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SEPTEMBER

- 1 **Sat** 1.30pm Baptism at Christ Church
- 2 **Sun** **Trinity 14** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion.
- 2 **Mon** 2pm Communion & Chat - in Christ Church.
- 5 **Wed** 7.30pm Standing Committee
- 6 **Thurs** 7.30pm Ayton Churches Together at the Methodist Church
- 8 **Sat** 10.30am Who Let the Dads Out meet at The Stables, Pinchinthorpe
- 9 **Sun** **Trinity 15** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parade Service; 11am Come & Praise.
- 14 **Fri** 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors meet in Christ Church
- 16 **Sun** **Trinity 16** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service.
- 17 **Mon** 7pm Newton PCC Meeting.
- 19 **Wed** 7.30pm Great Ayton PCC Meeting
- 21 **Fri** 7.30pm Silent Movie Night with Organ Accompaniment
- 22 **Sat** 12 noon Wedding in Christ Church
- 23 **Sun** **Trinity 17 Giving Sunday** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Wedding Fair at Whinstone View.
- 28 **Fri** 11am WWI Remembrance for Edwin Wise (transferred)
- 29 **Sat** 11.30am Baptism in Christ Church; 2.30pm Wedding in Christ Church
- 30 **Sun** **Trinity 18** 8am Holy Communion; 11am Holy Communion; 3pm Praise & Party.

Regular activities on back page

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

Great Ayton Remembers

Edwin Wise

On Friday 28th September 2018 at 11am

in Christ Church



Being the Solution, Not the Problem?



There's a saying in the business world that if you are not part of the solution, then you are part of the problem.

At Christ Church and Saint Oswald's we try our best to be Solution rather than Problem as we work hard to help bring in God's Kingdom of Love.

We seek to do this through the quality and welcome in our services on Sundays, with Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals and all the other occasions.

We seek to do this through a host of different activities happening in the church for all age groups and for our wider involvement in the community in schools, charities and village organisations.

We seek to do this through our Generosity to the Diocese. Through our giving and the Fees we send in, we help pay for not just me, but for another Vicar in some poorer area of the Diocese that otherwise may not have one.

We seek to do this by supporting many good causes locally like Foodbanks and *Together Middlesbrough* and further afield with the many different Charities we support each year with our PCC Giving, which last year included help for the persecuted Church with the *Barnabas Fund*. This is on top of all the support given to local causes by the generous donation of all collections from Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals to them.

Jesus called us to help bring in his Kingdom where all would find justice, reconciliation and know that God loves them. Such work doesn't just happen unless we help make it happen. We may not be in the most challenging part of the world, but by our generosity we can help those who are, and by our financial support we add our encouragement by the fact that we have noticed and recognised them.

We want this calling to continue, and that we may be even more generous in 2018 than we were in 2017, for God has indeed been good to us, as we can witness through the funding and support received for the Church Hall.

One of the BIG challenges we face is that in 2017 we lost 18 members of our Church who shared our vision of generosity. If we are to continue as generously we need others to catch the vision too. For some it may mean starting to give regularly to support our vision. For others it may mean digging that bit deeper to give that we may have more of an effect around us.

Our Parishes are a beacon in the Diocese, and I often hear good things said about Great Ayton and Newton under Roseberry, so lets keep the beacon shining brightly.



A rainbow touching Christ Church - a sign of God's promise?

We shall be looking at this area in Church on Sundays 23rd September and 7th October with a special chance to find out more in a more relaxed setting in our newly decorated Coffee Lounge on Wednesday 26th September.

There are many challenges facing our Diocese and Church, and these will only be overcome if we decide positively to be part of the

solution rather than the problem, so if you have a positive view for the future please come along and take part.

We belong the top 5% of the world's population and as we look upwards to the few very rich people richer than us, 95% of the world look to us in the same way. When we realise just how blessed we are, and that blessings are to be shared, then we start our journey of being a solution to the challenges facing the Church and the world by living out our generosity. Then we help fulfil those words of Jesus we repeat every time we say the Lord's Prayer - Thy Kingdom come on earth, as it is in heaven. This can only happen if we become the solution rather than the problem.

Paul

Changes in Stokesley Deanery



Archdeacon Sam, Rev Robert Opala, Bishop Paul, Rev John Ford, Rev Alison Hutchinson, Barbara Ford and Lisa Opala pictured after the Licensing at Swainby.

