

Great Ayton
&
Newton under
Roseberry Parishes

Spire

APRIL 2020

Contents

Page 2

April Diary

Page 3

Vicar's Letter

Page 5

Children's Society

World Day of Prayer

Page 6

Yorkshire Cancer News

Page 7

New Archdeacon

Page 8

They Came & Saw

Page 10

A New Curate

Page 11

200 Club

Church Hall News

Page 13

Celebrating Easter

Page 14

Registers

Page 15

Malcolm's Musings



**If it wasn't for the darkness,
you wouldn't see the stars.**

Star Trails over Ayton by Nigel Bourke

**No Paper Copy this
month.**

**If things improve we
will do an August one
instead.**

www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk

APRIL

Due to Coronavirus all Church Services have been cancelled for the foreseeable future and sadly all Churches have also had to be closed to help prevent its spread. We hope to be back as soon as possible, but in the meantime Geoff is streaming Little Fishes on FaceBook on Tuesdays at 9.30am, Paul is going to Live Stream Prayer for the Day on FaceBook at 8.45am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays we will try it via Zoom. (Easily downloaded on phones and PCs and free. Zoom is interactive and similar to Skype) Please let me know if you want to join by sending me an email.) I'm trying the Zoom option as well as many people are not on Facebook.

On Sundays we will try and Stream a service at 9.30am, but please check the website for details. We will do something on Easter Day 12th April

A PRAYER FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

I am available by phone, email or Messenger if anyone needs me. Visits are being done by phone or Facetime etc. I have wife, son and mother all on the vulnerable list so am having to be careful for their sake and yours.

Hospital visits have been discontinued due to the crisis.

Small funerals are still going ahead at present, but things may change. Baptisms and Weddings are not allowed under the period of Lockdown.

Keep Safe.
Paul

Light a candle of hope A national call to prayer



At times like this we need to stand together. Churches Together in England issued a call that Sunday could be a National Day of Prayer and Action. At 7pm on Sunday, we were called to light a candle of hope in the windows of our homes. But we can do this EVERY NIGHT! So, will you join me in doing so?

7PM EVERY NIGHT: Light a candle of hope!!

For those with faith this may serve as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer. Yet, even if you are not a Christian or religious in anyway, you may like to do this as a simple act of hope and solidarity at this difficult time.

"Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you"
1 Peter 5:7



The Biggest Challenge Yet

It was Harold Wilson who coined the phrase that a week was a long time in politics. We could never have guessed a month ago just how quickly things would move in our country, and indeed the world, once the Coronavirus broke out of China.



Having initially been told it was less dangerous than the flu but highly contagious, we have seen the response of the Chinese building 1000 bed hospitals in a week, our Chancellor of the Exchequer throwing billions of pounds into measures to protect us, and many parts of Europe in total lockdown with Germany not allowing more than two people to gather outside at a time. (Since writing now happening here too!) Some flu! I really don't know what the truth of all this is, but I strongly suspect we haven't been told it. Every day things have got worse, and we are now in a lockdown situation similar to other parts of Europe.

Whatever the cause of Covid 19, we are facing the greatest challenge to humanity since the Spanish Flu of 1918 claimed more than the First World War in casualties. How we respond to this challenge will define us as humans and dictate the future of our civilisation. Will it bring out the very best of humanity as we rise to the challenge and learn from this experience, or will it plunge us deep into a dysfunctional future where the wicked prosper at the expense of others.

Sadly we have seen signs of the latter from panic buying to people deliberately buying up things to sell for a profit in eBay - be they hand sanitizer, toilet rolls or tomato plants from a local garden centre. That people see a tragedy as an opportunity to take advantage of others is very sad.

Thankfully we are also seeing communities rallying round organising phone calls, errands, take outs and the like. There are also heroic examples of people working with the NHS and in the village Coop, as both are risking their own health for the sake of others.

Thankfully the Government have now effected a lockdown keeping people indoors. I went to Saint Oswald's on Saturday 21st to take a very small wedding, and whilst we were anxious inside and keeping our distance it was like Bank Holiday Monday at the Topping with cars parked both sides of the road. If only Coronavirus could bring people out in spots, then folk would have realised the danger they were in. Instead they walked amongst it. They may pull through any illness caused, but they may have passed it in to others who won't.

