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PCC as at February 2016

Ex Officio: Clergy - Revd Paul Peverell, Revd Geoff Jaques & Revd Jon Dean:
Readers - Margaret Lewis & Peter Titchmarsh: Churchwardens Martin
Simmons & Vicki Nath

Deanery Synod Reps: Rosemary Wheway, Nick Land,

PCC Members: Ken Taylor, Julie Bourke, Mark Stowell, Enid Sedgwick,
Caroline Legg, Anna Wilson, Robin Harmar, John Dickinson, Rob Pepper,
David Oliver and Christine Smailes.

A Word from the Vicar



I have started receiving the daily press briefings from the Church of England, and recently this pearl came through from Canon Mark Russell of the Church Army. 'We continually face a barrage of headlines about a shrinking Church. We need to be more confident as a Church. We are making a huge difference.' The Church has a million people on its books, he said, giving more than 23 million hours of voluntary service. 'Contrast that with the National Secular Society which has 7,000 members which is the same as the British Sausage Appreciation Society.'

In this report you will read of many people in Great Ayton who give thousands of hours together every year to make a difference for the good, and to enrich our Church and Community. Read it, Enjoy it, Thank God for it, and Support them. Thank you all

Paul Peverell, Vicar

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PCC Secretary Report 2016

Since the last Annual Church Meeting in March, the PCC and Standing Committee have each met on 7 occasions. Three of these PCC meetings were specifically to discuss Leading Your Church Into Growth – this is an initiative from the Archbishop of Canterbury where different ways to further Attract, Build and Care for our church were discussed – it was wonderful to note that many of the suggestions made were already in place, although it was acknowledged that there was scope to develop further.



Meetings of the All Saints Church Committee, Ayton Churches Together Committee, Hall Committee, Parish Life Committee and the Projects and Fabric Committee were held throughout the year with reports given at the full PCC meetings.

Members of the PCC have, once again, worked hard to ensure the success of our church throughout the year, bringing projects successfully to fruition as well as fulfilling the day to day necessities.

Thank you to all members of the PCC and thank you in particular to Paul who has, once again, motivated and supported us all.

Julie Bourke PCC Secretary

The Parish of Great Ayton with Easby

MINUTES of

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Wednesday 16th March 2016

Present (25)

Reverend Paul Peverell (Vicar/Chairman)

Mike Acornley, Ken Bellamy, Julie Bourke, Jean Cumbor, Helen Dickinson, John Dickinson, Robin Harmar, Angela Jaques, Geoff Jaques, Alison Lambert, Caroline Legg, Margaret Lewis, Ian McWilliam, Jean McWilliam, Lesley Miller, David Oliver, Audrey Prunty, Peter Prunty, David Rowland, Enid Sedgwick, Martin Simmons, Ken Taylor, Anna Wilson, Dorothy Wood, Gordon Wood

Apologies (13) were received from:

Jeanne Crombie, Jo Dean, John Dean, Ben Lambert, Betty Manton, Vicki Nath, Andrew Prunty, Malcolm Race, Christine Smailes, Elsa Taylor, Rosemary Wheway, Jonathan Winterschladen, Vivienne Winterschladen

Meeting of Parishioners

The Vicar welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Libby Hendry who attended the 23rd World Scout Jamboree as part of Girl Guiding North East England. The jamboree was held in Japan and Libby gave a delightful and entertaining report of her trip – church had supported Libby with a financial contribution for her trip so it was excellent to hear of her adventure.

Election of Churchwardens

- The election of Churchwardens is open to any parishioner living in Great Ayton and they are eligible to vote even if they are not on the electoral roll.
- We are grateful to say that we have two nominations for Churchwarden for this year and the Vicar is delighted to welcome both Martin Simmons and Vicki Nath back as Churchwardens.
- Thanks were given to both Vicki and Martin for all their hard work last year – the quality of their work and their commitment to their role is much appreciated.
- Vicki Nath had been proposed by David Rowland and seconded by John Brown.
- Martin Simmons had been proposed by David Rowland and seconded by Mary Boyce.
- There were no further nominations and they were duly elected.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Those present, who are on the electoral roll, were invited to stay for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Apologies for Absence

- A list of the names of people giving apologies was read out.

Minutes of Meeting held 18th March 2015

- The minutes of last year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting had been circulated with the Annual Report. The minutes were proposed by Enid Sedgwick and seconded by Gordon Wood. All agreed.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

- There were no matters arising.

Electoral Roll Report as at 1st March 2016

- Alison Lambert advised that the Electoral Roll at the Annual Parochial Meeting in 2015 stood at 288. Following the revision of the roll for 2016, which closed on 29th February, the number appearing on the Roll is now 292, a net increase of 4 for the year. Which is due to 15 new applications being accepted and 11 names being removed from the list.
- There are still a significant number of church members who are not on the Roll, particularly younger members. Applications for enrolment can be accepted after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting and throughout the year not just at the Annual Revision.

Presentation of the Annual Report for 2015

- The Annual Report for 2015 has been published and distributed in several formats.
- There is a tremendous amount of work that goes on in the church and thanks were given to all those who have contributed their written words to the Annual Report and for all the work that they carry out voluntarily during the year to make Christ Church such a successful church. Thanks were expressed at other times of the year in addition to the annual meeting.
- Formal adoption of the report was proposed by Ken Taylor and seconded by Ken Bellamy and agreed by all present.
- Martin Simmons spoke about the £91,000 grant on the restoration of the organ and purchase of video and screen. The organ has now been removed to Huddersfield until August for renovation. The video and screen have been installed in church. Music workshops and concerts are being organised – please advise if you wish to be involved in the organisation. A film documentation of

the organ restoration is being prepared. A history of people involved in the organ, including the hand blowers, is being prepared. Good progress is being made. The inaugural concert with Nigel Ogden is proposed for 3rd March 2017.

- The Vicar thanked Martin, Vicki and Ken for all the hard work they had put in to secure this grant, which would be of great benefit to many
- Robin Harmar to speak about the feasibility study carried out in respect of the modernisation and improvement of the Church hall, which was originally built in 1923. A grant was obtained to cover the cost of preparing a feasibility study (£10,000) to provide options to update the hall.
- Robin Harmar gave a presentation on the three options and costings. The option that was considered the most useful was to make some structural changes to improve the layout and to make the best use of the available space. This would upgrade the basic facilities to meet modern standards and also make slight alterations. A plan and artistic impressions were shown and Robin explained the proposals – the cost to implement this would be £372,000 approximately and, given this high cost, it was proposed that the work be carried out in stages.
- Robin Harmar expressed his thanks to Helen Dickinson and Julie Bourke for running the 200 Club to support the church hall.
- The Vicar expressed his thanks to Robin and Ken for getting the grant to enable the feasibility study to be carried out.

Financial Report & Presentation of the Audited Accounts for year ending 31st December 2015

- Ken Taylor presented the financial report for the year ending 31st December 2015 – full details of the income and expenditure are available in the Annual Report.
- Ken gave details of the highlights of the year – planned giving increased by 18%, two major grants received and our Charitable Giving reached a record level - £36,807.
- Have achieved a surplus of £4,634 in our general funds, even after our £84,000 freewill offering to the diocese has been paid - the balance in our General Fund at the year end was £39,869
- Have achieved a surplus of £38,994 in our restricted funds, which comprise All Saints, the Church Hall, major projects and miscellaneous funds/agency (eg Churches Together account and monies received from services which are paid out to specified charities).
- Details of the Budget for 2016-2017 were given, including advice that our Freewill Offering to the Diocese would increase to £86,040 for this year. It showed a proposed £3,000 in-year surplus.
- 186 members are now part of the planned giving schemes, including 147 who gift aid

- Sheila Levett has relinquished her role as Gift Aid Secretary having worked for 16 years
- Ynez and John Clarke are taking over as GA secretaries and are managing to claim tax back each month
- Ken thanked Helen Dickinson, Jean Goat, Robin Harmar and all the sidespeople for helping to look after the money.
- Ken spoke about easyfundraising.org.uk – church has received approximately £270 since 2014 from people who are currently registered online
- The accounts have been signed by The Vicar and have been audited
- The accounts were proposed by Alison Lambert, seconded by Jean Cumbor and all agreed
- The Vicar said a very big thank you to Ken Taylor for all his work on the accounts – he is a very efficient treasurer and carries out his role in what appears to be an effortless manner ! Thanks to Ken and his team who help him.