Movements of population in the Deanery mean that the clergy and resources are not always where the main centres of population are.

To try to remedy some of this, Stokesley Deanery have agreed to re-organise the three Benefices based on Yarm and the Hutton Rudby and Swainby

Groups of Parishes down into two. This is to release a position for Ingleby Barwick where the population is around 22,000 and growing, and to make this position a specialist post seeking ways to attract and engage with the elusive 20 to 40s age group.

The Deanery Pastoral Committee met with the Parishes concerned, and a proposal is to be made for Yarm to take on Kirklevington and Worsall, and for Hutton Rudby, Middleton, Crathorne, Swainby & Potto, Faceby and Carlton to make the other Benefice. If we are not to kill our clergy this latter one especially will take some working out to make it manageable, for at present there are six PCCs. I found 3 more than enough in 2017!

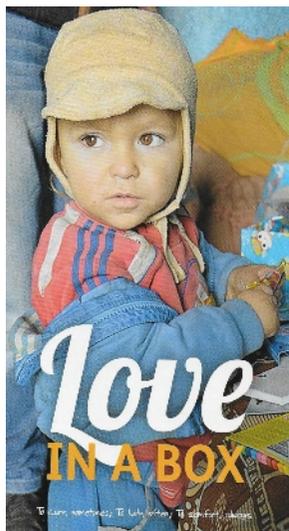
The group of Parishes have just three clergy between them all pictured above at John Ford and Robert Opala Licensing as Priest in Charge and Curate respectively of Swainby. Alison Hutchinson is already licensed to Swainby, so she will also be licensed to the Hutton Rudby group to allow them all to work together as they seek to make this change.

Twenty five years ago when I arrived at Great Ayton, this group of Parishes were served by 7 clergy, 5 of whom were stipendiary although some with other jobs. Without any reduction in places of worship or expectation, it is like playing 5 a side football on a full sized pitch. Easy answers are not always easily done. My guess is that they will need support from parishes like ours. Please pray for them.

PLEASE CAN SOMEONE HELP SANTA FILL HIS SLEIGH?

Love in a Box Volunteer Team Leader Needed

For many years, Christ Church has helped the charity Children in Distress to send shoe boxes filled with Christmas presents to Romania. We are looking for replacements for the Team Leaders, who are retiring after 4 years in the role. This is a very rewarding job leading a group of enthusiastic volunteers.



Every year about 5000 shoe boxes arrive at a warehouse with Prestons of Potto from donor organisations around the country. The team helps to unload the delivery vans and fill cartons with the boxes. The cartons are stacked on pallets which are moved by forklift trucks to a storage area. In late November, the team loads the cartons on to a lorry bound for Romania.

A commitment is needed for a month from late October until the lorry leaves. This involves coordinating the unloading and packing with the van drivers, packers and forklift truck drivers, spending up to 3 days a week at the warehouse.

If you want to make a difference to 5,000 of Europe's poorest children by helping give them the magic of Christmas by helping this year's Love in a Box take place, please contact either local organiser Roy Wheeler 01287 660625 from Children in Distress or call Rev Pev who will gladly pass details on.

I started supporting this charity when Vicar of Saint Martins in Middlesbrough when it was initially called Romanian Children's Aid and have seen the great work done over the years. Like all charities, the work can only continue if good people with hearts full of love come forward. Make your Christmas by being that person.

St Oswald's Day Service & Picnic



The weather could not have been better for this year's Saint Oswald's Day Service and Picnic on 5th August to celebrate our Patron Saint.

There were 51 people at the service aged from 2 weeks to 90+ years, with many young families coming as a result of our work with weddings and christenings.

We dedicated the new brass Altar Cross bought in memory of Leslie Wilson, and we were delighted to welcome his daughter Val and Son-in-Law Steve to the service.

The Memorial Garden was packed for a wonderful faith picnic with all ages mixing together. We had such a sunny warm day, and the trees gave us shade this year, rather than protecting us from the rain. As it was so hot, people stayed a lot longer than normal.

My gratitude to Matt, John, Jancie & Gavin who helped transport the patio furniture back and forth, and to Maureen and her team for preparing the Church and the picnic area. It was good to celebrate our Northern Saint and we hope he likes the choice of the Celtic design of the altar cross, bought deliberately to celebrate the Celtic Christian roots of faith in the North of England.



Yorkshire Cancer Research

Great Ayton and District Committee

The Coffee Morning held at the WI Hall raised £951.65 Many thanks to all who gave prizes, baked, served coffee and tea and so generously supported the event.