Because of the concerns of transmitting the virus, our Churches were all closed down for public worship just two days after our Come & See Diocesan Mission ended. We are now looking for new ways to keep in touch. Geoff has been streaming Little Fishes and I have started doing a daily prayer slot at 8.45am each weekday.

Baptisms and Weddings have all been cancelled for the foreseeable future. When will it be safe to continue? That's a question we don't yet have an answer too. Over these last few days I have dealt with many couples planning ceremonies at Ayton, Newton or Stokesley and many have moved to next year already.

Funerals have been restricted to Graveyard or Crematoriums with only 8 immediate family present. Again, we can offer a Service of Thanksgiving at a later date when it is safe. I feel so sorry for families when loved ones die and we can no longer give the funeral services we are accustomed to.

The Coronavirus crisis has forced humankind to look again at how it is living and the damage we have been doing to our world. The greed at which we have consumed the earth's scarce resources without thought for the pollution we cause today or the shortages tomorrow are all being brought home. We cannot go on in the same way after all this is over. Many people will realise that the relationships we have are the real treasures we have in life, as they will have lost loved ones through this time.

Ironically its not all bad news at all, for reports say that the death rate in China has shown a net decrease because of Coronavirus, for many more people were dying of the effects of pollution and now the skies are clear again. Pictures have also shown swans swimming in Venice and fish visible in the former murky waters. Our roads have become quieter as more people have discovered alternative ways of working from home. And of course, more people are eating Pasta than red meat!! Quite what everyone is doing with all the toilet rolls only God knows. You can only go to the Loo so many times a day.

It is likely that we will still be confined to our homes on Easter Day, but the Easter events come as a reminder that there is life after death. We will come out the other side of this and we can be better people living in a healthier world if we heed the lessons. If we take back up again where we left off, then humanity has a bleak future.

Keep praying for those who are fighting the Virus and supporting one another.

God bless and keep you safe and healthy.

Paul

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

All the house collecting boxes have been opened, counted and the money taken to the bank – the first lot was very heavy and Jean & I were accompanied by Peter Titchmarsh and Geoff Jaques. Jean & I managed the rest by ourselves. The total for this year is £2053.02, which is a great total – up by £137 on last year, so keep filling your boxes over the next twelve months. Well done, everybody!



The Lent Soup Lunch had to be cancelled along with another event we were planning, but we'll just have to see what the rest of the year brings.

I hope you all manage to keep healthy

Jancie Brown

World Day of Prayer 2020

This year's World Day of Prayer celebration was well attended on Friday 6th March at St. Margaret's Church in Great Ayton. The service was written by women of Zimbabwe and included lively music and singing, meaningful prayers and dialogue about life in their country, Not always an easy one but full of hope and thanks. Refreshments were served afterwards and enjoyed by all. Everyone is welcome to attend next year, it is a great way to join with others all over the world on this special day of prayer.



Angela Jaques

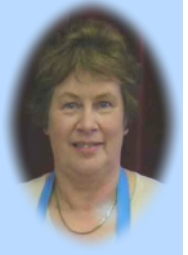
Yorkshire Cancer Research

Great Ayton and District Committee

This is not the intended notice we expected to be publishing, but due to Coronavirus it seems everything is having to change.

The Coffee Morning at Ingleby Greenhow on Saturday March 28th is postponed.

The following events are booked but we will have to wait and see if they can go ahead.



June 6th Christ Church - Concert by Tees Valley Gilbert and Sullivan Society.

July 7th Quiz in the Conservative Club

August 5th Coffee Morning in Christ Church Hall.

October - Kildale Coffee Morning.

The Committee have decided not to have a lunch in November. Unfortunately we are all getting older and it does involve an awful amount of planning before hand and lots of work. We have always relied on our “extra “ Committee to make sure the event ran smoothly (hopefully). We all agreed it was time to call time. Thank you to everyone who has helped or supported over many years.

We are living in strange times, but hopefully we will be able to see you at an event before too long. Please take care.

Thank you

Margaret Stevens
Chairman



The two Margarets needing a break from the annual lunch. They have worked like Trojans over the years. Well done!

New Archdeacon for Cleveland

The Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu has announced the appointment of The Revd Dr Amanda Bloor as the new Archdeacon of Cleveland.

