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

Spire

NOVEMBER 2017

Remembrance Sunday



Village Act of Remembrance

10.45am by War Memorial

Then Service in Christ Church

We Will Remember Them.

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- 1 **Wed All Saints Day** 10am Holy Communion; 7.30pm Standing Committee
- 2 **Thurs All Souls Day**
- 5 **Sun 4th Sunday before Advent** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion; 11.15am Baptism.
- 6 **Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion - All Welcome.
- 10 **Fri** 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors meet in Upper Room
- 12 **Sun Remembrance Sunday** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 10.45am Act of Remembrance; 6pm Memorial Service for the Recently Departed.
- 13 **Mon** 7.30pm All Saints Committee.
- 17 **Fri** 9.30am Stokesley Deanery Clergy Chapter Meeting at Great Ayton.
- 19 **Sun 2nd Sunday before Advent** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service; 11.15am Baptism; 4pm Love in a Box Service.
- 20 **Mon** 11am WWI Remembrance Dennis Grierson
- 22 **Wed** 7.30pm Great Ayton PCC
- 25 **Sat** 3pm - 6pm Great Ayton Christmas Fair on High Green
- 26 **Sun Christ the King** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 12.30pm Baptism.
- 27 **Mon** 7pm Newton PCC.

Regular activities on back page

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

Passing on the Baton



This has been a hard year so far, for amongst the 44 funerals from Great Ayton that I have taken so far this year, at least twelve of them have been regular and committed members of Christ Church, as well as many other well known members of the community. It is hard losing so many people that you have come to know and love, but a funeral service is the last thing you can do for them, and a positive occasion is a great help to those who grieve. Who ever the funeral service is for, all alike get the same treatment - the very best that we can give them.

When you have been vicar in the same place for so long, every time you go into Church you are aware of all the wonderful people you have shared life's journey with, and because we are all creatures of habit I can also see those folk sat in the same pews they sat in in life. The congregation of the Church Triumphant is getting bigger than the Church Militant here on earth! The positives of this are that I never feel alone in either Christ Church or Saint Oswald's, even when the Churches are empty, as I am surrounded by friends. I am also acutely aware of the great legacy of faith and life that many have passed faithfully on to you and me. We are what we are today because of their faith and commitment and all that they did to keep our Churches alive, healthy and serving God in these communities. I wonder what gifts we will leave for posterity? When our time comes to be called to higher service, what state will the Churches be in then?

Those we have lost tend to be those who were committed in many ways - by regular and frequent attendance, giving and involvement. If we just expect the Church to be there when we want it, without any regular commitment either in attending, doing jobs that need doing, or supporting financially, then it simply won't be the Church we have benefited from all these years.

Losing 12 members in a year leaves a decided hole. Not everyone was coming right up to the end of their lives because of illness - but some were. Our thankfulness for their lives can be best expressed by keeping the flame of faith alive in our Communities. I firmly believe that the message Jesus brought us by his life and teaching of love and reconciliation is the message the world desperately needs to hear. Let us do our part in passing on this great legacy for future generations through the continued witness of our Churches at Great Ayton and Newton under Roseberry.

Paul

All Souls Tide

On 2nd November the Church traditionally remembers all who have died and gone before us. This is an act of appreciation and love for all those who have shared part of our journey of life and helped make us who we are today. The love we share is one of those tangible things that unites time with eternity, this life with the next.

To make our remembrance accessible for all, we will have a rolling remembrance on the big screen at both the Wednesday morning Communion Service on 1st November - All Saints Day - and also at both morning services on 5th November.

If you would like a name (and photograph) added, please write their names clearly on the list in Church, or email both name and photo to the vicar at revpev@btinternet.com. If the name you wish to remember was on the slide show last year, it will be automatically carried forward. If you want it removed, please let me know, as I appreciate we are all helped in different ways.

All Souls

We give thanks for all the faithful departed who shared their life, love and faith with us.

