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JULY & AUGUST

- 1 **Sun** **Trinity 5** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion.
- 2 **Mon** 2pm Communion & Chat - in Christ Church.
- 6 **Fri** 12.30pm Wedding at Saint Oswald's
- 7 **Sat** 12.30pm Baptism at Christ Church; 7pm Angrove Singers Summer Concert in Christ Church.
- 8 **Sun** **Trinity 6** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parade Service; 11am Come & Praise.
- 15 **Sun** **Trinity 7** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service.
- 19 **Thurs** 10.45am Marwood School Leavers' Service in Christ Church
- 20 **Fri** 1.45pm Church Visitors meet in Church.
- 21 **Sat** 12. Noon Wedding in Saint Oswald's
- 22 **Sun** **St. Mary Magdalene** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion
- 25 **Wed** 7.30pm PCC Meeting
- 26 **Thurs** 12.30pm Wedding at Saint Oswald's
- 28 **Sat** 1pm Wedding at Saint Oswald's
- 29 **Sun** **Trinity 9** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion; 12.15pm Baptism at Saint Oswald's; 6pm Summer Season Opening Service at All Saints Church.
- August**
- 5 **Sun** **Trinity 10** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Saint Oswald's Day Service & Picnic.
- 11 **Sat** 12.30pm Wedding at Saint Oswald's
- 12 **Sun** **Trinity 12** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parade Service; 11am Come & Praise.
- 16 **Thurs** 12 noon Wedding at Saint Oswald's
- 19 **Sun** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion.
- 25 **Sat** 1pm Wedding at Christ Church
- 26 **Sun** **Trinity 13** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 6pm Songs of Praise in All Saints.

Regular activities on back page

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

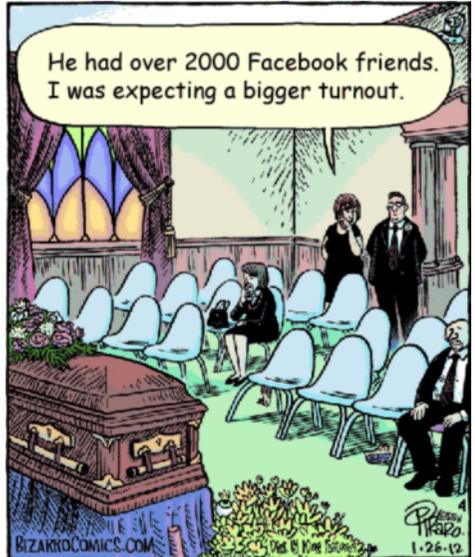
The Word Became Flesh



At the heart of the Christian message is this profound truth that God loves us so much that he came to us as a person, and that person was Jesus the Christ. Jesus showed us something of God through his self giving life, so that he could say “If you have seen me, you have seen the Father.”

There’s something special about the personal touch that we are in danger of losing in a society run on Social Media. We are in contact with hundreds of people who are called “friends”, but we all know that true friends who will be there for us are few and far between. “Contacts”, as in email, would be a far better term.

Contacts may be helpful in keeping us in touch with things, but if we need the assurance of a big hug, or eyes to show that someone understands and loves us, you can’t beat the real thing - a person.



This is why churches and community groups give something to society that is so valuable, for we bring people into contact with each other, and once they do that a whole chemistry can happen that may not occur through social media. Conversations can grow, and you can understand the person better by seeing them, so misunderstandings are less - or if they happen, they can be spotted straightaway.

I go out several times a year with my puppets and magic tricks to talk to many different groups from Women’s Institutes, Mothers Unions, Retired Men’s Groups, Church Groups, etc to try and give an enjoyable hour with a little message. Should I be spending my time in this way? Yes, for I remember how valuable our MU found it when they had visiting speakers, and such people keep groups going, helping people to get out and meet each

other. For many of them it may be the only trip out that week - or even month. I'm always saddened when groups close, as our MU had to do, because they couldn't find people to serve on committees and as officers. Society loses something precious every time this happens.

I reluctantly came back onto Facebook early this year, having left it seven years ago. I still find it intrusive, and I suspect if we really knew how much it digs into our personal data we would all stay well clear. The problem is that most young people use it, so to talk to them you have to use it too. So I post onto @stoswaldsnewton, Christ Church Great Ayton and *I Love Great Ayton*. (I don't tend to post much personally.)

