



Churchwardens At last month's annual Church Meeting Helen Land and Jonny Winterschladen were elected to serve as our Churchwardens for the coming year. We welcomed Jonny to the role taking over from Rob Pepper.

Also elected new to the PCC was Tamzin Little who has kindly offered to take on the role of PCC Secretary as Anna steps down.

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APRIL 2019

- 1 **Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion & Cuppa - all welcome.
- 3 **Wed** 7.30pm Standing Committee Meeting
- 4 **Thurs** 1.30pm Village Churches Lent Meeting at 1.30pm at Methodist Church.
- 5 **Fri** 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors
- 7 **Sun** **Lent 5** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **I I am Holy Communion:** Deanery Lent Talk.
- 8 **Mon** 7.30pm Village Lent Course at Royal Oak, preceded by a meal at 6pm
- 12 **Fri** 11am Marwood School Easter Service in Church
- 14 **Sun** **Palm Sunday** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Come & Praise; 4pm Churches Toegtehr Service at the Friends.
- 15 **Mon** **Holy Monday** 7.30pm Holy Communion
- 16 **Tues** **Holy Tuesday** 7.30pm Holy Communion
- 17 **Wed** **Holy Wednesday** 10am Holy Communion
- 18 **Thurs** **Maundy Thursday** 7.30pm Commemoration of the Last Supper.
- 19 **Fri** **Good Friday** 1.30pm - 3pm Good Friday Devotion: 7.30pm Sacred Music for Easter with the Angrove Singers
- 20 **Sat** **Holy Saturday** 1pm Wedding at St Oswald's
- 21 **Sun** **EASTER DAY** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **I I am Easter Communion with Holy Baptism.**
- 28 **Sun** **Easter 2** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **I I am All Age Service followed by Annual Meeting:** 6pm Memorial Service for Recently Departed.

Regular activities on back page

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



Standing Up For Your Faith

In the Millennium year of 2000, as well as installing the wonderful rose window on the west wall in Christ Church, we also supported an organisation called *The Barnabas Fund*. They support Christians in lands where there is often much persecution for Christian minorities, and this is more in Islamic countries than anywhere else, although North Korea and China do their bit! We raised £9,000 to help build an extension to an Armenian Orthodox Church in Aleppo. At that time under President Assad, Christians could still worship in Syria. The Armenian community had fled there after millions were killed by the Turks and the secular Arab state gave them refuge. We saw photographs of them proudly showing off their new extension. I wonder every time I look at the west window as to where those Christians are now, for since the civil war and rise of Islamism, many have fled. Amazingly, despite their persecution and displacement, very few have come here as refugees.

The Barnabas Fund continue to send regular updates of their work. Christians are having a hard time of it in many countries today and do not enjoy the freedoms we have. We should not take these freedoms for granted, for cultures change.

If the Christian Faith is to remain visible, strong and present in our culture we need to stand up for it and not be afraid of being called a Christian.

On Sunday 30th June at 6pm we will be holding a Confirmation Service where people can declare their faith and be Confirmed in Faith by the Bishop of Whitby. For many, promises may have been made for us when we were Christened/baptised and we need to make them ourselves. There may be others who haven't been baptised and wish to declare their faith by adding that to confirmation.



If you are interested in being Confirmed in Faith at this service, then please contact me. We will have some preparatory meetings beforehand for young people Y6 and over. Adults may choose instead to take part in the **Being Christian** Course on Monday evenings in June prior to the service beginning on 3rd June.

Please email me and I can send further details.

Paul revpev@btinternet.com

LENT COURSES

Still chance to catch the last of our Lent Courses at either the Methodist Church or the Royal Oak. Our last meeting in the Oak starts with a meal together at 6pm, for those who wish to get together first. Please let Rev Pev know if you are coming so the Oak can be prepared for us.

