



Spring at Saint Oswald's

The wedding season kicks off this month. Hurray!

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JUNE

- 2 Wed 10am Holy Communion in Christ Church
- 3 Thurs 2pm Wedding at St Oswald's
- **Sun** Trinity I 9.30am Sunday Worship in Church, Zoom & Facebook: I lam All Age Service at St Oswald's; I2.15pm Holy Baptism at St Oswald's; I 3pm Christ Church Open; 5pm Holy Communion in Christ Church.
- 7 Mon 7.30pm Newton PCC Meeting on Zoom.
- 13 Sun Trinity 2 8am Holy Communion in Church; 9.30am Parish Communion at Christ Church, Zoom & Facebook; I 3pm Christ Church Open; 2pm Wedding at St Oswald's; 4pm Family Come & Praise in Church Hall.
- 16 Wed 10am Holy Communion in Christ Church
- 20 Sun Trinity 3 (Foodbank Sunday) 9.30am Sunday Worship in Church, Zoom & Facebook: I lam All Age Service at St Oswald's; 12.30pm Holy Baptism at St Oswald's; I 3pm Christ Church Open; 4pm Christian Aid Service in Christ Church & Zoom: 5pm Holy Communion in Christ Church.
- **Sun** Trinity 4 8am Holy Communion; 9.30am Parish Communion in Church, Zoom & Facebook; 11.30am Holy Baptism at Christ Church.



THANK YOU The total so far

£1,636 in via Christ Church

£985 Just Giving & Street Collection

£2,348 Total so Far – but still time to give

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All Change for June?

"June is bustin' out all over" proclaimed Rogers and Hammerstein in their wonderful musical Carousel, and after 15 months of restrictions and lockdowns we are hopeful that this will be the case, but who really knows?



This year has already been a very strange one as we are heading for Summer having hardly had a Spring. Temperatures have struggled to get into double figures making life difficult for all in hospitality who were hoping for good outdoor eating weather.

The road map out of the pandemic proclaimed that all restrictions could be lifted on 21 June, but each News seems to qualify this with possible delays, local lockdowns, variants and various measures staying in place. Like Thomas discovered, Seeing is Believing. Our wedding couples are needing guidance as to how many guests they can invite from the current 30. Funerals can now have as many mourners attending as the building will safely allow, (60 at Christ Church) but only 30 of them can go for the funeral tea sat in groups of six! Will this all change on 21st June, and can we do buffets or not? Or will funeral teas have to morph into something simpler with doggy bags to take away? It is very difficult planning anything at the moment when we still have so much uncertainty.

One area that is reasonably safe is Sunday attendance for despite being back for several months now, attendances are still just in the 20s in Church. My thanks to all the staff who are trying their best, but its not the same experience having 20+ masked people in front of you, 30+ muted people behind you, and an indeterminate number of people listening in on Facebook sometime in the day. We really could do with Ted Appleyard's loud laugh back in Church! To help strengthen the live worship we can now bring choristers and the organ from 30th May onwards in the hope this will encourage folk back again, but we still have no idea when masks and social distancing will go, and when congregational singing will return.

On July 4 at 6pm Jane will be ordained a priest by the Bishop of Whitby in Christ Church and the following Sunday I Ith July at I Iam she will preside at her first service of Holy Communion. Given that she could only invite 6 people to her Deaconing in York Minster last year, I am sure she will have friends she will want to invite this year to either service. Once we know what rules are going to be in place we will have to allocate places according to what rules may or may not be in place by then. We will Zoom and Live Stream both services.



Paul

What an inspiring series of videos!

As part of the 2021 Thy Kingdom Come season, 11 members of our village Christian Community each shared a little bit of their journey of faith in a short video clip.

Rosie Lovell began by telling us about the amazing Big Family that church is to her.



She was followed by John Dickinson with his personal journey entitled "Not Blind Faith". Then we had medic Kate Harvie exploring how the pandemic relates to her faith. Our 4th video was from 20 year old plumber Luke Edwards (wearing the yellow shirt!) with an inspiring account of God's righteousness.

All the Videos are now available to watch from the Home Page of the Church website.



Bev Turner reminded us in her moving faith story that 'God is always with us'. We then had a great impromptu interview by our video editor Raj Saha with Anne Ridley about her Catholic Faith. John Hendry's personal journey through his Uni years to date was followed by Sally Chaplain exploring "What's God like?"

This was followed by another very moving video where Shaun shares how he found hope with the help of several local Christians including members of the Hope Foundation and the Genesis project.

In our final 2 videos, Barry Adamski relates how Discovering the Bible has made a big difference to him and Ann Davies shares some of the God-incidences in her life.



All the videos were launched on the All Saints Facebook page then shared to other church pages where you can still find them.

