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**Be a Beacon of Love
For Christian Aid Week**

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- 2 **Wed** 7.30pm Standing Committee.
- 6 **Sun** **Easter 6** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion.
- 13 **Sun** **Easter 7** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Come & Praise.
- 14 **Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion, Tea and Chat.
- 19 **Sat** 1.30pm Wedding in Christ Church.
- 20 **Sun** **PENTECOST** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service; 6pm Ayton Churches Together Pentecost Praise at 6pm in Christ Church.
- 22 **Tues** 7.30pm Deanery Archdeacon's Visitation Service at All Saints, Hutton Rudby.
- 23 **Wed** 7.30pm Christ Church PCC Meeting.
- 25 **Fri** 1.45pm Church Visitors Meeting.
- 27 **Sun** **TRINITY SUNDAY** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11.15am Baptism at Christ Church.

JUNE

- 2 **Sat** 3pm Wedding at Christ Church.
- 3 **Sun** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion; 12.15pm Baptism
- 4 **Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion, Tea and Chat

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

Please Note, due to Holidays in May, the June issue of Spire may not be out until the first weekend of June, so Sunday services for then are included here.

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A Safe Place

On Palm Sunday all Churches in the Church of England were asked to either read out or distribute a Pastoral Letter from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. As the letter was fairly long, and it was already a long service, we chose to distribute it, but let me interpret it now for any who don't speak Ecclesiastical, for it wasn't the easiest to understand.

The letter arose following the Inquiry into Child Abuse in Chichester Diocese. The culture in that Diocese, which I would suggest and hope isn't typical throughout the Church, hadn't taken Safeguarding seriously enough. On hearing evidence of the Church's failings, the Archbishop of Canterbury said he had learnt what shame felt like. Martin Warner, the former Bishop of Whitby, moved to Chichester Diocese to try to sort the problems out, and our prayers go with him as this is such an important issue.

Churches should be safe places for all, from the young to the vulnerable old, and everyone in between. They should be places where everyone is loved and respected as an individual and not taken advantage of. What the Church has to wake up fully to, are that there are many people in society who have a propensity to abuse others - especially the young and vulnerable - and we all share the responsibility to ensure this doesn't happen within our organisations.

Such people worm their way into many different roles in Society that bring them into contact with potential victims, often from a position of power. This can be Teachers, Sports Coaches, Leaders in Youth Organisations, TV Personalities and Ministers within Churches, etc. There isn't anything wrong with any of those roles, and the vast majority of people in those roles do fantastic jobs of dedication, but if that isn't to be undermined, the Organisation that runs them has to take its responsibilities in Safeguarding seriously in checking people out before they start, having proper standards and guidelines of working, and deal openly and effectively with those who transgress. We do no-one any favours by trying to hide things to misguidedly protect people, for that ends up making far more victims.

In my time in Ministry there have been considerable moves in the Church in this area. We have had Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) and now Disclosure and Barring (DBS) checks for quite a time now. The Church also produced a code of practice for Ministers to help protect both the minister and those in their care, advising against working alone with young people, and insisting leaders of both sexes be present with mixed groups. In my time here I have always run Confirmation with Jenny Nash, Rosemary Wheway or Karen - and if such cover wasn't available then classes were cancelled.

Our Sunday School and Youth work helpers are also required to undergo checks and training, as do our Pastoral Visitors and PCC Members.

Safeguarding is also there to protect workers from putting themselves in positions of false accusations, and as well as the Cliff Richard case, there have also been ministers and workers falsely accused. These days, once mud is thrown, it is hard to clean yourself up again!

In our Churches of Christ Church and Saint Oswald's we have a designated Safeguarding Officer in each. If you were to suspect anything improper, these are the people to initially talk to. They are not there to investigate themselves, but to ensure you are put in touch with the right authorities.

Apart from the necessary admin, I hope never has much to do. May our Churches continue to be safe places for all - but we need to work and be vigilant to make it so.

Paul



Safeguarding Officers

Both are regular attenders at Church, so you can talk or email them accordingly

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GIFT DAY SUCCESS

Support us here

SATURDAY
21 APRIL
9am - 4pm

Church Hall Renovation Project

GIFT DAY

On Saturday 21st April we set up our stand outside the Church Hall for the Gift Day we had advertised to raise funds to do a much needed major



Almost the First

renovation of the Church Hall. Members of the congregation had kindly delivered leaflets through every door; Sarah Botez, our Hall Secretary who manages it on a day to day basis had arranged the banner; Robin Harmar, Chairman of the Committee leading the project had erected the Gazebo out the front, and we were blessed with the sunniest day in ages.