The Vicar's Comments

- The number of Occasional Offices – Baptisms, weddings and funerals, are a good litmus test to how relevant people see the Church in their lives. In 2015 we have 35 Baptisms, 9 weddings and 53 Funerals, with a large increase in weddings for 2016. We endeavour to make every service a positive occasion and include such things as Skype links, Slideshows and recorded music as well as cards and visits for follow up.
- The Vicar thanked the teams involved in all of these services in welcome and follow up, and also acknowledged the good support we enjoy from others in the community who are also involved with the families. • 6% of the Diocesan Budgets comes from weddings and funerals - we contributed 27% of the Deanery total from the 10 benefices in the deanery.
- Thanks were expressed to: Little Fishes as it celebrates its 5th birthday; Karen Peverell, Alison Collins who run Sunday School; Claire Sheridan, Linda Banks and Julie Bourke who run The Firm. Those involved with 'Who let the dads out' ; The Come and Praise team and also to those who work to prepare special services, eg Love in a Box,
- We had a successful confirmation with candidates including two brides from Newton under Roseberry church who came to be confirmed by Bishop Paul and many other successful activities.
- Attendance figures vary and our average attendance is slowly declining due to deaths but we are still a very healthy church
- Our Church reaches out to the community in many ways, including the regular Foodbank collections, support for charities, village events and through Spire.

- The Vicar expressed thanks to Sheila Levett, who has retired as Gift Aid Secretary and welcomed John and Ynez Clarke who have taken over, and Michael Aisbitt, who has joined us as our new organist and choirmaster.
- Enid Sedgwick, John Dickinson and The Vicar attended the LYCIG conference – giving ideas on how we can grow our church.
- The Vicar thanked all the parish staff who help and go about their tasks faithfully and without fuss.
- The Vicar expressed thanks to Archbishop Sentamu who was the icing on the cake.
- Christ Church could not be such a vibrant and lively church without all contributions and the Vicar thanked everyone .
- On behalf of all members of the church, Martin Simmons thanked Paul for everything he does for us, for his spiritual leadership and for his initiative in leading our church into growth – we will be behind you.

Election of members to the Church Council – 7 vacancies

- Members coming to the end of three years are Eric Boyce and Alison Lambert (who will not be standing again), Robin Harmar and Enid Sedgwick.
- Thanks were given to both Eric and Alison for all their work.
- Nominations have been received, proposed and seconded for David Oliver, Robin Harmar, Enid Sedgwick and Christine Smailes.
- As Rob Pepper has stepped down from the Deanery Synod, he was proposed by Julie Bourke and seconded by Martin Simmons to be a member of the PCC.
- There remains two vacancies on the PCC.

Election of members to the Deanery Synod – 2 vacancies

- Rob Pepper has stepped down from the Deanery Synod.
- There remains two vacancies on the Deanery Synod.

Appointment of Sidesmen/Sideswomen

- Sidespeople continue to do an excellent job every week and on special occasions.
- We have been joined by John Dickinson as sidesman for Little Fishes as their number continues to grow.
- No one has left our number.
- We did have our first fire training at our annual meeting in September.

Appointment of Independent Examiners

- Ken Taylor proposed S.V. Bye be appointed as our Independent Examiners.
- This was seconded by Martin Simmons and all agreed.

Questions about Church Matters - Recommendations or Resolutions for consideration by the PCC.

- Ken Taylor spoke about the people who have written their names on the organ – they all happen to be called Taylors – Ernie Taylor, David W Taylor and Dave (David) Taylor – a booklet is being prepared about the people who wrote their names on the organ and further information is requested, if anyone knows them

The Vicar thanked all present for their contributions to the meeting.

Stokesley Deanery Synod

In 2016 the Parish was represented by Nick Land and Rosemary Wheway. There are two vacancies. The clergy and readers also attend.



There were four meetings in 2016 in various venues in the Deanery. Apart from the business of information sharing and financial necessities each meeting began with an informative talk and any member of the congregation can attend the talk and stay as an observer for the business meeting.

In February we had a presentation by Ailsa Adamson who is the Project Manager for the Methodist Asylum Project (MAP). Middlesbrough has been chosen by the Government as an area to locate Asylum Seekers because of its cheap and available suitable housing. There is a Drop-in Centre in Linthorpe which will be grateful to receive household goods and clothing.

In June the Ven Sam Rushton spoke about developing a Deanery Strategy and following on from this there was an additional meeting in November to hear a presentation by members of the Diocesan Developing our Deaneries Working party.

In October we heard about the visit to the Diocese of False Bay in 2015 by Bishop Paul and the Revd's Angela Bailey and Pauline Percy.

Each year the Deanery organises four Lent services. In 2016 these were held in Stokesley Parish Church and had four excellent speakers :- Ven Sam Rushton Archdeacon of Cleveland, Sister Anita of the Order of the Holy Paraclete, Rev Alison Wilkinson Methodist Minister and Mgr David Hogan Nunthorpe RC Church. Each session ended with a short act of worship.

Rosemary Wheway

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

During 2016, as well as general maintenance to the fabric of Christ Church, All Saints Church and the Church Hall, the pipe organ has been restored and by David Wood of Huddersfield. An HLF grant has enabled us to complete this work - the installation of multimedia equipment, production of a film and publicity material of the organ's history. We look forward to a series of workshops and concerts over the coming three years, the first in March when Nigel Ogden will perform on the organ. A new electric blower recently purchased will enable the organ to be played to its full potential.



2016 saw many special occasions. As well as the Great Ayton Remembers WWI commemorations throughout the year, we also marked the Queen's 90th birthday and welcomed the Tour de Yorkshire through our village where we held our Praise and Party afternoon service complete with blue and yellow decorations. Services for families, both on Sundays and during the week still flourish and grow. We have successfully moved the Hollygarth monthly service for our slightly more mature members of the congregation to the Coffee Lounge, where it has become 'Communion and a Cuppa'. They very kindly brought their comfortable chairs with them, a benefit to all users of the lounge.

We were pleased to see four new RPAs licensed in September and welcome them to work alongside Rosemary in various positions within that role. We were also delighted in November to mark the 25 years that Margaret Lewis has served as reader, a great achievement.

We must thank the congregation for their support and hard work during the last year without which the life in our church would be so much poorer in every way. Special thanks also go to our vicar Paul supported by Geoff, Jon, Margaret and Peter for their leadership and hard work. With Paul now responsible for Nunthorpe Parish as well we will do our best to support him through 2017 and the challenges ahead.

Vicki Nath & Martin Simmons, Church Wardens

Financial Report 2016

After the intensive fundraising over the past 2 years, 2016 settled down to a period of consolidation financially. Overall, income in our unrestricted funds was almost balanced by the expenditure for the year. This left our reserves at £39,494, much the same as last year.