Dates for your diary.

Coffee Morning at Kildale Village Hall on Tuesday 9th October 10am - 12 noon.

Christ Church Hall, Wednesday 21st November. Details to follow.



In June at the YCR Meeting at Harrogate, some members of the current Great Ayton & District Committee were very pleased to be presented with a glass memento to mark the 70th year as a committee. The original committee was founded by Mrs Kathie Harbottle with Mr & Mrs George Lewis, Mr & Mrs Franks and Mrs

Louis Nicholson. Over the years many people have chaired the committee such as Mary Walker, and Val Beveridge. Today we continue to raise money for YCR with events and donations from many different sources such as Christ Church and Saint Oswald's Church at Newton under Roseberry who pass on collections from funerals and weddings. Earlier this year the Silverwood Band performed in Christ Church in memory of Margaret Norgan who had been on the committee for many years and raised £901. Mike Myers ran a quiz for us in the Conservative Club raising £1,200. We as a committee are extremely grateful to everyone who over the last 70 years have given so generously of time and money to help to find the cause and cure of cancer. Thank you for all your support in the past and we look forward to seeing you in the future.

Margaret Stevens

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Daniel Cook
(Durham Cathedral)

at Ascension Church,
Berwick Hills, Middlesbrough
Thursday 11 October, 19.30
Free Admission
Presented by Cleveland Organists' & Choirmasters' Assn

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for the
organ**

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

On **Monday 10th September** Father Nicholas is coming to The Contemplative Group for the morning at 9.45am for 10am until 1pm at The Friends Meeting House.

Every one is welcome to hear Father Nicholas. There is no charge, but donations welcome to cover expenses.

50 Years a Reader

Peter Titchmarsh will be celebrating 50 years as a Reader with a special Evensong & Faith Supper on Sunday 14th October at 3pm. Put the date in your Diary.

Family Events in Christ Church



Who Let the Dads Out enjoyed a sunny Saturday in Pinchinthorpe due to the Hall being refurbished, They are meeting there again on 8th September by kind invitation of David & Rachel Oliver. See Geoff Jaques for details.



Family Fun Day at Saltburn bringing together Little Fishes, WLDO and Come & Praise on another sunny Saturday. **Little Fishes** start again on Tuesday 4th September looking at Thankfulness.



Come & Praise - Lesley captivating everybody with her exploration of "The Bread of Life". Come & Praise for all the family returns on 9th September at I am in Christ Church.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

We hope you have had a good summer break in this lovely warm weather recently.

I'm going to hold a **BRIDGE DRIVE on WEDNESDAY, 3rd OCTOBER**, in the newly refurbished Christ Church Hall. Tickets @ £8.00 are available from me beforehand.

Please get in touch with me if you would like to come - 01642 723873.

Jancie Brown





On Tuesday 3rd July Geoff celebrated his 21st - the 21st Anniversary of him becoming the Revd Geoff Jaques when he was ordained into Holy Orders as a Deacon in York Minster.

He celebrated with a service and pie & pea supper at the Cricket Club that brought all ages together on a beautiful sunny evening. We congratulate him on this milestone, and also Angela who has been such a wonderful support to him.



Emily pictured here ringing for Sunday Services. If there are other young people out there who would like to join the team, contact Elsa Taylor 01642 722400



Nick Land preaching his first sermon on 5th August, and it was a good one. Nick is training as a Reader.

Can You Walk and Talk?

For a number of years now a small group of ladies have had an informal agreement to meet at 1.45pm on a Monday afternoon by the chemist at High Green for a short walk of about 1/1.5 hours in length around the village area. This is nothing strenuous but a chance to get some exercise and a chat as we walk, usually followed by refreshment of tea or coffee with biscuits in the village, the Royal Oak being a favourite. Anyone welcome to join in, ladies or gentlemen, just turn up!

More details from Angela Jaques 01642 722979.

September 30th – A Different Service!

We have chosen this date for our seventh **Praise and Party** at 3pm. We are hoping that as many people as possible will attend a short service (which will include the choir), followed by Afternoon Tea in the Hall. There will still be an 8am service but no 9.15am service.

We particularly welcome those who find an early morning service difficult to attend and can, on this occasion, provide transport for everyone who needs it. Please phone Enid (722417) if you need a lift or just as importantly if you can offer one.