Bishop enjoys the sun

Great Ayton is an early rising village, going by the first hour which was very busy. Included in our visitors was the Bishop of Whitby in Summer attire. It is good when people take the trouble to come and show their support.

One lady celebrating 50 years of marriage gave £50 for the Hall in thanksgiving. Many people were grateful for happy occasions of all sorts.



Some of the Team

We had a good team of folk out the front, as we were worth robbing! I am grateful to them for keeping me company throughout the day and helped welcome and say thank you, and especially to Robin Harmar for leading the project and gaining the grants.

Around 100 scooter riders waved greetings on their way to a rally in Whitby, and many others stopped to chat and encourage.



Last but not least

Ken Taylor kept emptying the box and counting so that we had a running total to encourage us and then he recorded all the cheques.

The FANTASTIC TOTAL so far is £17,500. We are aiming to raise £30,000 to add to the Grants we have received to enable us to do the work needed. A brilliant response. Thank you so much to everyone. You help put the Great into Great Ayton. **Paul**

A Family Affair!

“A magical time,” said Clare, “and both boys getting medals was the icing on the cake”

Many in Great Ayton were following the Commonwealth Games exploits of Charlie & Harry Tanfield – courtesy of the BBC, Twitter & Facebook.

Two people in particular have been ‘following them’ for much longer; I’m referring of course to their mum & dad – Clare & Stewart (pictured in the Gold Coast with Harry). Their boys are definitely talented (achieving their success without the support of official Team GB funding) and both young men have put in many hours on their bikes; however without the love, dedication and encouragement of Stewart & Clare they wouldn’t be where they are today.



Other parents (and grandparents) will know the cost of supporting sporting children and the heartaches when times are tough. They also know something of the joy currently being experienced by family Tanfield when everything goes to plan.



Gold and Silver in the velodrome for Charlie followed by both boys tackling the 37.5 km Time Trial resulting in Harry’s Silver medal. Harry went on to deliver a brave performance out front in the Road Race but could not inspire an English triumph.

After their ‘Welcome Home’ on High Green on the 28th, they’ll both be looking forward to the summer season - Tour de Yorkshire, the National TT champs (and potentially the World TT Championships)

Spire Sports Correspondent

#StandTogether this Christian Aid Week



For dignity.
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Vilia sheltered 50 of her neighbours during Hurricane Matthew

Vilia lost her mum and her home when the earthquake struck Port-au-Prince in 2010. Bereaved and homeless, she went back to her home town with her husband and children. But life was a struggle, and they had nowhere safe to live. Christian Aid partner KORAL built her a new home that was strong enough to stand up to natural disasters.



On the terrifying night when Hurricane Matthew hit, Vilia's neighbours fled to shelter with her. As the storm raged, she shared her home with more than 50 of her neighbours for several days. Despite the ferocity of the hurricane, which swept away surrounding homes, her house was barely damaged.

Vilia allowed her home to become an emergency shelter when Hurricane Matthew struck Haiti. She is incredibly grateful for the help she's received but worries about those without a secure home. Will you #StandTogether with your global neighbour Vilia and [give a donation to help build hope in Haiti?](#)

We know how to make it happen – of the 700 houses we built after the 2010 earthquake, just one needed to be repaired after Hurricane Matthew. But we're relying on the kindness of people like you to be able to do more, and reach more of our global neighbours in their hour of need.

NEWTON NEWS



At our last Annual Church Meeting we said a big Thank You to two of our Church Officers who were stepping down from their roles and the PCC.

Karolyn Willis (left) has been our PCC Secretary since 2010, dealing with Minutes and correspondence, and helping be a face for Saint Oswald's in the Parish of Newton under Roseberry where she lives.

Jancie Brown (right) took over as our Treasurer in 2009, having already been on the PCC for several years. She has done the role most efficiently, and we have managed to keep in the black and be generous to others, thanks to good housekeeping and the many weddings coming our way.

Being a small Church, we all have to turn our hands to different tasks from Spring cleaning to flower arranging, verging at weddings to fund raising, and Jancie and Karolyn have always been most involved. Our thanks to them.



