



The Act of Remembrance at 10.45am on Remembrance Sunday will be Streamed Live on Christ Church's Facebook Page or join on Zoom. Details inside.

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DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

- 1 Sun **All Saints Day** 9.30am Sunday Morning Worship at Christ Church, Zoom and Facebook Live; **I lam Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's with Zoom;** 5pm **Holy Communion (Stokesley);** 6pm Memorial Service for the recently bereaved - Zoom only.
- 2 Mon All Souls Day 7.30pm A Service to remember loved ones departed- Live on Facebook Page
- 8 Sun **3rd Sunday before Advent - Remembrance Sunday** 9.30am **Holy Communion at Stokesley** - not streamed; 10.45am Act of Remembrance & Service in Christ Church - Facebook & Zoom; 5pm BCP **Holy Comunion (Ayton)**
- 11 Wed **I lam Two Minutes Silence** at St Martin's Seamer, followed at 11.15am by a Eucharist for Saint Martin of Tours on his Saints day in a Church that is dedicated to him.
- 15 Sun **2nd Sunday before Advent** 9.30am Sunday Morning Worship at Christ Church, Zoom and Facebook Live; **I lam Sunday Worship at Saint Oswald's with Zoom;** 5pm **Holy Communion at Stokesley.**
- 22 Sun **Christ the King Sunday** 9.30am Sunday Morning Worship at Stokesley Parish Church, Zoom and Facebook Live; 5pm **Prayer Book Holy Communion (Ayton).**
- 15 Sun **Advent Sunday** 9.30am Sunday Morning Worship at Christ Church, Zoom and Facebook Live; **I lam Sunday Worship at Saint Oswald's with Zoom;** 5pm **Holy Communion at Stokesley.**

Black = Christ Church, Great Ayton

Purple = Saint Oswald's, Newton:

Blue = Ss Peter & Paul, Stokesley



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reflections and prayers

We WILL Remember Them

Two years ago half the village seemed to come out for Remembrance Sunday on the 100th Anniversary of the cease fire of 1918 on the 11th November at 11am. Guisborough Road was packed with people, as was the front of Christ Church. Two years on and the situation we are facing this year is very different due to the pandemic.



Remembrance Sunday Parades have been banned and we have just heard that the Police will not be closing Guisborough Road. None of young people of the Uniformed Organisations can take part. We have planned a scaled back Act of Remembrance with just the wreath layers, Union Flag, musicians to play *O God our help in ages past* (as we are not allowed to sing it), and myself present. We will, however Zoom and Stream it on LIVE on Facebook on the Christ Church Page and this year ask everyone to keep safe and stay indoors. If you don't have Facebook, we will post the link afterwards onto the Church website so anyone can watch. We hope the road may be quiet for the reading of names of the fallen and the Two Minutes Silence.



We shall have a far shorter service in Church, but this year numbers in Church will be very much restricted, but for those who wish to be part of our local Act of Remembrance this will also be Zoomed and Streamed as part of the occasion.

For those without Internet or who just want a quiet moment to reflect, may we invite you to come to your doorstep for I am and keep the Two Minute Silence with us. You may like to use this prayer.

God of justice and peace,
we pray for those who have been injured
or disabled through war.

For those who have lost homes
and security through conflict;
for those who have lost loved relatives in wars;
for those who face danger and take risks for peace;
for all those, especially children, caught up in current conflicts;
for refugees and all those in need of aid and other help.

God of encouragement
and Saviour of the despairing,
comfort those who remember past sacrifices
and guide us in building
a just and peaceful community for all. Amen.



The generation of 100 years ago would well understand our situation as they were going through the Spanish Flu pandemic which claimed more lives than the First World War. (It actually came from America and was spread by GIs going into action and returning home, but talk was suppressed so as to not damage the war effort. The only country that did talk openly about it was Spain as they were neutral, so the flu was given the title “Spanish Flu”)

Paul

Join us on Zoom
Zoom Meeting ID: 822 9904 9452
Passcode: 659996
Or on Christ Church's Facebook Page

HARVEST 2020

A different Harvest this year with reduced numbers in Church, but with good congregations online to hear both Geoff and Nick preach excellent sermons two weeks running as we celebrated Harvest at Stokesley one Sunday and then at Ayton and Newton the following Sunday. Thanks to those who got the church buildings looking festive for the occasions.



