



Children Sing for Teacher at local Wedding

Children from Marwood C of E Infant School in Great Ayton formed a choir to sing at the wedding of their much loved Reception Teacher at Saint Oswald's Church, Newton under Roseberry in August, ensuring the sun shone inside Church as well as outside. Well done! A Truly Magical Occasion.



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SEPTEMBER

- 1 **Sun** **Trinity 11** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion.
- 2 **Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion.
- 4 **Wed** 7.30pm GAPCC Standing Committee in the Upper Room.
- 5 **Thurs** 7.30pm Ayton Churches Together Committee at the Friends.
- 6 **Fri** 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors in Upper Room.
- 8 **Sun** **Trinity 12** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Come & Praise: 11.15am Holy Baptism in All Saints Church: 6pm Taizé Service in All Saints Church.
- 9 **Mon** 7pm **Newton PCC Meeting in the Upper Room.**
- 14 **Sat** 12.30pm Wedding in Christ Church: 2.30pm **Baptism in Saint Oswald's Church.**
- 15 **Sun** **Trinity 13** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am **All Age Service**; 4.30pm Sunday Supplement in Coffee Lounge.
- 18 **Wed** 7.30pm Great Ayton PCC Meeting in the Coffee Lounge
- 20 **Sat** 7pm An Evening with Nigel Ogden - BBCs "The Organist Entertains".
- 21 **Sat** 10am - 4pm Organ Workshops for Adults.
- 22 **Sun** **Trinity 14** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion.
- 28 **Sat** 1pm **Wedding at Saint Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry.**
- 29 **Sun** **Trinity 15** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion; 12.30pm Holy Baptism in Christ Church.

Regular activities on back page

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



Friends of Music

Following on from our successful Lottery bid to restore our pipe organ, our then Churchwardens Martin Simmons & Vicki Nath, have organised a series of concerts and workshops to make music accessible to all as part of the conditions of the grant. The final concert in the series is with Nigel Ogden. Our thanks to them and members of the Friends of Music Committee for all they did. Vicki is pictured receiving flowers for organising all the hospitality. See the Banner Top on the front page for those at *Pimms & Sings*.



We Need More Ethels

In September all Church Councils within the Diocese have to decide at their meetings as to how much we can all contribute to the Common Fund that pays for all the Vicars in the Parishes within the Diocese of York.

What people often don't realise is that we don't get outside support for the running of our Churches and the money that comes in is primarily raised locally. The Church Commissioners give some specifically to help support some poorer parishes, but this doesn't pay for all, and they are dependent upon the wealthier areas if they are to continue to have a Vicar.

In my ministry I have been privileged to see some incredible generosity from some people who were poor in monetary terms but rich in the Kingdom of God.

Ethel was a widow living in a Council house on Whinney Banks when I was Vicar of Saint Martin's. She was in the choir on Sundays, set the altar up for the evening midweek communions, was at the sink at functions washing up, and was always there with a bag of toiletries for the Tombola at the twice yearly fetes. On top of that her weekly envelope always had a fiver in it.

When I think about this now, I realise that I never fully appreciated just how generous this was. There are many folk in our Churches today who still give a fiver (and sometimes less), and often not even every week. There are others who think they are giving generously, but because it is not regular and committed is far less per week that they realise.

What was a fiver worth 30 years ago? You can't convert into Mars bars any more - the former unit of comparison, as they now make them a lot smaller. I looked instead to see what a First Class stamp cost 30 years ago compared to now - 20p compared to 70p today. That is three and a half times as much. Now I don't know if postage has just gone up with inflation or that we are paying far more for it, but regardless this is a significant increase. This was truly the widow's mite.

Ethel gave generously because her heart was in God's Kingdom so invested her "treasure" there too. It's such generous and sacrificial giving that makes such a positive difference in Churches and helps us to reach out and help others too.

Thank God for Ethel and all like her in our Churches. Can you be an Ethel too?

Paul

Fun, Faith, and Field Games

The Genesis Project at Wydale Hall

Readers may remember that last year's Christmas Appeal went to support The Genesis Project in Grove Hill. Kath said she would use the money to help fund a break for those who needed it, so I was delighted to see this article in the Diocesan News that show money well spent.

The families of Grove Hill, Middlesbrough, enjoyed a fantastic escape to the Emmaus Centre at Wydale Hall recently. 50 people travelled the 50 miles to Scarborough for a holiday filled with fun, faith, and field games as part of *The Genesis Project*.

