

Great Ayton
&
Newton under
Roseberry Parishes

Spire

FEBRUARY 2020



Join us for

CAFE CHURCH

On Sunday 16th February
4.30pm in the Coffee Lounge
Refreshments from 4pm



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- 2 **Sun** **Presentation of Christ in the Temple** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion; 11.30am Holy Baptism; 4pm Sung Evensong with Christ Church Choir.
- 3 **Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion; 7.30pm PCC Meeting
- 6 **Thurs** 11am Funeral of Joan Scott in Christ Church
- 7 **Fri** 9.30am Stokesley Deanery Chapter Meeting in Coffee Lounge; 3pm Church Visitors meet in Coffee Lounge.
- 9 **Sun** **3rd Sunday before Lent** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Church Parade Service; 11am Come & Praise.
- 10 **Mon** **7pm Newton PCC meet in Coffee Lounge**
- 11 **Tues** 7.30pm PCC Meeting to accept Accounts & hear about Giving Scheme with Sammi Tooze.
- 16 **Sun** **2nd Sunday before Lent** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service; 4.30pm Cafe Church in the Coffee Lounge (Refreshments from 4pm).
- 20 **Thurs** 10am Contemplative Prayer Talk with Canon Chris Collingwood, York Minster, in Coffee Lounge; 7.30pm Deanery Synod in Worsall Village Hall.
- 23 **Sun** **Sunday before Lent** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion.
- 26 **Wed** **Ash Wednesday** 10am Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes
- 29 **Sat** **12.30pm Baptism at Saint Oswald's.**

Deanery News

On Sunday 5th January, Stokesley Parish Church was packed for a farewell service for Revd Paul Hutchinson, together with his wife, Revd Alison with John and Matthew as they moved to Saint Neots after 10 years in the Parish. As well as Paul and Alison, in 2019 Stokesley Deanery said goodbyes to Angela Bailey, Vivienne Hutton, Archdeacon Sam as well as the tragic death of Judy Cook whilst on holiday. This month David Charlton retires from Ingleby Barwick and in July John Ford will retire from Yarm making a loss of eight clergy. As one of the few remaining stable parishes, Geoff, John and the Vicar are helping out at Stokesley on Sundays and Wednesdays, as we did when Michael Dykes retired, and the Vicar has taken responsibility for finding cover for baptisms, weddings and funerals in the hope that a new appointment may happen soon. We can't afford Stokesley Parish to go downhill in the vacancy.

COME & SEE

When are you likely to hear someone enthuse about a new shop, a new cafe, a new bar? Usually when they have just discovered it and want to share their find with others. Same goes for diets or exercise classes for its those who have just tried them and found they work who usually are their best advocates. Nothing can beat this sort of advertising.



In the Gospels we hear of Andrew telling his brother Simon that they have found the Messiah. As Jesus had invited him to “Come and see”, so he passes on the invitation to his brother Simon who is led to meet the unlikely candidate - unlikely because he’s just 30, a tradesman and not a religious leader, and he comes from the North of the Country! Simon finds in Jesus the one person who shows him truth and points the way to God, and that meeting transformed his life, and ultimately ours, for he became one of the great leaders in the Church.

The early Church then grew by hundreds and thousands, but not by evangelistic campaigns, but from ordinary conversations in the Market Places as people urged others to Come and See.

Our Diocese of York - that is the geographical area of the Church of England between the River Humber and the River Tees - are having a time in March urging all Church Members to invite their friends to Come and See, by holding all sorts of events. The official dates are from 12th - 15th March, and on Saturday 14th March we are holding an Open Day in Church to Showcase the many different things that go on in Christ Church. Even regular Church worshippers may not know everything. There will be displays, interactive things to do, and short acts of prayer throughout the day. We invite all to pop in and Come and See.

You don’t have to wait for a special occasion to invite others to Come & See an act of worship, be it a special occasion or a normal Sunday. You can do it any time. Many did so for our Carol Service and folk enjoyed the experience. It’s hard doing anything on your own for the first time, so always better to go with someone for the first time until you are confident. That is why it is Come & See and not Go & See, for we are part of the invite.

So in 2020 take confidence and invite your friends to join you at Church to Come and See what it is about. They may have been waiting a long time for you to ask, so don’t let them down. We have a great Church in Ayton with great folk in it, worshipping a great God. Have confidence in it.