Unrestricted income increased slightly from £141,004 last year to £144,087. The main factor contributing to this increase was the substantially higher level of donations this year (£13,217 compared with £7,572 last year). Many of these were £500 or over and appeared to be in response to Paul's appeals in Spire. Fee income rose again this year due to the increase in the number of weddings held in Christ Church. We again took full advantage of the Gift Aided Small Donations Scheme (GASDS) which allowed us to collect an additional £5,000 in tax rebates from loose collections.

Unrestricted expenditure increased from £136,420 in 2015 to £144,462 this year. A major source of unplanned expenditure was the need to replace the organ blower, which was found to be significantly under-powered after the organ restoration. Fortunately, the cost (£6,100) was covered by the increased level of donations (referred to above). During the year we completed a major programme of repairs to the church stonework and the drainage system around the church at a cost of £3,600. The PCC agreed to increase our contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund to £86,040, roughly in line with inflation. Elsewhere our operating costs were generally in line with the budget.

We again donated £10,000 to mission giving from general funds. Following last year's practice of encouraging recommendations from members of the PCC, we were again able to identify several new beneficiaries this year, all of whom responded with warm and heartfelt letters of thanks

Collections from baptisms were again donated to three children's charities- Zoe's Place, Daisy Chain and CLIC Sargent- the choice of charity being made by the parents. We were pleased to welcome the nationally-acclaimed folk singing duo, Megson, to Christ Church - the concert raised over £1,200 for Open Door North East.

During the year we ran three major appeals. Our Easter appeal raised £440 for the work of the Barnabas Fund. while, at Harvest, we supported the Middlesbrough Food Bank; in addition to the usual food parcels, donations totalling £285 were

received to help with their operating costs. For our Christmas appeal we again supported School Aid India. Its founder, Helen Jones, gave us a progress report on the work being carried out to replace the wooden classroom which had been destroyed by the effects of the serious earthquakes 2 years ago. It is very gratifying to record that the appeal raised nearly £4,000 which, together with the collection raised at St Oswalds, Newton, will allow the rebuilding work to be completed.

Overall, our mission giving from funerals and weddings, special services, appeals, and donations from general funds reached the excellent total of £31,371 distributed among a record 56 different charities.

Our organ restoration project proceeded well during the year with expenditure on the organ, and purchase of a new motorised screen and projector reaching a total of £82,235 all of which was funded from the grant secured last year from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The Church provided a grant of £2,000 to help fund the repairs caused by subsidence under the serving hatch in the Church Hall. The finances of All Saints remain stable with maintenance costs being met largely from donations from visitors and special services.

And finally to all those who help to manage the church money - John & Ynez Clarke, Helen Dickinson, Jean Goat, Robin Harmar and the sidespeople – a huge thank you to you all!

Ken Taylor

All Saints Church

A fairly quiet, uneventful, year in the life of All Saints, though I am pleased to report that visitor numbers held up at around 1200, the same as 2015, despite there being fewer guides and in the face of the difficult economic climate. Equally box donations surprisingly increased.

Even though guide numbers were again reduced, the coverage of duties actually improved compared to 2015. This is mainly due to a couple of volunteers – you know who you are – who take on extra duties, but to maintain a credible seven afternoons per week opening we undoubtedly need more guides.



After two years as a guide and rota organiser Charles Jeans has left the area but we are fortunate to have Jennifer Roberts back as his replacement.

During the summer months I had the offer of some help from a local ex-serviceman's support organisation and a small group came along on two occasions, carrying out valuable tasks such as cleaning the big windows and tidying up the area around Rev'd Ibbotson's grave. It is not clear whether this resource will again be available in 2017.

As usual the All Saints year ended on a high with the candlelit Carol Service. To see the church full and experience the vibrant atmosphere reminded us that this is a living church, a truly spiritual place and an important asset to the community.

Robin Hazell Custodian

Safeguarding

Post the "Jimmy Savile Affair", the general public have become more aware of Safeguarding (the protection of children under 16, and of vulnerable adults). Likewise, the Church of England has increased its vigilance in all Safeguarding matters.



Posts have been created within the Diocese of York with people to explain the new legislation for dealing with Safeguarding issues, and a series of training sessions are to be implemented.

An "awareness" level will soon be available on line which is for all people with an interest in Safeguarding, and includes sidespeople, greeters and coffee makers at Church Services or activities. The next level (C1) will include, among others, PCC members, Church visitors, leaders and helpers at Church activities and Services. These training sessions will last approximately two hours and will be held in the Church Hall, hopefully during April 2017. More details will follow as they become available.

Great Ayton with Easby PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults

Gail Jukes

Safeguarding Officer, Christ Church Great Ayton

Christ Church Visitors

We are currently a group of 18 who visit 27 people on a regular basis helping make a difference to their lives and spiritual growth. There are more housebound and/or elderly people in our parish who would benefit from this service so more volunteers are always welcome. Some



Visitors have also made contact with people for a short time, for instance following a stay in hospital, until someone is able to return to church.

We meet regularly with the clergy so that they can monitor our visits and we review our guidelines annually. We had training sessions about Dementia Friendly Churches and the problems of Loneliness. Our aim is to visit anyone in the village in need – the housebound, lonely, sick and infirm – but this does not exclusively mean those who are regular churchgoers. We visit people mostly in their own homes but several of those visited eventually move out of the village to Care Homes and our Visitors travel as far as Catterick and to Stokesley, Middlesbrough and Guisborough to stay in touch. They also visit hospitals where appropriate.

The group supports the monthly and Christmas Coffee Lounge services and also transports some of the people who would otherwise be unable to attend. These are open to **anyone** who appreciates a weekday afternoon service.

In 2016 we hosted our fifth Praise and Party service followed by tea in the Hall. This attracted many for whom the 9.15 service is just too early. It was on the afternoon of the Tour de Yorkshire and we continued the theme. We hope to host a similar event in 2017. We took a selection of food after the party to 13 who were unable to attend. This was warmly welcomed.

We continue to deliver cards on the first anniversary of a bereavement and also a Welcome Pack whenever we see a removal van in the village.

These are very rewarding tasks and we would welcome more Visitors so that we can extend our visits to more people. Please tell us if you know someone who would like a visit or you have new neighbours but more importantly **join us if you can!**

Rosemary Wheway

Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF)

Through their Bible reading notes and other published resources BRF helps individuals of all ages to connect with the Bible.



New Daylight is the most popular edition of bible reading notes used here at Christ Church where we continue to meet monthly. We use the notes as starting points for discussions relating to our faith and its challenges as we are prompted to live our lives in the light of insights gained from the previous month's readings. A section of readings which focused on Farming in the Bible during Sept/Oct produced lively conversations. Readings which have given new insights into some well-loved hymns, have proved popular.



The meetings are notified via Sunday's news sheet – if you would like to find out more you are welcome to join us. Check out www.biblereadingnotes.org.uk for information about other Bible reading notes and resources.

Enid Sedgwick

Prayer

During the past year there have been some new opportunities to deepen our prayer life together at Christ Church. So what opportunities were there for this to happen? The simple prayer pattern, which Archbishop Sentamu taught throughout the diocese of York during his pilgrimage of prayer, witness and blessing, has become a regular part of the prayer life of a group who now gather in church on Friday mornings from 9.00 – 9.30am and 8.00 – 8.30pm during the summer months of July and August. Come join us in this pattern of prayer at any of the group times, which are notified via the church news sheet.

During Lent our vicar Paul used a book “5 things to pray for your church”. Use of the book spread to a larger prayer circle who used it as a focus for prayer together until Pentecost. There were four excellent speakers at Stokesley Parish church also during Lent, each providing much food for thought and prayer, in their talks from their own faith journey.