Leader of The Genesis Club, Deacon Kath Dean, said; "We had an amazing time together, where everyone, whether church goers or not, joined together for a service in the woodland chapel. We walked together, played field games, talked about our faith, and had lots of fun; so much so we have booked again for next year!"



The Genesis Project is based out of St Oswald's and St Chad's church in Middlesbrough, within a largely deprived area which has seen a considerable decline in recent years. *The Genesis Project* not only offers an annual holiday for families to enjoy, but it also offers kids clubs, holiday clubs, and a free weekly lunch club,

enjoyed by many people around the community, with food, toys, and clothes supplied and donated by both local and national businesses.



The project also hosts special events around Easter and Christmas, which includes gathering the community together to decorate the hall in which they meet before enjoying delicious meals to celebrate the season.

CMS and USPG

(A series of articles on charties we support.)

When it was time to suggest charities for our Mission Giving I decided to champion two very specific Christian charities – namely the **Church Missionary Society** and **United Society Partners in the Gospel**. My theory is that these very worthy charities will only be supported by churches and a relatively small number of Christian individuals.

USPG was founded in 1701, as an Anglican mission agency that partners churches and communities worldwide. They aim to make connections between the dioceses and church communities in Britain and Ireland and those overseas and seek ways in which to promote their work.

† UNITED SOCIETY
PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL

They hope that churches of the Anglican Communion will help them through prayer and financial donations in their struggles against injustices associated with gender, climate change, migration, the human rights of indigenous people and inter-religious living. They support Christians across the world to give hope and practical assistance.

CMS was begun over 200 years ago by a group of people which included William Wilberforce, John Venn, and John Newton. Together they worked to abolish the slave trade, fight for the rights of oppressed people at home and began to take the Christian message to all parts of the globe.



Today, there are Church Mission Society people in 40 countries across Africa, Asia, South America, the Middle East, Europe and the UK. Some have been sent from Britain and Europe, some have been sent by their local church in partnership with CMS and some through sister societies CMS-Africa and Asia CMS.

They hope that the churches involved will benefit from the links that have been established and encourage us to pray for their work as we discover more of what they do.

Rosemary Wheway

Goings & Comings



Farewell Vicky

Little Fishes said Farewell to **Vicky Gawthorpe** in July after 8 years with us! She came to our first gathering in November 2011 with Luke and in March 2012 brought new born Rebecca as well. It wasn't long before Vicky featured as a Storyteller and by the spring of 2013 she'd joined the Leadership Team. In September Vicky will be a Teaching Assistant at Marwood School - continuing the care and development of our Little Fishes. We thank her for sharing her gifts with us and wish her well in her new role. Fishes will be welcoming a new member to our team, Lucie Swales, who will bring her own special gifts to our Tuesday mornings.



Marwood C of E Infant School also said Au Revoir to **Debbie Hutchinson**, who has been our Advanced Teaching Assistant for 15 years and had brought many gifts to the role.

Staff and children will remember with great appreciation Debbie's great gift as a baker of cakes, so at her farewell at the end of the summer term we had the *Marwood Bake Off* with Debbie as Judge. She intends still coming in as a volunteer.

Debbie's position has been filled by Vicky Gawthorpe, and if I'm not mistaken, that's Lucie Swales behind her, who is now helping with Little Fishes. Goings and Comings in two photos.

Yorkshire Cancer Research

Great Ayton and District Committee

The August Coffee Morning held in Christ Church Hall on Wednesday raised a fantastic £1254.20! Thank you to all our supporters and volunteers. It was a lovely morning.

Coffee Morning, Kildale Village Hall, Tuesday 8th October, 10-12 noon.

Cakes, Jams, Raffle, Tickets £2 or pay at the door.



Margaret Stevens

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Flower Demonstration in June by Jean McClure was well attended and it was a good evening. The audience enjoyed the arrangements which Jean produced - along with those she had already arranged as raffle prizes. £386.50 was raised at the event.



There is to be a Bridge Drive on Wednesday, 16th October, in Christ Church Hall at 7.00 p.m. Tickets @ £8 (including refreshments) are available from me beforehand on 01642 723873.

Jancie Brown

Contemplative Outreach .

In June we had Sue Guitoni and Sue Purkiss the Coordinators for the North of England for The World Churches for Christian Meditation. It seems so long ago but my lasting memory is of two very likeable women who were open to all types of Meditation as well as their own which was that taught by John Main.

