

Great Ayton & Newton under Roseberry Parishes

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OCTOBER 2023

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HARVEST WEEKENDS

Christ Church

Sunday 8th October

9.15am Harvest Service with Church Parade

(Also Foodbank Sunday - bring a gift for Harvest)

Saint Oswald's Church

Sunday 15th October

11am Harvest All Age Service

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- 1 **Sun** **Trinity 17** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **I Iam Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's.**
- 2 **Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion.
- 3 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church.
- 4 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion
- 7 **Sat** 12 noon Wedding in Christ Church.
- 8 **Sun** **HARVEST SUNDAY** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parade Service; 4.30pm Cafe Church in Hall preceded by coffee and cake.
- 10 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church.
- 11 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion in Christ Church.
- 14 **Sat** 2.15pm Children in Distress National Service of Thanksgiving in Christ Church.
- 15 **Sun** **Trinity 19** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **I Iam All Age Service at St Oswald's**; 5pm Love in a Box Service at Christ Church.
- 16 **Mon** 3pm Fry Court Harvest Service.
- 17 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church.
- 18 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion in Christ Church; 7.30pm Deanery Synod
- 22 **Sun** **Trinity 20** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion.
- 24 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church.
- 27 **Fri** 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors.
- 29 **Sun** **Last Sunday after Trinity** - Bible Sunday 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **I Iam Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's**; **12.30pm Holy Baptism**; 4pm Memorial Service for recently bereaved in Christ Church.

Regular activities on back page
Items in Magenta all take place at
St Oswald's Church at Newton.

Prayer For The Day
Every Weekday at 8.45am on
Zoom & Facebook Live.
Same link for Sundays too.
Daily Morning Worship ID: 895
1102 4740 **Password: 450872**

HARVEST THANKSGIVING



From my childhood growing up at Saint Peter's Redcar, it was bred into me that it was Harvest Thanksgiving, rather than Harvest Festival. It seems a petty point, but Thanksgiving reminds us that there is someone or something to thank for the provision we have, for not everyone is as fortunate.

So as an essential part of Thanksgiving we offer something back to those not as fortunate to show our gratitude. Over recent years at Christ Church this has been for Middlesbrough Foodbank as there are many living near us who are struggling. We invite anyone from the community to join us, and Christ Church will be open to receive tinned/dried donations of food on the Saturday 7th as well as Sunday 8th October.

Not all appeals are for local causes, for we also have a current appeal to assist people in Morocco and Libya who have lost all in earthquakes and floods, and just as winter is approaching.

If we are to transform the world for the good, then Generosity to others surely must be an essential hallmark of our lives, for however hard up we may think we are, there's 90% of the world's population who would love to have what we have.

As Churches - for this applies equally to Saint Oswald's - we encourage families to choose a charity to benefit from collections at baptisms, weddings and funerals knowing that when there is a personal connection, that people give more generously. What has been humbling is that some families choose the Church as the recipient for either half or all the collection, as they value what we do. Jesus said, "Give and it shall be given unto you" and our experience is that when we give, people do give back to us. Sometimes its their very last wish and following their death we get a letter from the Solicitor or Executors saying we have been left a bequest. All this generosity allows us to be generous with others with money the PCC donates to Christian causes to support and encourage Also in not charging for many things we offer at weddings and funerals.

Last month we also decided how to support our Diocese to ensure that even poor Parishes could have a Vicar and not just rich ones. They reckon with associated costs shared out between Parishes ie admin, Church schools, maintaining vicarages, clergy training and pensions and all else that goes on in the Diocesan Office, then if this was shared out between all the paid clergy it would come to £78,300 per parish. If all gave the same there would be a lot fewer vicars in Middlesbrough, East Cleveland and many other poorer parts of the Diocese, so the better off Parishes try to give extra to help others out.

Last year we gave £91,444 at Christ Church and Saint Oswald's gave £10,000. To be part of the solution and not the problem, for 2024 Christ Church have offered an increase to £96,000 and Saint Oswald's £10,500. We do this because we reckon we have been greatly blessed in both Churches over the years, and its our joy and privilege to share the blessing. It's a step of faith as the Church bills are rising just the same as those at home, but God is good.