Leading up to Pentecost our Archbishops’ called for prayer for evangelism throughout the church. Occasions were organised in the various churches in our Deanery so that we could visit each other for prayer time together. Here at Christ Church some of our younger adults set up Prayer Stations in church in the days before Pentecost so that people could come into church for prayer and reflection in their own time. Several people commented that they really appreciated this. Also, a prayer station on the Fruits of the Spirit was set up in Christ Church during the summer months.



In September a ‘Prayer Tree’ was used during the 9.15 service drawing together prayers linked to Creation. When the Memory Tree was dismantled after Christmas, Paul led a short time of prayer and reflection together.



The Contemplative prayer group has continued to meet for prayer weekly and has organised two well attended, much appreciated mornings of prayer, led by two very different characters – Father Kevin from Ampleforth Priory and Rev. Nicholas Buxton from Newcastle. The venue for both these mornings was the Friends Meeting House.

Enid Sedgwick

Bible Study Group

This year we changed the format of the group in order to attract new members. We had a number of very interesting discussions based on the 'Nooma' DVDs. One particularly interesting presentation was on the importance of forgiving other people for the hurt they have done us (as we are forgiven by God). Another was examining what it meant to be a disciple of Jesus and understanding the full significance of what it meant for his disciples (and us) when he says "follow me". We also made use of the new church projection system for a well-attended discussion looking at a film which suggested how the poetic form of the creation story and modern physics could be looking at God's creative work from different but complementary angles.

Just before Christmas fifteen of us met to evaluate two different sets of material that would let us gain a better understanding of the 'big-picture' of the Bible story - we decided on 'The Bible Course' which is a DVD based discussion course helping us understand how the whole of scripture fits together from Genesis to Revelations and how we can apply it to everyday life. The course started in February.

Whilst we have tried different approaches this year there have been two constant themes - we have helped one another get a better understanding of God's love for us - and there has been cake!

Nick Land 01642 778 076

Little Fishes

We celebrated our 200th Little Fishes in February! Over the last six years attendance has grown to an average number of fifty on a regular basis – twenty four Fishes and twenty seven adults. As you would expect it is very lively!



A big change this year is the introduction of new technology, with a screen show as people arrive and then using the screen for prayers, notices et c to encourage more participation but the basic format of the service in church stays the same to enable people to remain familiar with it. We also welcomed John Dickinson and Christine Smailes to the team so we now have more people to tell stories which is always a popular part of the service. Marilyn Walker and Jan Thompson have also joined the dedicated team of helpers who provide refreshments, another important part of the morning! Twice a year there is a get-together for the whole team for fellowship and lunch.

It is encouraging to see that a number of Fishes regularly attend Who Let the Dads Out? and also the monthly Come and Praise service. Children attending Little Fishes range in age from three months to four years, mostly from Great Ayton but also from as far afield as Redcar and Yarm. As children grow older there will always be a turnover as Little Fishes leave to attend nursery and school but there is, of course, no age limit for adults so anyone is welcome to attend at 9.30am on Tuesdays in term time. We give out birthday cards on Little Fishes' birthdays and also Christmas cards to families. Once again the toy stall at the Church Coffee Morning was very popular; lots of toys were donated and sold with plenty of help on the day.

So from small beginnings this outreach to the wider community has certainly "mushroomed". We need to constantly keep in touch with our attendees and be aware of any changes that may enhance the worship. Long may this winning formula continue to spread the gospel and encourage friendship and worship.

Angela Jaques

Sunday School Report

We meet every Sunday during term time school except for the 2nd Sunday of the month when it is Family Service at 11am. We have over 30 children on the register with an average attendance of around 20. A good number of parents help on the rota

Activities are available from 9am for early arrivals. We start with a service. The children take turns lighting the altar candles, we change the colour of the cloth as in Church to teach the children about Church colours and seasons. The service continues with our weekly story, prayers, the peace and singing. We finish with a craft activity linked to the story we have told. The children go into Church for the end of the service and show their crafts and tell the congregation what they have learnt.



We have followed the Lectionary with our stories at Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Harvest. We have studied many other bible stories too. On Good Friday we had around 70 children attend the craft workshops. The children produced some lovely crafts and were joined by their families for a short service in Church.

We participated in the special services for Love in a Box and Christingle.

Always the highlight of the year 'The Crib Service'. This year we had 30 children taking part singing some lovely songs and telling the Christmas Story accompanied by Hannah Peverell on the piano.

We would thank the PCC for their continued financial support which allows us to do interesting crafts and run special events for the children, and Peter Lofthouse whose kind support is always appreciated.

Karen Peverell and Alison Collins.

The Firms

We are a Christian Youth Group for anyone aged 10 to 18. We meet on the second and fourth Sunday of the Month, the Younger Firm for 10 – 14 year olds meet 6.00-7:30pm and the Older Firm meet from 6:45 – 8:15pm. Typically our club nights involve games, prayers and time for reflection as well as a very popular tuck shop.



2016 has seen our members riding roller coasters and having fun at a pop concert at Lightwater Valley at a Christian Youth event, for over three thousand secondary aged children.

We've enjoyed a bonfire party, an Easter egg hunt and a BBQ as well as a formal dinner! When the weather allows, we like to get out and about too.

Many of our members are bell ringers or servers, some have also led intercessional prayers and readings at our 9.15am service. We talk often about what it is like to be a young Christian today and we have a great amount of fun doing it.

Claire Sheridan, Linda Banks & Julie Bourke

Men's Stuff

This year we have branched out to explore a number of different ways of getting Church Men together.

Men's Breakfast

Our gathering at Fletcher's Farm organised by John Dickinson attracted a wide variety of guys – from several of village Christian communities and across the age range! After ordering



our food we were treated to an excellent talk by Ayton resident & leader of Elders at the Jubilee Church, Raj Saha exploring 'Suffering'. This was followed by the delicious breakfasts on offer and a great opportunity to chat!

Footgolf



This social/sporting gathering organised by David Fox at Stokesley Golf Course proved to be both enjoyable & competitive! Robin Hazell narrowly beating younger opposition to become our first Footgolf Champion! As with our other get-togethers, we finished with a bite (bacon or sausage buns) & coffee.

Who Let The Dads Out?

Having launched this monthly venture in September 2014 we seen it develop into an excellent gathering for children aged 0-5yrs with their Dads & Granddads and other church men! We meet in the Coffee Lounge from 10 o'clock on the 2nd Saturday of the month; Church Men make & serve bacon butties & mugs of real coffee for the Dads and serve breadsticks & squash for the little ones. All Church Men are welcome – look out for the banner and drop in for a butty!!

Family Fun Day

The Dads organised their 2nd Family Fun Day on Saltburn beach in August where members of their families, the Little Fishes families and a few friends met to play, chat and generally have fun. Whilst it was a little cooler than 2015, it was dry!



Christ Church Choir

It has been an eventful twelve months in the musical life of Christ Church. The most significant development this year has been the restoration of the organ. The choir was displaced from the Quire and was stationed in the north aisle next to a small chamber organ. It was with great relief and joy that the Binns organ returned and was dedicated at a wonderful service at which the Bishop gave a recital and the choir sang an anthem by Stephen Trahair commissioned for the occasion.

We have been most active in leading the music at the Parish Eucharist at All Saints. We have continued to extend our repertoire of anthems and sing a choir item most weeks. The new setting to the Eucharist by Thorne is now more familiar and generally appreciated.

We have been fortunate to welcome new members to our choir and their musical experience and expertise has enhanced the choir greatly. Our numbers are healthy but we would welcome any who wished to join us and would encourage any parents with musical children to express an interest - young people are more likely to join a choir with young people already in it. In October, some of us joined musicians from across the country and indeed across the world to sing at the RSCM festival held at York Minster. It was an inspirational occasion.