We had several new people including Terry Doyle who conducts retreats in the Diocese of York. I have The W. C. C. M. To thank for introducing us to The Chancellor of York The Rev. Dr. Christopher Collingwood as well, who will come in the new year, but before then we have The Rev. Mel King the North East representative for C. O. Who will come on 16th. November Saturday from 10.00.am. Till 3.30.pm to give a an Introductory Day. Details elsewhere in Spire. **Ann Browne**

A Day for Reflection

Join us in the **wonderful worship space** at Holy Trinity, North Ormesby on Saturday 28 September when Rev'd Jonathan Cooper will give 5 short talks interspersed with a series of projected images and music to aid our quiet reflection.



As part of the church complex, Holy Trinity has a delightful cloistered garden that provides an oasis of calm within this urban setting

Our Theme

In the Old Testament the soul is sometimes represented as a bird. The images of **Birds in the Psalms** give us the opportunity to look at them in the light of our spiritual growth.

With their help, we can examine the times that we feel isolated and not at home “*A pelican in the wilderness*” then the opposite feeling of being at home in God’s presence “*Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself*” and the times we are liberated by God’s love “*We have escaped like a bird from the fowler’s snare*”.

We begin at 11am and finish at 4pm with an hour’s break for lunch and fellowship at 1pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

Donations towards costs are welcome on the day.

It would help if you could sign up on the sheet provided in church and let us know whether you can give or are in need of a lift.

For more information, please contact Geoff at jaques132@gmail.com

An evening with
Nigel Ogden



Following a very successful visit to Christ Church in 2017, Nigel returns for another evening of popular and light classical music.



Friday 20th September 2019

Tickets £10 are available from the Discovery Centre,
Vicki Nath and Martin Simmons.

ORGAN WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS

Our final organ workshop for adults is to be held here in Christ Church on:

Saturday 21st September

This will be run by Professor David Baker from Halifax Organ Academy along with Robin Harrison from Yarm. It is open to local musicians free of charge, as well as ones from further away. Some keyboard skills are necessary but the day is organised to fit the skills of the participants. For further information please contact David Baker on 01422 884655 or by **email: d.baker152@btinternet.com**



Move Announced at Stokesley

It has been announced that the Rev'd Paul Hutchinson, Rector of Stokesley since 2009, will be leaving at the beginning of 2020, to become Priest in Charge of St Mary, St Neots with St Mary, Eynesbury, on the south-western edge of the Diocese of Ely. When a pastoral reorganisation is complete, the post will become Team Rector of St Neots. His last Sunday is likely to be the Sunday after Christmas.

We have enjoyed having Paul and Alison as our neighbours. Paul has given a lot to Stokesley Secondary School serving as Chairman of the Governing Body for several years. Alison has been a Self Supporting Minister has also assisting in the Hutton Rudby & Swainby Groups of Parishes as well as being a Part Time Prison Chaplain at HMP Kirklevington Grange.

We wish them both well in this new phase of Ministry for them and thank them for their contribution to the life of Stokesley Deanery. As John Ford is also due to retire as Rector of Yarm in 2020 we are going to see quite a few changes.

Rev'd Lisa to Move Next Year

Rev'd Lisa Quarmby from Great Ayton Methodist Church will also be moving to a new appointment in September 2020 as her time in the Stokesley Circuit has come to an end. Lisa served for several years at Stokesley Church before transferring here and brought her cheerful personality and sense of fun into our village. We wish Lisa and family well for their next appointment as a new Minister is also sought for Great Ayton.



Angela Steps Down

Our Archdeaconry Lay Training Officer, Rev'd Angela Bailey, stepped down from her role in August to join her husband in retirement. Many of our folk have come across Angela in the RPA Training Sessions and in the two Being Christian Courses she led at Christ Church. All appreciated her warmth and down to earth approach. She has always been a positive influence in meetings in the Deanery. We will miss her and wish her much happiness in retirement.

CONFIRMATION 2019



At the end of June, +Paul, the Bishop of Whitby, joined us for a service of Baptism, Confirmation & First Communion. Our candidates came from both Saint Oswald's Church and Christ Church and were a mix of ages.

Oliver was also baptised in the service, increasingly common as not all families now get their children Christened as babies, but he will most certainly remember it.

Following a very moving service we then moved into the Church Hall for refreshments and the cutting of the Confirmation Cake. We welcome the newly confirmed into both Church congregations.

From Christ Church: Emily Howard, Isobel Brown, Edward Lambert, Adam Lambert, Michael Reeve and Oliver Rafferty who was also baptised.

From Saint Oswald's Church Emily Atkinson, Hannah Mackay, Jackie Short, Haley Durant and Matthew Hulbert





Petch's Butchers win top spot

Spire was delighted to hear that Petch's Butchers have been awarded First Prize as North East Butcher of the Year in the English Independent Retail Awards.