If you would like to be part of the joy and generosity in helping your Church so they can continue to be examples of generosity, then we invite you to be generous to us. If you already attend, then try and increase your giving as inflation and rising prices have devalued our income. If you don't come regularly, you may appreciate us being there and what we do. You could make a one off gift and Gift Aid it too, if you are a Tax Payer, as thus makes a big difference. I will put Bank details after, but let us know so we can say thank you. And, given that we leave all our wealth and possessions behind when we die, plan now to make a will and choose the Church or Charities you want to support as your last wish. That way you can still do good after you have gone.

Account Name: **Great Ayton Parochial Church Council** ,
Sort code: 09-01-55 *Account No:* 37616705

Account Name: **Newton under Roseberry PCC** ,
Sort code: 55-61-02 *Account No:* 07510985

Paul

Environment Service

A beautiful sunny September afternoon gave a wonderful backcloth to Stokesley Deaneries Environment Service.

A group walked from Stokesley led by John Stinson (pictured right with Archdeacon Amanda and Area Dean Tessa) who encouraged people to identify plants on the way.

A welcome cuppa and cake greeted all arriving in the Churchyard of All Saints Church, our 12th Century Church once attended by James Cook.

Our thanks to Helen Land for the delicious cakes and the team who got things ready and tidied away.

Our songs were led by Spirit of Harmony Music Group from Stokesley Parish Church, and readers and participants came from all over the Deanery.

Archdeacon Amanda preached for us and also presented the Bronze Eco Award to Saint Francis Church Ingleby Barwick.

The service was organised and coordinated by Rev'd Geoff Jaques, who also leads the Deanery Environment Group who are doing great things in the Parishes.

The day ended with a restful Taize style worship in All Saints.

A good day. Well done to all who organised and supported.



PCC Jottings

Vicarage Archdeacon Amanda attended the first part of the meeting to discuss the Vicarage's future now that Paul has moved out, and to sound out views. She asked Paul his views. He said the Vicarage had been a wonderful home to them for 30 years and it's large rooms and doorways had made it the ideal home for their son in a wheelchair, hence they have stayed. It is, however, a very expensive house to maintain and heat, and if their family circumstances had been different they may very well have moved on. The Vicarage needs a lot of money spending on it, and the garden is very large. It needs someone with money to love it.

The Diocese are looking in as to what to do for the future whilst they have a window of opportunity with Paul moving out before retirement, most probably next September. The Parish are keen that there are no unnecessary delays with housing that will prevent an appointment and recognise that the present building does have its issues.

Ayton Churches Together Frances Brown kindly volunteered to fill the vacancy on the local Churches Together Group that arose with Jane moving.

Freewill Offer 2024 Ken Taylor led us through a discussion on what we should offer to the Diocese in 2024 if we want to see present staffing levels maintained. You can read more in the Vicar's letter, but the PCC unanimously agreed to increase to £96,000 next year to allow for the eroding effects of inflation over the last two years.

Church Hall The Internet connection was rather slow, so we have moved back to BT both in the Hall, Coffee Lounge and Church. We hope this will prove beneficial for users - and it certainly does for services!

Swift Boxes It was proposed by Helen Land that we ask permission to install a swift box (that's birds not banking) on the Spire. This will need a faculty. This is part of our Eco Church initiative. This was passed unanimously.

Foundation Governor David Fox's term as a Foundation Governor of Marwood C of E Infant School has been renewed with appreciation of all that David does.

Eucharistic Ministers It was agreed that Lynda Walker and Richard Scott, servers at the 8am service, also be licensed to administer the Chalice at that service

CONFIRMATION 2024

I am looking to get another Confirmation in this year as we have several adults who may be interested. The Provisional date has changed to Sunday 18th February at 10.30am followed by a Faith Lunch. We hope the service will be joint between Christ Church and Saint Oswald's Churches



We would use the Alpha videos as a base, as these proved both successful and enjoyable for the youngsters and one adult last year.

If you are interested, please contact Paul - revpev@btinternet.com is best.

Confirmation gives an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about our faith as well as building stronger relationships with each other.