It is good to have our organ and choir back at Christ Church able to give us live music to enjoy, and at Stokesley Martin, the organist, has also returned from being furloughed. It is difficult not to sing along - so we are all learning to have Willpower.

Offerings of contributions of goods and money to support the local Foodbanks were welcomed, and

Helen's car was so full there was only room left for the driver! We also have collected £854 for Middlesbrough Foodbank so a huge thank you.

We opened Christ Church on the Saturday afternoon for people to drop off goods and we had a constant stream through between 2pm and 4pm, so will repeat it in November, but may do things earlier in December to be ready for Christmas.



What, No Christingle?

Great Ayton has been fundraising for The Children's Society, as it is now called, since at least, the 1950s. The House to House collection was organised initially by two maiden sisters. I collected in the middle 50s.

Also, house boxes were given out – probably by the Sunday School – and we still have an original box emptied once a year. I know that pattern continued for many years. Then a small committee was formed and fundraising events were slowly started in the village. In the late 70s I was asked to join – there were four of us. Since then, we have had many

join us and at one time we had 14 members on the committee, including one gentleman, for a number of years. We currently have 9 members and are appreciative of our many helpers at some of our events.



Over the years, we have tried various events, hoping to encourage people to support us. The Coffee Morning enables the box holders to come along and have them emptied whilst having a cup of coffee. The House to House continued until 2012. The recycled cards continue today having been started in the 90s. Sadly all our events have been cancelled this year due to COVID 19.

The Christingle was started in the village by the Sunday School with the Committee helping. It was taken over by the Committee. In Christ Church, Advent Sunday has been the day it is held but not this year, unfortunately.

This year our Relationship Manager, Helen Whitley, is going to speak to us on the work of the Society and the need for the funds to still come in for the work with vulnerable children and young adults. **This will be in church and via Zoom and Facebook at the 9.30 service on Advent Sunday – 29th November.**

We have set up a Justgiving page. Please support The Children's Society to be able to give hope in these very strange times. You can reach it by either clicking on the Christingle photo or by this link.

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/
A-Jaques](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/A-Jaques)

Marina Charlton

The Church of England nationally are organising a virtual Christingle event as many services are unable to take place. Either click on the photo or type the link into your Browser



The Children's Society
Christingle

Join us for the new
National Christingle Event

Date: 13 December 2020

To find out more visit:
[churchofengland.org/more/
media-centre/church-online](https://churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online)

A promotional graphic for the National Christingle Event. It features the logo of The Children's Society and the word "Christingle". Below this, a large orange banner contains the text "Join us for the new National Christingle Event". Underneath the banner, the date "Date: 13 December 2020" is written in orange. Below that, the text "To find out more visit:" is followed by a website URL. The background of the graphic includes stylized illustrations of Christingles (decorated oranges with flames) and colorful stars.

Update on Roseberry School, Darjeeling

Since its opening in 2007 Roseberry School Darjeeling has experienced so many interruptions to normal working that we have almost come to expect them. Political strikes closed the school for months at a time, earthquakes damaged the old building, and monsoon rains brought landslides which both held up building work and made it difficult for pupils to even get to school. Now we have to add the long closure brought by Covid 19.

In the early part of 2020 Darjeeling seemed safe on its hill top, far away from big cities and the spreading virus. Schools reopened in March as usual and Roseberry admitted its latest group of eager little 3 year olds.

Meanwhile thousands of migrant Indian workers living in cramped conditions at home or abroad were getting infected by this terrible new disease and becoming carriers in their turn. Covid 19 cases increased rapidly in Delhi, and the whole country was put into lockdown leaving thousands of workers and their families stranded, with no income and nowhere to live. Men and women, old and young began the long trek back to their villages. Many died on the way, and eventually the government had to restore public transport. The migrants returned home in numbers, helping the disease on its way around the subcontinent.

In April schools were shut down, initially for a few weeks, but re-opening was postponed again and again, and it is now clear that Darjeeling schools will not re-open this year. During the closure, Roseberry's teachers have



met twice a week to distribute exercises to pupils via their parents' mobile phones or on worksheets, returning any work brought in by parents after it had been marked. The teachers have sent some lovely examples of work received from pupils including charming little videos made by parents with their mobiles. It has been far from easy to organise all this because Internet connections are very poor in Darjeeling at the best of times, and broadband is frequently interrupted.