Maureen Rider and Paul Carter were re-elected as Churchwardens, but have indicated that they would like to step down next year, so we need to see who else will come forward to help with this role. Neither Maureen nor Paul had been Churchwardens before and have grown enormously into the role simply by doing it. It's always a challenge to find new people to come forward to take on jobs, but Maureen, Paul, Jancie and Karolyn all did that - and have done it well.

We welcomed on to the PCC two new members in Christine Stinson and Hannah Mackay. Christine lives in Newton and Hannah started attending Church following the Christening of her daughter. We look forward to them working with us for the future.

Wedding Fairs Now that I have finished at Nunthorpe I have been able to resume attendance at wedding fairs, and attended the recent one at Whinstone View along with Ruth Coates. I am pleased to say this has already born fruit with two bookings.

News



Our newly elected Churchwardens were accepted into service at Christ Church, as per local custom, on Easter Day. Helen Land and Rob Pepper will be formally admitted at the Archdeacon's Visitation Services, which this year are taking place in Deaneries. The one for Stokesley Deanery will be at All Saints Church, Hutton Rudby on Tuesday 22nd May at 7.30pm. This service is also open to PCC Members and other interested parties to attend.

Saint George's Day Parade

On Sunday 22nd April we welcomed Leven District Scouts to Christ Church for the Saint George's Day Parade. They assembled on High Green and marched to Church, but unfortunately didn't have a band with them this time. It would have been a far better photograph if the cars hadn't all tried to squeeze in as near to the barrier as they could!



The Scouts from Great Ayton, Stokesley, Hutton Rudby and Kirkby-in-Cleveland were joined by Brownies and Guides from Great Ayton. The Vicar performed some tricks with ropes to illustrate Loving Thy Neighbour. Well done to all the Leaders from all the Uniformed Organisations who give their time and talents on a voluntary basis throughout the year to help our children grow into responsible citizens.



POPPY MEETINGS

Come and join the knitting group making poppies for the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice of World War War.

Meeting in Christ Church Coffee Lounge on Mondays 7pm - 8.30pm

Rachael Takes Up The Challenges



This September I'm undertaking a new challenge and an old favourite to raise money for the great work of Macmillan.

We've all been affected by the effects at some point in our lives and The Macmillan organisation is fully dependent on charitable donations. Their nursing team provide amazing support in people's lives at a time of great distress.

My sister and I are running the Great North Run again on 9th September and then on 11th September we leave to do a 4 day trek in the Alps. We are climbing to 3000 Mts, 1000m just short of Mont Blanc which is next door. I'm doing the climb with my sister, Frances again and fitness coach, Jemma Wesson.



It should be an exhilarating challenge and we have pledged to raise £2,500. In order to raise this money I would be grateful if as many people as possible could come to a coffee/cake/tombola/raffle/book sale morning to be held in The Village Hall on Saturday 12th May 10 am -2pm (the weekend after the bank holiday) I also have a just giving page that it is possible to donate on and gift aid at no extra expense. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rachael-graham6>

Thank you to the people of Great Ayton , in advance you're always incredibly supportive .

With thanks
Rachael Myers

Volunteers Needed

The Captain Cook Schoolroom Museum Trust is looking to recruit new volunteers for the summer season. Can you spare a few hours a month? Enjoy meeting people? Proud of our heritage?

Our museum operates with a terrific team of volunteers who are given guidance and training, but gain a great deal in meeting people from around the world particularly from Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

If you would like to become involved please contact Jancie Brown on 01642 723873"



MIDSUMMER MUSIC

St Oswald's Church
Newton under Roseberry

Thursday 21st June

At 7.30pm

SWING FEVER

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Great Ayton Dramatic Society Presents Agatha Crusty & the Health Spa Murders

By Derek Web



Christ Church Hall – Great Ayton

Wednesday 16th – Saturday 19th May

Curtain up @ 7:30 pm

Crime novelist and amateur detective, Agatha Crusty (pronounced ‘croosty’), decides that a spell at a health spa is just what she needs to recharge her batteries and give her inspiration for her latest book. There she meets the other participants of the health spa weekend: members of the Zara Fernandez fashion house sales team. Things start well with the women experiencing the choice of spa treatments on offer; until one of the group is found drowned, presumed murdered, in the Moor Mud Bath. Enter Detective Inspector Sally Aster, a DI with a speech impediment and a penchant for complicating the simplest detection methods. There is, of course, a very healthy dose of humour throughout but being an Agatha Crusty murder mystery, there is also a genuine mystery with an ingenious plot to tax the little grey cells of the audience at the same time as making them laugh aloud.