National Annual Service of Thanksgiving



***Giving Thanks for 34 Years of Service
To the Children of Romania***

Saturday 14th October 2023

At 2.15pm

Christ Church

We are delighted to once again host this National Service of Thanksgiving for Children in Distress. In the Service we will hear personally from

Simon Errington CEO,

Valentina Zaharia Smith CEO Romania

Anne Marie Martin, Chair of the Trustees

And with a recorded Message from **HRH Princess Maria of Romania**

Followed by Refreshments

LOVE IN A BOX SERVICE

2010



Sunday 15th October
at 5pm
In Christ Church

Leaflets available in Church

Help bring joy to some of Europe's poorest children

How is it that people all manage to die
exactly a hundred years before their Centenary?

Join the Centenary Walk

for the Bishopric of Whitby: 12th-15th October

Bishop of Whitby Paul Ferguson has long thought that the centenary of the creation of the bishopric of Whitby in 1923 should be marked in some way, and Archdeacon of Cleveland Dr Amanda Bloor suggested a pilgrimage walk.

"There have been walks to Whitby, but fewer from there," says Bishop Paul.

"So we will walk in four self-contained daily sections from St Mary's Whitby to St Mary's Lastingham.

"People are very welcome to join for as much or as little as they like. Each day will start with prayers (if you prefer, you can come just to the prayers!) and there will be a concluding service on the last afternoon.



"Please make your own arrangements for refreshments, and for picking up and dropping off at the start and end of each day's walk.

"Our walk will mark the link between two of our ancient Christian sites. We shall give thanks for the great figures of the past — including Hilda, Chad, Cedd and Cædmon from the 600s,

and those who suffered through the persecutions of the 1500s — and pray for the life, work and witness of God's church for today and the future.

"If you are able, please do join us on one or more of the days from Thursday 12 to Sunday 15 October."

**Further details on the diocesan website
www.dioceseofyork.org.uk
when available.**

WORLD'S EASIEST QUIZ

(Passing requires 4 correct answers)

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get cat gut?
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Atlantic are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What colour is a purple finch?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) What is the colour of the black box in a commercial airplane?



Can you think of a caption to this wonderful temperance picture?

Looking Back at Grave Goings On

Recycling is the buzz word these days, but it can be carried a bit far - and it is obviously not a new idea.

A cutting from the Evening Gazette of March 30, 1922 relates a curious story of a 'parish coffin' which at that time still existed at Easingwold. 'Years ago,' the writer explained, 'when the meagre wages of agricultural labourers did not permit the luxury of a separate coffin, the parochial authorities provided one for indigent parishioners.



"When a death occurred in the village, the coffin was taken from the church, in which it is still stored, to the home of the deceased and the body placed therein until the funeral service was concluded. Then the body was tipped, sans ceremony, into the grave and the coffin replaced in the church to await the next death.' The grisly relic is pointed out to visitors as one of the more interesting relics in Easingwold's quaint church.'

The cutting also records that a horse-drawn hearse was maintained by the parochial authorities in Bilsdale. 'No regular driver is employed and it is by no means unusual for a person at the last extremity to nominate some old crony to guide his last earthly journey."

Canon J.C. Atkinson, in his famous book "40 Years in a Moorland Parish," quoted a man being buried with a candle, a penny and a bottle of port - "the candle to light the way to Jerusalem, the penny to pay the ferry, and the port to sustain him on the journey."

He also recalls some other quaint burial customs. 'In the dales the coffin was never borne on the shoulders of the bearers as is the custom elsewhere. So far as it is 'carried by hand,' it is carried by the aid of towels, knotted together and passed under the coffin, the ends on either side held by the bearers, six in number (or three pairs).

'A single young woman was borne by six young women, a single young man by six of his peers, a married woman by six married women and so. on. It was not unusual to see a child carried by six children.

'In the case of young unmarried women, some peculiarisation of costumes were always to be observed about the bearers. Their dress was not all unrelieved black; white sashes or scarves were customarily worn and white gloves always."

Canon Atkinson added that hymns and psalms were sung as the funeral cortege left the deceased's home and at intervals on the way, including a hymn at the church entrance.

Bishops of Whitby and Selby to retire next summer



Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell said, "It's been such a privilege to work and to share God's ministry in this diocese with such talented and warm colleagues.

Paul and John each bring clear vision and a sharp mind to bear on every issue and challenge, and they share a gift for passing on their own excitement and enthusiasm for the Gospel and for their experience of encountering Jesus Christ wherever they go and in everyone they meet.

