

The
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Church of England in
Great Ayton with
Easby & Newton
under Roseberry
Parishes

Spire

MARCH 2022



The Children's Society Committee decide its time to retire.. Read inside of all the good things they have done over the years.



Volunteers Needed for Church Cleaning. Could you spare a 2 hours 4 times a year?

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- 1 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church.
- 2 **Wed** Ash Wednesday 10am Holy Communion
- 6 **Sun** **Lent 1** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11.15am Baptism; **I am Holy Communion at St. Oswald's.**
- 7 **Mon** 9.30am Fabric Committee: 1.30pm Lent Course at St Margaret's; 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion.
- 8 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church.
- 9 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion.
- 11 **Fri** 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors.
- 13 **Sun** **Lent 2** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion, Zoom & Facebook; 11.15 Baptism; 4.30pm Cafe Church in Church Hall.
- 14 **Mon** 1.30pm Lent Course at Christ Church
- 15 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church
- 16 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion; 7.30pm Annual Church Meeting
- 20 **Sun** **Lent 3** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion in Church, Zoom & Facebook; **I am All Age Service at St. Oswald's; 12.30pm Baptism.**
- 21 **Mon** 1.30pm Lent Course at Methodist Church; 3pm Fry Court Service.
- 22 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes
- 23 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion.
- 26 **Sat** **10am Saint Oswald's Spring Clean Day; 11.15am & 12.15am Baptisms**
- 27 **Sun** **Lent 4** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion, Zoom & Facebook; 4pm Cafe Church in Church Hall.
- 28 **Mon** Lent Course at Christ Church
- 29 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes
- 30 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion.
- April Church Springclean weekend.** Friday 1st April from 4pm - dusting down
Saturday 2nd April from 9am - Hoovering, Polishing & Cleaning

**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**

Living Christ's Story

In his Presidential Address to the online meeting of York Diocesan Synod on the 27th November, Archbishop Stephen set the scene for the major business of the morning, in which Archdeacon Sam Rushton would begin to map out a route towards the transformation emerging from the Deanery and Parish Consultations earlier this year:

"What we're sharing is not yet a highly crafted, totally thought-through plan. We are sharing where we've got to with the story so far. But we need your help. We are going to shape this together. As a Leadership Team, we think we have the broad outline of the plot so far – we know how the story starts and a pretty good idea of where it needs to end. We've begun to see who the key characters are and how they need to grow within the story.

"Now, with you, we need to work out the chapter headings and the pace of the narrative. Then we can begin to inhabit this evolving and changing story



together, which is our story, and Christ's story in this place. Some of that we will do today. Some we will do in the New Year."

He spoke of five themes becoming clear from the process so far:

- **We cannot carry on as we are.**
- **We need a compelling vision.**
- **We need to be a more generous Church.**
- **The Church is for the world.**
- **We need to see in the Diocese of York a huge growth in vocations to ministry in the church, both lay and ordained.**

Read more about Living Christ's Story, the Synod and the Archbishop's full address at www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/diocesansynod and www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/living-christs-story

A MARK OF FAITH

I started a new project this year. You may have heard about something like it before for example the #weatherscarf. Each day of the year they knit a row. The colour represents the temperature and the type of stitch could represent the weather. When complete you have a scarf which represents the whole year.



I first heard about this in 2020 and liked the idea, but I can't knit! But this year someone suggested a new idea. Why not use another medium? And so #weathercrossstitch was born!

Each coloured block represents the max temperature (in 3° increments) and the backstitch colour represents the predominant weather I experienced on that date. The days snake up the cloth starting in the bottom left hand corner. Up to 22nd Feb in the photo.



I'm really enjoying this. It's fun and relaxing to do, about my peak of creativity, and appeals to my inner nerd. It's just a pretty graph really!

But you will note that the title above is A mark of faith. That's because starting this was a big thing for me. Without going into details, I wasn't looking forward to 2022. There didn't seem much to look forward to and quite a few things to worry about. But starting this project, which could well fail (there are an awful lot of days in a year!) represents hope that this year will be worth remembering. It is a real mark of faith and trust in God that hope for a better year is possible.

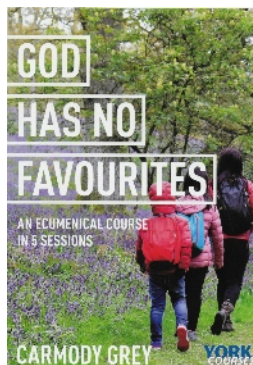
Many of us start a new year with trepidation. Which new crisis will we have to face? What new thing can go wrong this year? It is hard for us to face the future with hope and determination. But I have found this little project, which is so insignificant in the grand scheme of things, to have been really healing. Is there something which you can do which puts your mark in the sand? Your own little way of declaring to the world, or at least your little hidden corner of it, that you won't give up in despair but will put your trust in your heavenly Father, who loves

you very much. Or if you don't want to start something that lasts a year in March, how about doing something for Lent? And as you spend the time each day on your chosen activity you could pray for someone or something that has helped you today to face the future with hope and confidence.