In the middle of the year came rare good news. Pupils from our very first intake at Roseberry had taken their board exams (like our GCSEs) in February and all of them had passed. This is a very important stage in the history of Roseberry School. Our original batch of pupils will now be able to continue at school for a further two years and prepare for their final exams. We were all very proud of their achievements.

Meanwhile the senior teacher at Roseberry was very concerned for her class who would normally be sitting their Secondary School Entrance tests at this time. They had only had a week or two of normal lessons back in March, and so the teacher decided she must offer some masked and socially distanced coaching. Starting with the girls, she and another teacher got them ready for their tests. All ten girls applied to the best government supported school for girls in Darjeeling. There were 500 applicants for 60 places. This week the staff nearly burst with pride and joy when they learned that all ten of our girls had got through. We are immensely proud of both girls and teachers for this astonishing achievement. The experiment which was Roseberry School continues to prove how much can be achieved by children from very disadvantaged backgrounds when they receive the good start they need in a supportive environment.



Helen Jones

JOINING OUR SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

You can join any of our services either by watching on Facebook either at the time or catching up anytime during the day. Or you can join Zoom either with computer/iPad or telephone in using one of the numbers at the bottom and putting in the Meeting ID number. Phone callers are not visible on Facebook

Sunday Morning Worship Sundays at 9.30am

Live in Church, Facebook Live on the Christ Church Page or on Zoom

This Service is shared with Stokesley Parish who are in Vacancy

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89511024740> Meeting ID: 895 1102 4740

Password: 450872

Service for Saint Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry at 11am

Live in St. Oswald's Church and on Zoom (1st & 3rd Sundays)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89376005713> Meeting ID: 893 7600 5713

Password: 969354

Prayer for the Day Monday to Saturday at 8.45am

On Facebook Live on the Christ Church Page or on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84024175583> Meeting ID: 840 2417 5583

Password: 974982

To join by phone, dial by your location putting in the Meeting ID & Passcode

0203 481 5240 United Kingdom
0131 460 1196 United Kingdom
0203 051 2874 United Kingdom

Archbishop Stephen's Big Zoom Meeting



On a Wednesday evening 280 clergy, Readers and other staff attended a meeting with our new Archbishop. The roads were quiet and no parking problems, for this was a Zoom meeting, kindly hosted by the National Church.

The Archbishop gave words of encouragement for us in our situation today and spoke words of remorse for the Church following the publication of the National Child Abuse Inquiry that was critical of how abuse had been handled in the past. He said how the remorse needed to be more than words, but backed by actions too, both to acknowledge the past and make sure we change for the future.

He then fielded lots of questions from all over the Diocese on a variety of subjects, and Geoff managed to get his answers on Green Issues we face today. We came away heartened that the Diocese is in good hands.

Paul

Archbishop Sentamu Overlooked for Lords

I was surprised to read that following the retirement of our first black African Archbishop it has been decided not to elevate him to the Lords, as has been done previously.

Sentamu was an Advocate working in the High Court in Uganda when he got the wrong side of President Idi Amin for helping the Asians. After a brief time in prison he fled the country, came to the UK and was ordained into the Church of England.



He has been outspoken on many issues and often said things others daren't. He has fasted, prayed and made Pilgrimage all around the Diocese - and the Northern Province - like none of his predecessors. The above photo comes from when I joined him in 2017 to visit Nunthorpe Sixth Form during his Deanery Mission. He held the young people spellbound with his story and where it fit in God's story.

I think the House of Lords will lose out from this decision and will be a less colourful place in more ways than one.

Paul



Dick's Challenge

I have set up my own equivalent 'E-project', to support the British Red Cross Beirut Emergency Appeal.

In September I decided that, as it is my 90th birthday on the 8th December, I would Nordic Walk as many days I'm able, setting aside £9 each time, measuring the distance in km, and steps, by an 'app' on my iPhone. My aim is to do 40km and 90,000 steps by my birthday. I will have saved £168 by the end of September, so I am on course to achieve at least £500 by 8th December.

I am asking my family and friends, to support me by a small amount, in whatever currency is available to them with a '9' in it, be it, Pounds, Euros. Dollars, or Zlotys. (children 90 pence). Thank you for your support.

Dick Stainsby

Dick Stainsby
pictured in 2005

This poem written in 1869, by Kathleen O'Mara and reprinted during 1919 Pandemic is worth reading:

And people stayed at home

And read books

And listened

And they rested

And did exercises

And made art and played

And learned new ways of being

And stopped and listened More deeply

Someone meditated, someone prayed Someone met their shadow

And people began to think differently

And people healed.

