

#### Great Ayton & Newton under Roseberry Parishes



### A Royal Visit to the Area

## Read inside of Princess Maria's recent visit to our area with

#### The Princess and the Priest

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## **APRIL 2023**

- Palm Sunday 2 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish 2 Sun Communion; I Iam Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's; 3pm Churches Together Service at The Friends Meeting House.
- Holy Monday 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion and Cuppa; 3 Mon 7.30pm Holy Communion for Holy Week.
- 4 Holy Tuesday 7.30pm Holy Communion for Holy Week. Tues
- 5 Wed Holy Wednesday 10am Holy Communion.
- Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Commemoration of the Last Supper 6 Thurs
- Good Friday 12 noon Walk of Witness from Methodist Church 7 Fri with Prayers on High Green; 1.30pm - 3pm Good Friday Devotion; 7.30pm Angrove Singers Easter Concert.
- 8 Sat Holy Saturday 2pm Holy Baptism
- 9 Sun DAY 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am EASTER Parish Communion: I Iam Easter Communion at St Oswald's:
- 15 Sat 2pm Wedding at Christ Church.
- Easter 2 (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am 16 Sun Parish Communion; I Iam All Age Service at St Oswald's; I I.45am Annual Church Meeting; 6pm Memorial Service for the recently departed.
- 3pm Fry Court Service. 17 Mon
- 21 Fri 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors in the Upper Room.
- 22 Sat 7pm Quiz with Pie & Peas in Church Hall in aid of Church Funds.
- 23 Sun Easter 3 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 12.30pm Baptism at St Oswald's: 4.30pm Cafe Church.
- 30 Easter 4 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; Sun I I am Holy Communion at **Prayer For The Day** Saint Oswald's.

#### Regular activities on back page

Items in Magenta all take place at St Oswald's Church at Newton.

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

### **Sharing Food & Drink**

I took the funeral recently of a lady who was great at icing cakes and had done all the cakes for family birthdays, Christenings and weddings. There's something really special about sharing food together that brings us close in a shared experience. It doesn't have to be a special occasion, for coffee and cake with a friend can also help forge strong relationships.



Perhaps that's why Jesus is associated with several meals in the Gospels, from a wedding in Cana of Galilee when the new wine flowed in abundance, to feeding 5,000 people with the biggest picnic ever seen, to taking the bread and wine from the Passover ritual and giving them added meaning as his body and blood with the instruction "Do this in remembrance of me."

The early Church did this, and the sharing together of the broken bread and outpoured wine united them with Jesus giving them strength to face huge tribulations with persecution.

The Service we call Holy Communion is when we commune with the Holy, when we come together in God's presence and share food together, knowing that by doing so Jesus is in our midst.

One of the most powerful times of the year for me is on Maundy Thursday, the anniversary of the Last Supper, and at Christ Church to mark our unity as disciples we pass the bread and wine to each other as a symbol of our love and service to each other. Somehow the smaller numbers doing this seems more powerful than packed cathedral congregations queuing up to receive.

The last few years have knocked confidence with receiving Holy Communion, for initially it was stopped, but has gradually come back as before . Is it safe to receive the wine? Since I was ordained priest I have always received last when presiding at the service, as it always seems the appropriate thing to do to serve others first before yourself. You do that at a dinner party, so why not Holy Communion too? I haven't suffered any more infections as a consequence, and we have lived through scares like AIDS, SARS and Bird & Swine Flu without incident. The alcohol in fortified wine combines with precious metals to create an antiseptic effect to kill germs. (If you have a streaming cold or cold sore, for the sake of others ifeelings, its best to pass on receiving the wine) I hope this Maundy Thursday that the service together will be as moving as always as Christ's body and blood bring us closer together and to him. If you are reading this and not a Church attender, then why coffee and cake with friend not try а an think of lesus. Paul

## To the Saints of the Diocese of York

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, writes:

## Flourishing life for all

# In the midst of tumult of the world, you may well find yourself wondering 'where is hope?'

War, and the threat of war, still continues to ravage Europe and many other parts of the world. Thousands of refugees still long for a safe place to call home.

