



Great Ayton & Newton under Roseberry Parishes



**Jane's Moving On to Kirkleatham Parish.
Read about her Farewell Service inside**

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JULY & AUGUST 2023

- 2 **Sun** **St Thomas the Apostle** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **I am Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's**; **12.30pm Baptism**; 3pm Angrove Singers Summer Concert in Christ Church; 6pm Taize Service in All Saints.
- 3 **Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion.
- 5 **Wed** 7.30pm Living Christ's Story Meeting.
- 9 **Sun** **Trinity 5** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11.15am Holy Baptisms; 4.30pm Cafe Church in Hall preceded by coffee and cake.
- 10 **Mon** 11am Wedding Blessing
- 13 **Thurs** 12 Wedding
- 14 **Fri** 9.30am Marwood School Christening in Church; 7pm Concert in Church.
- 16 **Sun** **Trinity 6** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **I am All Age Service at St Oswald's**; **3pm Licensing and Induction of Rev'd Jane Robson as Priest in Charge of Kirkleatham Parish at St Hilda's Church, Roseberry Road, Redcar.**
- 17 **Mon** 3pm Fry Court Service.
- 20 **Thurs** 10.45am Marwood Leavers' Service in Church.
- 21 **Fri** 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors
- 23 **Sun** **Trinity 7** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion.
- 29 **Sat** 1pm Wedding in Christ Church, **3.30pm Wedding in St Oswald's.**
- 30 **Sun** **Trinity 8 & Saint Oswald's Day** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **I am St Oswald's Day Service & Picnic.**

AUGUST

- 5 **Sat** 12 noon Wedding
- 6 **Sun** **Trinity 9** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **I am Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's**; 2pm Wedding; 6pm Taize Service in All Saints.

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**

- 7 **Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion
- 12 **Sat** 1pm Wedding
- 13 **Sun** **Trinity 10** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion.
- 15 **Tues** 9.30am Archdeacon's Visitation to Saint Oswald's Church.
- 20 **Sun** **Trinity 11** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service at St Oswald's; 12.30pm Holy Baptism at St Oswald's.
- 21 **Mon** 3pm Fry Court Service
- 26 **Sat** 2pm Wedding at Christ Church
- 27 **Sun** **Trinity 11** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11.30am Holy Baptism at St Oswald's.

Regular activities on back page

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

All Saints Church In July & August the Wednesday 10am Service of Holy Communion will move into All Saints Church.

Little Fishes Don't meet in school Holidays.

Cafe Church There will be no Cafe Church Services in August.

Saint Oswald's Day Service has been brought forward to 30th July.

Church Hall News

If anyone would like to join our friendly badminton groups, they will be resuming in September, all ages and abilities welcome.

Tuesday mornings 9.15 to 10.15 resuming
5th September 2023.

Thursday mornings 9.30 to 10.30 resuming
7th September 2023.



Three Years?!

Can it really be nearly three years since I joined you in Great Ayton and Newton under Roseberry? In one respect it has flown by. But I also feel that I've been with you for decades!

My curacy didn't start well. I was recovering from a blundered operation and wasn't quite up to throwing myself into life as a curate. But fortunately, the world shut down in order to give me time to recover. Well you might have thought that it was in order to prevent spread of Covid, but I'm sure it was just for me. Instead of lots of house visits, my first few months were spent with ringing people up and introducing myself, not knowing if they even knew that they had a new curate!

Most introductions were made on Zoom, something which I didn't even know existed until spring 2020, and now I use on an almost daily basis for services. Some days twice a day! Our loyal Prayer for the Day gang who join us each morning have been such a blessing. I will really miss you. I really didn't understand at the beginning what an essential part of ministry Zoom would become! But it did make learning names easier – except for those who just called themselves iPad! I think I need to insist that everyone in my new parish wear name badges for the first 6 months until I get to know them!



My deaconing service was delayed and I could only invite 6 guests. Mum couldn't be there because she had already started deteriorating. I really appreciate the support, love and understanding which all of you showed me during this difficult time and after she died. It was a real privilege to take her funeral, even if Covid restricted numbers. But it

did spawn the #weathercrossstitch project, and I know many of you enjoyed following its progress.