Once again, the carol services and midnight Eucharist were fine acts of worship in which music played a central part. Thank you to everyone for the dedication required to prepare for and lead such worship.

We are grateful to those who help with the running of the choir, particularly Andrew Blair and Chris Thompson who give so generously of their time and talent to play the organ and conduct the choir. Alison, Helen and others ensure the music is kept safe and in order and Viv ably takes choir practice in my absence. Thank you.

If anyone would like to join the choir, please come and discuss it with me or with one of the choir members or simply turn up at church at 6.00pm on a Thursday evening. We would be delighted to see you!

Michael Aisbitt

Bell Ringers Annual Report

Eight young people currently ring our bells on a regular basis. They are:-

Luke Banfield	Harry Banfield	Matthew Sheriden
Elinor Northey	Katie Radford	Poppy Sheriden
Annabelle Collins	Edward Lambert	

On behalf of the whole congregation, I should like to thank them for their efforts. It is not always easy for teenagers to get up early on a Sunday morning.

During the year we have been delighted to welcome Poppy, Annabelle and Edward to our Team but, sadly, we have had to say Goodbye, Good Luck, and God Bless to three ringers:-

Emily Sheriden after 6 years and 10 months to read Chemical Engineering at Manchester University.

Ella Jones after 6 years and 10 months to read Physics at Edinburgh University.

Libby Hendry after 5 years and 10 months to read Physical Geography at Newcastle University.

We thank all three of them for their long, and loyal, service to Christ Church. This year the bells have rung for 65 regular Sunday services and Festivals. They were booked for 15 weddings, earning welcome pocket money for

our more senior ringers, who are strong enough to keep going, for the extra time required.

To cover the demand upon their services, we really are in urgent need of more ringers to join our team. If you know of any young people who might be interested, please contact me on the number below. It is very easy to learn how to ring our octave of Tubular Bells, requiring only one lesson. Campanology is an unusual skill to put on your UCAS form, which can be especially useful, to stand out from the crowd, should you wish to study a competitive degree, such as law or medicine.

If you would like any more information, please don't hesitate to contact me on 01642 722400.

Elsa Taylor

Servers Report

We are blessed here at Christ Church with a loyal team of servers who give their time each week to support our clergy at both 8 o'clock and 9.15 communion services. Our 8 o'clock servers are; Lynda, Richard & Jim, while our 9.15 team are; Jo, Frances, Adrian, Ellie, Matthew, Gina & Francesca. I'm lucky enough to serve at both services.

Our role is to set up the altar with everything required for the service so that the celebrant is able to concentrate on their own preparations, which includes meeting the congregation at the door with a welcome greeting. At the end of the service the servers tidy everything away so that the celebrant is able to see people off.

These opportunities for conversations are valued by everyone and help our clergy team to build relationships with the congregation. When we had Paul Hutchinson from Stokesley here to take the service recently, he said he appreciated the difference the servers made to the service, sentiments expressed by "our" Paul too. So thank you all for your continued commitment to the life of our church.

Lesley Miller

FLOWER GUILD REPORT

Since we no longer undertaking wedding arrangements the flower guilds work load is considerably reduced. However we still enjoy transforming the church for the three main festivals Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

We were well supported with the Easter arrangements and hope you were well pleased with our efforts. Sadly when it came to the Easter garden arrangement under the pulpit we were shocked to find the cross had been got at by something, and had to be destroyed, the garden still looked beautiful without it, but if anyone has any ideas for a replacement we would be happy to hear from them.

We enjoyed making the colourful “baskets” for harvest thanksgiving. It's always a pleasure to work with a variety of colourful flowers. We hope you enjoyed the additional touches.



As usual we have many offers of sponsorship for Christmas arrangements some of which we had to refuse, but suggested they can sponsor at Easter if so wished. Our colour scheme for Christmas this year was white, green and silver with the additional wow factor of the dark pink amaryllis, which although quite expensive proved to be well worth the outlay and were much admired. Many

thanks for your sponsorship and donations, we could not manage without this help.

The memory tree went up early December and was well supported, £65 was donated to Herriot Hospice Home Care and once again thank you to Dave Sedgwick for invaluable help with the garlands round the pillars.

On a personal note my illness has robbed me of the use of my hands, although I am unable to do any physical work Marina has made sure I am included in the planning and choice and the ordering of flowers which I thank her very much for.

We hope you have enjoyed the work we have done in the church this year as we have enjoyed doing them.

Dulcie Jones and Marina Charlton

Sunday Morning Coffee



Our Sunday Morning Coffee gathering continues to be a means of fellowship after the 9.15 Sunday service. It is also a way of welcoming newcomers and visitors to our congregation.

Thanks go to the team of ladies who regularly prepare the drinks and biscuits and also to David Rowland who does a valuable job of making sure that we have milk each week.

Our thanks to Pat Jeffery who, after many, many years on the rota, has now retired having been one of our longest serving ladies. Thank you so much Pat for your loyal service.

As a change from our ladies making coffee, we have this year had social get-togethers for coffee and refreshments at Fletchers' Farm Café which were enjoyed by all and we hope to continue.

Pauline Titchmarsh

Marwood Church of England Voluntary Controlled Infant School

Marwood Infant School is proud to be part of the church community and the broader community. In the Autumn Term we had a visit from our School Improvement Adviser. The purpose of the visit was to find out if our high standards of teaching, learning and attainment have been maintained. She met with staff, visited each class, talked to the children about their learning and looked at their work. She confirms that Marwood is an **OUTSTANDING** school and that outcomes, over time, continue to be outstanding. She wrote that: “The quality of the learning environment throughout the school supports learning to great effect” and “Examples of children’s writing evidence the promotion of high standards and high expectations”. She also commented on the children’s behaviour “Pupils’ conduct and behaviour for learning is excellent; they are respectful of one another, work hard in lessons and collaborate well”. We were delighted to receive such an excellent report.

The children enjoy being part of the church community and part of that is singing Chris Thompson’s setting of the Lord’s Prayer in school. Then when they come to Sunday School/Parade services they are able to more fully participate. Every week Rev. Peverell goes across to school to lead



Worship and once every half term he leads the Friday morning worship in Church to which all are invited – family, friends and the local community.

As part of their Harvest celebration gifts are distributed to the residents of Church Drive, who are also invited to the Harvest Service we hold in church. The children also have a short act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

on Friday 11th November. There's something incredibly moving about a school full of infant children standing still and silent as they pay their respects. Staff at the school work hard with them in the time leading up to Remembrance Day so that they understand why they're there and why we remember.

Just before Christmas the children put on a performance in the Parochial Hall. At Easter they have a special service in church and the children are encouraged to attend the Good Friday workshops (which some of the staff help with on the day).

Earlier this year the children spent a lot of time looking at various places of worship around the village and in the local area, the photograph below is of one of the classes learning about our church.

Marwood promotes strong Christian values in all aspects of its undertaking and it sees the promotion of its distinctive Christian ethos as central to its mission of providing the best possible education and care.

Many thanks are given to the very dedicated team of staff who inspire and nurture the children in their learning; also to Rev. Peverell for his much-valued contribution of time and spiritual guidance and to the very supportive parent body, governors and helpers at Marwood.

Vicky Bradley
Foundation Governor

Alison Lambert
Foundation Governor

Celia Wilson
Headteacher

School Assemblies

As well as our links through the Vicar and others being Governors at the local schools and of volunteers going into schools to help out, the Vicar also goes regularly into both of our village schools taking a weekly assembly in Marwood and a fortnightly assembly at Roseberry. He is also welcomed at Kirkby and Great Broughton School, and does an annual slot for Love in a Box at Ingleby Greenhow School.