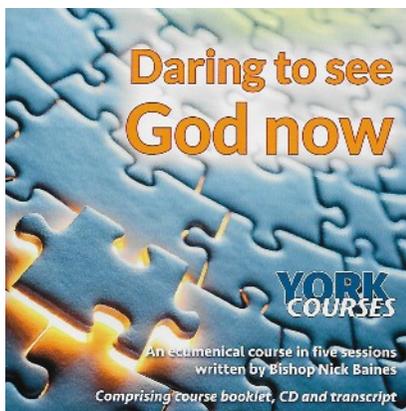
GOD IS PRESENT

Thursday 4th April at 1.30pm at the Methodist Church

LIVE IT!

Monday 8th April at 7.30pm in the Upper Room, Royal Oak

(Preceded by a meal together at 6pm for all who wish to come.)



Our last talk given by Bishop David Wilbourne at Christ Church Great Ayton

Bishop David began his ordained ministry in Stainton, Hemlington and Brookfield. After several jobs in the Diocese, he went as a Bishop in Wales before moving back to the Diocese when his position became redundant. (I didn't know that could happen either!)

Refreshments served from 4.30pm, Talk starts at 5pm followed by Questions, and ends by 6pm with Compline.

Sunday 7 April 'I do know the man!'

The talks have been excellent and you can still hear them in the Audio section of our website.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

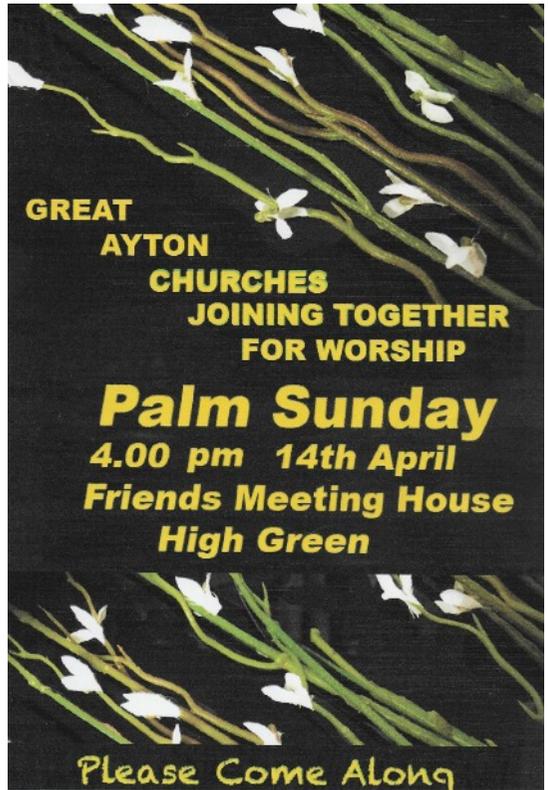
Concert in Christ Church in support of **Childline** on Friday 10th May at 7pm. Further details will be posted on the website when received.

Praise and Party will be on Sunday 12th May at 3pm.

A Concert with Harp & Flute in Christ Church on Sunday 19th May at 3pm to raise funds for All Saints Church.

All Saints Opening Service at 6pm on Sunday 2nd June.

Christ Church Choir Concert on Saturday 15th June at 7.30pm.



Jeremy McMurray & The Pocket Orchestra in concert at Saint Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry on Thursday 26th June at 7.30pm.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE on Sunday 30th June at 6pm in Christ Church.

Pimms & Sings on Sunday 7th July at 3.30pm.

Nigel Ogden - The Organist Entertains once more, on Friday 20th September in Christ Church.

Contemplative Prayer Training Day on Saturday 16th November from 9.30am, led by Rev'd Mel King. Further details next month.

Rosebed and Church Border

We are looking for a few volunteers who would be willing to tend the rosebed outside the Church Hall and to keep the border in the Church Car Park tidy.

Both areas are visible from the road and their attractiveness would add greatly to those attending both Church and Hall.