Priesting was a different thing all together with as many as 60 in the building! And what weather! For the rest of my life thunder and lightening will be called ordination weather!



As I said on the day, I wasn't sure

whether God was protesting, or whether I should be worried at just what sort of a ministry he was inaugurating!



Throughout my time with you I have been able to get stuck into many things. I completed the theology degree which was curtailed by my hospital stay. It is good not to have any more essays to write. As well as the usual Sunday services, weddings (especially the two-tractor wedding), baptisms and funerals (including my first burial at which a pall bearer nearly fell into the grave) it has been a pleasure to get involved

with Great Ayton Churches Together, making many friends through the Lent Groups and other activities like last year's Eco service and the prayer walk during Thy Kingdom Come.

The monthly services at Fry Court have also been fun. And thank you to the Thursday evening Lent groups. I have valued your friendship and openness and I will miss you.



It has been a real pleasure working with Geoff on Come and Praise and with Rosie at Little Fishes. And it has been good to work with Mary on Safeguarding, especially running the Safeguarding Service last November, which received several comments of how joyful it was – a phrase I never thought would go with Safeguarding! And



I've really enjoyed developing the Café Church worshipping community with Nick, and with Steve when he returned to the country. We have grown together and it is great that some of the children insist on dragging their parents to the service! May you continue to grow in discipleship and fellowship.

Thank you all for making me so welcome. I have truly enjoyed my time here. There are so many other people who have made it such a special time but I can't mention all of you. God knew that I needed to come to you for my training – and fortunately Bishop Paul listened. And I must give very special thanks to our Rev Pev for agreeing to take a curate when he was ready to start taking things a little easier. I hope that I haven't been too much trouble. You have been amazing and I will never forget all that you have done for me and shared with me. But I have kept your phone number and new address – you haven't heard the last of me!

I will take so much with me to my new parish, of Kirkleatham. But especially I will take fond memories of you all. I'm sure that at some time in the future 'I'll be back' to your beautiful villages. But do please keep in touch or come to visit if you fancy a trip to the seaside.

Jane

Digital Transformation Leader: Jonny Hedges

Jonny Hedges has been appointed as Digital Transformation Leader for the Diocese of York, to take forward the Digital Transformation work stream of 'Living Christ's Story', working alongside teams at Diocesan Office and deaneries, to lead a transformation in the way we engage with and use digital technology to deliver our vision and our strategic programmes.



Jonny will work with diocesan colleagues to ensure that we are making best use of the available technology, helping to build confidence and capability in using the most effective platforms and tools to enable smart working, and equipping them to ensure that digital communications are of the highest quality and accurately reflect the

professionalism of all that we do in support of the diocese.

He will also work with church leaders and others to ensure parishes can navigate the transition to a hybrid way of working where they can embrace the digital world as well the everyday in-person presence in our communities.

Sam Nicol, Director for Strategic Transformation, says, "The appointment of Jonny as the Digital Transformation Lead is another step in the journey of Living Christ's Story and an exciting opportunity to use digital technology to support mission and ministry across the Diocese. We are delighted to welcome him to the team."

Jonny has spent the last two years working as part of the Mustard Seed Team and prior to this, worked in North Yorkshire Police as a Response Officer and across the South East in staff roles in Anglican churches.

Jonny lives in Redcar with his family which is where he leads alongside his wife Abi, Blank Canvas, an ecumenical youth charity working to see create new stories of hope for young people working in partnership with the local church.

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Living Christ's Story; UPDATE



Deanery Plans

All the 21 deaneries that make up the Diocese of York were represented by their Lay and Area Deans when they met with the York Diocesan Leadership Team (YDLT) at Bishopthorpe Palace, home of the Archbishop of York, on the 11th May, to share evening prayer and an update on the Living Christ's Story process. This was an opportunity for people from across the Diocese to ask questions and contribute to the design of the ongoing activities associated with our Living Christ's Story vision and our Revitalised Growth Strategy for the whole diocese.