We welcome Marwood school and parents into Christ Church for Friday morning worship once every half term, as well as the Festivals and Leavers Service. The new screen has been a great asset.

2015		CHURCH HALL ACCOUNTS	2016
£		Receipts	£
4,784.55	Opening balance		3,590.50
1,000.00	Loan from PCC		2,000.00
1,020.00	200 Club		510.00
270.00	Sunday Morning Coffee		150.00
375.00	Guides Brownies Rainbows		400.00
80.00	Scouts		80.00
1,010.00	Badminton		1,000.50
1,677.50	Bradley Dancing		2,433.75
45.00	Children's Society		51.75
420.00	NHSBT (Blood)		110.00
280.00	Dramatic Society		590.00
670.00	Flower Club		270.00
2,575.00	Marwood School		2,747.50
1,080.00	Funeral Teas		735.00
610.00	Scottish Dancing		682.00
120.00	Strictly FiTT		429.50
2,967.70	Sundry Rents		2,175.00
377.34	TRF/Bank Interest/refunds		2,000.00
	Ny Horizons		622.50
0	Sundries		0
19,362.09	Total Receipts		20,578.00
	Payments		
1,314.61	Electricity		1,771.80
1,591.40	Gas		2,350.81
241.48	Water Rates		253.57
4,464.60	Wages		4,847.40
6,425.19	Repairs/maintenance		7,001.53
0	Equipment		640.29
426.47	Telephone		369.82
0	Postage & Stationery		0
20.00	Licences		20
1,338.84	Sundries		70
1,591.40	Repayment of PCC costs/ loan		0
3,539.50	Closing balance		1,728.79
20,953.49	Total Payments		19,054.01
20,953			
	Cash balances brought forward at 1st January 2016		
	Cash balances carried forward at 31st December 2015		

Church Hall Report

We are very blessed in having such a terrific team to look after the administration, cleaning and upkeep of both the church hall and coffee lounge. Thank you so much Sarah, Anne, Tabby and Phil for all that you do, you are very much appreciated. We are indebted to Helen and Julie who run the 200 club so competently and to all of you that contribute to this scheme, it



really does help us balance the books. Many thanks to the PCC and especially Ken for giving us a grant this year, thus keeping our finances in a healthy state. Finally can I thank all of you that use the hall for whatever reason, it's a pleasure to see it well used by so many from both the church and from the wider community.



This last year has seen many improvements, not least the repair of the sloping serving hatch into the hall. Very rotten joists were discovered under the floor, a long standing leak from the drain of the nearby sink was the probable cause. The lowering of the work surface has I believe met with widespread approval. The next stage of this work should see improvements to the bar side of the kitchenette with the installation of new worktops and,

should finances allow, a glass washing machine under the bar. Soon after Christmas 2015 the coffee lounge roof nearly blew off in a gale so severe that it also damaged the chancel roof on the church. We were delighted that our insurance company agreed to cover the cost of a new roof which was installed in the summer. A drain survey was completed, this found that the outlet from the men's toilet in the hall was blocked by roots growing in the drain. A leak in the ladies toilet in the hall was

finally repaired, we hadn't realised that the floor sloped so spent several months looking for a leak on the wrong toilet! Such is life!

Following on from the feasibility study completed early in the year we decided to hold meeting to discuss our future plans. All organisations and other interested individuals were invited to hear about our rather ambitious project. An application was submitted to the National Lottery for funds but unfortunately they did not agree to support us. So what's next? It has become abundantly clear from discussions over this past year that any improvements should first centre around the hall kitchen and all toilets. Over the coming months it is hoped that plans will be drawn up for these improvements. It is still our intention to seek funds from grant awarding bodies, though on a smaller scale than we first envisaged, so that the work can go ahead. We will keep people informed of developments on this front as the year progresses.

Robin Harmor
Church Hall Manager

Church Cleaning Report

The weekly general cleaning and monthly brass cleaning has been carried out to a very high standard yet again, despite having to clean around workmen removing and reinstalling the organ.

We very much appreciate all the work done by the volunteers on our rotas who give up some of their spare time to make sure the Church is always spotless. This caring and hard work is noted by not only visitors to Great Ayton but to regular members of the Church and so we would like to convey our thanks to all those special people who do such a great job.



Also we would like to thank those people who also do many other jobs on a voluntary basis without being organised through a rota, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

We have had to say goodbye to a few of our regular cleaners this year for various personal reasons and so we would like to thank them for all their hard work they have done in the past.

To finish, can we please say again to all the hardworking volunteers a really big THANK YOU, your work is very much appreciated and we hope you will continue to support us.

New volunteers are needed, so we would ask that if you know of anyone who might be willing to lend a hand either with general cleaning or doing the brasses, we would very much appreciate you contact us.

Jan Thompson..... 01642 723344 (with regard to cleaning)
Irene Reah 01642 723804 (for alterations to the details on the rotas}

Worship

Come & Praise This form of worship enables those with young families to worship in a relaxed environment; it's an important stepping stone especially for those for whom more traditional worship is a step too far. It also attracts a number of older members of our church who enjoy, a little bit, the informality. We meet on the 2nd Sunday each month (except November) plus held specials on Mothering Sunday & Easter Day.

One of our highlights of 2016 was in August when our service was based on our Prayer Station theme 'Fruits of the Spirit'. Our storyteller, Lesley Miller, devised a 'fruits picnic' and got the children to select a fruit to go with each of the Galatians fruits – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. It was so stunning that we repeated it at our Parish Eucharist the following week (with the aid of video projection onto the big screen).

"Great Big God" or "Walking for the Lord" are our regular links for 'Little Fishes' to feel at home. Whilst our music often comes courtesy of digital technology it is great to welcome Paul Fussey and others playing real instruments on occasion – musical volunteers always welcome!



8am Holy Communion Our Book of Common Prayer Communion early on a Sunday morning attracts 20+ worshippers each week who enjoy this quiet, more reflective service which uses the language of the Book of Common Prayer. It was interesting this year to see one of our wedding couples who needed to attend to qualify made this their service of choice. We are thankful for such a willing and friendly congregation, which has grown since several members of Nunthorpe Church joined us when their 8am service was discontinued.

9.15am Parish Communion Our Parish Communion remains the main act of worship still attracting 100 plus worshippers each Sunday, and we also welcome in our Sunday School during term time. The Choir are there every week to lead singing and add anthems, and we enjoy a variety of preachers. When the Church Parade joins us we now go to a non Eucharistic Format to make the service shorter so the young people can attend before all the Sunday morning activities begin. Our service always concludes with Coffee in the Coffee Lounge.

Sunday Evening Specials Although not having a regular Sunday evening service any more, we do enjoy many specials throughout the year including Memorial Services, Songs of Praise, Love in a Box, Christingles and several Carol Services. Village fun was joined in with when the Tour de Yorkshire went through Great



Ayton. A special hymn was sung to *Daisy, Daisy* and after our service we went into the Hall for a super tea. We also share some Sunday evenings with other Churches in the village for such occasions as Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Easter, Pentecost.

Christenings/ Baptisms On many Sundays we also have a Christening Service, welcoming the newly baptised into the life of the Church. We tend to do these as standalone services, for the number of guests now attending Christenings can often be 80+ - too many to include in an early Parish Communion. We pass on invitations to all baptism families to





Little Fishes, Who Let the Dads Out and Come and Praise. We had 22 Christening in Christ Church or All Saints last year, and my thanks go to the team who support these services and give a welcome.