Earthquakes have demolished cities; floods have swept away villages; violent storms flatten buildings. Our TV screens and newsfeeds are flooded with images of people wandering streets surrounded by rubble; little if anything is left to remind them of the place they once called home.

The Cost of Living Crisis continues to dominate headlines – stories of people having to choose between heating and eating, children going hungry because they are missing out on free school meals, the NHS in crisis, teachers going on strike – this isn't only about money, but about quality of life and the safety of vulnerable people.

In Jesus, God promised flourishing life for all people.

So where do we, God's people, find this flourishing life?

How do we speak of the hope that there is life in fullness for all people?

We find our hope in the resurrection story, the story that doesn't end on the cross, but never goes round it. We speak of the way Jesus came to serve – washing the feet of his disciples, eating with sinners, breaking bread with his friends service that demands iustice. We speak of the empty tomb - the women running



down the road to share their amazement at what they had found – there is life after death. We speak of the encounter on the road to Emmaus – where those who loved Jesus didn't realise he was walking alongside them – Jesus is alive.

We tell these stories, and we tell our stories, because the hope of God made known in Jesus is a story that is to be continued in my life and your life, and for the sake of the world. We know that death doesn't have the final word because God is love and God is life, and that is our story.

May you all have a very Happy Easter!

+Stephen Ebor:

### World Day Of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer took place this year on Friday 3rd March at Great Ayton Methodist Church. The theme was "I have heard about your faith" composed by women of Taiwan, a country under constant threat and power struggle, constantly facing conflict from China and isolated internationally for decades. A map of Taiwan was displayed together with blue, green, yellow and white cloths and orchid flowers to represent the ocean, mountain peaks and natural resources of the country.

The service included letters of encouragement read out for women facing suffering and injustice.



Around 38 people attended a lively celebration of praise, meditation and prayer which spread all around the world from sunrise to sunset on the same dav. Active participation from members of Great Ayton churches contributed to the drama, reflection and music on the organ and guitar. Refreshments were provided in the

form of a Taiwanese honey castellated sponge cake and pineapple cake, both made from Recipes from Taiwan.

A total of £224 was given as part of the common vision to improve the lives of women and children around the world.

All are welcome to join us next year on March 1st 2024 at Christ Church, Great Ayton for a joyful, thoughtful service.

Many thanks to all involved.

#### **Angela Jaques**



## Looking Back... With Malcolm Race

When the Rev Robert Kettlewell, then Vicar of Great Ayton, wrote his book *Cleveland Village*, J. Fairfax- Blakebrough added an intriguing chapter on village lore. Here are a few extracts.



Ayton possessed a team of plough stots, young men who,

taking the place of oxen and drawing the plough in procession on Plough Monday, the first Monday after Twelfth Day, the Feast of the Epiphany, were accompanied by sword dancers and a band of musicians and collected money for the feasting which was to follow at which mark the close of the Christmas holiday.

The Low Green, too, had its Maypole, painted and crowned and hung with coloured ribbons for use in the May dances which took place beneath and around the Maypole and were part of the yearly May Day sports. The youth of the village prided themselves on athletics and skill at outdoor games... Foot races were until recent times an integral part of all Ayton weddings...

I have spoken of natives of Ayton. Until comparatively recent times those who are not born in the village were looked upon as foreigners even after many years residence and, indeed, often described as such.

This may have been at the root of the marked antagonism which once existed between those living at Thigh end o' t'toon' and those of 'flow end'. Aytonians, by the way, invariably speak of their village as 't'toon' and it may be that the spread of the parish California way caused this marked division.

Those at the low end consider themselves 'Yattoners' proper and looked upon the inhabitants beyond the High Green as interlopers. There was a similar jealousy of antipathy to Stokesleyites.