'Living Christ's Story – York Diocese's Strategic Plan 2021-2031', accepted by York Diocesan Synod in November 2022 as the strategic growth plan for the diocese, has already drawn on the deanery plans devised and submitted in the summer of 2022, setting out the case for change and some key milestones and objectives that need to be achieved by 2026, which will be an important staging post in the direction of travel to 2031.

Diocesan Director for Strategic Transformation, Sam Nicol, explained that in the last few months the deanery plans have been thoroughly interrogated to support the discussions and actions taken during the implementation planning phase. This has included the data and information that will be collected and scrutinised on a regular basis not only

to confirm a current context, but to set a benchmark against which forward progress will be monitored and shared.

Coordination of activities

YDLT has been developing a structure over the last few months, to enable implementation and oversight of Living Christ's Story through decision-making, alignment, accountability, collaboration and sequencing. A steering group and implementation coordination group have now been established.

The first implementation coordination group (ICG) will be held on 26th June 2023. The ICG is expected to ensure coordination among the various parts of the Diocese, between the Diocesan offices and parishes and deaneries. It will foster a shared commitment to agreed common aims which will develop as we work together to clarify issues, formulate strategies, and develop action plans. The Group will be responsible for ensuring an effective change management approach on which the implementation plan to deliver Living Christ's Story is set. It will allow direct and quick input from key stakeholders when designing. ICG Group will be the mechanism through which the deaneries and parishes will be advised, involved, engaged and encouraged to undertake tasks relating to the achievement of Living Christ's Story.

- If you would like to know more please contact Sam at sam.nicol@yorkdiocese.org.uk.

Looking Back with Malcolm Race

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

A cutting from the Evening Gazette of March 30, 1921^a relates a curious story of a "parish coffin" which at that time still existed at Easingwold. "Years ago," the writer explained, "when the meagre wages of agricultural labourers did not permit the luxury of a separate coffin, the parochial authorities provided one for indigent parishioners.



"When a death occurred in the village, the coffin was taken from the church, in which it is still stored, to the home of the deceased and the body placed therein until the funeral service was concluded. Then the body was tipped, sans ceremony, into the grave and the coffin replaced in the church to await the next death."

"The grisly relic is pointed out to visitors as one of the more interesting relics in Easingwold's quaint church." The cutting also records that a horse-drawn hearse was maintained by the parochial authorities in Bilsdale. "No regular driver is employed and it is by no means unusual for a person at the last extremity to nominate some old crony to guide his last earthly journey."

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

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

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

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

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

ROSEBERRY SCHOOL DARJEELING

SUPPORTED BY SCHOOL AID INDIA

Earlier this year, I was impatient to hear from Darjeeling. With the effects of Covid behind them, what was new, what were their aims for this school year?

Well, they now have over 180 pupils, with parents already making enquiries about places in 2024. Extra furniture had to be made to accommodate bigger classes sizes, and increased numbers of children highlighted the need for more toilet facilities. These matters may seem boring but we are all keen to maintain a good working environment for both pupils and teachers.

Roseberry is in its 17th year, and the pause for Covid lockdowns delayed the updating and extending of their stock of books for daily reading and for reference. So this year we have begun the systematic purchase of large numbers of new volumes focusing initially on the teaching of phonics.

For me, the most precious news relates to ex pupils and their achievements. This is the time of year when they get their Secondary School exam results, and I am delighted to tell you that all our ex pupils have passed this year. They also tell us about their hopes and dreams for the future. These stories tell of Roseberry's true achievements and I'll mention just three



This picture of ex pupils was taken in 2017

I met Barun (on the front row wearing a cap) in 2002 when he was a delightful little three year old of whom I have fond memories. Now Barun is studying at St Josephs College, a very good school in Darjeeling and preparing for his end of

school Exams, but Barun has a very special talent. He has passed Grade VIII in violin and plays for a local string group. His ambition is to join the national symphony orchestra as a violinist, learning new music and travelling the world.

Samir, just behind Barun wearing a grey top and red scarf, is studying economics but wants to be an actor.