If you have a few hours you could offer and are interested, please contact Hall Manager Robin Harmar via the Hall Office on gapo1876@outlook.com or the Vicar.

Yatton House Re-Opens After Refurbishment



Last month Rishi Sunak MP, together with many invited guests, gathered to celebrate the official re-opening of Yatton House after much needed improvements, The entrance and meeting rooms at the front have all been upgraded, together with a Changing Room for the severely disabled equipped with hoists and table, adding a much needed provision for the area.

The Yatton House clients were justifiably thrilled at being able to show off their new building. Congratulations to the committee who secured the funding and saw the project through.

Spring Clean Weekend

A clean Church helps make a welcoming Church, so many thanks to all who turned out at both Christ Church and Saint Oswald's in such good numbers.

Christ Church saw the largest number of young people help, as

Little Fishes put on a crèche for helpers and were joined on Saturday by many Scouts proving the adage *Many hands make light work*.



At the same time at Saint Oswald's Church another group had gathered to do get Saint Oswald's ready for Easter and another season of weddings.

We are so grateful to all who have helped in this way, and to Irene and Jan who organise the weekly clean at Christ Church to keep up the high standards



Yorkshire Cancer Research

Great Ayton and District Committee



The Coffee Morning at Ingleby Greenhow raised the wonderful total of £906.70. We are very grateful to the Ladies who organise the event for the Y.C.R. Committee and to Margaret Bradley and dancers who entertained on a bright sunny morning.

Dates for your diary

Coffee Morning on Wednesday 7th. August 2019, 10:30 - 12 noon in Christ Church Hall.

Margaret Stevens

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The recent Lent Lunch went very well, with the new facilities in the kitchen being put to good use and all our customers were satisfied with the soups. There was a profit of £635, which is very gratifying.

All the collection boxes have now been counted and this year the total is £1915.98.



We thank everyone who has donated their small change over the year and also supported our events regularly.

Jancie Brown

COFFEE LOUNGE COMMUNION



If you find Sunday morning worship is starting before you wake up, or your bottom doesn't find the pews as comfortable as once they did, this could be for you.

On the First Monday of every Month (except May when its the 2nd Monday) we have a communion service with hymns and short address in the Coffee Lounge followed by refreshments.

Its warm, comfortable and good to meet with each other. We have around 24 each month, but my camera doesn't have that wide a lens, with ladies and gentlemen too.

In December we have a Carol Service and also a communion on Christmas Eve.

The service uses the old language and we have familiar hymns. Why not give us a try. You would be most welcome.

HAPPY RETIREMENT TO JULIE

On Friday 22nd February Marwood School said a very fond farewell and thank you to our much loved secretary, Mrs Julie Bourke, in an extremely moving and chocolaty worship. (It was the theme of many of the gifts!)

Julie has been at Marwood School for the last 20 years, and whilst she worked upstairs in the office, the joy she created cascaded down the stairs into the school.



Always bright and cheerful, always with a warm welcome and a good word to say, Julie has been an invaluable member of staff and a much appreciated contact for any anxious parent.

As well as the efficient running of the school office, Julie has also kept close watch on the school finances enabling us to do many of the improvements to the building over the years.

Being in the office each Friday, Julie missed out on school assemblies with Rev Pev, so we thought time to remedy that on her last day, so we called her forward to assist with a magic trick.



As we all wished Julie well for her retirement,



the children sung songs and presented her with many gifts, including a lovely butterfly picture they had made and a large box of over 50 chocolate bars to keep her going for at least a week :-)

Marwood School has seen a few changes this last year, for last July Mrs Celia Wilson, our Headteacher, moved on to work with the Diocese of York as a Schools Advisor. Over recent years Mrs Wilson had also been the Headteacher of Kirby and Great Broughton School as well as Marwood School.

The Governing Body then had to decide which way forward we wanted to go as a school. Mrs Dorothy Walton, one of our Year 2 Teachers, kindly took on the position of Interim Head last September and excelled in the role, so when the Governing Body decided we would return to the Teaching Head model, we knew we would have an excellent candidate to apply - and thankfully she did.