From the beginning of September there will be a list at the back of the church to sign if you can provide small sandwiches or little cakes for the Afternoon Tea. The Visitors Group will co-ordinate the food and serve drinks and we hope to have The Firm to waitress once again.

If you find it difficult to get out and would like a church visitor or if you know of someone else in similar circumstances please let us know. We offer to visit **anyone** in the community.

Rosemary Wheway



NICKY DOES THE GREAT NORTH RUN

As a self-professed couch potato I have been in training all year to “shuffle” the Great North Run. I am doing this in celebration of my beloved Dad who sadly died last September. The event is being held on what would have been his 86th birthday.

Rather than sponsorship, I am asking for a few minutes of your time. I want to raise awareness of our vast use of single-use plastic, which goes to landfill or enters our oceans.

<https://www.novoamor.co.uk/birthplace> - is a 5 minute powerful video which highlights plastic getting into our oceans

Hopefully you will be inspired to cut down on plastic use – small changes can have a big impact on the amount of plastic we use on a day-to-day basis.

Easy Ways to Cut Down on Plastic Pollution

- Carry a reusable bottle
- Say no to plastic straws
- Take a reusable coffee cup
- Avoid excessive food packaging
- Say no to disposable cutlery
- Carry a shopping bag

Nicky Pepper

POPIES FOR REMEMBRANCE

Please could anyone who has knit Poppies for the 100th Anniversary Remembrance Display bring them along to Christ Church Coffee Lounge on **Monday 17th September between 7pm and 8pm**. We need to get a good idea of how many we have in order to plan any displays around the village. We are beginning with the War Memorial & Christ Church as this is where people will be gathered on 11th November, but will extend the displays if poppies permit.



Our thanks to Owen Ingram who has crafted two First World War Tommys who will stand guard outside Christ Church over the Remembrance Period.

Door to Door Sellers

There have been a recent spate of door to door callers selling cleaning products and claiming to be either ex-soldiers or ex prisoners. They can be quite charming if you buy something but quite abusive if you don't.

I have checked with Stokesley Police who advise

- Any door to door sellers need a Peddlers License issued by North Yorkshire Police.
- Always ask for identification before letting anyone you don't know into your house. Reputable firms and organisations will normally use Photo ID.
- Check credentials, including a permanent business address and landline telephone number. The mobile phone numbers given on business cards are often pay-as-you-go numbers which are virtually impossible to trace.
- If in doubt or anxious, please phone 101 and report it. If you feel threatened phone 999

Introducing our Co-Op Member Pioneer



The Co-op have a relatively new scheme of Member Pioneers who try to bring people together in communities. They are usually based around the location of their food stores and in Great Ayton & Stokesley we have **Val Sonley**, pictured here outside the Great Ayton Co-op Store.

Her task is to get people talking about what matters most in their local community and work with Co-op Members, Co-op colleagues and the local causes we support to tackle issues and get things done.

Val mentioned the Co-op's local charity scheme, where 1p for every £1 spent on

Co-op own brand goods plus the carrier bag money, goes to local causes. If you are a member of the Co-op you can choose which charity your money goes to support. If no choice is made, then the money collected is usually split between several nominated causes which can get up to £8,000 each.

She mentioned that in the current year there are no Great Ayton causes nominated. Surely this is something to think about. Watch out for when the next nominations are due in, I believe early next year, and see if we can get some Great Ayton causes on the list.

Val isn't based in the store. These are run by the local Mangers and our Branch is managed by Rebecca Mowbray.

If you have any ideas that you think Val could help with, or want to know more about local community funding, then please contact her on valerie.sonley@coopmembers.co.uk

Signs of Summer

One of the usual signs that summer has come has always been the arrival of Stan & Eileen Jones from the USA for three months. This year they have been moving house instead. We have missed you and look forward to seeing you in 2019.

Not the German Monks we expected!



I was approached early July to see if we were happy to let a group of 12 German Friars (only one spoke English) on pilgrimage sleep overnight in Christ Church. I agreed with reservations, for without the Church Hall in action our facilities were not the most hospital with no cooking or washing facilities, and two portaloos out the back. I was told we were the only offer on the table, so that would be fine.

Time went by and I heard nothing from them, so planning food was rather hard. At 6.30pm of the day they were due I had a call from Maria with the German Pilgrims who were just walking passed the Quaker burial grounds en route to us. Was this Maria an asset to the Abbey, I wondered.