Amanda is currently Priest in Charge of Holy Trinity Bembridge on the Isle of Wight and Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands in the Diocese of Portsmouth. Ordained in 2004, she has previously served as Chaplain and Diocesan Advisor in Women's Ministry to the Bishop of Oxford, and as Area Director of Ordinands for Berkshire. She undertook Doctoral research in Clergy Wellbeing and has a keen interest in the flourishing of those engaged in ministry. She is also a Chaplain to the Army Cadet Force. Amanda is married to Mark and has two grown-up daughters.



Archbishop Sentamu said: “I very much look forward to welcoming Amanda to the Diocese of York and especially to her new ministry in the Archdeaconry of Cleveland. As well as her experience in a bishop's team, her research on clergy wellbeing stands her in good stead to support everyone whose work and calling is to serve others in Jesus' name.”

The Revd Dr Amanda Bloor said: “I'm excited to be moving to the Diocese of York and joining the team encouraging the vision to be Generous Churches, Making and Nurturing Disciples. I look forward to getting to know people and places so that I can join in with the many good things that God is doing amongst us. I want to support clergy in what can sometimes feel a lonely or challenging role; we have a message of hope to offer to a hurting world where many people are searching for meaning.”

The Bishop of Whitby, Paul Ferguson said: “Amanda is a disciple and leader with special abilities and experience. I warmly look forward to welcoming her in her ministry as Archdeacon of Cleveland”.

Come & See

Last month we took part in the Diocese of York's Come & See Mission weekend, not knowing that just two days after it finished all Public Services in Churches would be suspended due to Coronavirus. Nevertheless the Saturday Open Day was still a success despite this.



Geoff Jaques had put a tremendous amount of work into organising it and bringing together people from all aspects of Church life, so a full picture could be gained of the life of Christ Church. Even for Church members it was an informative occasion for we often just see the part we are involved in, not realising all the other things that go on.

The day was punctuated by various activities in Church and a variety of Acts of Worship from the exuberance of Little Fishes to silence in the Taize Worship.

Singers from Marwood Church of England Infant School charmed us with their singing, and later in the day Ewan put us through our paces too.



The Link Corridor and Hall were full of stalls from all the organisations connected with Christ Church and out the back the Scouts toasted marshmallows on a fire and had an archery range.

The mouse treasure hunt took folk all around Low Green and then back to Church in search of mice.



Gordon and Dorothy Wood displayed the work of the Foodbank Collection they started many years ago. They stood back from this role after the Open Day as both are in the group who need to self isolate. Helen Land has taken over as Coordinator, and we owe Gordon and Dorothy a huge vote of thanks for all they have done.

The work of the Foodbank will be even more vital during this present crisis.

Bacon Butties, Soup Lunches and Coffee and cake were served throughout the day and the whole place had a buzz about it. It was all very well organised and coordinated.



We had several visitors from the Sheffield Diocese join us, and some gave Testimonies as to how they came to faith. They were impressed to see an active and lively Church.

Our thanks again to Geoff and all the team who took part in so many different ways, and to all the Congregation who invited people to Come & See.

On the Sunday the Bishop of Sheffield, Pete Wilcox, joined the Vicar at Stokesley Church. It was Peter and Paul and St Peter & St Paul's Church. They then went onto Saint Oswald's Church for the All Age Service - Two little Dicky Birds ...

Come and See is now Go and Serve.



Curate For Christ Church

We have been asked to help train a curate for the future, and so in July we will be joined by a familiar face to some when Jane Robson comes to be our Curate.



Jane comes from Eston & Normanby Parish and was placed here several years ago as part of her training to be a Reader. Her calling has gone on from there to ordained Ministry, and after being selected for training, Jane gave up her job as a Senior Pharmacist at North Tees Hospital to train at Cranmer Hall in Durham.

Jane still has her mum needing support at home, so needed a Parish somewhere near and it was decided Great Ayton was the ideal place giving some stability.

Jane herself has not been well earlier this year and has spent some time in hospital but is now well on the road to recovery.

The Ordinations were scheduled for Sunday 5th July in York Minster starting at 11am, but with the present Coronavirus crisis hitting the country, no-one really knows now what the situation will be by then.

We look forward to having Jane with us. A house is being sought by the Diocese for her to live in the Parish.

Giving to Our Churches

During this present crisis when Churches have been told to close people won't be able to bring their Offering Envelopes or give to Church, and yet many bills will remain to be paid.