As in most villages, this strong local patriotism made not only for pride of place but also for an abiding conservatism. Any departure from custom or the well beaten track was met with strenuous opposition. I have often heard that this was the case when the old church was supplanted, some parishioners finding themselves unable to transfer their affections to the new building. Good Friday 7 April 2023 7.30pm Christ Church, Great Ayton

## **Angrove Singers, VOX and friends**

present

Fauré's Requiem, sacred works and anthems by William Byrd, Dietrich Buxtehude and John Rutter



Musical Director: Jeremy Harbottle Accompanists: Jenny Hesford & Richard Bendelow

Soloists: Rohan Hill & Richard Gooding

Admission by free ticket (donations welcome) from Gt Ayton's Discovery Centre, Thompson's Hardware or choir members.

### **Churchwardens' Report**

Since the last AGM we have continued to meet in person for worship at our regular Sunday Services in church at 8am and 9.15am with the services returning

to the normal "pre-covid" pattern. The 9.15am service continues to be transmitted by zoom and Facebook. Cafe church meets in the church hall every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4th Sunday at 4pm, led by Nick Land, Jane Robson and Steve Green. Weekday services - Holy Communion on Wednesday at 10am, and coffee lounge Communion on the first Monday at 2pm, are also well attended. Prayer for the Day (8.45am via zoom and Facebook) continues to be a blessing to people,



both from our own church and other churches near and far.

Our LED lighting project to update and improve the church lighting, and reduce our carbon footprint was completed in February, and this has been very successful in improving the lighting, as well as reducing our electricity costs. Thank you to Robinsons from Knaresborough for carrying this out effectively and with minimum disruption. All lighting in all areas of the church building is now LED. Damp is affecting the south west corner of the church and this is currently being assessed.

All the external doors were painted in the summer. In December we were offered a reduced rate to resurface the driveway as the council had some spare hot bitumen. As we were planning to do this, we jumped at this opportunity, saving several thousand pounds! We are continuing with general maintenance, and this year our quinquennial report will be carried out.

We have checked that the church silver and other items of value are kept safely.

There is a large group of people working behind the scenes week by week to enable our church to function, and we are very grateful to everybody who helps. This group includes our sidespeople, volunteer cleaners, flower arrangers, and the coffee team. New people have joined these teams, serving God and our church community. We all have a role to play in the functioning of our church - please consider prayerfully what you could contribute.

We thank God for His continued blessings, enabling us to fulfil His ministry here in Great Ayton.

#### Helen Land & Jonathan Winterschladen

## CHRIST CHURCH GREAT AYTON CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 at 7.00pm CHRIST CHURCH HALL, GREAT AYTON

PIE AND PEA SUPPER – VEGETARIAN OPTION BRING YOUR OWN DRINK

£7.50 PER TICKET MAXIMUM 8 PER TEAM TICKETS – CONTACT MARIAN ON 07971 090038

# Prince Charles on the





The Prince's visit bad begun when be arrived in the Royal Train at Ormesby Station. He first went to Marton Parish Church, where be inspected the parish registers and saw the entry of James Cook's baptism on November 3, 1728.

Great Ayton was bis next stop, then it was on to Staitbes by belicopter to unveil a plaque marking the opening of the Captain Cook Heritage Trail, before taking off again for Whitby, landing close to the Abbey and attending a service in St. Mary's clifftop church and spending some time in the town.

Everywhere be was greeted by large and entbusiastic crowds, prompting the local Press to display headlines like "He's Our Darling" and "Charles the Charmer."

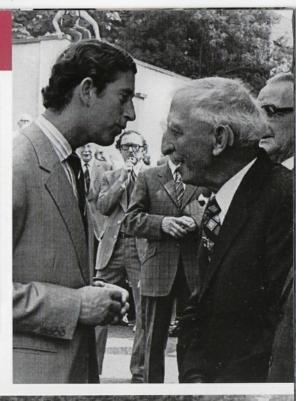
# Cook Trail

Prince Charles visited Great Ayton on June 1, 1978, during a whistle-stop tour of "Cook Country" on the 250th anniversary of the birth of the famous seaman and navigator.