Frank and Lynne Stephenson received their award at a special dinner and awards ceremony earlier in the summer.

We congratulate all at Petch's Butchers who are great ambassadors for our village and bring in many visitors eager for their famous pies.

Team Yatton & The Great North Run

Yatton House Society is a Day Care Centre for adults with learning and/or physical disabilities. Our aim is to continue providing activities to help individuals learn, maintain or improve their current skills. We have approximately 20 individuals with different abilities requiring care and equipment to give them the best opportunities to live their life to the full. To do this we need to raise funds throughout the year so we have a team of ladies (Sarah Botez, Jessica Burford, Christine Dixon, Rachel Baxter-Walker and Andrea Sparkes) also known as Team Yatton taking on the 13.1 mile challenge to help raise funds for our cause. Thank you so much for taking the time to read this and if you can give a little it will be very much appreciated.

If you can support Sarah, our Church Hall & Office Secretary, then visit the fundraising page <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/TeamYatton>

The Great North run takes place on Sunday 8th September in Newcastle.



Spring Harvest@ Harrogate

In the new Spring Harvest brochure for Harrogate, the Bishop of Durham, Paul Butler, says “Spring Harvest has a wonderful record of inspiring, encouraging and equipping individual Christians and church groups to serve God in their locality. Harrogate offers a fabulous base for all, and notably those of us in the North of England and in Scotland. I look forward to joining many others at the Conference Centre in 2020”



Last year, Archbishop Sentamu was a keynote speaker, and attended for the whole programme providing support whenever needed. He is encouraging us to attend next year, when the theme will be *Unleashed* **THE ACTS CHURCH TODAY**

‘You’ll find high-quality, in depth Bible teaching and inspiring Spirit led worship for everyone: children, teens, young adults and those with additional needs.’ Also seminars and discussion on many aspects of our lives and faith; afternoon and late evening entertainment including drama, comedy and music. And of course, the delights of Harrogate.

A week’s adult ticket costs £105 until 29th November, then £120. Or visit for the day. Day tickets will be available from January up to and including during the event. The website www.springharvest.org/harrogate has links to accommodation.

Spring Harvest @ Harrogate 14 -18 April 2020. Brochures are available at the back of Christ Church

Taizé Prayer



Following 2 successful Taizé style services in All Saints in June & August we have arranged a third for **Sunday 8th September at 6pm**. Taizé style worship is inclusive and contemplative. It incorporates silence, sung and spoken prayer, readings from the Bible and time to reflect.

The Second Wind Band

With the loss of the Harrison Singers and Band, who held their very last concert in Stokesley on Friday 19th July, I would like to draw attention to any members of your congregation who blows into a musical instrument, or has done so in the past, of a brand new band the "Second Wind Band", which has been formed to take the Harrison Band's place. It will have rehearsals on Friday afternoons from 1.30pm - 3.30pm during term times, starting 6th September, at St Andrew's United Reform Church, Cypress Road, Marton.



Making music is an ideal way to have fun and to keep body, mind and lungs exercised. For further information see our temporary web page <http://www.kestrel45.co.uk/SecondWindBand.htm>, or email: bill.colombi@ntlworld.com

Bill Colombi

NEWTON NEWS MIDSUMMER CONCERT



This year we welcomed **Jeremy McMurray and The Pocket Orchestra** to present an evening of light jazz and The Great American Songbook. It was a super evening with great musicians and singers. You can't beat Live Music.

As well as a super evening, the concert also raised £970 for Church Funds. Thank you to Paul Carter for organising and to all who supported it.



Saint Oswald's Day Service & Picnic

We celebrated our Patron Saint, King Oswald of Northumbria, with a Celebration Service and Picnic in the Memorial Garden. Once again, and despite the forecast, we had a beautiful sunny afternoon that was much enjoyed by all present.

Cemetery Consecration

On Monday 1st July representatives of the Parish Council, local community, village Churches and Funeral Directors gathered with the Bishop of Whitby and the Diocesan Registrar for the Consecration of Great Ayton cemetery extension. Part of the extension has been consecrated for Christian burials and part left for those of other faiths and none.



Centering Prayer

An Introductory Day

Saturday 16th November, 2019
10.00am – 3.30pm at Christ Church

Presenter - Rev'd Mel King,
Trainer for Contemplative Outreach North of England

Centering Prayer prepares us to awaken to the gift of contemplation and to Rest in God. It is a discipline of intentional silence, and a way of surrender to the Divine Presence. It is complementary to other forms of prayer.