Offering Envelopes for Christ Church can be dropped off through the letterbox of the Dickinsons 52 Guisborough Road, the Goats at 32 Langbaurgh Close whilst on your daily walk. If anyone wishes to convert to, or start a Bankers Order instead, please contact our Treasurers - Ken Taylor for Ayton and Jackie Short for Newton. Ask the Vicar for their addresses. We are trying to get as many payments made electronically to prevent anything infectious being carried on.

200 Club News

Further news from the 200 Club is that Helen Dickinson is stepping down shortly and Karen Peverell has 'offered' to step into her shoes.

Helen has been a wonderful 200 Club co-ordinator and thoroughly enjoyed making all our winners £10 and £20 richer - she has walked miles delivering prizes and her energy will be missed!

Karen and I will continue with equal enthusiasm, we promise!

If anyone would like to be part of the 200 Club - it is £24 each year with five cash prizes each month - please contact:

Julie Bourke

01642 724508 or 07989 230390

Karen Peverell

01642 722333

Church Hall News

Our Church Hall has been closed down as part of the Government strategy of slowing the spread of Coronavirus by limiting social contact. The Standing Committee & Hall Manager have decided that we need to support our staff of Secretary and Cleaners in this crisis by continuing to pay them, as this is not their fault. We hope to get back some of the money from the Government's initiative.

The Church Office is being manned between 2pm and 4pm each day for folk to call if they need things urgently, and we will do our best to oblige with a list of volunteers. As a Church we are governed by Safeguarding Procedures and so all our volunteers will need to be DBS checked and have procedures in place to protect them as well.

We have also tried to identify people we know who may be on their own or vulnerable who may need regular telephone contact to keep them going, and have a list of volunteers to make those calls. There are many other organizations doing similar, but I reckon folk would appreciate two calls rather than none. Please let us know if you need help.

NEWS

PCC Secretary We are delighted to say that Frances Brown has kindly agreed to join the PCC and become our new Secretary. The Standing Committee and a couple of other folk held our Annual Church Meeting for Christ Church. The existing Churchwardens had already been proposed before the meeting and were the only candidates, so were re-elected automatically. We received already completed proposals for the PCC for Ken Taylor, Peter Titchmarsh and Frances Brown, and the Deanery Synod for Rosemary Wheway and Nick Land, and Revd Jon Dean proposed that Revd Geoff Jaques be appointed to the PCC for a further year. (We have to do this as Geoff has gone over the age of 70 for clergy) All were unanimously agreed. We can co-opt further members on to the PCC.

Rear Car Park now resurfaced.

The small car park behind the Church Hall which was in a very bad state has now been resurfaced giving a far safer entrance into the Hall and front of Church.

Here are Anne Browne and Elsa Taylor trying it out for the first time.



Foodbank Collections

As Churches are locked and people are not to go on unessential journeys, we are asking people for April at least to make a payment direct to Middlesbrough Foodbank using the following link. <https://Middlesbrough.foodbank.org.uk/.give-help/donate-money/> It may be that some shops may have a box you can drop goods into when you shop, but we daren't risk someone leaving the virus on the Church door for the next person to pick up

Things retail workers wish you'd remember right now

- They are putting their health & family health at risk for you
- They are not profiteering from the situation
- They are seeing less of their family so you can feed yours
- They aren't animals, so don't throw things at them, including bags or money
- They are just as uncertain of their future, job, getting food for their families as you
- Explaining purchase limits are just as frustrating as living with them
- Imagine they are your son, daughter, brother, sister, mother father, neighbour so talk to them as if they are
- Manners cost nothing
- Please be patient and kind, none of us have been through this before & we are ALL in this TOGETHER

karalambert.com

Celebrating Easter

Long ago, before the time when the history books begin, each year people used to celebrate the return of spring to the earth. As the trees burst into leaf and the birds began to sing, it seemed to them that the darkness and death of winter had been defeated.

We still observe some of the customs that go back to that earlier age. But for the past two thousand years, Christians have kept a new kind of spring festival. For them, Easter is the most important celebration in the whole year because it was at Eastertime that Jesus died 'for the sins of the whole world' and rose to life again and is alive for ever. On the first Good Friday and Easter Sunday he won the war against darkness and death, once and for all.