He arrived by car from Marton to be greeted by rapturous crowds and welcomed by the Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, the Marquis of Normanby. He was shown round the Captain Cook Schoolroom Museum by John Reader, Chairman of the management committee, who said afterwards that the prince was relaxed and charming and asked a lot of questions about the exhibits.

The Royal visitor then went on a brief walk-about, chatting to villagers (including Arnold Martin, pictured right, father of Les Martin), before moving on to a field near the A172 from where, watched by hundreds of people, be took off in a belicopter be piloted himself.

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## **The Princess and the Priest**

It sounds like the title of a fairy story, but on Saturday  $4^{th}$  March I actually did meet a real live Princess, and furthermore, sat opposite her for lunch!

Princess Maria of Romania is the fifth and youngest daughter of the late King Michael of Romania, who was the last King before abdicating when it became a Republic. The Royal House of Romania have no formal role in the state, but use their positions for the good in promoting good causes.

Princess Maria is a Patron of the Charity *Children in Distress* and came on a visit to the UK to thank the charity and its supporters for all their work in



supporting children in Romania with HIV and other issues, as well as the annual Love in a Box Project that takes Christmas gifts to many poor children in the country.

*Children in Distress* have several Charity shops in the North East, including one on Guisborough High Street, so she visited there to thank the staff and was greeted by the Mayor of Redcar & Cleveland, Councillor Stuart Smith, as well as other visitors, including myself, before we were invited to join her for a meal.

Yours Truly was included because we had started supporting the charity when it very first began when I was just into my time as Vicar of Saint Martin's in Middlesbrough. The Iron Curtain had fallen, Ceausescu, the Communist Leader of Romania, was deposed and the country was opened up for visitors. The early visitors found a dreadful state, for the Communist Regime had insisted all children have blood transfusions, supposedly to strengthen them, but the blood came from Africa and was contaminated with HIV leading to AIDS. In the 1980's we were all terrified of AIDS and many families in Romania were so scared, they sent their children to Institutions where they were hardly cared for.

A former York clergyman, Rev'd Dr John Walmlsey, who was then in Barkingside in Essex, had taken a convoy of goods over and was horrified by the condition some of the children were living in. Through an article in the *Church Times* he appealed for others to help him do something to help them. I responded to this, and soon John was preaching in Saint Martin's telling us moving stories of the needs there. John had a great gift in passionate preaching and moved us to tears and action. The Charity when it began in 1989 was called *Romanian Children's Aid*, and the plan was to build and staff a Hospice for Children in Cernavoda. The first appeals for goods were for Disposable Nappies, Baby milk, baby powder, baby shampoo - what a lovely smell in Church! - And these were to stock the hospice.

Gwen and David Henley were much involved and travelled over when the Hospice was being built. Gwen also managed the Guisborough shop for many years.

Very soon John saw the need for the Christmas Gifts as poverty was rife, so Love in a Box was born. It soon spread into neighbouring countries of Moldova and Bulgaria, so they changed the name to Children in Distress.



Roy Wheeler, Princess Maria & the Mayor of Redcar & Cleveland.

In 1993 I came to Great Ayton and brought this charity with me. We have had *Love in a Box Appeals* most years since, and many will remember supporting *Children in Distress* on many Christmas Appeals, where we also encouraged folk to Sponsor a child - and many did.

Times have moved on and children who died with AIDS are now adults living normal lives, thanks to the new drugs available.. The Charity adapted too, with homes instead of Hospices, but also some hospitals for other conditions. The advance of anti viral drugs not only controlled the HIV/AIDS but also the fear of the families, with some children returning home.

We have continued with *Love in a Box* and have been one of the local centres of encouragement involving other Churches, Schools and even Pubs to take part. Roy Wheeler has been the driving force behind this, but now approaching 90 he is stepping down. The charity, and I suspect the Romanian children too, are hoping LIAB doesn't go with Roy!