Bill & Nova
Somerville



Saturday 25 November 3pm - 6pm



High Green, Great Ayton

ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER REQUIRED

Following the decision of our present Organist and Choirmaster to step down from the role at Christmas in order to have time for other commitments and interests, we are looking to fill the role. Ideally it would be the joint role, but with present day commitments that people have, we are prepared to look creatively. Anyhow, the advert goes:-

We are looking for a suitable candidate to take on this position at this popular village Church with a good choral tradition.

We seek someone who ...

Is a competent organist

Can train and develop our choir (SATB)

Will encourage the young into music in Church

Our Binns organ has just undergone a major restoration, and as part of the lottery bid we are engaged in a round of concerts and workshops to encourage and inform use of the organ. We would hope the successful applicant would be part of our Friends of Music Group to further this work.

Parish Communion (CW), occasional Sunday Evening Services & Festivals, Funerals (if available) and weddings.
Weekly choir practice



*Christ Church Choir -
a happy & competent group of singers*

Remuneration according to RSCM Scale plus Fees.

We have several relief organists willing to assist, but unable to take on the full commitment of the role.

Applications stating experience to: Rev'd Canon Paul Peverell by 13th November 2017

The Vicarage, Low Green, Great Ayton, Middlesbrough, TS9 6NN
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Will the Real Jesus Stand Up



On a Saturday morning early in October, a group of people representing Christ Church, Saint Oswald's and Saint Mary's Nunthorpe gathered to hear Bishop John Pritchard help us discover the real Jesus.

Profound, but with an easy informal manner, Bishop John led us through a journey of discovery and refreshments. Here's what they said.

I wasn't sure whether to attend; following the death of my Dad some weeks earlier, I was still really tired, felt emotional and wasn't sure I could concentrate for a morning session.

However, from the very start it was a really relaxed and peaceful environment and I felt able to relax. Bishop John shared from his own Christian journey honestly, including struggles, which was really helpful.

It was a hugely enjoyable morning, I learnt a lot and despite my tiredness, I felt very refreshed after the session. I would definitely recommend it to others. *Nicky*

Everyone is at different points when it comes to learning about Jesus, and whether you were just getting started on the road or have been settled on the journey for quite a while, he managed to teach and educate everyone regardless. Which I think is pretty amazing! Coming from a teaching background myself, you can't teach that, it is literally a God given gift. *Lois*

"It was an excellent morning and Bishop John has a gift of presenting both theological and Gospel material in a very light and easily accessible way. The talk was engaging and got us all thinking about who the real Jesus is. I particularly enjoyed the discussion around the various pictorial images we have of Jesus, ranging from long blond haired Scandinavian looking Jesus, through African looking Jesus to a reconstruction of a Galilean from the time period of Jesus. I would recommend that if you have the chance to hear Bishop John you do so" *Rob.*



The day with Bishop John was really enjoyable and inspiring. I found the opening prayer he used really helpful and shared it with the start group who have also found it to be a really good tool. It's great when you can take something practical away from a spiritual person like Bishop John. Thanks to everyone involved in organising his visit. *Lesley*

Sunday School Needs More Helpers

Sunday School needs more helpers to plan and lead the Sunday morning sessions, ideally someone with younger children who can link easily into school as Karen did in the past when our children were young.

Sunday school is great fun and older children will remember when we had 40+ on roll and went away to Wydale for weekends.

If you feel you have ideas and energy to help, please contact Karen Peverell 01642 722333



November Thoughts

When the greyness of November
Makes me feel depressed
And it takes a bigger effort
To get out of bed and dressed
When the nights are long and dreary
Even birds have gone to rest
I remember my dear mother's words
"Worse things happen at sea!"

When my head has started aching
And I'm feeling quite forlorn
My shoes are tight, my feet are sore
And I think I have a corn.
My clock has stopped, the bus is late
And now my tights are torn
I remember my dear mother's words
"Worse things happen at sea!"

When I'm sitting in my cosy rook
With the fire burning bright
Listening to the blustery wind
Howling in the night
I remember my dear mother's words
'Everything's alright'
"Worse things happen at sea!"

Sheila Wray



**Open House at the
Harvies'
71 Roseberry Crescent
Great Ayton**

Saturday 4th and Monday 6th
November 2017 * 11am to 7pm

**The best fair trade
craft, fashion and
food from around
the world**

**All Welcome.
Fairtrade Refresh-
ments all day.**

Lots of stock on display, all fairly traded, with something for everyone, including the Bargain Basement. Every purchase makes a difference to the lives of some of the most disadvantaged and marginalised people in the world.