Heena, (just visible on the back row behind Samir and wearing a yellow top), was clearly a bright, hard working girl when she was at Roseberry. I was very angry when the local government- supported secondary school St Teresa's refused her admission because she was a muslim. However, she did very well at a different school and came top of her classes. During lockdown she wrote to me about the difficulties of trying to follow 6th form science lessons on a mobile. She suffered badly from headaches. Now she has finished school and wants to become a doctor. She has applied for medical college but has covered herself by applying for a less specialist science course.

Since Roseberry School first opened I too have dreamed dreams, and the success these young people are making of their lives is both a joy and an inspiration.

Helen Jones



Christ Church & Hall in the Summer Sun. Photo by Jim Miller

The Angrove Singers Summer Concert

Christ Church Great Ayton TS9 6AA

The Angrove Singers invite you to their Summer Concert

Music from the Movies



Our programme includes favourites from The Lion King, Lord of the Rings, The Greatest Showman, Breakfast at Tiffany's, Rent and many more.

Sunday 2nd July, at 3pm, in Christ Church

With musical director Jeremy Harbottle and accompanist Jenny Hesford.

Tickets are £10 adults and £5 under 18s and students, from Thompson's Hardware, The Discovery Centre, choir members, or tel Barbara on 01642 941732, or you can pay on the door.

Please join us in Christ Church Hall after the concert for free tea, coffee and cakes.

Safeguarding Success



This spring the Diocese of York has been carrying out an audit of Safeguarding Practices in all the parishes. We have collectively worked hard to reach Level 3 in both Parishes in the Benefice, which is currently the required standard. It has involved ensuring that all DBS checks were less than three years old, training was undertaken or updated and the PCC has had to review and adopt a range of safeguarding policies.

Obviously we all have the common aim of ensuring that our Churches are safe for us all and the Diocese has prompted us to ensure that we are following best practice. Clearly this doesn't stop now and we will be continuing to implement the actions the Diocese suggests we tackle next.

A big thank you to everyone for your support!

Mary Mason



Come along and experience the peace of Taizé style worship in All Saints Church, Low Green
On Sundays 2nd July & 6th August at 6pm

JUNE 2023 Winners

£20	80 Sylvia Wadd
£20	59 Lynda Walker
£20	62 Ann Whittaker
£10	77 Katie Johnson
£10	26 Elizabeth Brown

CHURCH HALL 200 Club

If you would like to join the Church Hall 200 Club, and maybe become a lucky winner as well as helping raise funds for improvements and equipment, its only £24 a year.

Contact either Julie Bourke

juliebourke@hotmail.com

or Karen Peverell

karen.peverell@btinternet.com to subscribe.

Saint Oswald's Day Service & Picnic

We celebrate our local Patron Saint on Sunday 30th July at 11am at Saint Oswald's Church, followed by a shared picnic afterwards in the Memorial Garden behind Church. Please bring along some food & drink to share. (Finger food)

Please note the slightly earlier date for this. St Oswald's Day is actually 5th August.



The Archbishop of York came to Stokesley Parish Church on Thursday 22nd June to formally swear in all the newly appointed Churchwardens. A most inspiring service with super singing (assisted by some of our choir) and an inspirational address from the Archbishop, encouraging us to Live Christ's Story. Thanks also to Ben and the home team at Stokesley for a warm welcome.

It Depends On How You Look

Central to the Gospel message is that Jesus saw good things in other people whom society had shunned. He was constantly reaching out to foreigners, sinners, tax collectors, the sick and disabled, women and children, and anyone else that society considered of little worth. Once Jesus helped them see they were valued and loved, they were different people and grew into that image. I came across this brilliant poem that illustrates well how we see things. Read it top to bottom, and then bottom to top.

Am I Pretty Ugly

I'm very ugly
So don't try to convince me that
I'm a very beautiful person
Because at the end of the day
I hate myself in every single way
And I'm not going to lie to myself by saying
There is beauty inside of me that matters
So rest assured I will remind myself
That I am a worthless, terrible person
And nothing you say will make me believe
I still deserve love
Because no matter what
I am not good enough to be loved
And I am in no position to believe that
Beauty does exist within me
Because whenever I look in the mirror
I always think, Am I as ugly as people say?