*And in the absence of people who Lived in ignorant ways Dangerous,
meaningless and heartless,*

The earth also began to heal

And when the danger ended and People found themselves

They grieved for the dead

And made new choices

And dreamed of new visions

And created new ways of living

And completely healed the earth Just as they were healed.

Deanery News



On Sunday 18th October, the Revd Laura Wild, curate at Saint Mary's Nunthorpe, was ordained priest by +Paul, Bishop of Whitby in a service in Saint Mary's Church.

We send our congratulations to Laura and wish her well in this new phase of her ministry. Like all being ordained, its not quite how they expected, but certainly memorable.

Brookfield, Hilton & Stainton (BHS) said welcome to their new Vicar on Tuesday 20th October when the Rev'd Claire Todd was licensed to the Parish at a service in St Margaret's Brookfield. Claire will also be taking under her wing the Parish of Hemlington which is now without a Church building as St Timothy's has been closed. The Parish is to be re-incorporated into Stainton Parish - a return to how it started out. Good luck and prayer to Claire.



Archdeacon Amanda joined us for our Deanery Service in Christ Church on Wednesday 21st October. We are facing uncertain times with new challenges, but God is with us.

The service was Zoomed and is also available to watch on the Stokesley Deanery Facebook Page. She ended the service by praying for Rev'd Clay Roundtree, our new Area Dean.

ADVENT IN AYTON

Due to restrictions in place because of Coronavirus we are not able to do some of the things we normally do in Advent - so lets do something different.

ADVENT WINDOWS

24 volunteers needed between homes and businesses that face onto the road/street who are willing to decorate their window with a Christmas theme, one for each day of Advent starting on 1st December. Windows will be allocated between those who volunteer so they are distributed around the village.

We ask that each window feature some aspect of the Christmas Nativity story

The windows would then be illuminated from 4pm - 8pm (longer if desired) with a new one revealed each day until we reach Christmas Eve. The windows would then stay on until New Years Eve.

Once all are lit each window would be listed on a trail sheet to help people to find the different windows in their own time. Please contact Rev Pev at revpev@btinternet.com of the old fashioned way Tel. 01642 722333 if you would like to know more.

Prayer for the Day at 8.45am on weekdays will also be picking up Advent themes. You can join us on Facebook or if you don't have that, join us on Zoom. The links are elsewhere in the Magazine.



POSADA



Over recent years Mary & Joseph have set out on their journey to Bethlehem from our Christingle Service on Advent Sunday. This year they are in Lockdown as Nazareth is in Tier 3 and they can't visit other peoples' homes. Instead they are going to do it virtually.

Sign up to host them on the list with your name and email address and they will arrive in your Inbox with Prayers and Activities. We ask that each place they stop send us back a drawing, a poem or something connected with their stay that we could share on the Christ Church Facebook Page.

Each day we will send instructions to the next person on the list to receive Mary & Joseph so they can continue their journey.

To add to the list, please email Jane at revjanerob@gmail.com . We won't share your email addresses with anyone else.

Prayer for the Day

One of the positives to come out of the Lockdown experience has been Prayer for the Day and how it has continued to grow. It has 24 regular contributors on Zoom, including several from other Churches, and a large following live on Facebook with others watching some or all of it during the day. Geoff has crunched and added those on Facebook and Zoom. FB numbers are higher, but not all stay for it all.

Daily Average for Prayer for the Day

April 57

May 61

June 62

July 57

August 57

September 52

Why not join us one morning and see what its like? It's a great start to the day.



Moving On - with Robin Gamble

Have you been a Christian for a while and wonder what the next steps should be? Robin Gamble and the Leading Your Church Into Growth Team have prepared a new Course - **Moving On** - to help move people on in Discipleship.

Robin is a gifted communicator and excellent at presenting his message. He led the LYCIG Course that Enid, John, Geoff and I attended in Scarborough several years ago and soon had us hanging on every word, whilst holding our sides from the laughter and fun too.

Moving On is a video based course and we will be running an afternoon and an evening course - both on Zoom as we are unable to go into each others homes. Following the Vicar's welcome, we will watch Robin session together before splitting into groups of 7/8 to discuss what he has said. There is an electronic booklet to accompany the course. We propose meeting fortnightly beginning later this month.

We will have someone in each group to help guide us on the way and to ensure everyone gets their chance to speak, if they want to.