After due process and interview last half term Mrs Walton was officially appointed as the new Headteacher. We are so fortunate in having someone who knows the school so well and will continue to uphold the excellent ethos and values of Marwood school.

Our thanks to all three ladies who have all helped make Marwood School such an excellent start for our children. Together with the other members of staff we have an excellent team to take us forward.



Dorothy, Julie and Celia pictured in the Church Hall after the worship

Easter Flowers



We have some Easter flower arrangements available for sponsorship. Suggested amount of £30 to be given to Marina, and details of the person or occasion remembered will be added to a laminated card. Please contact:-

Christ Church:

Marina Charlton 01642 723 087.

It is a nice way of remembering loved ones or giving thanks for special occasions, and it helps enhance our Easter worship and gives joy to lots of people.

ST OSWALD'S CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY 28th APRIL 2018 at 11.45am

**Appoint our Churchwardens for
2019**

**Elect Representatives to the Church
Council and Adopt the Annual
Report on Church Life and
Organisations**

**Receive the Church Accounts for
2018**

Encourage and Enthuse

If you would like to read our Annual Report for 2018, visit our website or pick up a paper copy in Church.

Saint Oswald's Church

Newton under Roseberry



**Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council**

For the year ended 31st December 2018

Visit Saint Oswald's online at
www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk

Safeguarding Report



2018 has seen us rationalise the safeguarding processes in our church, which are, of course, an essential and vital aspect of our Christian mission with the huge variety of people with whom the PCC and church organisations work.

As such, all member of the PCC and relevant organisations are now DBS checked and the record of this and other training is available in digital form for our records.

PCC members, the vast majority of Church Visitors and the leaders of the other church organisations have undertaken safeguarding training. We have asked that leaders complete the C2 training which is delivered face-to-face by the Diocese. Additionally, PCC members and Church Visitors have been asked to complete the online C0 and C1 courses details of which have been emailed out to individuals. This has gone well in terms of C0 certification and the C1 training is an ongoing process.

In 2019 I aim to raise the profile of safeguarding in Church with an updated visual display at the back of church. I also plan to encourage the leaders of children's activities to complete the C0 and C1 online courses. I will have attended the C2 course myself by the time this report is with the AGM, in order to identify where risk assessments and other areas need pursuing in the next twelve months.

David Fox

Safeguarding Officer, Christ Church Great Ayton Tel 07595 898844



The newly refurbished Church Hall set out for a Fund Raising event run by Marie Curie.

We are pleased that the Hall is proving a popular venue for functions and also with wedding reception enquiries.

Meeting God in Creation

People often talk about prayer as something we read, say, or listen to; but prayer can involve the use of all our senses – sight, sound, touch, taste and smell. One form of prayer using these senses takes us deep into God's Creation: Praying with Nature.



Angela and I have always loved walking. It used to be about long distances and high mountains; more recently we've become aware of the beauty in the bird song, the flutter of the dragonfly wings, the sweet smell of the flower meadows, the different textures of the grasses, the gentle flow of the stream

(and the rushing of the waterfall) – we've yet to risk tasting the various fungi around!

One of the forms of Ignatian Prayer I was taught on my Welsh weekend of prayer in January was Praying with Creation.

Jesus paused and noticed the beauty of creation around him and listened for what it taught about his Father. Jesus invites us to notice the birds of the air and how much God cares for them and invites us to remember that God cares for us also (Matt 6:26). He teaches us through the tiniest seed, the mustard seed, that the smallest act of faith can bring God's Kingdom into our world (Matt 13:31-32) He teaches the value of an intimate relationship with God by using the image of the vine and branches (John 15:1-17)

Start wherever you are; leave your home, your lists and your smart phone and go for a walk - ask God to help you to be open to all that God has created in the walk that you are about to take. As you walk, imagine that God is beside you; ask what God wants you to see; take your time, trust that what draws you is what God intends you to encounter.