If you do decide to do something I'd love to hear about it and celebrate with you. And if you are interested in my progress I'm happy to share it each month – it will be a reason to keep going! To keep on with my little mark of faith which says that I will trust, I will hope, I will believe that the God who has brought me this far, will walk with me each day. Whatever the weather. **Jane**

Churches Together Lent Course

In this year's Churches Together Lent Course we will be following the York Course "God has no favourites" by Carmody Grey. We will be exploring how "Every single human being, whatever age, sex, class, race or religion is in God's image. Jesus has identified himself personally with each one of us, God's love and the power of the Holy Spirit is for everyone, no caveats."



Join us on Mondays at 1:30 throughout Lent. Sessions will be led by Revd Paul Peverell, Revd Rob Weir and Revd Jane Robson.

Venues:

7th March	St. Margaret Clitherow Church
14th March	Christ Church
21st March	Great Ayton Methodist Church
28th March	Christ Church
2th April	Great Ayton Methodist Church

CHRIST CHURCH ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH 2020 at 7.30pm

Appoint our Churchwardens for 2022

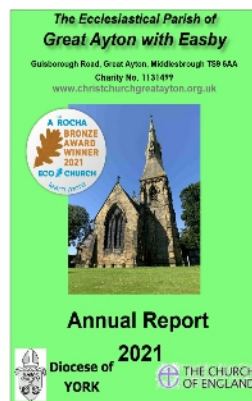
**Elect Representatives to the Church
Council**

**Adopt the Annual Report on Church Life
and Organisations**

Receive the Church Accounts for 2021

Encourage and Enthuse

**Annual Reports for 2021 is available for
download on the Church website
www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk**



Date for your Diary -

The World Day of Prayer for 2022 will be held on Friday 4th March at 10.30am at Friends Meeting House. The service this year has been prepared by England, Wales and Northern Ireland and the theme is “I know the plans I have for you”. All welcome, do come along and join with people all over the world in prayer, worship and song to observe a common day of celebration.



Charitable Giving 2021

“Money is made round to go round” said Mrs Hunter to the young vicar stood before her, “If you give it away it comes back to you.” Mrs Hunter was an OAP living in Whinney Banks when I was the new Vicar. She lived in a council bungalow, didn't have a lot, but was so generous with what she did have. Every month when I took her her Home Communion she would give me her offering envelopes, and invariably also a £10 or often a £20 note for flowers in Church. One day I protested that this was too much, and then she gave me the above lecture firmly putting me in my place. She was far nearer God's kingdom than the Vicar!

Here at Christ Church we try and make our money go round to support others with our Charitable Giving. It comes in various way.

PCC Giving we decided as a PCC some years ago to give £10,000 pa to support Anglican/ Christian Mission Agencies & Ministries, for if we don't support them, who will. Each year the PCC Members champion a cause that usually gets £1,000 each.

Special Appeals We hold special appeals for Christian Aid Week, Harvest and Christmas, and often a Disaster Appeal as well, This is added to our giving.

Life Events Collections We donate all our collections from baptisms, weddings and funerals to charities - usually chosen by the family, although at baptisms we limit to Children's Healthcare Charities. We do not need to do this, and many Churches choose to keep the collections for themselves. Well, the Church does need money too. We have found that people give more when they identify with the cause so this approach brings more money in and lots of goodwill too. Sometimes families even choose us!

In addition to all this support there are the monthly Foodbank Collections and Love in a Box. We also support the Guides and the Scouts in a more hidden way by giving the Guides free use of the Church Hall every Friday to meet. If the parents had to pay the rent then Guiding would be a far more expensive activity. Likewise we host the Scout hut on our land and also the Scout van for the princely sum of £1 per annum as a special arrangement to support them.

All this giving is only possible because people are inspired to give to us. We know there is not a bottomless pit as times are harder. As Ken said last month, our Church income has fallen considerably due to the pandemic, and Robin would also confirm that Church Hall income is down too with far less bookings. Nevertheless we try and be as supportive as we can, as we appreciate the support we receive.

Charitable Giving 2021

“The Church is always after your money! Well, isn’t every charity, as bills need to be paid and work needs to be done, but here at Christ Church we still try to give away to support others. Check out the table below to see where it goes.