Weddings We saw a bumper number of 17 weddings in Christ Church in 2016 with a blessing service at Angrove

Park and a further 23 weddings at Saint Oswald's Church at Newton under Roseberry, so it was a very busy summer. New to our weddings in Christ Church was the option for a slideshow of

photos to music during the signing of the registers. This proved both popular and moving, and was greatly appreciated. We get lots of very kind messages after weddings that show people very much enjoy their experience with us. Many thanks to the team of Alison & John - Vergers; Michael and Chris - Organists: Elsa & the bell ringers: Jackie Gough - Leven Flowers. We have a great team.



Funerals In the towns, many people are turning to civil celebrants for funerals, but I am pleased to say that isn't the case in Great Ayton where people still primarily turn to the Church for such occasions. Not only can we offer a far better service on the day, including extras such as recorded music, slideshows on our large screen, live Skype links etc at no extra charge, we also follow up with visits and Memorial Services. Asking for the vicar instead of a celebrant, also puts money into maintaining the Church of England rather than just in paying a person on the

day. Last year we had 23 funerals in Church and 21 straight to the crematorium. Again, we work with an excellent team in the village, with our ever reliable verger Alison, Michael Rea our incredibly efficient village Funeral Director amongst others in the area, Jan Alderson who does the best funeral teas in the area (And here I am an expert!) Jackie Gough from Leven Flowers who does stunning arrangements; and Howard Atkinson the cemetery superintendent who has kept the village cemetery looking so good and is always so friendly and helpful. Thank you to all, and we shall miss Howard when he retires in April 2018.

Paul

Media Matters

Our website www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk keeps making friends for us. According to Google Analytics, we had 9317 different visitors last year. To be fair, some of these may be the same people on different machines, but its still a large number. The five most popular countries visiting us were UK, USA, Russia, Brazil and Australia, and we had people from 102 different countries!

The five most popular pages were Home, Bible Readings, Calendar, Weddings and Magazine downloads.

We try and keep our website as up to date as possible, and compared to many others we do fairly well, but please tell us if you see something slip through - or remain too long.

Spire - the Church Mag that goes places

The electronic Spire is 14 years old this March. It all started thanks to a fairly boring Question Time one Thursday evening, so I began to play with a new DeskTop Publishing program called PagePlus that was free with a computer Magazine. The PDF magazine took off, and I send over 700 copies out all over the world. The 300 paper copies go to many homes in the village and in the local cafés, Discovery Centre and shops. It is also downloaded from the website

Often it is by making a mistake that you find out people are reading it, but 2016 saw an even better way when people responded to needs in the Church with generous donations because they read about it in Spire. It also encouraged support for villagers running the Great North Run or walking the Great Wall of China.

My thanks to the regular contributors - especially Malcolm Race - and to Jean Goat and the distributors, and not forgetting Quion Publishing who do such an efficient job of printing it.



Guiding in Great Ayton



We have thriving Rainbow (age 5-7), Brownie (age 7-10), Guide (age 10-14) and Senior Section (age 14-25) units in the village. They have been involved in lots of fun and stimulating activities at their weekly meetings, working through the relevant

programmes for each age group. A large number of people went to a very successful County trip to Beamish Museum in the summer. There have been a number of other over-night or longer trips in individual units e.g to London and PGL activity centres.

One Senior Section Girl, Elinor Northy, was lucky enough to be selected to go on a trip to Costa Rica.

We have been sorry to see Kathryn Slack leave 3rd Brownies due to a house move, and thank her for her years of help. We have been lucky to welcome new leaders to Brownies, Lucy Jenson and Tracey Usher. We are always in need of new leaders though, particularly for Guides. No experience is necessary.

The District always take pride in taking part in the Remembrance Sunday parade.

If you either want to enquire about a place for your daughter, or to look into helping, please register your interest at the Girlguiding “Join Us” website <https://enquiry.girlguiding.org.uk/> and someone will get back in touch.

Alison Lambert
District Commissioner

2nd Great Ayton Rainbows

The unit is still thriving with over 20 girls attending every week, and still girls waiting to join.



In the spring, in honour of the Tour de Yorkshire coming through Great Ayton in May, each rainbow decorated and planted a plant pot with pansies to be placed around the village. We visited Tesco on their 'Farm to Fork' trail, having an exciting trip behind the scenes of the bakery, fish counter and fresh fruit and vegetable aisles. They got to see how all the fresh bread is made and to hold the fresh fish.

In June, we visited Beamish Open Air Museum for the County Day. Over 1200 girlguiding members were in attendance from all over North Yorkshire. The girls had a fantastic time exploring, although the sweetie shop was definitely the favourite.

At the rainbows request, they made junk boats, however when it came to sailing them despite being the middle of June it was pouring down, so thanks to our young leaders who donned waterproofs and wellies to go in the river and help the boats sail.



In July, we had another glorious evening at Saltburn on the beach building sandcastles, and where the new girls made their promise.

In the Autumn term we had an Alice in Wonderland theme, making jam tarts, Alice bands and a tea party. We have attended the Pantomime and held a joint Christmas party. The girls have also started to attend the Church Parade service when it is not the communion service and have really enjoyed participating in the sermons.

None of this however could not take place without the help of the other leaders Pauline & Sarah, together with Megan, Melissa, Grace & Bethany who come every week to help as Young Leaders.

Christine Kenyon
Rainbow Leader

1st Great Ayton Brownies



Another busy year, the girls have taken part in activities for Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and Easter. Celebrated the Queens 90th Birthday and made crowns to wear at the village fete and we hunted for the decorated houses and bikes before the Tour de Yorkshire came through the village.

The older girls had the opportunity to join a trip to a PGL Outdoor Activity Centre where they climbed and crawled and swung their way through an adventurous weekend and we joined girls and leaders from across North Yorkshire for a day at Beamish Museum where the girls were put through their paces in the schoolroom.

A very interesting evening was spent at a local Tesco store looking behind the scenes in the bakery and handling some very slippery fish!

Throughout the year girls have worked on interest badges including Science Investigator and Healthy Heart and we have welcomed two new leaders to the unit and continue to work through their training.

Once again I thank all the leaders new and 'old' for their time and commitment to Guiding not just in our Brownie Unit but in many other roles too.

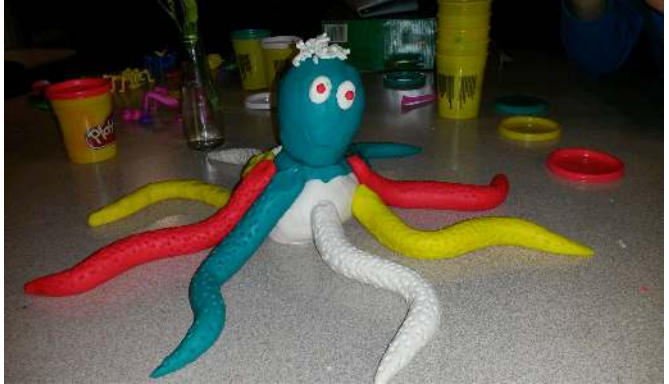


Alison Selby
Brownie Guider

Leven Division Senior Section

Senior Section have been busy again this year, we meet fortnightly with girls aged from 14 to 19.

We started the year with three meetings planned by the girls where three the groups have a budget to stick to and can plan whatever activity they chose for their meeting. We spent one interesting night with lots of Play-Doh!



A trip to Jump 360 trampolining centre was enjoyed by all and some of the girls attended a weekend of outdoor activities at a PGL centre.



The girls have been to a bootcamp session at a local gym and worked their way round the Trim Trail in Guisborough Woods.

The local Trefoil Guild have joined us this year to show the girls how to make traditional camp gadgets and sew Christmas decorations.