Social Media can be a great way of sharing good news and positive stories, but we have to be wary of posting negative or critical comments. Something someone does may seem thoughtless and ruffle us up, and if we were talking to people about it we may mention it to 3 or 4 people to get it out of our system. If we post our comments on Social Media it could be seen by thousands and could be a little over the top as we would never go to that number of actual people to complain. At least with the old ways of talking to people or writing and posting letters we had a cool off period. Be personal, for we can all have our off days and say and do the wrong thing.

Modern Technology also gives us lots of ways to communicate - email, Facebook, Messenger, Text, Twitter - but if you are passing on some important news that you are leaving and moving on after many years with a group, for goodness sake say it in person with flowers and a card. I'm amazed at hearing of people who have belonged and enjoyed groups and activities for many years who end their connection with a text or FB Message. That's not appropriate to someone who may have given you so much over the years - and one day you will look back and realise that. There are often reports in the press of people being sacked by text, or couples breaking up in a similar way. Maybe I'm old fashioned, but ...

Let the word become flesh in your life and deal with real people in real ways, and your life will be richer and happier and you will find true friends.

Paul

To the Saints of the Diocese of York

The Bishop of Hull, Alison White, writes: God sometimes opens doors for us and invites us in towards the heart of the Gospel and there the Scriptures show us Jesus, at home with people in poverty. The church is already present and engaged but we are being given an opportunity to work on reaching more people and helping them grow as disciples. Did you know that one in three people in our Diocese live in poverty? 90 of our parishes are classified as being in the top 20% of those places in England with multiple deprivation to contend with. They are urban and coastal places as well as all the hidden poverty in rural areas. There is a 'web of poverty' trapping people in a poverty of resources, relationships or identity. We believe that there is also a network of grace and the hope of transformation and we want to grow that! The group working on this part of the 'Reach' dimension of the Diocesan strategy spent time listening to people who live and minister in areas of deprivation to discover what they long for. How can we translate this into actions that will allow all God's people to benefit from the insights and experience of those of us living in poverty and sharing the love of God so that more people can become disciples?



Three interlinked proposals have emerged that could help make a difference: +

- **Churches as community hubs.** This already happens here and there, offering safe places of hospitality and welcome, working in partnership with supporting charities or agencies. We need to be present and accessible.
- **Community 'chaplains',** lay, local, community leaders, given confidence to be out there where people spend their time, commissioned and paid for the time they give.
- **Community leaders.** People experiencing poverty to be leaders in their own communities. This would lead to re-imagining the shape of ministry in deprived communities and the way the learning might be offered and shared. There is lots of detail behind all this and lots of work ahead! We want to be part of what God is doing. Jesus says 'Blessed are you poor, yours is the kingdom of God' (Luke 6:20)

+ Alison

A Day at Ampleforth

On 21st May twenty of us, five from each of the Churches in Great Ayton set off by car for a Day at Ampleforth. It was a glorious early summer's day and we were to have teaching by Father Kevin. Teaching is not quite the right word for the Holy Spirit had taken his words of poetry and enabled each person to take from them what was meant for them and only for them.

Before lunch we attended Mass in the Abbey. That was optional but I would not have dreamt of missing it for it was all part of the day. Lunch was in the Cafe, and like everything at Ampleforth, it was more than we had expected.

The afternoon ended with Father Kevin asking us how we had felt about the Day. There was a general consensus that we all had benefited and were a little further along the Spiritual Road we each must travel. Then it was tea and cake and home, hopefully to put into practice what the Holy Spirit had whispered into our hearts on that Day Away at Ampleforth. **Ann Browne**

Christian Aid House to House Collection



The final total for the house to house collection (including a donation from the Friends) is **£2,568.41**. Thank you to all.

Angrove Singers

Invite you to

Summer Songs & Supper

Saturday 7th July 7.30pm

Christ Church

Tickets £10 from Choir Members

St Oswald's Day Service & Picnic

We celebrate our Patron Saint, Oswald, the first Christian King in England, on Sunday 5th 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.



At the service we will also dedicate a new brass Altar cross bought with a legacy left to us by the late Leslie Wilson, who was a regular worshipper at Saint Oswald's. The cross is of the Celtic design to fit in with our Patron Saint and match the design on the green Altar frontal. All the necessary permissions have been obtained.