Look carefully  at what has drawn you; what shape does it have? what colour? how does the light play on it? Give thanks for your gift of sight.

Listen to any sounds that you may hear. Pause, take time to really listen. Are the sounds muffled? Soft? Shrill? Express your gratitude to God for



that you may hear. Pause, take time to really listen. Are the sounds muffled? Soft? Shrill? Express your gratitude to God for the gift of hearing.

Touch something that draws you. Feel its warmth or softness. Is it slippery? Dry? Damp? Touch is so important in our relationships; imagine your life without this gift. Give thanks to God for the gift of



touch.

Be aware of your sense of taste. Remember one of the meals you've enjoyed recently. Bring to mind the family or friends you shared the meal with. Thank God for these memories (*take care if you feel the urge to taste some of nature's wilderness!*)



taste. Remember one of the meals you've enjoyed recently. Bring to mind the family or friends you shared the meal with. Thank God for these memories (*take care if you feel the urge to taste some of nature's wilderness!*)

Continue your wandering, what can you smell? Take some time to let these smells remind you of memories of other times when you've noticed similar smells. What events, people or places do they bring to mind? Give thanks to God for this gift.



Creation is a window into God's heart - *did you spot the hoverfly on the thistle?* In the woods, by the sea, beside a stream, or in a garden we find aspects of God's nature reflected to us in tangible ways. As you walk, experience God in what you see, hear, touch, taste and smell. Thanks be to God.

Geoff Jaques

A Quiet Morning – led by Mel King

In our hectic lives the therapeutic benefits of meditation and contemplation are now widely acknowledged.

I for one looked forward to recharging my batteries. I was not disappointed. But back to New York, 90 years ago, when a 5 year old boy overheard adults saying that he might not live. He vowed to give his life to God if he survived. Last October he died, age 95, - a Trappist monk, called Thomas Keating. After Vatican II Thomas saw the power of love and healing that could be released if Contemplative Prayer was practised everywhere, not just in the monasteries. In 1985 he founded 'Contemplative Outreach' which has already spread to 39 countries. Here in North Yorkshire we now have our own Contemplative Outreach representative, Mel King, and what a privilege to welcome her to Great Ayton.

Contemplative Prayer, or 'Centering Prayer', (CP), is essentially silence, so is difficult to put into words. Mel's presentation was full of inspiring quotes from St Augustine, Francis of Assisi, 'Cloud of the Unknowing', Thomas Merton, Thomas Keating and finally, his successor, Cynthia Bourgeault. Almost too much to absorb! Each of us took away what spoke to us. I will remember 'God can only touch us in the 'now'. When we rush ahead into the future or when we shrink back into the past we miss the hand of God'. And I loved Thomas Merton's thought that CP puts me in touch with the 'little kernel of gold' which is essentially me, and which will never be destroyed. Mel shared with us Mary Oliver's poem, 'The Journey', and challenged us to face who we really are and who we should be.

She gave us 10 sentences from the bible. We chose one & repeated it to ourselves in 12 minutes of silence.

eg: 'Be still and know that I am God'; 'I have loved you with an everlasting love, says the Lord'; 'Come to me you who are heavy laden. I will give you rest'. Our sentence seemed to condense to one significant word.

After coffee we spent 20 minutes in silent CP, emptying our minds. If stray thoughts arrived we quietly repeated a chosen word such as 'peace', 'love', to settle back into silence.

Mel finished by sharing Mary Dwyer's thoughts: 'CP is a relationship, it is a yes to life, a yes to love, a yes to transformation. It is beyond thinking. We hand over in faith for this period of our day and let God be God.'