I'm aware that not everybody uses social media yet and so we're considering having a video night on the big screen in the Coffee Lounge in the autumn. Each video is about 5 minutes long so the series will take about an hour to show – do get in touch if you would be interested in attending the viewing.

Geoff Jaques

Waves of Prayer

Waves are welcome! We have prayed in several different ways over the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come.

We began our **24 hour Wave of Prayer** in All Saints Churchyard at midday on Tuesday 18th May. Following 30 minutes of communal prayer, the baton was proverbially passed on to around 50 individuals who were each praying for half an hour in their own way and in their own place.



Some chose a musical time of prayer, others preferred silent prayer. Yet others chose prayers from the Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Journal or website. On the evening a group met in All Saints for a time of Youthful

prayer & worship. Prayers continued throughout the night – thanks to those who set their alarm clocks – finishing with communal prayer again in All Saints Churchyard from 11:30 to midday on Wednesday when Ruth Smith enhanced the prayer time as she gently sang and played her guitar.

Prayers also flowed out from our homes as church members prayed for 5 of their friends to encounter



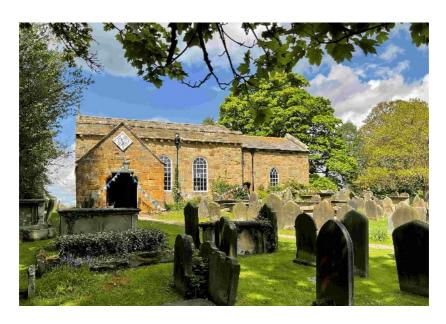
Jesus and join us in our journey of faith. These prayers were often represented by ribbons.

All Saints Churchyard was resplendent with ribbons and bunting welcoming people to take part using the Prayer Cards in the church porch.



Our Sentamu prayer gathering restarted in the sunshine in the churchyard at the beginning of the TKC21. Sentamu Prayer Time continues in All Saints throughout the summer, weekly on Thursday mornings from 9.30 – 10am. A simple pattern of prayer, which was initiated by (title now?) John Sentamu during his time as Archbishop of York. Please join us any Thursday morning 9.30 – 10am.

We welcomed Bishop Paul and Archdeacon Amanda to Prayer for the Day on Zoom and Facebook which followed the TKC21 themes.



Hearts of Love Project

You may have seen requests on Facebook for knitted hearts for the Chaplains and Palliative Care team in James Cook University Hospital. Hundreds have been left with patients whose families cannot visit, those who are seriously ill and those nearing death. Family members have been given them when they cannot visit or when their loved one is nearing the end. They have been left on the pillow of those who are unconscious or asleep when they have been visited to show that someone does care.



The hearts above are very special ones. When it was clear that my mother was nearing the end of life, the Palliative Care nurses gave them to me to show that someone cared. When I had to return home for a short time, I left one heart with her and brought one with me. I don't know if she was aware of the significance, but to me it was symbolic of leaving my love with her even though I could not be with her. We were apart but still together in spirit.

I was fortunate to be with Mum and pray with her as she died. When I left the hospital I brought both hearts home with me. I don't know how others feel at that point, but for me it symbolised the fact that I had not left Mum behind in the hospital bed. That was just her body; she was now with the Lord. The two hearts, now kept together, are a reminder that one day we will be reunited, but this time not just as mother and daughter, but more gloriously as sister's in Christ, worshipping our Lord together.

I gained great comfort from these small tokens of love. And I pray that others also are blessed with comfort in the midst of sadness and grief.

Jane Robson

Eco Awards For Christ Church



On Sunday 2nd May we welcomed Rev'd Jan Nobel, the Diocesan Green Ambassador, to our service to preach and to award Christ Church our Bronze Eco Award as well as presenting several members of the congregation their awards from what they have done at home.

The awards are there to get us to think of the impact we are having on our environment and to do something about it.



Christ Church has had a good start as we have recently renewed lights and boiler in the hall to more efficient ones. In the Church we are looking to replace our lighting system as it is very hungry in power and some of the replacement bulbs will no longer be supplied in a few years time.

The heating system came out well, as we just have it on for services. We have also been looking for good deals from green energy suppliers.



Jan then went on to Saint Oswald's Church that is also well on its way to achieving a similar award. I suspect All Saints wins hands down though, as it doesn't use any energy! Lots of things

are going on in the grounds to encourage wildlife in both flora and fauna.



An Update on RESPECT ME from Joe



Just wanted to write to you and the Christ church faithful with an update and a big thank you for your financial support and prayer for the work of RESPECT ME here in the North East. It is so appreciated!

Great news as we are back in schools as of next week delivering sessions on self esteem, bullying, pornography, relationships and sex, sexting, self abuse, (self harm, eating disorders, alcohol/drugs) love versus lust. Back in with a bang!