We spent a night at the NYNE Guide House in Esk Valley which was very relaxing for leaders as the girls did the catering and didn't need bedtime patrols as we went to bed before them!

Alison Selby
Senior Section Guider

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

In 2016 we raised £8,010.29 at our many events held throughout the year. Box opening was well supported with many boxes brought in. Helen Whitley our area fundraiser visited us and gave a talk on the society work in this area. The total money raised from the boxes was £1,993.75.

The Soup lunch was held on a lovely sunny day in March, we served around 100 portions of soup in around an hour. Well done to all that helped on the day. The Cake Bake was well supported also.

In July we tried a new venture with a demonstration by Quorn. We all tried samples and the committee provided the sweets for afters.

The Bridge Evening in September was very popular as usual and the Quiz Night was set by Mike Myers and was enjoyed by a well attended group.

We had donations from Christ Church and St Oswalds, money from Christmas card sales and matched funding on the recycled cards.



Christingle was the start of Christmas for many with a delightful service conducted by Paul our vicar. The carol singing on a windy morning was successful with the committee joined by others' for a fun hour singing carols.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us in any way this year and the many people who have helped us at our events and to all the committee for all their hard work.

Marina Charlton Chairman

Facts and Figures for 2016

	2015	2016
Baptisms	35	22
Weddings & Blessings	9	18
Funerals in Church	34	23
Funerals at Crematorium	19	21
Easter Communicants	187	177
Easter Attendance	262	260
Christmas Communicants	303	204
Christmas Attendance (Eve & Day)	598	543
Average Attendance - Adult	127	126
Average attendance - Child (term time)	27	21

Added to these figures are those from Saint Oswald's Newton under Roseberry.



Just to prove we still have Scouts, here are some leaders with a very young member ready for Church Parade. Unfortunately their contribution to the report didn't arrive.



We have been remembering all village lads who died in the services in World War One on the day of their 100th Anniversary.

2023-24			2022-23			2021-22			2020-21			2019-20		
Charity Name	Donations	Grants	Donations	Grants	Total	Donations	Grants	Total	Donations	Grants	Total	Donations	Grants	Total
Mary's Wheels	120.5	50.0	180.0	75.0	255.5	100.0	40.0	140.0	90.0	35.0	125.0	70.0	28.0	98.0
Alzheimers Society	85.0	35.0	120.0	50.0	170.0	60.0	25.0	85.0	45.0	18.0	63.0	30.0	12.0	42.0
Multiple Sclerosis Society	150.0	60.0	210.0	85.0	295.0	130.0	55.0	185.0	110.0	45.0	155.0	80.0	32.0	112.0
ICU - James Cook University Hospital	90.0	45.0	135.0	60.0	195.0	70.0	35.0	105.0	55.0	28.0	83.0	40.0	20.0	60.0
Zoe's Place	110.0	45.0	155.0	70.0	225.0	90.0	40.0	130.0	65.0	30.0	95.0	50.0	25.0	75.0
Craigarran Care Home	70.0	30.0	100.0	45.0	145.0	55.0	25.0	80.0	40.0	18.0	58.0	30.0	15.0	45.0
PSC Support Group	60.0	25.0	85.0	40.0	125.0	50.0	20.0	70.0	35.0	15.0	50.0	25.0	10.0	35.0
NE Skin Research Fund	50.0	20.0	70.0	30.0	100.0	40.0	15.0	55.0	25.0	10.0	35.0	18.0	7.0	25.0
Stroke Association	80.0	35.0	115.0	50.0	165.0	65.0	30.0	95.0	50.0	20.0	70.0	35.0	15.0	50.0
LIVERNORTH	95.0	40.0	135.0	60.0	195.0	75.0	35.0	110.0	55.0	25.0	80.0	40.0	20.0	60.0
Teesside Hospice Care Foundation	100.0	40.0	140.0	60.0	200.0	80.0	35.0	115.0	65.0	30.0	95.0	50.0	25.0	75.0
JCUH Paediatric ICU	115.0	45.0	160.0	70.0	230.0	95.0	45.0	140.0	70.0	35.0	105.0	55.0	28.0	83.0
JCUH Neo-Natal Unit	130.0	50.0	180.0	75.0	255.0	105.0	50.0	155.0	80.0	40.0	120.0	60.0	30.0	90.0
Care & Action for Tay-Sachs Foundation	140.0	55.0	195.0	80.0	275.0	115.0	55.0	170.0	90.0	45.0	135.0	70.0	35.0	105.0
Daisy Chain	160.0	65.0	225.0	90.0	315.0	130.0	65.0	195.0	110.0	55.0	165.0	80.0	40.0	120.0
Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY)	170.0	70.0	240.0	95.0	335.0	140.0	70.0	210.0	120.0	60.0	180.0	90.0	45.0	135.0
The Big Heart Charity Fund	180.0	75.0	255.0	100.0	355.0	150.0	75.0	225.0	130.0	65.0	195.0	100.0	50.0	145.0
CLIC Sargent	190.0	80.0	270.0	105.0	375.0	160.0	80.0	240.0	140.0	70.0	210.0	110.0	55.0	165.0
School Aid India	200.0	85.0	285.0	110.0	395.0	170.0	85.0	255.0	150.0	75.0	225.0	120.0	60.0	180.0
Embrace the Middle East	210.0	90.0	300.0	115.0	415.0	180.0	90.0	270.0	160.0	80.0	240.0	130.0	65.0	195.0
Open Door North East	220.0	95.0	315.0	120.0	435.0	190.0	95.0	285.0	170.0	85.0	255.0	140.0	70.0	210.0
Middlesbrough Food Bank	230.0	100.0	330.0	125.0	455.0	200.0	100.0	300.0	180.0	90.0	270.0	150.0	75.0	225.0
Together Middlesbrough & Cleveland	240.0	105.0	345.0	130.0	475.0	210.0	105.0	315.0	190.0	95.0	285.0	160.0	80.0	240.0
Royal British Legion	250.0	110.0	360.0	135.0	495.0	220.0	110.0	330.0	200.0	100.0	300.0	170.0	85.0	255.0
Yorkshire Air Ambulance	260.0	115.0	375.0	140.0	515.0	230.0	115.0	345.0	210.0	105.0	315.0	180.0	90.0	270.0
St Oswalds Newton PCC	270.0	120.0	390.0	145.0	535.0	240.0	120.0	360.0	220.0	110.0	330.0	190.0	95.0	285.0
Ellie Northey (Costa Rica Guide trip)	280.0	125.0	405.0	150.0	555.0	250.0	125.0	375.0	230.0	115.0	345.0	200.0	100.0	300.0
Colonels Fund Grenadier Guards	290.0	130.0	420.0	155.0	575.0	260.0	130.0	390.0	240.0	120.0	360.0	210.0	105.0	315.0
Leeds Donkey Sanctuary	300.0	135.0	435.0	160.0	595.0	270.0	135.0	405.0	250.0	125.0	375.0	220.0	110.0	330.0
TOTALS	631	896	1527	1955	3482	631	1788	2419	2708	10000	7877	631	10000	31371

The Parish of Great Ayton with Easby

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Wednesday 15th March 2017 at 7.30pm in the Church Hall

Meeting of Parishioners

1. Election of Churchwardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting 16th March 2016
3. Matters arising
4. Electoral Roll Report
5. Presentation of Annual Report for 2016
6. Financial Report and Presentation of Audited Accounts for year ended 31st December 2016
7. The Vicar's Comments
8. Election of Deanery Synod Representatives
9. Election of Parochial Church Council members
10. Appointment of Sidesmen and women
11. Appointment of Independent Examiners
12. Any Questions on Church matters for consideration by the PCC