"I'm very glad that we still have them on board for the next year while the Diocese of York continues prayerfully to discern how we can live Christ's story in a fast-changing world."

Guisborough Choral Society AUTUMN CONCERT

St .Nicholas Church, Guisborough
Saturday 14th October at 7:30pm.
Faure Requiem & Puccini Messa di
Gloria

with soloists and orchestra.

Conductor: Rebecca Johnson

Tickets £12 (under 19s £1) from
<https://www.wegotickets.com/event/593379>, Guisborough Bookshop or on the
door (subject to availability. Tel 07960
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Faithful Friends



For an afternoon service of well known hymns,

Tea and cake, conversation and friendship.

Accessible toilet facilities, wheelchair access and
street parking at the door.

First Thursday of the month

5th October

2nd November, 7th December

2pm to 3.30pm

At Great Ayton Methodist Church



Dementia friendly!

Faith in an age of Science

with Professor David Wilkinson

Principal of St John's College, Durham University



A morning of learning and discussion on how Christian
faith interacts with scientific exploration and discovery

Saturday 14th October

9.30am to 1pm

Great Ayton Methodist Church

Admission free, all welcome.

Reservations available but not essential – book your place or
request venue details at 1305stokesleycircuit@gmail.com

Doors open at 9am for coffee and pastries. Accessible toilet
facilities and access. Roadside parking available.

Installed at York Minster



My thanks to all those who took time out and travelled to York Minster to support me when I was installed as one of the College of Canons. Not all present at the Service could stay for the drinks and photo opportunity afterwards, so a special thanks to Michael and David from Rea Funeral Service who came across, and to three University friends who came from the Wirral, Manchester and Hull.

Nine of us were Installed and the Minster staff did us proud. The singing was superb, the welcome was very warm, our Archbishop gave a great address, and the hospitality team put on Prosecco and cakes of all descriptions.



We were in the Nave, so I still have to formally sit in my stall in the Choir, but my name is there. On the Sunday following Saint Oswald's helped celebrate again with more Prosecco. Thank you all, for all the good wishes and cards.



Rosemary Gets Promoted?



Rosemary has moved from being 'recognised to 'Authorised' in a wonderful service in York Minster on Saturday 23rd September that brought together all Lay Ministers in the Diocese. Readers are now to be known as Licensed Lay Ministers (LLM), and the Recognised Parish Assistants (RPA) are now Authorised Lay Ministers (ALM).

Rosemary works on the Pastoral side in the Parish, overseeing the Church Visitors who keep in touch with the housebound, taking Home Communions out, and assisting at our Memorial services.



Rosemary is pictured below three to the right of the Archbishop, and three to the left is Chris Greenwood, who was my Churchwarden at St Martin's in Middlesbrough. If their service to the Church is replicated in the others there, this photo contains a wealth of love and service to others. Well done to all. It was a joy and a privilege to be there.



Something to Consider

In the year 2123, exactly 100 years from now, we shall all be laid to rest beside our loved ones.

Our homes, which we have fought so hard to create, will be occupied by total strangers, and they will possess all we have right now. Everything we own, even the expensive car we didn't even buy yet, will eventually be scrapped and sold to a collector nobody has ever heard of.

Our offspring won't recognise us or remember us for very long. How many of us can name the father of our grandfather?

A few years after our deaths, our history, photographs, and acts will fade into history's oblivion, at which point we will be remembered only as a portrait on someone's bookshelf. There won't be any trace of us left.

Maybe if we took a day to reflect on these issues, we'd see how foolish and feeble the desire to have it all really is.

We would be different people with new perspectives and ways of thinking if only we could give this some serious thought.

The pursuit of more has left us with little time for the things that truly matter. I would give it all up if it meant getting to experience the walks I never took, the hugs I never gave, the kisses I never got to offer my kids and my other loved ones, and the jokes I never got to tell. Those would be the best times to reflect on, because they would bring us so much happiness.

And we squander it daily on avarice, success, material goods and greed. Happiness isn't very good for the economy. If we were happy with what we had, why would we need more? How do you sell an anti-ageing moisturiser? You make someone worry about ageing. How do you get people to vote for a political party? You make them worry about immigration. How do you get them to buy insurance? By making them worry about everything. How do you get them to have plastic surgery? By highlighting their physical flaws.