Tickets £7.00, Concessions £6.00

Available from Thompson’s Hardware, box office 01642 722096

Or on the door.

Theatre & Café seating, come early, grab a table and bring a bottle!

Saint Oswald's Church

Newton under Roseberry
(along Church Lane)



Last year we featured a section of historical notes on Christ Church, which was much appreciated, so as summer comes along here are a few notes on our other historic gem, Saint Oswald's Church in Newton under Roseberry that dates back to the 12th Century. It is well worth a visit.



The lych-gate, erected in 1929 in memory of Margaret Corney, the first lady Churchwarden in the Country, was given by her nephews and nieces. It is a grade II listed building in its own right.

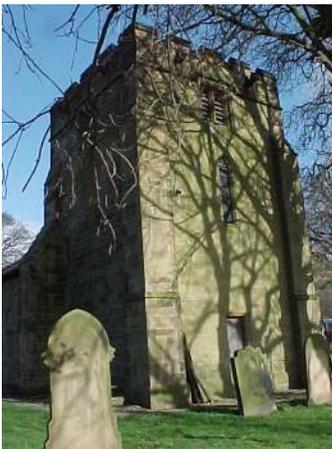


The gabled Porch is believed to be mid/late XVIIc. The outer opening top stone is a medieval grave slab with a floriated cross upon steps with the figure of an animal, which may be a crude Agnus Dei. Outside, at the apex of the roof, is an old circular cross. The doorway to the nave is an apparently modern reproduction or restoration of the XIIc opening.

An early stone coffin, also found under the floor of the nave in 1827, now lies outside the east side of the porch.

A stone of great antiquity, probably Saxon is incorporated into the southeast buttress of the tower. This pre-Norman stone was found in 1827

during church repairs that included a new floor. On the face it depicts a dragon attacking a quadruped and there is additional carving on the end. This amount of carving means the stone was probably an impost block. Several historians refer to this stone as being of particular interest. It is thought to be carved from local sandstone. Further, it is thought that its discovery under the nave may indicate that there was an earlier church on the site (probably largely wooden) prior to the present building.



The tower was built by Temple Moor in 1901. It houses a peel of tubular bells that are rung for services today, and provides a gallery within the Church where the visiting choir from Christ Church Great Ayton often sing for special services.

Stained Glass



For a small Church, St Oswald's has quite a collection of stained glass.

The East window is dedicated to Mary, and features scenes from the Annunciation and the Purification in the Temple. It was presented by Richard Hill, late of Pinchinthorpe Hall, in remembrance of his wife and family members who are buried in the churchyard

In the chancel, the north window shows St John the Divine on the left and St Athanasius, with mitre and bishop's crook, on the right. The south window shows St Maria "Ora pro nobis" (pray for us) on the left and St Thomas of Canterbury also "Ora pro nobis" with mitre and crown on the right.

The south wall window in the nave is a comparatively late opening with a rounded head (perhaps suggested by an older window), includes the image of St Oswald holding a crude cross and a large sword whilst **the north wall window** depicts St Christopher holding a staff as he crosses a stream holding a child. This window is dedicated to the memory of C Y Pease, a Yorkshire Hussars Captain who was killed in 1918, and "other men of Cleveland"..



Look to the west wall, and behind the bell ropes features Christ the Good Shepherd.



The font is Norman XIIc, circular drum shaped. Its sides have continuous intersecting blind arcading and imposts with horizontal moulding and cable mounting at the rim, with intersecting arcading 'somewhat shorn'. It was brought from the church at Ingleby Arncliffe.



The XIIc Chancel Arch is of two orders, each with continuous roll moulding towards the nave. The soffit is plain and both orders spring from a plain chamfered impost returned on both sides along the walls. There are outer angle shafts with capitals and moulded bases, but the capitals are very badly worn and any carving or ornament they may have had has disappeared. Either side of the arch are 10cm square squints. The Norman

Chancel was rebuilt in 1857.

A Brief History of Saint Oswald



Oswald was born in 605 AD as the second child to Aethelfrith, King of Bernicia (modern day Durham and Northumberland) When just 11 years old, his father was overthrown and killed in battle. Oswald, with his mother and family fled to Scotland where they found refuge on the Isle of Iona.