Paul

Christ Church



Open Day

Saturday 14th March 11am to 4pm

**+ COME
SEE**

..who we are!
..what we do!

Treasure Trail Little Fishes

videos Choral music **Crafts**

Guitars Charities we support **Singing**

Prayer **Bell ringing** Flower arranging

Play **Memories** FoodBank

Bible stories **Marwood School Singers**

Tea & Coffee Soup ** Cake ** Bacon butties

Have fun finding out !!



The Archbishop invites us to use his Pilgrimage Prayer as our prayer for Come and See

Father in Heaven,
mould me into Christlikeness;
and stir up in me,
the fire of your love.

Holy Spirit,
fill me with your power;
and help me to tell
of the love and salvation
in Jesus of Nazareth.

Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the Father,

renew my friendship in you;
and help me to serve you
with a quiet mind
and a burning spirit.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
please keep me
in the joy, simplicity, and compassion
of your holy Gospel. Amen.

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Wedding Meetings

For couples getting married in 2020

Saint Oswald's Church, Newton

Sunday 8th March at 2pm

Christ Church Great Ayton

Sunday 8th March at 4pm



Santa was the special guest who came to open the Teesside Hospice Shop on the High Street before Christmas. His elves are pictured here cheerfully helping out customers on their first day of trading. We wish them every success for a very worthy cause.

HELP NEEDED

Christ Church Spring Clean

Friday 20th March from 5pm & Saturday 21st March
from 9am

Please can you spare an hour to help keep our Church
clean and welcoming? Under 70s especially welcome!!

SUNG EVENSONG

Our Choir will be singing Traditional Evensong for us for the Feast of the
Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

Sunday 2nd February at 4pm in Christ Church.

Come and enjoy a Cathedral style Evensong in both quality and style
in our own village

Yorkshire Cancer Research

Great Ayton and District Committee

The Committee would like to wish everyone a very happy 2020.

It was with sadness we learned of the death of Mrs Rene Ridley just before Christmas. For many years she organised the Kildale Coffee Morning with her friend, Mrs Dent. Due to ill health she was unable to attend the last two but continued to pay for the use of the hall. We appreciate all her support.



Forthcoming events.

There will be a coffee morning on Saturday 28th March 2020 in the Village Hall, Ingleby Greenhow 10 - 12 noon. Tickets or pay at the door £2 to include tea/coffee/scones.

Some pupils from the Bradley School of Dance will entertain. There will be a cake stall, raffle, Tombola and jams.

On Saturday 6th June 2020 there will be a concert in Christ Church. Details to follow.

Thank you for all your support.

Margaret Stevens

Chairman

Marriage Seminars

At a local catholic church they have weekly husband's marriage seminars. At the session over Thanksgiving break the priest asked Guiseppe, who said he was approaching his 50th wedding anniversary, to take a few minutes and share some insight into how he had managed to stay married to the same woman all these years. Guiseppe replied to the assembled husbands, "Well I've tried to treat her nice and buy her special gifts now & then & I keep the house clean. Probably one of the most special things I've done is that I took her to Italy for our 25th anniversary" The priest responded "Guiseppe you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here. Please tell us what you are planning for your 50th anniversary?" Guiseppe proudly replied, "I am going back to pick her up"

★ Thinking about religion the other day it occurred to me that not only was Jesus born on a bank holiday, but he also died on a bank holiday.

I wouldn't claim to know what the Good Lord's next move is going to be, but it would seem a fair bet that the Second Coming will also be on a bank holiday

P.G. Johnson
Long Eaton

Stokesley Deanery Lent Services
In
Saint Mary's Church, Nunthorpe at 7pm
(Refreshments available from 6.30pm)

Taking the Word into the World

- 27th February Ven. John Day,
Archbishop's Advisor on Evangelism
- 5th March Revd Canon Maggie McLean,
Canon Missioner in York Minster
- 12th March Rt Revd Pete Wilcox,
Bishop of Sheffield

Everyone Welcome
Each Address will be followed
by a short Evening Service.