All Saints Church, Low Green

Services in Church over Summer

Summer Season Opening Service

On Sunday 29th July at 6pm

Wednesday Communions at 10am

from 1st to 29th August

Bank Holiday Songs of Praise

On Sunday 26th August at 6pm

Have you a favourite hymn you would like to sing?

Some Myths about Money

The Church of England is paid for by the Government. Unlike some of our European neighbours the Church of England gets no direct state help at all. Like other charities we can get Gift Aid relief on donations, but pay our VAT on the same things as everyone else. We rely mainly on what the people in the pew give and any money given in Fees for Weddings and Funerals and fund raisers. When you come for a wedding, funeral or even a Concert, take a look around at our well cared for and maintained buildings and be thankful for all your Church going neighbours who enable this for all our benefit. At special times we have asked help for special projects like the All Saints Roof 1993, Spire Appeal 2003 and Church Hall Renovations 2018 and the local community have been extremely generous, but that's only 3 times in 25 years. The regular maintenance of Christ Church - Grade 2, All Saints - Grade 1, Saint Oswald's - Grade 2* and the Church Hall, has all been done by the congregation.

Our Church gets money from the Diocese Like the UK in the EU, we only get back what we pay in and the excess goes to help poorer parishes in the inner city or rural areas who otherwise couldn't afford a Vicar. The Diocese isn't a separate entity - its us! If we don't give generously to it, it can't give generously to others. We believe it is part of our calling to be generous in response to the many blessings we have been given here. We pay for the Vicar plus I elsewhere.

The Church of England is rich Like a lot of people in houses in Great Ayton and Newton under Roseberry, the Church of England has a lot of money tied up in buildings and these can be a drain on resources. Many are historic buildings that can't be sold for other uses. Imagine the outcry if we demolished All Saints and replaced it with an Aldi Supermarket. The Church of England has responsibility for 45% of Grade I Listed Buildings in England which are part of the nation's heritage - and it is a very mixed blessing!

The money the Church Commissioners have is there mainly to pay clergy pensions, with some left to support Dioceses, like ours. If they didn't pay pensions, the amounts needed from Parishes would be even greater.

Our Vicar is well off as he gets lots of weddings and funerals All Parish clergy get paid exactly the same no matter how many weddings or funerals they take as all Fees belong to the Diocese. Anything like service sheets, Slideshows, Skype links, downloading music, etc is all done for love and that old fashioned thing called Job Satisfaction. In those terms I am indeed rich.



Our Church is a Generous Church Yes in comparison to what many others Churches (don't) give away. No in comparison to the wealth we all enjoy in life's top 5%. We have some who give good amounts, but also others who give little out of good salaries, and some who don't give regularly at all. Maybe because they think the top two myths apply. How many could stand before God at the end of their lives and know with confidence that they have been really generous?



Lots of people are poor and can't afford to give more There is a story in the Gospels about the widow who gave generously out of the little she had, showing true generosity. In 35 years of ministry I have seen this to be true many times, It's the rich who find it difficult to give, for the poor realise when they are blessed. I was given advice from an older cleric many years ago, that if you need money ask the poor as they give it. Having lots of money is no guarantee of generosity. It all starts when you realise how God has blessed you first and given to you. Sadly some people never see this - but others do and respond accordingly.

Take your weekly giving shopping, and see how far it goes. We will only be generous when we realise how generously we have been treated first.

Our Church is facing financial challenges, as the older generation who were regular and supportive are dying out, and a new generation of people with different views and commitments are taking their place. We need to connect more with them of the vision of us being a Generous Church, for its our giving and support that can transform other communities and causes. Not doing our bit puts more of a burden into others.

Please do think of how you support Christ Church or Saint Oswald's on a regular basis. Do you have a planned system of giving? The bills come in the same whether we are at Church or not.

If you are booking a wedding, please do consider your Parish Church as the venue for the service. We are not out to make profits but to keep a community resource going, so you will find charges far more reasonable, with fantastic venues and I promise a warm welcome here.

If you are having to arrange a funeral, please do know that I welcome all people into our Churches and always do the best I can do for all. The Fees you pay don't come to me, unlike ministers or celebrants not attached to Churches, but help keep our Church going and also supporting poorer communities keep their clergy by what goes to the Diocese.

Paul

Yorkshire Cancer Research

Great Ayton and District Committee



The annual Coffee Morning will be held on Wednesday 18th July 10am - 12 noon in the **W.I. HALL, GREAT AYTON** Different location same format, cake stall, Tombola, raffle, jams, crafts. Tickets or pay at the door £2 to include coffee and scones.

