the singing on the piano, teaching the children the hymns and helping them learn the recorder for school performances. Because of the enthusiasm she brought to music, many children learnt piano with her and now have a great musical grounding for life.

In all the school events in Church from Christmas, Easter and Harvest, Viv would always be found on the piano, leading and encouraging from the front, and always with a big smile. We don't have to contemplate what these occasions will be like without her, for she has very kindly offered to come in voluntarily to support us.

The school planned a lovely afternoon party with country dances and a presentation just before the end of the summer term, but unfortunately summer had gone by then. The children, parents and staff showed the indomitable British spirit by just getting on with things in the drizzle!

Viv is pictured here with son Joe, having just been presented with a gift from parents.

We thank her sincerely for the immense contribution she has given to so many children in our village, and wish her well for her retirement.

Paul Peverell
Chairman of Marwood Governors



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

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.



Great Ayton Remembers

William Trembath

Tuesday 26th September 2017

I am in Christ Church

Spire Contributions

We are always happy to consider items for Spire if space permits. You stand a far greater chance of inclusion if you send a nice photo with it!

In October we will be remembering Harvest. Take your camera/phone out with you and catch a Harvest Photo for the October issue - PLEASE!



Yorkshire Cancer Research

Great Ayton and District Committee

A sincere thanks to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning which raised £1,305.50 for Yorkshire Cancer Research. A wonderful total.



There will be a Coffee Morning on Tuesday 3rd October in Kildale Village Hall, 10am - 12 noon. Admission £1-50. There will be a cake stall, jams, crafts, and raffle.

Date for your diary.

Wednesday 15th November in Christ Church Hall 12:30pm. Details next month.

Margaret Stevens

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Our Autumn programme is as follows:

The Quiz at The Conservative Club will take place on SUNDAY, 1st OCTOBER, at 7.30 pm (this event usually happens in November, so please note earlier date). This will be run by Mike Myers at a charge of £6 per person. To book a place please contact Marina Charlton (01642 723087) or get in touch with Mike.



"Cards for Christmas" coffee morning will take place in the Methodist Church Hall on Saturday, 14th October.

Annual Bridge Drive will be run on Wednesday, 18th October - please contact me for further information.

We hope you have a good summer.

Jancie Brown
Tel 01642 723873

Quiet Morning

You are warmly invited to a 'Quiet Morning' in the Friends' Meeting House on Monday, 16th October.

This will be led by Rev Lesley Ashton.

There will be the usual time of silent prayer and contemplation, and Lesley will share with us the poem 'The Three Silences'.

This is a wonderful opportunity to step aside from the hectic pace of life and find peace and refreshment.

The morning runs from 9.45am to 1pm with a mid-morning coffee break, so feel free to come for all or part of the time.

If you need to know more please contact
Enid Sedgwick, Dorothy Sills, Pip Nel or Carole Avison

SALTBURN REVISITED



Families from Fishes, Dads, Come & Praise and Sunday School had another Family Fun time on Saltburn Beach. Even the 10 minute downpour didn't wash us away! Kite flying provided an additional source of entertainment as did Geoff chasing his hat across the sand!

Romantic Roseberry

According to the World Travel Awards in 2012 (in an article featured by the Gazette) Roseberry Topping came in the top ten places in the world in which to get engaged.

If that seems incredible to you, then you haven't seen the parking in Newton under Roseberry on a Sunday afternoon! On a sunny day Roseberry Topping turns into a human ant hill, with thousands of people scurrying over it. Amongst the walkers are many young couples who choose to propose on top of our local iconic landmark.

I recently took a booking from one couple who had planned their engagement for 10am, thinking the Topping would be quiet. Alas, it wasn't to be and several walkers witnessed the proposal.

We were just finishing a Wedding Rehearsal one evening over summer, when a crunch on the path made us look to the door to see a starry eyed lady walk into Church, exclaiming "He's just proposed to me on Roseberry Topping!" That couple had come from Leeds to pop the question.