Could this be for you? Please could you email revpev@btinternet.com with expressions of interest, so that we can get dates and sorted - hopefully starting later this month, having a break over Christmas and resuming in the New Year. Let's **Move On** together.

Looking Back With Malcolm

Browsing through old cuttings

April 15. 2005 (Darlington & Stockton Times. Bob Lappin):

Recently the buildings known as Langton House in Bridge Street, Great Ayton, have been converted into apartments. The site was of considerable historic interest and there seemed to be a danger that valuable evidence of the history and uses of the buildings would be lost. Fortunately, members of Great Ayton Community Archaeology Project, under the guidance of Jen Deadman, a professional freelance historic building surveyor, were able to undertake a survey before conversion took place

Many local people will remember the garage business run there by Jeffrey Mayfield and then his son, John, from 1958 till it closed in 2002 and the adjacent Ray Gray's fish and chip shop and cafe, both well-known and respected village institutions.

However the survey has uncovered the history of the site and buildings over 254 years from 1751. Then the site comprised a house with a garden and a weaver;s workshop - and by the end of the 18th century Thomas Weatherill was brewing beer there:

In 1814 the brewery was taken over by the Carlen family, who continued the business until the early part of the 20th century. During the survey some fascinating features of the building's brewery past came to light, including the site of the brewhouse, some perforated malting kiln tiles reused as an office floor and many previous modifications such as blocked up stairways and doors

March 30,1929

Farm sale. The disposal of the farming stock of Mr William Martin, who is retiring from Aireyholme to a smallholding, took place last Thursday. A great deal of interest was shown in the sale and there was a large attendance.

March 16,1929:

For the 21st successive year, Sir John and Lady Fry entertained OAPs of the village. 85 were invited to a "substantial repast" provided at the British School by Mr Frank Dodsworth.

From the Registers

Christian Burial and Cremation

14 October
28 October

Betty Taylor
Peter Coleman

Entries in black from Great Ayton
Entries in Magenta from Saint Oswald's Church, Newton
Entries in Blue from Stokesley Parish



Congratulations to the newly sworn in Churchwardens for Stokesley & Seamer Parish - John, Judith & David. There has been no announcement as yet of an appointment so we assume our care for the Parish will extend into the New Year

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| 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

A man took his grandson to church for the first time and the lad was surprised when the collection plate came round, "You don't have to pay for me, Grandad," he whispered. "I'm not five yet."

"Danger Services" - *Sign left by workmen outside a church.*



During the First World War, the Kaiser tried to impress Queen Wilhemina of the Netherlands with Germany's strength. "Our guardsmen," he boasted, "are seven feet tall." "And when we open our dykes," the Queen replied quietly, "the waters are ten feet deep.."

A lawyer for Bette Davis rang the actress at her West Coast home to tell her about a rumour in New York that she had just died. She replied promptly: "With a newspaper strike on? I wouldn't consider it."

During an election, the landlord of a pub called the Duke of Hamilton received a letter to a political party addressed to the Duke of Hamilton , with correct address and postcode. The letter began "Your Grace."

"The British troops are now close enough to Port Stanley to see the Argentinians in their houses eating their dinner through binoculars" - *Falklands war reporter.*

"THREATENING LETTERS - MAN ASKS FOR LONG SENTENCE"- Headline.

"And the meek shall inherit the earth - if that's all right with the rest of you"
- *Graffiti*

"The Prince of Wales spent last winter being renovated, at a cost of £30,000, at British Rail's Swindon depot and returned to Aberystwyth a week ago.."

— *Newspaper report.*

When American tennis ace Gardner Mulloy complained that the Wimbledon draw was fixed, the English tennis authorities invited him to help them do it properly.. He drew himself out against the top seed - and went out in the first round.

Malcolm Race

Editor of Spire

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The Parishes of Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry

Services

Christ Church, Great Ayton

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|---------------|---|
| Sunday | 9.30am Morning Worship 1 st & 3 rd Sundays of month in Christ Church and Live on Zoom & Facebook Live: 2 nd & 4 th Sundays in Stokesley Parish Church and Live on Zoom & Facebook Live |
| 11.00am | Come & Praise (2nd Sunday of month on Zoom) |

At St Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry

Sunday 11.00am Services on 1st, 3rd Sundays of the month only
Hopefully resuming in August. Check website or Facebook Page for confirmation

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