Thank you for all the generous support given to Y.C.R. and we hope to see you at future events.

Margaret Stevens

SILENT MOVIE NIGHT



Friday 21st September

in Christ Church.

Films by Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton with live organ accompaniment by the acclaimed organist **Darius Battiwalla**.



Come and join us for an entertaining evening sponsored by HLF as part of our series of organ concerts. More details to follow.

Great Ayton Remembers

Philip Arundel

On Wednesday 8th August 2018 at 11am

in Christ Church

Have your Say and Pray - prayer poll in Fulford



Passers-by, visitors and locals in Fulford, York, were given a vote to guide how prayers should be focused on local issues at St Oswald's Parish Church.

Members of the public were invited into a 'Polling Station' each day for a week at the church gate, with a genuine voting booth loaned by City of York Council, to make their mark on a ballot paper listing seven areas of concern; Loneliness, Teenagers, Road Safety, Church & Community side by side, Isolation,

Connections within Community and Poverty. 'Voters' were asked to identify three subjects of greatest concern to them. Vicar of Fulford the Revd Terence McDonough said, "These

were concerns identified following on from a community survey commissioned by the church. "We offered voters a prayer leaflet to take away with them." The voting slips were then used in the church's evening prayers at the end of each day during the 'Thy Kingdom Come' international wave of prayer from the Feast of the Ascension (10 May) to the Feast of Pentecost (20 May) this year.

About 350 people voted over the five days, (around 70 a day). Some people wouldn't vote but stopped to talk anyway. "We had some really good conversations," said Terence, " some up to twenty minutes or so. "Three or four people who have just moved into the parish said they're going to start coming to church, and one who asked to know more about Jesus has already joined one of our home groups. "Our folk who volunteered really enjoyed and surprised themselves - the Bishop of Selby joined us on Friday morning too."

The top three local community issues for prayer and action identified in the poll were (1) Loneliness, (2) Road Safety (including pollution) and (3) Connections Within the Community. These will feature in meetings to be arranged with local stakeholders to help form the church's action plans and to share what contribution it can make.

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A Fete To Remember

Great Ayton was blessed with a warm sunny day for this year's Village Fete. We reckon around 1,000 people packed onto High Green for the afternoon.



Marwood School stall with Beaky & Dora just out of shot. Roseberry Academy just next door.

The Green was filled with all sorts of stalls from many village organisations, many of which were raising funds for good causes, and even more were selling cakes!! A hot dog stall or somewhere to get a cup of tea could have made a real killing!



The colourful stalls packed with goods don't just happen on the day, but are the result of a lot of work beforehand.



Rishi Sunak MP talks to stallholders

Our thanks to the Parish Council who do so much in setting up. They were evident at 7.30am on the Green as I walked my dogs, and would be there long after people left.

Thanks too, to Rishi Sunak MP who came to open the Fete and took time to go around and talk to folk.



Waiting for the Parade to arrive.

Central to the Fete is the arrival of the Parade from Low Green with organisations and floats. The floats looked fantastic, but with a hand on the microphone I couldn't get any good photos. Here are the



Captain Cooks with Rishi Sunak MP and Harry Collett who judged the fancy dress.



North Skelton Band once again did the honours with the music, playing lots of lovely tunes to set the scene for a typically English village event.



The Village was really buzzing with all sorts of groups working together, and a very colourful display. Thanks to all who decorated Floats. We just had three this year. I remember when it used to be in double figures, so well done for putting in the effort. You were all winners.



Church Hall Renovations



Work started in May to do the major renovation of the Church Hall. Due to the scope of the work the Hall had to be cleared of users- and you can see why!

In the main hall the gents toilets and half the ladies are being turned into storage areas, leaving a single toilet, principally for young children using the hall ie Marwood, Brownies, Guides etc



The Coffee Lounge area is being plasterboarded out and repainted throughout, with new connecting doors between the hall.

The floors of both halls are being sanded and stained to match.

The new toilet block will be at the back of the coffee lounge accessed by a new corridor as

the stage area is enclosed. There will be Ladies, Gents and Disabled toilets.

A new kitchen will be fitted, but we have just discovered asbestos in the floor under the present tiles. This will cost an additional £3,000 to remove. It would be good to have some money left to tarmac the rear, so please do keep up the wonderful fund raising efforts.