(Now read bottom up)
by Abdullah Shoaib

Jane's Last Sunday



All good things come to an end, and so it was on Sunday 25th June when we said our Thank Yous and Goodbye to Jane after three years here as our Curate.

During her time with us Jane has preached her faith, not just by her sermons, but by her life. Always cheerful, encouraging, willing to talk to all, a caring heart and a great sense of fun. As well as the usual clerical skills a vicar needs, Jane has learnt a lot more IT skills having come as Lockdown started.



We presented her with flowers, a card (see front cover) and a generous cheque for £600 from the congregation. Karen and I passed on a family heirloom of an Alec Wright watercolour of Saint Cuthbert's Kirkleatham that he called *The Cathedral in the woods*, a church I was a server at for several years when young. It's time for the painting to have a new home with new memories.

Jane very kindly gave me a beautiful cross-stitch picture she had made, featuring our three Churches, three Labradors, and a verse from a hymn that has guided my ministry - There's a wideness in God's mercy.



We then invited the Parish staff to come forward as we prayed God's blessing on Jane as she prepares to take on a new charge and a new challenge. She goes to Kirkleatham with our prayers, and I am sure that they will love her as much as we have done here



We ended the service, at which Jane had preached, with the cutting of a cake, Prosecco and a toast to Jane.



She wasn't quite finished for on the afternoon she led worship at Cafe Church where Nick presented her with flowers as a Thank You.

Jane has also been very much an important part of Saint Oswald's Church too, and on Sunday 18th June our Treasurer, Jackie Short, presented her with a cheque for £200 from the congregation, and some flowers. We are also going to have breakfast together in the Kings Head in a couple of weeks time.

Thank you Jane, for all that you have shared with us and the memories you leave with us. May God's blessings go with you.



From the Registers

Holy Baptism

25 June	Scarlett Alexandra Brown
25 June	Lily Amelia Brown

Funerals & Memorial Services

7 June	Harry Bowes
9 June	Doreen Gibson
14 June	Mark Ellison
23 June	Maureen Newson
30 June	Wilfred Flintoft

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

We Have Arrived!

Well, we finally moved into our new home at 12 Rookwood Road, Nunthorpe TS7 0BN. We started looking for a retirement property nearby about a year ago knowing that we needed a particular property suitable for a wheelchair and had been advised to start looking early. The right place came up within two months, and we have now lived here two weeks and it feels just right. Thank you for all the welcome cards & gifts, and to our King and Queen who passed our garden in the Royal Train as we were moving in!

Please use my mobile number to call me, as we couldn't bring 722333 with us and it is now disconnected. It is 07871 854 200.

I am still working, and still the Vicar, and can get to Great Ayton far quicker than walking down the village!



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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

A parishioner returned home from holiday with a bottle of cherry brandy which he presented to the minister, knowing he was partial to it - but with a condition that he acknowledged the gift in next month's church magazine. Knowing that some of his flock were strictly teetotal, the minister duly wrote: **"The minister wishes to thank Mr Smith for his gift of fruit - and the spirit in which it was given."**



From a church bulletin "The ladies of the church have cast-off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon."

Asked by his vicar what he was going to preach about, the curate replied: "The milk of human kindness." "Condensed I hope," muttered the vicar.

Detective leading a murder hunt: "Someone may be in possession of that vital piece of information and may not be aware of it. I would like that person to come forward."

"Potluck supper, Sunday at 5pm. Prayer and medication to follow." - *church bulletin*

By a gravestone in a South Yorkshire churchyard a widow was mourning the loss of her second husband. Seeing how distressed she was, a former admirer sought to comfort her by putting his arm round her, at which she said: "Take thee *hand* away from my shoulder. If thee 'ad 'ad any guts thee'd abeen number one on yon stone."

Serendipity is going down to the library to take out a book and taking out the librarian instead.

Money is like muck - not good except it be spread around.

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>
	4.30pm	Cafe Church (2nd & 4th Sundays of month)
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 1st & 5th Sundays of the month
		All Age Service on 3rd Sunday of the month
		(No Service on 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month)
		Contact the Vicar for Baptisms & Weddings

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

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Church Hall Office

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