Guisborough Choral Society sing

Handel's **MESSIAH**

Saturday 9th December 2017 at 7.30pm

Guisborough Methodist Church, Westgate

Tickets £10 Adults, £8 Concessions, £1 Under-19s from Guisborough Bookshop
or Greensleeves Music (both in Chaloner Street Guisborough),

www.wegotickets.com

A Quiet Morning

On the 16th October a small group from Ayton & Stokesley churches came together for a morning of silent prayer led by Rev Lesley Ashton. Lesley challenged us to silence not only our words, but our desires and our thoughts.

We'd like to share a New Zealand prayer she gave us:

Lord,
it is night.

The night is for stillness.
Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.
What has been done has been done:
What has not been done has not been done.
Let it be.

The night is dark.
Let our fears of the darkness of the world
and of our own lives
rest in you.

The night is quiet.
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,
all dear to us
and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.
Let us look expectantly to a new day,
new joys,
new possibilities

Great Ayton Contemplative Prayer Group



HARVEST MEMORIES



We had a fantastic Harvest, and for me it lasted a bit longer having been topped and tailed by Harvests at Nunthorpe & Marwood School.

Christ Church looked wonderful with a fantastic display of flowers with a Rainbow theme.



We had a brilliant turnout for the Harvest Church Parade with a Congregation of 188 filling the Church, with young people from the Uniformed Organisations and many parents joining us. I had given some strong encouragement to come, for expressing thanks is such an important life lesson - and they certainly did, so many thanks to young people, parents and Leaders for responding so well.



We enjoyed a good and lively service, that included John Rutter's lovely anthem *Look to the World*. Unfortunately we had lots of members of the choir away, but the four who were here sung beautifully.



Following on was our Come & Praise Family Service, where more gathered for another lively service



Our Harvest Appeal at Christ Church had been for the Middlesbrough Foodbank and the Hurricane Appeal. We had a tremendous response for the Foodbank and they have responded with grateful thanks. I await Ken's return from his holidays to find out the final total of the hurricane appeal.

Saint Oswald's still holds with the country tradition of a Friday evening service and supper. Once again Maureen and team transformed the Church ready for the service. Thank you all so much for your skill and efforts. Saint Oswald's looked welcoming with lights all up the pathway - truly magical.



We were delighted to see numbers up with some newcomers really enjoying it too. I wish others would give it a try, as it is a most enjoyable evening.

We were joined by Christ Church Choir who sang yet another lovely Harvest Anthem.



The tables in the Chancel were filled with food and the vestry served as a bar, as we joined in for supper afterwards.



On the Sunday with a good turnout at the All Age Harvest Service we had a different Harvest address with a new magic trick!



At Saint Oswald's we collected donations to support the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution that supports British Farmers. As the Vicar had pointed out on the Friday, with two four pint carton of milk still just £2 after several years, many farmers are now struggling to make a living and having to turn to alternatives like cottages, cafes, shops and holiday parks. Something to remember next time you pour your milk onto your cornflakes!



The collection for RABI raised a generous £622.24.

Thank you to all who contributed to and supported all our Harvest Services.

Eric Boyce 1937 - 2017



Last month Eric Boyce lost an incredibly brave battle against his cancer.

Although born and bred in Kildale, Eric and Mary had spent much of their married life in Billingham before moving back to Great Ayton in 1993, around the same time I arrived.

Not ones to sit by and watch, they soon rolled their sleeves up and got involved in Church life, as well as being amongst our most faithful worshippers at the Sunday morning 8 o'clock service.

There were few jobs that Eric didn't do in his time with us as he has been Server, Eucharistic Minister, PCC Member, Raffle Organiser, Assistant Church Cleaning Supremo, Painter & Decorator, All Saints Guide, PCC Secretary and Churchwarden. He came to the latter role when in 2006 we were struggling to find someone to take the role on, and Eric being Eric volunteered. He did a fantastic job, and if he saw something needed doing - he did it - whether that be painting steps, replacing bulbs, painting walls or whatever. Eric did all he did in good humour, without fuss or complaint. He was any vicar's dream parishioner and I feel greatly privileged that he served as Churchwarden during my time.