Take time to enjoy the moment.

Saw this on Facebook and thought it very true.

HOW TO CALL THE POLICE WHEN YOU'RE OLD AND DON'T MOVE FAST ANYMORE.

George Phillips of Marsh Green, Wigan was going up to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window.

George opened the back door to go turn off the light but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things.

He phoned the police, who asked 'Is someone in your house?' and he said 'no'. Then they said that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be along when available. George said, 'Okay,' hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again.

'Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I've just shot them.' Then he hung up.

Within five minutes three police cars, an Armed Response Unit, and an ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence and caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the Policemen said to George: 'I thought you said that you'd shot them!'

George said, 'I thought you said there was nobody available!'

The moral of the story - Don't mess with old people!!

From the October 2008 Spire

Answers to Easiest Quiz

Did you get four right?

- 1) 116 years ; 2) Ecuador ; 3) Sheep and Horses ;4) November
- 5) Squirrel fur ; 6) Dogs ; 7) Albert ; 8) Crimson ; 9) New Zealand
- 10) Orange (of course)

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

24 September

Millie Hall Brown

Blessing of a Marriage

16 September

Allan & Janey Willoughby



Seven years ago I was called by Allan Willoughby from Tennessee who was due to get married over there, and wondered if there was a way of having a blessing here afterwards that his family here could attend. For various reasons, including lockdowns, this has just happened. Allan and his lovely wife Janey, met with family and friends in All Saints Church as a chance to re-affirm their vows before them and to seek God's blessing. Many congratulations.

Funerals & Memorial Services

6 September

Pauline Turnbull

11 September

Joan Forrest

12 September

Carole Robinson

13 September

Paul Ridsdale

15 September

George Pearson

22 September

Vince Gawthorpe

26 September

Heather Lightfoot

29 September

Denise Chape

Services in Magenta took place at Saint Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry.

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

A recent TV documentary featured a coastal railway in Wales which at one point ran next to a golf course. It told the story of a golfer whose ball struck a passing train. The driver stopped to reprimand him. The golfer's response was: "If you had been on time the train would not have been hit."



Some years ago a jury was sworn in at Lewis, Assizes when a juror asked to be excused because his wife was "about to conceive." The clerk said: "I think you mean she is about to give birth." The judge leaned over and observed: "Whichever it is I think he ought to be there."

A letter to a newspaper reported how the writer had sent old, unused stamps worth £16.40 to Royal Mail for replacement with the new, coded ones. She was not impressed to receive 169 x 1p stamps, 153 x 2p stamps, 120 x 5p stamps and 33 x 10p stamps. She wondered how she would fit the appropriate stamps on a normal envelope.

Husbands sometime have a problem when sent out with shopping lists. One whose wife had written "loo rolls" phoned home from Sainsbury's to ask if he should get 100 assorted bread rolls or if they all had to be the same. Another arrived home with a massive bag of mushrooms having misread loz for 102.

A blue plaque spotted by a reader in Ludlow read: "No-one of particular significance ever lived here."

"You can't beat Scarborough," said the elderly Yorkshire woman as she strolled along the prom with her husband. "I always think that when one of us kicks the bucket, I'll come and live here."

A man with a broad Yorkshire accent became a college Fellow. An elderly academic asked him patronisingly: "Are you having problems with the accent?" "No," he replied. "If you speak slowly I can understand most of what you say."

Malcolm Race

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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 (BCP)
	9.15am	Parish Communion <i>Live on Zoom & Facebook.</i>
	4.30pm	Cafe Church (<i>2nd & 4th Sundays of month</i>)
Tuesday	9.45am	Little Fishes Toddler Service (<i>School Term time only</i>)
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer - every week

At Saint Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry

Sunday	11.00am	Holy Communion on 1 st & 5 th Sundays of the month
		All Age Service on 3 rd Sunday of the month
		(No Service on 2 nd & 4 th Sunday of the month)
Contact the Vicar for Baptisms & Weddings		

Baptisms, Banns and Weddings can be arranged
by emailing the Vicar, Paul Peverell at revpev@btinternet.com

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Church Hall Office

For **Church Hall bookings**, please contact the Church Office
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Secretary available on Monday, Thursday & Fridays 9am - 12 noon
(For services or pastoral matters, please contact the vicar)