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October we have been asked to host the National Service for *Children in Distress* and this will be the third time we have done so.

Thank you Princess Maria for being so gracious to come and express thanks on behalf of Romania for all the charity has done. We had a lovely chat over lunch where all sorts of things were discussed, but you will be relieved to know the conversation stayed around the table and won't be published in SPIRE. **Paul** 

## **Village Flowers**

25 years ago a poster was seen by the Parish Council - the poster invited applicants to apply for a grant to enhance the village environment by way of planting trees, flower bulbs and the like

The Parish Council assisted by the Great Ayton Scout Group sent in a proposal to the National Trust for Scotland who were managing the project on behalf of Theakstons Brewery at Masham. The application was successful, in fact receiving twice as much as was expected. The grant enabled the purchase of bulbs, hedging and trees to enhance the village environment.



The Cheque from Theakston's Brewery was presented to Great Ayton at the Kings Head

hotel at Masham by arguably Yorkshire's most famous cricketer- Fred Trueman.

Quotations were sought for purchasing bulbs and provision of professional contractors to supply fencing, hedging and trees.

Plans were made to identify suitable locations where the village environment could be improved. Locations included roadside verges, river banks, village greens and where appropriate- permissions sought.

The enormity of the task to hand was brought home when 22000 bulbs were delivered to Woodhouse Farm at little Ayton where a loose box had been appropriated as a temporary store- the sacks and containers reached the roof and spilled over to the next building. The Evening Gazette took a picture of Cub Scout Neal Taylor in front of the enormous heap of sacks.

It was clear that the Scout Group would not be able to plant the number of bulbs without help. The 22000 bulbs included daffodils, snowdrops and crocus. Buckets and sacks were distributed to the uniformed organisations and many willing residents in the village

Scouts , Cub Scouts, the Guiding Association, Roseberry and Marwood Schools, a North Yorkshire policeman as well as many individuals set to planting the bulbs in the areas identified.

Not all the planting was successful- the snowdrops planted ion the grass bank in front of the church did not thrive however the daffodils and crocus manifest throughout the village in spring provide a splendid display year after year.

There is no doubt now, 25 years later many individuals who perhaps as Scouts or Guides have memories of battling in the cold digging holes to pop in bulbs. The daffodils on the roadside alongside the tennis club were planted by Marwood School,. Daffodils on Easby Lane by one of the two Scout Troops whilst the display alongside Newton Road by the other, the crocus on the High Green is the result of the Cub Scouts efforts. The Chairman, .at the time, of the Parish Council, Councilor June Imeson planted the token "last of the daffodils " on Easby Lane - these are also the last bulbs to flower every year!

Not all of the flowering bulbs in the village are from the 2000s as others have undertaken further planting - the Rotary Club have made the lovely displays of crocus seen on the Low Green.

The project in the village undertaken 25 years ago was truly a community effort!

John Fletcher

## SAINT OSWALD'S CHURCH ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Sunday 16th April 2023 at 12 noon Appoint our Churchwardens for 2023

**Elect Representatives to the Church Council** 

Adopt the Annual Report on Church Life

**Receive the Church Accounts for 2022** 

**Encourage and Enthuse** 

Annual Report for 2022 will soon be available for download on the Church website www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk



A Short History of 'The Christian Motorcyclists' Association UK', (known as CMA (UK) for short) began in 1983. Initial started as a mission in the USA, we are part of CMA International, covering much of the globe.

In June 2007 the "CMA UK" in partnership with the "UK Bible Society" and "Bibles for the Nations" produced a pocket-sized Biker Bible. It was launched in June 2007 at

the Centenary Isle of Man TT, and in one day alone 393 bibles were taken. Between then and the beginning of 2020, 120,000 Biker Bibles have been requested by bikers at shows, rallies, race circuits and personal conversations etc.