Centering Prayer was developed in the mid-1970's by Fr. Thomas Keating OCSO and other Trappist monks. It is firmly rooted in ancient Christian tradition, inspired by the 14th Century anonymous, English spiritual classic, *The Cloud of Unknowing*.



This workshop is for those who may already be practising silent meditation or Centering Prayer, and also for those who are drawn to silent prayer and would like to explore further. Participants will be provided both with the “tools” and the conceptual background to Centering Prayer, and will receive handouts and information about the Follow-up Course, to be run locally.

Suggested donation: £20.00 (This should not preclude those unable to offer the full amount). Parking available at Christ Church & nearby in the village. Tea/Coffee provided. Please bring a packed lunch.

**To book, please contact: Enid Sedgwick: d.e.sedgwick@talktalk.net
tel: 01642 722417.**

Contemplative Outreach North
www.contemplativeoutreach.org.uk/north

Contemplative Outreach is a spiritual network of individuals and faith groups committed to living the contemplative dimension of the Gospel.

Wedding Gallery



Sam McKenzie & Nicole Gough married at Christ Church 27 July



Lois Nicholson & Andrew Ramsden married at Saint Oswald's 3 August



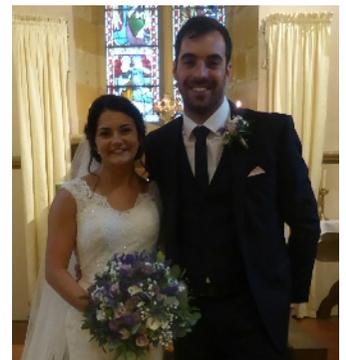
Emma Auty & Nick Rogers married at Christ Church 3 August



Nick Grubb & Sarah Cousins married at Christ Church 8 August



Adrienne Barnes & Ryan Tooth married at Saint Oswald's 8 August



Charis Perry & Ross Garwood married at Saint Oswald's 10 August



Emma Leng & Andrew Anderson married at Saint Oswald's 17 August.



Ice creams for guests in Newton's Memorial Garden after a recent wedding. A lovely idea.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

30 June	Eve Stevenson
7 July	Nancy Hyde
14 July	Henry George Hebdon
21 July	Erin Florence Watson
11 August	Esmae Gemma Pauline Marsay
11 August	Alfie Anthony Andrew Marsay
11 August	Jessica Victoria Pell
11 August	Charlie John Pell
18 August	Annaliese Faith Glyn Robertson

Marriages

27 July	Sam McKenzie & Nicole Gough
3 August	Nick Rogers & Emma Auty
3 August	Andrew Ramsden & Lois Nicholson
8 August	Nick Grubb & Sarah Cousans
8 August	Ryan Tooth & Adrienne Barnes
10 August	Ross Garwood & Charis Perry
17 August	Andrew Anderson & Emma Leng

Christian Burial and Cremation

26 June	Colin Shaw
18 July	Pauline Reeve
22 July	Colin Gregg

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

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Diocese of York	www.dioceseofyork.org.uk
Stokesley Deanery	www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk
A Church Near You	www.acny.org.uk

Malcolm's Musings

At comedian Freddie Starr's recent funeral, his coffin was inscribed: "Return to Sender."

A Yorkshire farmer and dairyman had his milk bottles inscribed: "This bottle costs 8p, it's brittle as owt. If you lose it or break it, I'm working for nowt."



In the days when trams had conductors, a man in a rush in Manchester just managed to board a tram and asked for a ticket to Trafford Park . "We're not going to Trafford Park," said the conductress. "But it says Trafford Park on the side," he pointed out. "Yes, luv, but we're not going sideways."

"Money comes from pigs – they have it inside them" - *Year One pupil*

Diner: "Waiter, what's this fly doing in my soup?" Waiter (peering over his shoulder): "The breast stroke I think, sir."

The recent obituary of a lieutenant-colonel recalled an incident in Germany when he was piloting his CO and crashed in a forest. They were unhurt and his CO went for help while he stayed with the smouldering helicopter amid pine trees reduced to matchwood. The first person to appear was a German policeman who surveyed the scene and then exclaimed: "Do you not know it is an offence to cut down trees in the Fatherland ?"

"I believe in benevolent dictatorship, provided I am the dictator" - *Richard Branson.*

A patient who came round from surgery after donating a kidney was presented with the lunch menu. The special for the day was steak and kidney pie. He opted for an alternative.

"When did grass cutting become 'highway vegetation management' ? – *letter*

"Ships ensigns are always worn and not flown" - *another letter*

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