Do all couples know that as well as proposing on Roseberry Topping, they can also be married in the ancient Church of Saint Oswald that sits in its shadow? Simply attend for six months, and the choice is yours.

So where else can you go to propose? These were the top ten romantic places of 2012 according to the World Travel Awards.

1. Taj Mahal, India;
2. Lewa Downs, Kenya;
3. Antarctica;
4. Rialto Bridge, Venice;
5. Iguazu Falls, Argentina;
6. Roseberry Topping;
7. Sahara Desert, Morocco;
8. The Pitons, St Lucia;
9. Great Barrier Reef, Australia;
10. Snowhill, Cotswolds.

I don't know if Saint Oswald's or Christ Church feature in the top ten most romantic places to get married, but they certainly win on convenience!

Wedding Gallery



Dawn Staples and Sean Manship married at Christ Church on 8 July



Rosie Harmar and Daniel Watson married at Christ Church on 29 July



Emma Hickey and Peter Stephenson married at St Oswald's on 7 August



Steven Hodgson & Emily Roffe married at St Oswald's on 12 August



Hayley Brotherston & James Gordon married by the vicar at St Mary's Nunthorpe on 17 August



Chris Baldam & Lianne Freary married at St Oswald's on 18 August



Paul Bradshaw & Lydia Lawrence married at Christ Church on 21 August

The Font doubling up as an enormous flower stand



From the Registers

Holy Baptism

25 June	Archie Thomas Richardson
30 July	Jacob Anthony Hodgson
20 August	Ellie Grace Cutler
20 August	Amalia Hutchcraft
20 August	Imogen Elsie Lee
27 August	Oliver James Duggan

Holy Matrimony

Please see Wedding Gallery on Page 17

Christian Burial and Cremation

26 June	Enid Bibby
6 July	Jacqueline Graham
14 July	Mary Auty
17 July	Joseph Appleyard
24 July	Jimmy Mossop
28 July	John Porter
31 July	Ron Mitchell
4 August	John King
7 August	Sylvia Gibson
14 August	Doreen Thompson
16 August	Colin Wormald
17 August	Baby Jim Foster
18 August	Jeff Levett

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

A reporter suggested to Lord Hawke, captain of Yorkshire CC in their glory days, after bad fielding in a match, that the players must be suffering from a disease. "Yes, replied Lord Hawke, "but it is not catching."



W G Grace was famously reluctant to leave the field, even after clearly being given out. In one game, however, an Essex bowler knocked two of his three stumps out of the ground. As Grace trudged off the field, the bowler shouted at him: "Surely you're not going, doctor ? There's one stump still standing."

Two elderly locals were chatting during a county cricket match. "You played any cricket, Bert ?" asked one. "No," replied Bert. My eyesight was never good enough. Done a bit of umpiring, though."

Among many memories recalled recently about the Dunkirk evacuation in 1940, was one about a soldier who, wounded, managed to get on board an Isle of Man steamer in the harbour. He headed for the bar, not unreasonably, to be told by the barman: "Sorry, sir, we don't open till we sail."

Australian police described their discovery of £500m worth of drugs hidden in bra inserts as one of the country's biggest drug busts.

"I said to the gym instructor: "Can you teach me to do the splits ?" "How flexible are you ?" he asked. I said: "I can't make Tuesdays." - Tommy Cooper

A church in Herefordshire some time ago invited volunteers to abseil down its 100ft tower in aid of church funds. The event was sponsored by a local firm of undertakers.

"More than 500 beggars in the Bangladeshi town of Sailkupa have formed a union to ,press for a higher rate of alms." - Newspaper report.

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The Parishes of Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry

Services

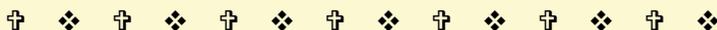
Christ Church, Great Ayton

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



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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*)