Dorothy Sills (on behalf of the Ayton CP Group)

‘Faith that persists to the finishing line’

All of us face challenges in life, but how do we cope with setbacks, disappointments, suffering and hardship? Resilience is a modern word, but the Bible has an equivalent – perseverance. It’s a quality God wants to produce in our lives, and which we see exemplified in the lives of many Bible characters.



Tony Horsfall will be leading us on Saturday 11th May in Christ Church Coffee Lounge from 9:30am to 1pm. Please put the date in your diaries and come along. There’ll be no charge to attendees but we will be inviting *donations to pay expenses*.

Tony describes himself as ‘semi-retired’, and lives in Yorkshire with his wife Evelyn. A training consultant and retreat leader, he is the author of several books, including ‘*Rhythms of Grace*’ and ‘*Working from a place of rest*’. Tony is a regular contributor to *New Daylight*, and in his spare time enjoys Walking Football and watching cricket. ‘*Resilience in life and faith*’ is the title of his latest book, which he has co-authored with Dr Debbie Hawker, a Christian psychologist.

The morning will be divided into 2 sessions. In the first half we will look at the example of Jesus as an inspiration for our own resilience. In the second half we will consider a very moving story from the life of David when he found himself at his lowest point. From this we will learn how to find strength from God. There will be time for personal reflection as well.

Copies of the book, ‘*Resilience in life and faith*’ will be on sale, along with some of Tony’s other books.

There will be coffee & cake, so it would be helpful to have an idea of numbers – please email “Yes” or “No” or “Maybe”.

Thanks, **Geoff** jaques132@gmail.com

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

17 February
17 March

Charlie Muir
Darcy Cali Codona

Christian Burial and Cremation

8 March
15 March
21 March

Win MacNay
Malcolm Griggs
Pauline Maxwell

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

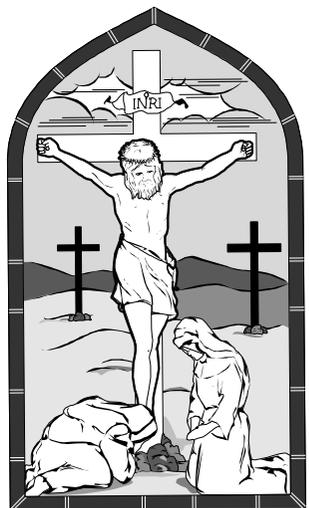
Sacred Music for Easter on Good Friday

at 7.30pm in Christ Church

A selection of Sacred Music sung by the *Angrove Singers* directed by Jeremy Harbottle.

You need a free ticket to reserve a seat from the Discovery Centre, Thompson's Hardware or Carol Morgan: 01642 722 897.

There will be a retiring collection to be shared between All Saints Church and the Christian Blind Mission.



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A Church Near You	www.acny.org.uk

Malcolm's Musings

Epitaph at Huddersfield: "Here lies the body of Emily White. She signalled left and then turned right."

A motorist stopped his car on a steep hill on the North York Moors and asked an elderly lady: "Is this hill dangerous?" "Not here, it isn't," she replied. "It's down at t'bottom where they all kill themselves."



During the Great Train Robbery trial, a local who lived near Leatherhead Farm was asked whether he "ascended a gradient" when he visited the farm. "No," came the reply. "I always go up the 'ill."

Bumper sticker: "We don't drink and drive. Our kids always have the car."

"Your money or your life." "Take my life; I'm saving my money for my old age." - Irish humour.

The recent obituary of John Bloom, who made (and lost) a fortune selling cut-price washing machines in the 1960s, recorded that "he sealed his marriage by having four burly men manhandle into the Savoy two half-ton wedding cakes, one in the shape of a washing machine and the other in that of a spin drier." The baker presumably cleaned up!

A child became separated from his parents one busy afternoon in York Minster. A message was put out over the tannoy, "Would the parents of...." A little lad in the nave asked his parents: "Is that Jesus speaking?"

Old age is when you go on a protest march because you need the exercise.

"They underestimated me" - Former US President George W. Bush.

Malcolm Race

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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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