Jesus Christ SUPERSTAR



As the famous Musical Jesus Christ Superstar celebrates its 50th Anniversary, this years York Course written by Bishop David Wilbourne, uses the well loved songs to explore important themes

YORK COURSE 2020

Week 1 Who is Jesus? Superstar

Thursday 5th March at 1.30pm in Christ Church Coffee Lounge

Week 2 Miracles Herod's Song

Monday 9th March at 1.30pm at St Margaret's Church

Week 3 The Psalms Jesus' Song in Gethsemane

Wednesday 18th at 10.45am at The Friends' Meeting House

Week 4 The Church Mary Magdalene's Song

Thursday 26th March at 1.30pm at The Methodist Church

Week 5 Cross Purposes Judas' Song

Monday 30th March at the Royal Oak - begins with a meal together at 6pm, talk at 7.30pm

Charity Auction of Surplus Christmas Gifts

Thank you to all who supported this years Charity Auction of Surplus Christmas Gifts, either by donations or bidding for them. We had a hugely enjoyable afternoon and raised £664 for Roseberry School in Darjeeling. This was our 21st consecutive charity Auction with the Grand



Total for all Auctions raising £14,002 for many different good causes. Far better than leaving things in drawers or cupboards. Thank You.

Contemplative Outreach

On Thursday 20th February 2020. at Christ Church, from 10am till 1pm we have The Chancellor of York Minster, The Rev. Canon Dr. Christopher Collingwood, coming to speak to us and lead us in meditation.

It was in May last year that I received an email from the W. C. C. M. The speaker for the meeting in Leeds was to be Fr. Chris his chosen subject Zen Openness has something for Christianity. They also mentioned that he was to be the speaker in June on Sunday morning at 8.10am giving a Meditative Service. I heard it, it was truly awe inspiring.

I then thought I must try and see if he will come to Contemplative Outreach, Fr. Chris has much to teach us.

So now Fr. Chris is coming , we all in C. O. hope you will join us in hearing what will be an inspiring spiritual talk that will lead us on our spiritual journey.

Ann Browne.

Chris was one of my contemporaries at Theological College and is a genuine Christian man. He will be well worth hearing. Ed.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

We hope you had a healthy break over the recent festivities.

At the beginning of December the Christingle Service took place, which was well attended as usual and Christ Church looked well when the lights were turned off and just the candles in the oranges glowed. £473.73 was raised from the collecting candles, which was excellent.

Just before Christmas the committee, who were joined by others from church and passers-by, sang carols on the High Street. The weather was kind and this year we collected £146.22. We were fortunate to have Jamie Harvie and Steve Green to accompany us and we are grateful to them for giving their time.



In February, we will be holding our Annual Coffee Morning on WEDNESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY, at 10.30am in Christ Church Hall - entrance is £2.00, and there will be a cake/produce stall and a raffle. We look forward to seeing you there.

Jancie Brown

World Day of Prayer

Advance notice of World Day of Prayer to be held in St. Margaret's church, Great Ayton on Friday 6th March at 10.30am. The theme is "Rise! take up your mat and walk" prepared by Christian women of Zimbabwe this year. Songs, dialogue, readings and meditation and much more! Refreshments will be served after the service.

Everyone is invited to attend, please bring a friend.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES



The Christmas Season starts in earnest, for me at least, with the Panto in the Church Hall. Once again the Bradley school of Dance & Musical Theatre asked me to be their Dame - a great honour and terrific fun. We played all week with very good attendances at all performances, and some were packed out.

Patrons were asked to bring a donation for Middlesbrough Foodbank, and this contributed to the huge amount of food at the back of Christ Church that filled the Foodbank collecting van to the ceiling. Many thanks to all who donated - and to all who came to the Panto.



After Panto it is straight into a week of Carol Services starting with Carols on the Green. Our thanks to the Parish Council who organise this, the Christmas Tree and liaise with Santa for his visit. This was Revd Lisa's last Christmas with us before moving to Sheffield later this year. We wish her and her family well for their move.

Tuesday took us into All Saints Church, and a packed Church also provided the heat. Thank you to Olwen who accompanied us. I turned down an invitation to a drink at the Cons Club as I had so much work to do, only to find that the Vicarage, Church and Hall together with Guisborough Road and Skottowe all had a power cut until almost 10pm. The Club still had its power!





Thursday took us to Saint Oswald's for our Carol Service where a beautifully decorated Church was packed for the service. Christ Church Choir was excellent, and our appeal this year stayed at home as we are raising funds to provide toilet and kitchen facilities into Church. The collection raised £1,200 (approx). We still use the late Margaret Sanderson's heated cabinet to warm the mince pies, so we still remember you Margaret.