Charity	£	Charity	£
Christian Aid	1840.48	Great North Air Ambulance	336
United Society (restored as USPG)	1000	Great North Children's Hospital Trust	95.39
Church Mission Society	1000	South Tees Hospital Charity ICU	545.32
Together Middlesbrough & Cleveland	1000	Leeds Hospitals Charity	32.45
Genesis Project	1000	Macmillan Cancer Support	451.41
Children's Society	1000	Dementia UK	105
ECSSSUP (South Sudan Mission)	1000	Alzheimer's Society	510
Children in Distress	207	Anthony Nolan Trust	69.32
Christians Against Poverty	500	Great Ayton Health Centre	157.9
Church Army	500	Daisy Chain	162.08
The Message Trust (Respect ME)	1000	Zoe's Place	944.64
Big Kids (Brambles Farm)	1000	Teesside Hospice Care Foundation	55.40
MIND	683.20	Herriot Hospice Homecare	273.11
Barnabas Fund (Zimbabwe)	1917.93	Alice House Hospice	63.08
Springhill Hospice	55.45	World Day of Prayer	50
Tear Fund (Afghanistan)	3900.30	Young Lives v Cancer (CLIC Sargent)	791.77
Versus Arthritis	144.00	Leo's Neonatal Charity	116.35
Coronavirus Hardship Fund)	150.00	Darlington Dogs Trust	155.40
Open Door North East	1238.28	Middlesbrough Food Bank	1750
RNLI	259	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	321.45
LIVErNORTH	310.50	Christ Church Hall	393
St John Ambulance	576.73	The Army Benevolent Fund	228
British Heart Foundation	927.95	Reach Charity Ltd	225.30
Yorkshire Cancer Research	958.38	Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team	103.78
Stroke Association	265.40	Yatton House	144.24
Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust	24.90		
		Total	30539.89

The Children's Society

Sad news – the Great Ayton committee has reluctantly decided to retire gracefully from fundraising for The Children's Society as we are all getting older! We are proud of our record over many years (since the 1950s) and can reflect on the variety of functions we have held: House to House Collections, Sandwich Lunches, Soup Lunches, Bridge Drives, Fashion Shows, Hair & Beauty, Quiz Nights, Carol Singing, Food Tasting, Treasure Hunts, Christingle Services, Sales of Christmas Cards Coffee Mornings, Knit-ins, Cake Stalls, to name but a few. We have been grateful to all the volunteers who have helped with these different events.



The funds we raised were only achieved as the result of the generosity of you, our loyal supporters.

We acknowledge the generous donations from both Great Ayton & Newton under Roseberry PCCs as part of their mission giving.

Although there will be no functions, we are proposing to maintain the House Boxes and to open them in September – so, please keep on putting in your loose change.

With grateful thanks to all the committee members over the years, who have worked so hard to make our events run smoothly.

Marina Charlton & Jancie Brown

Our thanks to the members of the Children's Society Committee for all their hard work fund raising and also for the many enjoyable occasions they have given us over the years.

Many early members of the committee were drawn in through the work of the Society with adoption and raised funds out of gratitude. That work finished many years ago, but the Society has continued working with disadvantaged children since, and we have been pleased to support this work.

To Marina, Jancie and all the team through the years a very big thank you.

We thought you might like to see some memories as a Tribute



Members of the Great Ayton Children's Society Committee being presented with 2nd Place in the Society's National Fund Raising Awards at the recent Box Opening Coffee Morning in the Parochial Hall on Wednesday 20th February 2008. Area Fund Raising Manager, Bridget Woodall, (Pictured left) who thanked the committee for their hard work in consistently raising over £7,000 a year.

Our Committee were consistently in the Top Ten Fund Raising Committees in England.

There were lots of other functions too, like the Great American Sandwich Bar & Lunches, but sadly I couldn't find any photos



LENT LUNCHEAS



Card Making, Coffee Mornings & Counting Money



Bridge Night



Flower Arranging Displays



Sponsored Knit Ins & Carol Singing



Making Christingles BIG and Small



Christingle Memories

Zuilmah Winterschladen's singing pupils would sing for us and other children read the prayers. The committee organised and ran the service.



Winter Blues

Gales in January
Blew down trees,
Roof tiles, gable ends
Brought to their knees.

Worst of all, no power to use
No cooking, heat or light,
No TV channel or radio
To listen to at night.

Neighbours helping neighbours
Friends consoling friends
Keeping all our spirits up
Until the crisis ends.

We find that in adversity
Whatever comes our way
The ethos "Love Thy Neighbour"
Is alive and well today.

Sheila Wray

Charity Auction a Hit



Many thanks to all who supported our Charity Auction of Surplus Christmas Gifts by either donating goods for auction or turning up to bid.

We raised £695.74 for Roseberry School in Darjeeling, India, that had been founded by Aytonian Helen Jones.