So, why am I telling you all this, well because one of your members is also a member of Rodney the CMA Wildsmith. Rodney joined us around 2 years ago, he is a keen classic bike guy, who regularly rides his Velocette, to events. with CMA and the Vintage Motor Cycle Club, he Marshall's at Manx G.P on the Isle of Man and suggests many other events I don't know about. But safe to say he is a busy man.



Over the years, we, CMA have been given members who are specialists in certain areas, Rodney knows classic bikes and hence he can talk to classic bike people better than most of us, he also is an excellent photographer which gives him another string to his bow. Another advantage to having Rodney as a member, great photographs and an excellent classic bike for our displays. Rodney's bike is that good in fact it earned Rodney an award at 2022's Classic Bike Show at the Whitby Regatta.



CMA is an outreach organisation, we are not a church, we are from many denominations, working together for God's Glory. We need your help and prayers to make our ministry effective.

We don't just speak to bikers about the Lord, we speak to

anyone who wants to know and who will listen. So, next time, you see a motorcyclists ride past with a White Cross on their backs, say a prayer or better still, if they park up, go and talk to them.

We have some events near you, on the 17th June, we have a display tent at the 'Stokesley Classic Car and Bike Show, we are also raising money for the Air Ambulance with a display and Christian Worship bands and some secular groups at Whitby Bandstand on the 15th July and on August the 12th and 13th we are on the Crescent during Whitby Regatta.



#### God's Blessings to you all and have a great and God filled 2023.

#### **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 call Marina Charlton 01642 723087 to book an arrangement.



#### **From the Registers** Holy Baptism 12 March Edward Colin Willem Allison **Funerals & Memorial Services** 9 March Margaret King Helene Pennock 15 March Garry Patterson 20 March 22 March Keith Hepworth 24 March John Jones Peter Lofthouse 27 March Services in Magenta took place at Saint Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry. Taizé - gently flowing, calm & relaxing.

Calling musicians and singers.



We'll be holding some services on Sunday evenings in All Saints Church this summer using simple Taizé songs/chants.

Could you help us by playing (any instrument) or/and singing? If not, do vou know someone who could?

The services will be on the first Sunday of each month beginning on June 4th at 6 o'clock and continuing through the summer.

Don't worry if you can't make all the months, just let us know when you can.

Interested? Have a word with Andrew Blair or Geoff Jagues.

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### **Malcolm's Musings**

The Bishop was visiting a remote parish church for a confirmation service. On arrival he was met by the vicar and a young man. The latter asked to carry his bag and the Bishop said; "Thank you, you will find my kit in the boot of the car." When he was robed and arrived at the altar, he found laid out, all cleaned; his jack, two spanners, a hammer and wheel brace.



A nursery teacher was observing her class as they drew. She asked one girl who she was drawing. "I am drawing God," she replied. "But no-one knows what God looks like," said the teacher. Without a moment's hesitation the pupil responded: "They will in a minute."

School boy howler.....Name two hazards from living close to a volcano. Reply: "Molten lava and slow broadband."

Advice: If you are going to start cross-country ski-ing, start with a small country.

The little girl was paying close attention to the teacher's talk at Sunday school on the power of prayer. "And what must we do before God forgives?" The teacher asked. Replied the girl: "Sin."

A small church in the Highlands raised funds to renovate the organ. Thanking parishioners from the pulpit, the Minister said the organist had told him that due to the installation of an automatic coupler, she could now change her combinations without moving her feet.

*Irish Judge to defendants: "*You have been found not guilty by a Kilkenny jury and leave this court with no other stain on your character."

A speaker at a dinner referring to the Armed Services described the RAF as the Cinderella. The RAF speaker pointed out that Cinderella had two ugly sisters.

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	9.15am Parish Coi	am Parish Communion Live on Zoom & Facebook.		
Tuesday 9.45am Little Fishes Toddler Service (School Term time only)				
Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer - every week				
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