Iona was the base of St Columba, who brought the Christian faith to the North of the Country. Oswald became a Christian, and in 634 led an army to retake his father's Kingdom. Before the battle he had a vision of Columba, and he and his men prayed before a cross - the first time a Christian symbol was used in such a way in this country. Oswald proved victor at the battle of Heavenfield, near Hexham, and reunited Bernicia with the southern kingdom of Deira (From the Tees to the Humber) thus creating Northumberland stretching from the Humber to Scotland.

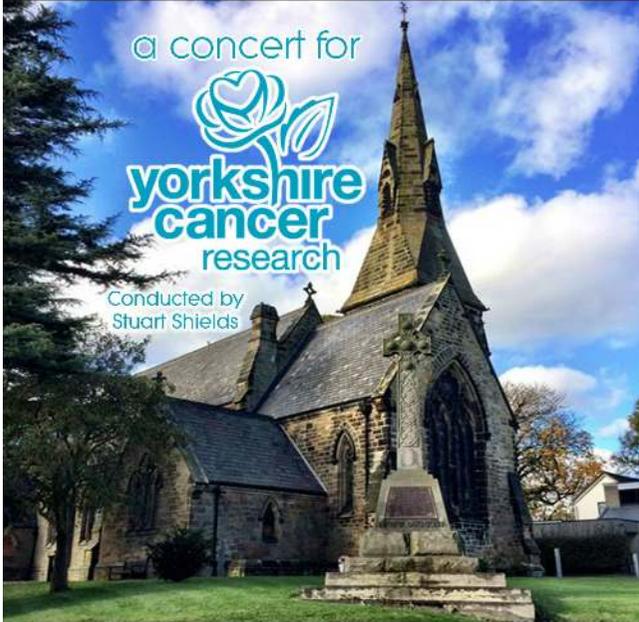
He extended his influence with the aid of the Christian Faith, supported by Aidan of Lindisfarne, and soon united most of Saxon England who looked to Oswald as their King.

The pagan King Penda of Mercia (The Midlands) remained out of his influence and in 642 Oswald was killed by Penda at the battle of Maserfield at just 38 years of age. Venerable Bede says, *Thus died the first and most Christian King of England*. His body was dismembered and remained on stakes on the battlefield until a year later when his remains were claimed. Oswald's head was put in the coffin of St Cuthbert of Lindisfarne and now rests in Durham Cathedral. His arms are at Peterborough Cathedral.



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Who Said That?

If you took the Holy Spirit out of the early Church 95% of what they did would have stopped. If you take the Holy Spirit out of the Church today 95% of what we do would carry on. (David Watson)

If the humble Hindu on the Ganges can't be saved unless he become C of E, or Baptist or RC, then God is not the God I want to believe in. (Eric James)

Our divisions prevent our neighbours from hearing the Gospel they should. (Pope John Paul II)

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

18 March	Brax Logan McGreevy
24 March	Emily Phoebe Pearson

Holy Matrimony



31 March	Steve Ackroyd & Lucy Gallilee
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Christian Burial and Cremation

23 March	Frank Wise
16 April	Alan Thompson
	Peggy Walton
17 April	Sheila Hague
25 April	Eric Race

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 MUSINGS

Bereaved and depressed character in The Archers: "I might get knocked down and killed by a bus tomorrow His mother: "No you won't. We hardly ever see a bus around here."

My philosophy is that you've got to enjoy life while you can. There's no point in being the richest man in the graveyard." - Darts champion Eric Bristow, who died recently.



From religious exam efforts recalled in "You're Only Young Once"

- "Solomon had 300 wives and 700 porcupines."
- "The Philistines are islands in the Pacific."
- The first book in the Bible is called Guinnessis."

"The great thing about living in a democracy is that you can say what you think without thinking." - President Eisenhower

A firm which used to have a head of recruitment now has "a talent acquisition manager."

The recent obituary of a distinguished Army officer recalled an experience when he was stationed at a commando training centre in Scotland. On a night exercise he was manning a roadblock when he saw a figure striding down the road and assuming he was one of the "enemy," wrestled him to the ground.

"Do you know who I am?" the man asked. "No," said the officer. "I'm Lord Lovat" came the reply. "Do you know who I am?" reposted the officer. "No," said Lovat. "Thank God," exclaimed the officer - and escaped into the darkness.

A 112-year-old Japanese man, now officially recognised as the oldest man in the world, said eating sweets and hot spring baths were his secret to long life. Better not tell the children !

Whitstable received no female applicants to be carnival queen, so is now opening the post to boys - presumably to become carnival king.

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Malcolm Race

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