The Sunday before Christmas saw the Christ Church Carol Service. We had asked the congregation to go out and invite others to Come & See and join us for worship - and they did. The Church was full for a wonderful act of worship with many Christmas Anthems sung by the choir under Ewan's direction. Ewan will be leaving us this year having secured a place at Birmingham College of Music. He will be greatly missed, but we wish him well.



Christmas Eve saw the Crib Service in Church. The bug was going round the schools. Marwood school had 2 Wise men for one of their performances, and we had to draft in a replacement Mary, also having several of the heavenly host missing. The children rose to the occasion.

Thanks must go to the talented teams of flower arrangers and tree decorators at both Churches for making them look so beautiful and welcoming for our Christmas worship. We had good attendance at our services, and in addition to those mentioned were the Marwood School Christmas Play in Church for the first time because of the General Election, and the Joint Roseberry and Marwood Schools Christmas Carol Services.

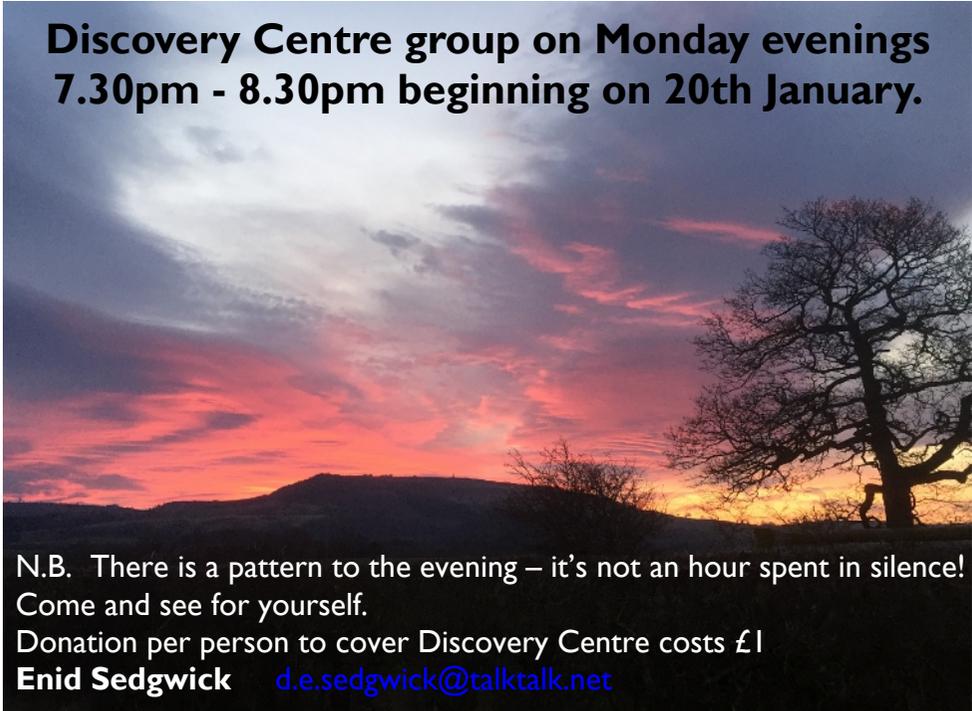


Body and Soul

A new weekly group at the Discovery Centre from Monday 20 January at 7.30 pm to practise Centering Prayer together.

Prayer is communicating with God. That means talking and listening and sometimes just being with God. We don't have to use a particular set of words. Our relationship with God can develop like a friendship. It's mind blowing to realise God wants a relationship with us. Like any relationship, our prayer life with God needs to be nurtured if it is to remain healthy. In Centering Prayer we give God time. In some of our deep human friendships we develop a loving companionship which needs no words. This is where we hope to be with God in Centering Prayer.

With so many demands on our time it can be difficult to find a quiet space for prayer so why not come and try



**Discovery Centre group on Monday evenings
7.30pm - 8.30pm beginning on 20th January.**

N.B. There is a pattern to the evening – it's not an hour spent in silence!
Come and see for yourself.

Donation per person to cover Discovery Centre costs £1

Enid Sedgwick d.e.sedgwick@talktalk.net

Our Countryside

As the days improve and folks go out and about more, so its important to remember and care for our Countryside. Malcolm has penned a passionate plea for care.

The beauty of our Countryside
Is clear for all to see
Up hills and through Dales we saunter along
What is more, it is all free!