His work arose out of his worship, for as well as Sunday mornings, you would find Eric equally at home with Get Up With God Communion in Lent and Bible Study Groups. He was an excellent Churchwarden for six years, and continued in many other capacities afterwards, until his health took a turn for the worst.

Eric has shown true courage and faith in facing his illness, supported by a most loving wife and family, and many friends and neighbours who responded to the love he has shown them. Christ Church was full for his funeral service as we paid tribute to a faithful Christian man.

Paul Peverell, Vicar

His family send the following message of thanks Mary and family wish to express a heart felt thank you to neighbours and all the friends at Christ Church for kindness, concern and prayers for Eric during his illness. Also for the many comforting cards and letters of condolence. God bless you all for your support.

Great Ayton Remembers

James Craig

On Sunday 5th November 2017 at 2pm

Dennis Grierson

On Monday 20th November at 11am

in Christ Church



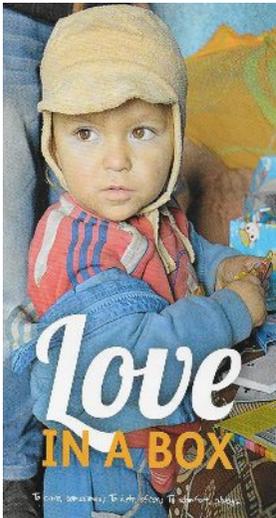
LOVE IN A BOX

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

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

Our **Love in a Box Sunday** is on **Sunday 19th November with a service at 4pm**. Pick up your leaflet from the back of Christ Church and pop along to Boyes!

Make a difference to a child this Christmas by giving a gift,



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If anyone wishes to sponsor one of the Christmas arrangements, please contact Marina Charlton 01642 723 087. The suggested amount is £30 and a small laminated card will be placed by the arrangement recalling the memory in which it is given. There will only be 14 arrangements this year and they will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, so don't delay.



Yorkshire Cancer Research

Great Ayton and District Committee



The **Kildale Coffee Morning** raised £570 including donations.
Thank you to all our supporters.

Christmas Coffee Morning in Christ Church Hall on
Wednesday 22nd November. We will be serving Coffee/Tea with mince pies,
Christmas cake and cheese, and shortbread and other Christmas goodies.

Cakes suitable for freezing and other Christmas Goodies will be on sale. Raffle.
Tickets will be £5.

Margaret Stevens

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Quiz, run by Mike Myers, was a successful & enjoyable evening and it raised
£485.10 for the funds - our thanks go to the participants and Mike.

The "Christmas Card coffee morning" did not have as many sellers as in the past
and it was not as well attended due to various reasons. The total raised was
£84.50.



The recent "Bridge Drive" was another
successful & enjoyable evening with
£501.50 made from the event.

At the beginning of December the
Christingle Service will be held - this is
on SUNDAY, 3rd DECEMBER, -- please
note new time of **4pm**. Candles and
envelopes will be at the back of the church
towards the end of November.

Jancie Brown
Tel 01642 723873

100th Anniversary of the end of First World War



Next year we will remember the end of the First World War and the Armistice that fell at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th Month, and this falls on Remembrance Sunday next year.

This is an anniversary that needs marking appropriately, so I am asking now if the community would be behind a large display of knitted poppies outside Christ Church to symbolise the huge loss of life in the war?

If so, we will need someone with imagination as to how best to display, and plenty of knitters in the community to make thousands of poppies. Is this something we want to do? Please tell me.

Since 2014, the Great Ayton History Society have put together wonderful presentations on each of the 48 fallen from our village as we acknowledge each one on the 100th Anniversary of their death. Do join us for the remainder. I would like us to combine these together in a suitable format next year as the focus of our service.