Many thanks to the Royal Oak and Ian Wilson for running a super Quiz that raised £520.



The tables and chairs that are no longer going to be used are being donated to other local causes. One of the people who have taken some of the black plastic chairs have transformed them in a most beautiful and imaginative way.



The large wooden back breaker tables have been donated to the Parish Council for use at village events. Both the chairs and the tables have served us very well over the years.

To add to the lighter Gopak tables we are buying some round tables for use at Weddings and other social functions, and new chairs on trolleys to make them easier for users to move and more comfortable to sit on.



Our hope is that the Hall may provide a cheaper alternative for many couples who can't afford wedding venues.

In May we had a wedding reception in the Hall and it was transformed into something magical. With the new facilities and décor, together with the chairs and tables, we hope to make it a good option. In the summer holiday weeks of late July and August, we hope

to offer a three day package to set up, celebrate and tidy up. Preference will be given to couples getting married with us.

Huge thanks to Robin Harmar who is leading the project and doing an excellent job.



TOM MADDISON B.E.M.

It was a delight to see such a worthy recipient of an honour in Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday Honours list when Tom Maddison was awarded the British Empire Medal for his community work.



Many “older” villagers will remember Tom, who along with Bob Hindle, John Thompson and Ted Appleyard ran the Youth Club in the Parochial Hall. Tom was a model airplane enthusiast and passed the skill of flying models on to many.

He also worked with many old people - and still does - looking after them, doing odd jobs and running errands. His quiet unassuming ways have helped many folk remain happy in their homes.

He has collected for Barnados and Yorkshire Cancer for many years, and has also joined in the annual walk for the Trinity Holistic Cancer Centre in memory of his dear daughter in law Lesley, who sadly died in 2010. Rumour has it that he has also been one of Santa's helpers for many years too.

He may be 86 in years, but he still runs around like someone half his age. A true Good Samaritan, and a worthy recipient. Spire Salutes Tom Maddison BEM.

Tom is pictured with the chocolate version kindly given him by his Grand-daughter, but he will receive the real thing and later be invited to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

Wedding Gallery



Anna King & Robert Hauserman
married at Christ Church 19 May



Stephen Scott & Faye Blenkinsopp
married at Christ Church 2 June.



Helen Squires & Andrew Seymour
married at Saint Oswald's 11 June



Aimee Coverdale & Alex Jones
married at Christ Church 16 June



Horses and carriages twice in one week at both
Saint Oswald's and Christ Church.

At Saint Oswald's we welcomed Hannah Peverell
to play flute & keyboard. You can't beat live music
at a wedding.



From the Registers

Holy Baptism

3 June
10 June

Ruby Powton
Archie Henry Howarth
Bobby Peter Brown

Holy Matrimony

2 June
11 June
16 June

Stephen Scott & Faye Blenkinsopp
Andrew Seymour & Helen Squires
Alexander Jones & Aimee Coverdale

Christian Burial and Cremation

1 June
15 June

Harry Turnbull
Sheila Radford

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

Teach us, good Lord,
to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that we do your will. Amen.

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Malcolm's Musings



“Democracy is a device that ensures we shall be governed no better than we deserve.” - George Bernard Shaw.

“When the missionaries came to Africa, they had the Bible and we had the land. They said ‘Let us pray’ - and when we opened our eyes, we had the Bible and they had the land” - Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Sign in a post office: “We have stopped putting out pens until people stop taking them..”

A Japanese town has introduced drive-through funerals. As the mourners slowly pass an open counter, a camera beams their faces on to screens in the main hall, where the bereaved family sit surrounded by flowers and exotic fruits.

Explaining his business philosophy to a conference, a company owner said: “We buy direct from the manufacturer and sell straight to the customer, which cuts out the middle man.”

Seeking to emphasise to colleagues, in a memo, how misuse of an apostrophe could lead to misunderstandings, a senior civil servant quoted a wartime headline which read “Germans’ Push Bottles Up French Rear.” As he pointed out, “It could have a rather different meaning without the apostrophe.”

TV swimming commentator at an Olympics men’s final: “Wilkie has only to keep up this sort of performance and he is home and dry...”

“You know you are getting old when the candles cost more than the cake” - Bob Hope.

A woman who bought a new printer was surprised to find that when she switched it off, a message appeared saying :”When turned off, the printer will be unavailable for printing.”

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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 (<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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