Then this group of young people appeared along the road. The 12 Friars was just one. There were five girls, and most of the group spoke English.

What better for hungry pilgrims that Ayton's Fish and Chips! Would they manage the large portions? They did! Such a friendly group, and by the time I called in at 9.15pm after a meeting, some had already gone to sleep.

After breakfast they cleaned the Church making it spotless, led by Brother Dyson, and then went on their way to the next stop of Bransdale, covering part of the Cleveland Way and ending up at Osmotherly. They were travelling by faith without any money, raising any funds by singing.

Before leaving they sang me a blessing, presented me with a Franciscan cross, and gave me a card thanking me for our hospitality and for giving them more food that they could eat. You are welcome to call back any time.

Changes at Marwood Church of England Infant School

In July we said farewell to our inspirational Headteacher, Celia Wilson, who has left Marwood School to become a Schools Development Advisor for the Diocese. Celia has done so much to build up the school whilst she has been our Headteacher since 2009, and chief amongst that is building up a fantastically strong and talented staff team.

When we return to school in September, Mrs Dorothy Walton will step up to be our Acting Headteacher for a year as the Governors decide how best to fill the vacancy - do we go alone, or link up with some other local Church schools. We are delighted to know that Marwood School is in very competent hands, and Mrs Walton will be supported by a first class team.



Marwood School has always been a privilege for me to be part of as the Vicar, and we have enjoyed extremely good relationships between teachers,



parents and Governors in all the years I have been here. I became Chairman of the Governors in 1995 and it has always been a privilege and a pleasure to be associated with such a good school. As a Church we can be very proud of the achievements of our Church School.

Pictured left is a view of the staff governors social in July. No its not Google Earth, but Nigel Bourke's 360 degree camera. Clever, isn't it? Paul

Wedding Gallery



*Kim Richards & Neal Harper
married 6 July at St Oswald's*



*Fay Thompson & Sean
Stephenson married 21 July at
St Oswald's*



*Emily Hay & Adam Muscroft
married 26 July at St Oswald's*



Arriving in style on a Routemaster bus



*Grace Simpson & Adam Lenihan
married 4 August at Christ Church*



*Jennifer Shields and Jason Maltby married 28 July at
St Oswald's.*

They are pictured here with Caesar, the Bernese Mountain Dog, who brought the rings down the aisle on command and won everyone's hearts.

Also featuring at the wedding were singers from Skelton Primary School who sang the Bride in, together with two other songs during the ceremony.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

24 June	Ruben Davies
7 July	Harry Thomas William Barnes
22 July	Anya Jane Bezemer
29 July	Sophie Ann Cross
5 Aug	Lara Ruth Grainge

Holy Matrimony

6 July	Neal Harper & Kim Richards
21 July	Sean Stephenson & Fay Thompson
26 July	Adam Muscroft & Emily Hay
28 July	Jason Maltby & Jennifer Shields
4 August	Adam Lenihan & Grace Simpson

Christian Burial and Cremation

27 June	Dennis (Den) Cumbor
28 June	Eveline Johnson
19 July	David Fordy
27 July	Tony Holland
3 August	Allen Lane
6 August	Arthur Walker
13 August	Celia Duffy
15 August	Enid Horn

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

A minister told his congregation: "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17." The following Sunday he asked for a show of hands from all those who had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The Minister smiled. "Mark has only 16 chapters," he observed. "I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."



"A good speech may not always be remembered, but a bad speech is never forgotten - or forgiven." - Bernard Weatherill, former Speaker of the Commons.

A football manager told an interviewer: "I have other irons in the fire, but I am keeping them close to my chest."

After the 2015 General Election, a defeated candidate was asked by an interviewer why he thought he had lost his seat. His reply: "I didn't get enough votes."

A writer to a national newspaper recalled that her sister-in-law failed miserably to learn the violin as a child and her family, after suffering lengthy discordant sessions, wondered what her tutor would say in her end-of-term report. The answer was a laconic "She holds the bow well."

From the front page of a horticultural magazine: "Today sees the biggest shake-up in the compost industry for 21 years. See special spread inside..."

When a Vicar was chided for allowing gambling - say in the form of a raffle at the church fete - he replied: "Do you not think it annoys the Devil considerably to see his money used for good work?"

Two neighbouring villages in Lincolnshire were once signposted "To Mavis Enderby and Old Bolingbroke," to which some wag had added: "the gift of a son."

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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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