Paul Peverell

A festive poster for a Christmas concert. At the top, it says 'the Saltburn Songsters present' in white. The central image shows Santa Claus in his sleigh, pulled by three reindeer, flying across a dark blue night sky with falling snow and a bright full moon. Below the sleigh, the title 'Sing a Song of Gladness and Cheer!' is written in large, stylized yellow and red letters. At the bottom, the event details are listed in white and red text: 'at Christ Church, Great Ayton on Saturday 9th December 2017 at 7:15pm', 'All tickets £8 including refreshments available from 07729 332 258 and Thompson's Hardware Store, Great Ayton'. The background features snow-covered evergreen trees.

MARWOOD SCHOOL IS OUTSTANDING

As Foundation Governors we're proud to report that Marwood Church of England Infant School has been found to be an outstanding school in all areas following a recent S.I.A.M.S. Inspection. This is the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools and it looks at three core areas:



How well does the school, through its distinctive Christian character, meet the needs of all learners?

What is the impact of collective worship on the school community?

How effective are the leadership and management of the school as a church school?

The Inspector's report says that "The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Marwood as a Church of England school are outstanding

This is a welcoming Christian family community with a strong spiritual and moral compass which serves its children and their families. This ensure its young pupils get the best possible foundation for life. As a result, pupils are confident and articulate and thrive, both academically and personally.

In this nurturing environment, pupils make good progress and achieve well.

The excellent partnership between church and school is exemplified by the inspirational headteacher and vicar. They are both pivotal in ensuring exemplary leadership at all levels and good governance within this thriving church school.

Marwood's Christian vision and values strongly endorses their aims of 'Happy Friends Learning Together' within a spirit of love, forgiveness and friendship. Such values are know and lived out by the entire community."

An excellent report and result, this wouldn't have been possible without the hard work by all involved in the school in any capacity.

Well done to all.

Alison Lambert, Vicky Bradley and Paul Peverell
Foundation Governors

Wedding Gallery



Nathan Revely & Jennifer Clayton married by the vicar at St Mary's Nunthorpe 22 September.



Michael Shea & Abi Winton-Wright married at Christ Church on 30 September.



Stacey Dobson & Matthew Skirving married at St Oswald's 14 October.



Our own bespoke view of Roseberry Topping



Geoff Lewis & Kathryn Harrison married at Christ Church 20 October



Stephanie Morgan & James Barwick married at St Oswald's 23 October.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

1 October	Joshua John George Pearce
8 October	Ryan Paul Doyle
15 October	Henry Steven Harper
29 October	Ayla Romaine Coates

Holy Matrimony

22 September	Nathan Revely & Jennifer Clayton (St Mary's)
30 September	Michael Shea & Abi Winton-Wright
14 October	Matthew Skirving & Stacey Dobson
21 October	Geoff Lewis and Kathryn Harrison
23 October	James Barwick & Stephanie Morgan

Christian Burial and Cremation

13 October	Mary Cumbor
16 October	Margaret Shaw
20 October	Eric Boyce
23 October	Dave Turner
27 October	Bill Kitching
30 October	Mike Baker

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



The granting of the Freedom of the City of London dates back to 1237. Privileges included being able to herd sheep over London Bridge, go about the city with a sword - and, if convicted of a capital offence, to be hanged with a silken cord. Not just any old rope !

“The idea behind committees,” explained a councillor, “Is, we can do nothing as individuals, but collectively we can decide that nothing can be done.”

Submission to taxman: “Please send me a claim form as I have had a baby and had one before, but it got dirty and I burned it.”

Newspaper advert: “Gentleman seeks lady partner for tennis/badminton in Okehampton. (no strings).”

“I’ve just had a once-in-a-lifetime holiday. I’ll tell you what - never again.”

Sign noticed in Israel: “Ladies’ corsets made to measure. Entrance at back.”

A parrot brought a serial burglar to justice by biting the man’s hand. The burglar broke into a house in Gillingham at dead of night, stealing a number of items and then trying to take Rocky, a parrot worth £500, from his cage. But Rocky bit his hand and the trail of blood he left behind enabled the police to trace his DNA; he was arrested the next day.

Say briefly what you know about Lady Macbeth, demanded the exam paper. Student: “She was a right old bitch.”

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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 (2nd Sunday of month)
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)