For many centuries before Jesus' birth, the Jewish people had their own special spring festival, called Passover. Passover commemorates the time when God rescued the people of Israel from slavery and Moses led them out of Egypt.

Jesus was crucified during Passover time and the first Christians, who were all Jews, turned Passover into the even greater celebration of God's deliverance through Jesus. Jews today who are also Christians, still enjoy a wonderful double celebration of Passover and Easter.

Of course, Easter and springtime do not always go together.



In the southern hemisphere, Easter falls in autumn, at the beginning of winter. But because of Jesus' resurrection, it is still a time of new life and new beginnings.

At **Marwood School** the children have been looking at new Life by watching chicks hatch out from the eggs. Eggs have long been a symbol of Easter reminding us of the stone that was rolled from in front of the tomb, and many communities still today roll eggs down hillsides as an Easter Custom.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

29 February

Saoirse Amelie Harrington

Holy Matrimony

21 March

Alex Newton & Rebecca Dulson



The newly married Mr & Mrs Newton. A fitting place to pause the wedding season.

Christian Burial and Cremation

2 March

Elfriede Hall

9 March

Thelma Blair

19 March

John Finch

20 March

Joan Gatenby

23 March

Monica Thomson

25 March

Jordan Hudson

27 March

Anne Moody

27 March

Jim Huggins

30 March

Cedric Derwent

Entries in Magenta took place at Saint 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



On the way to a funeral in a hired car, the minister leaned over and tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him a question. The driver visibly jumped, then apologised, explaining: "I usually drive the hearse."

A notice was spotted recently in a butcher's window announcing: "Panic buyers welcome here."

"Most people who can remember when we were a great club are dead." - *Football club manager*

"This is their first single - and their most successful so far" - *Pop programme presenter*

A couple who stayed at a guest house where the food was appalling were amused to find a previous guest had written in the visitors' book: "The tomato ketchup was delicious."

"Some people look upon the Ten Commandments as an exam paper; eight only to be attempted"

A writer to the Telegraph recalled an open-air concert in Catalonia at which the late Montserrat Caballe performed. "A dreaded wind gusted down from the Pyrenees and the score of the lead violinist was whipped off its stand and blown across the stage in front of her. In full voice, without missing a note, she reached out her left arm and caught the score in mid-air, while with her right arm she felt around her ample bosom and produced a pair of clothes pegs. Still singing, she clipped the score back on the music stand." The cheers at the end of the concert were enormous."

The motto of Middlesbrough Boys' High School was "Disce aut Discede" (learn or leave), which most pupils interpreted as "swot or bunk." A Gateshead school's motto was "Toil no soil" which was generally translated as "Divin't work in the garden." **Malcolm Race**

Editor of Spire

Paul Peverell revpev@btinternet.com

If you would like a paper copy of Spire delivering to your door, please contact Jean Goat on 01642 723274.

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 Sung Eucharist
	11.00am	Come & Praise (2nd Sunday)
	4.30pm	Cafe Church in Church Evening Worship (1st & 3rd Sunday)

Tuesday	9.30am	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Group
----------------	--------	------------------------------------

Wednesday

Baptisms, Burials & Weddings are celebrated in person at Christ Church Vestry on Wednesdays at 10.00am when the clergy are present. Or make an appointment with the vicar, Paul Peverell at revpev@btinternet.com

St Andrew'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

Contacts

Vicar	Rev'd Paul Peverell	The Vicarage	01642 722333
	Rev'd Geoff Jaques		01642 722979
	Rev'd Jon Dean		01642 722649
Readers	Margaret Lewis		01642 722628
	Peter Titchmarsh		01642 724153
Organist	Ewan Murray	ewanmurray451@gmail.com	
Pastoral Ass't	Rosemary Wheway		01642 722451
Churchwardens	Helen Land		01642 778076
	Jonathan Winterschladen		01642 723576
PCC Secretary	Tamzin Little	pcctamzinlittle@gmail.com	
PCC Treasurer	Ken Taylor		01642 722400
Safeguarding	David Fox		07595 898844
Gift Aid Sec.	Ynez Clarke		01642 723181

Church Hall Office

For **Church Hall bookings**, please contact the Church Office **Tel 01642 722 665** on **Monday, Thursday or Friday 9 am - 12 noon, or leave a message.**

Email. gap01876@outlook.com (For services or pastoral matters, please contact the vicar as this phone isn't manned every day)