Nature is a gift received from above,
It should not suffer due to neglect,
Treat it with care and provide your love
The Countryside we should all respect.

Tin cans and debris often litter our way,
As some folk don't seem to care;
Take it home and put it in the bin,
To show that you are doing your share.

Never take things for granted
Report items in need of repair;
New saplings have been planted,
Showing how to be loving and caring.

Litter can be found in abundance,
But is put there via a small faction
Showing you are litter resistant,
Will fill you with satisfaction.

Your efforts will not go unnoticed,
Our community you will astound;
Helping to get folks motivated
Shows a solution has been found.



Malcolm Goat

Our Thanks To the family of the late Bill Hutton who have kindly given us a donation from his estate towards the upkeep of Christ Church. Bill was a faithful worshipper, driving here each week from Yarm, and always immaculately dressed and with a smile.

Christmas Appeal 2019

This year Christ Church held its Christmas Appeal for Together Middlesbrough & Cleveland with the collections of all our Christmas Carol Services going to support and encourage them.

The amounts raised from the services were

Freemason Carol Service	£181.50,
All Saints Carol Service	£447.60
Schools Carol Service	£305.79
Christ Church Carol Service	£904.83
Crib Service	£373.34
Further donations	£201.30
Reclaimed tax on gift aid	£304.56

The Vicar and John Dickinson are pictured handing the cheque for **£2,718.92** over to the Trustees as their January meeting.



The Memory Tree

Many Prayers were left on this years Memory Tree and donations for Herriott Hospice Homecare amounted to £168.73.

Students at Hull University created this imaginative tree on the top floor of the University Library.





Gary Hodgson & Anne Cavanagh
married on 28th December..



Katrina Swainston & Stuart Webster
married on 3rd January.



Ryan Wordsworth & Claire Brown
married on 4th January



Claire & Ryan together with Ring
Bearer, Oscar the Labrador



At Great Ayton a beautifully decorated Church and well equipped Church Hall standing empty most of Christmas & New Year.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

1 December Xander Oliver Stephen Welsh

Weddings

28 December Gary Hodgson & Anne Cavanagh
3 January Stuart Webster & Karina Swainston
4 January Ryan Wordsworth & Claire Brown

Christian Burial and Cremation

5 December	Eric Noble
5 December	Nigel Atkinson
6 December	Maureen Warnes
13 December	Elsie Whitehead
20 December	Roy Smith
23 December	Fred Bulmer
27 December	Richard Grunwell
30 December	Frank Taylor
31 December	Harold Johnson
6 January	Janet Swabey
8 January	Ken Roberts
15 January	Bob Fryett
16 January	Elsie Wood
17 January	George Munro
27 January	Elma Speck
29 January	Margery Cumbor
30 January	Faith Smallwood
31 January	Muriel Ibbottson

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

Entries in Blue from Stokesley Parish taken by the Vicar

Parish website	www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk
Church Office e-mail	gapo1876@outlook.com
Diocese of York	www.dioceseofyork.org.uk
Stokesley Deanery	www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk
A Church Near You	www.acny.org.uk

Malcolm's Musings

School report: 'When the workers of the world unite, it would be presumptuous of J_____ to include himself in their number...'

Teachers comment on a boy's homework: "Your father has not understood the question."



A TV programme estimated that if all the items listed in the carol "The 12 Days of Christmas" were purchased today, the total cost would be £30,000.

Report of a town clerk into the problem of pigeons: "I did ask the pigeon fanciers to do some trapping, but they deferred it because they were in the middle of their mating season."

From a society's minutes "Since the former secretary had left the area and the former minutes could not be found, it was moved, seconded and agreed that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted as they would have been had they been found."

"Scientists think it strange that something can accelerate in the opposite direction to which it is pushed. They have obviously never parented a teenager" - *letter to a newspaper*

A man who received a pair of M & S slippers as a Christmas gift was surprised to find a label indicating they were "suitable for vegans."

Most politicians are said to have four speeches: What they have written down, what they actually say, what they wish they had said, and what they are quoted as saying.

A booklet marking the 30th anniversary of the charity "Children in Distress" tells of a British boy living in Spain who divides his pocket money between three jars - one to spend, one to save and one for needy causes.

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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>)
	4.30pm	Cafe Church in Coffee Lounge every 3 rd Sunday 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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