Helen told us that the school had been closed due to Covid, but staff had still been paid and they are hoping to re-open soon. This was the first Charity fundraiser since Lockdowns struck.



Church Lighting Going In

Work started this week to replace the old, expensive and inefficient lighting with a brand new LED system. The Firm have worked really hard and I can tell you now - it will be brighter. No chance of dropping to sleep in sermons now or hiding in dark corners. Most importantly it will be cheaper & environmentally friendly.

Marwood School Gains Ofsted Success

On Monday 8th November, Marwood Church of England Infant School got the call from OFSTED to say the Inspectors would be in the following two days. At the last Inspection around 16 years ago we achieved OUTSTANDING, but since then the criteria have changed several times making such outcomes harder to gain.

Just before Christmas we had the Official Result. Here is some of the Headteacher, Mrs Walton's, letter to parents.



We are proud to have it verified by Ofsted that despite the challenges we have faced over the past 22 months due to the COVID pandemic, thanks to the hard work, dedication and commitment of our staff and governors, children continue to receive an excellent education and personally flourish here at Marwood.

We are delighted to achieve an overarching 'Good' judgement, attaining 'Good' or better in all inspection areas.

In particular, we are exceptionally proud of being awarded an 'OUTSTANDING' judgement in Personal Development.

***'The curriculum for Personal Development is exceptional.'* Ofsted 2021**

The report acknowledges the many strengths the school has, with a specific reference to the curriculum, ***'The plans for the wider curriculum are sequenced and build on what pupils have learned. Curriculum leaders have a clear vision for their subject.'*** Ofsted 2021.

Well Done!

MARWOOD PTFA PRESENTS

Spring Dance!

FEATURING LIVE MUSIC FROM THE
FANTASTIC LOCAL BAND THE DICE
MEN!

Dance, drink and be merry!!

Adults only so bring a bottle or two and a glass, don't
forget that babysitter!

Please bring something to add to our buffet table and
possibly try something new and interesting!

MARCH 19TH 2022

7:30-11:00 PM

CHRISTCHURCH HALL

TICKETS £5 AVAILABLE FROM PTFA
MEMBERS





Cloud a Day

Jim Miller Got this sunset picture of the spire published 7th February by The Cloud Society. There are approximately 70,000 members worldwide who receive the “Cloud a Day” email.

The picture of the Spire was taken last November from his garden vantage point. Well done Jim.

Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate an arrangement for Easter in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a blessing received, please contact Marina Charlton 01642 722087 to book an arrangement. Suggested £30 donation.



Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has been our Queen for seven decades- and we have seven windows in Church. It is proposed that we make displays of memorabilia for each of the seven decades from the 50s until present.

If you have any other ideas of how we can mark this significant occasion in Church, please let us know.

From the Registers

Funerals & Memorial Services

20 January
27 January
2 February
7 February
16 February
17 February
18 February

Harry Paylor
Teddy Cumbor
Bill Johnson
Inga Walker
Mary Eaton
Joyce Hunt
David Carter



Two photos from recent funerals. The Clydesdale horse called Ted takes the late Teddy Cumbor to the cemetery after his funeral in Christ Church. *Photo by Geoff Dodds.*

The Apollo Male Voice Choir filled the chancel in another packed Church to say Farewell to their President, David Carter. *Photo by Michael Rea.*

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Diocese of York	www.dioceseofyork.org.uk
Stokesley Deanery	www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk
A Church Near You	www.acny.org.uk

Malcolm's Musings

Asked in Sunday School what the Fifth Commandment was, one boy responded: "Humour your father and mother."

An angry member of a golf club wrote to the secretary complaining: "The club dinner was frankly lousy and I fully intend to bring it up at the annual general meeting."



More school reports... English teacher: "I can write a good essay - under threat."
PE report: : As a batsman his efforts are more agricultural than useful and in the field he has the air of a disinterested spectator."

Noel Coward was listening to a famous, even notorious, actress extolling the virtues of her husband. "As soon as I first saw George I knew I wanted him to be the father of my children.," she declared. "And was he?" Noel asked.

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with a lot of pleasure"
- *American lawyer.*

A letter to a newspaper recalled that the writer's grandmother had an outside lavatory and used to tear up and hang squares of newspaper to serve as toilet paper.. With commendable sensitivity, however, she would never use a page which bore, a photograph of the king.

"The goals made such a difference to the way the game went" - *sports commentator*

Picasso was burgled and did a drawing of the robbers. The police arrested a horse and two sardines

Hymn 236 Stated Up, Stand Up
for Jesus (congregation seated) -
Church leaflet, Michigan, USA.

Malcolm Race

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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>
	4.00pm	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)
<i>Contact the Vicar for Baptisms & Weddings</i>		

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

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(For services or pastoral matters, please contact the vicar)