We are really looking forward to interacting with the youth in schools once more and getting the conversations going around these important topics. We also pray that in thought, the Holy Spirit brings understanding to young people's hearts and minds of who God actually is, and in the process beginning to dismantle lies and misunderstandings of who they've heard God to be through the deceiving whispers in our world.

Since June last year, the RESPECT ME team has produced 32 free online video resources for schools to use called "The Message Today". What a blessing to be part of this team nationally, to be able to offer these resources to schools in Covid times. Do checkout my testimony in the pornography episode www.respectme.co.uk 25 minutes in. Powerful stuff, praise God!

Some key RESPECT ME Team News. Christa Beriswill who has volunteered with Respect ME since September 2019 is now going to be a paid sessional worker, as of next week. She has good depth and understanding on the subjects we cover plus her own life stories to bring and she's great with youth. I'm really chuffed! Since January I have taken on the role of leading Advance Youth in Teesside one day a week. Advance Youth in a nutshell is about equipping and empowering young Christians to relevantly share the good news of Jesus in their spheres of influence. To live bold and unashamed in their identity as children of God. How apt, when there seems to be an ever increasing identity crisis in our world. We don't just talk about evangelism, we do it, as just doing it is the best way to learn, grow, and flex those muscles. We had our first in person gathering in April with nine youth sharing and praying with people on the streets of Stockton. We were all a bit nervous/excited, yet we were all glad to come and take steps out of our comfort zones. Roll on our next monthly gathering end of May.

Some other news from our NE message hub, is the opening of three community groceries in Ragworth, Hexham and Redcar, where for £5 membership, families can get a £3.00 shop twice a week for the would usually cost around £30 for the same goods. Hub leader Terry Young is driving these in partnership with respect local churches, with a fab team of grocery managers, assistants and volunteers doing a stellar job. What a blessing these shops are to many families. More shops set to be rolled out this year too. The work we're doing in schools with youth is only possible through your generous support and prayers. Thank you! To God be the glory. God Bless Joe Winterschladen and the rest of the North East hub team



Christine Stinson and Matt Hulbert were both sworn in as Churchwardens for Newton under Roseberry for another year. We thank them for all they do.

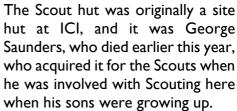
Scout Hut Re-cladding

In a settled and dry spell in April the work began to re-clad the Scout Hut, replacing the timbers with cladding and inserting much needed insulation.



Paul Thurlow took on the task and has done a great job so far. Windows have been replaced and guttering is still to be fixed, as well as doors on the storage underneath.

There will also be some work inside to equip a small meeting room.



The Scout Hut was erected on Church land behind the Church in Anniversary on site next year.

1972, so will be celebrating its 50th

Many young lads from our village, and now girls too have benefited from having a permanent and dedicated base in the village. It means that they



always have somewhere to meet. Christ Church charges a peppercorn rent of £1 a year and also gives access to free water from the Church Hall supply as a means of supporting the Scouts.

Praying with a Purpose

Do you find praying easy? If not, then maybe you belong to the majority who try our best but don't always understand the best way to go about things.

Perhaps the best illustration of pray comes in the Gospels as the four friends lower their companion who cannot walk through the roof of a house before Jesus. Prayer is just like that, laying our concerns before God, always being humble enough to listen for his answer, rather than telling him what to do. We often easily forget in prayers as to who is God and end up giving him his orders for the day. True prayer



is as much about listening as it is about talking. We need more stillness to let God's voice be heard in us.

Quite often the answer to our prayers may not be what we wanted, but as the following prayer found in the pocket of a Confederate Soldier killed in the American Civil War.

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve.

I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked God for health, that I might do greater things.

I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy.

I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men.

I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life.

I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for - but everything that I had hoped for.

Almost, despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am, among all men, most richly blessed.

Having someone else to prayer with helps, and if you can't find a friend you could join Prayer for the Day at 8.45am each day.

Personally I find a walk in the early morning in the quiet of the day to be an ideal help. The rhythm and silence help and I can lose myself. I can recommend it.

A Local Ghost Story

It's been quiet during lookdown and filling pages in Spire have become harder without the usual events happening. I was interested to receive and envelope from Grace Enderwick with old newspaper clippings in that certainly predate my mtime here. One was of this intriguing tale of Anngrove Hall by a Peter Meadows. I knew someone of that name from Redcar. Could it be the same person? Alas, Google searches have proved unsuccessful, so I couldn't ask permission to print this tale, bit hope he will forgive me. I can't even tell you the name of the paper, but Richard Holt appears as an MP in another article. Read on.

The Anngrove Hall mystery

FIRE, financial pressure, lack of heirs, the shortage of domestic staff - these were some of the reasons why country houses were demolished. If, however, the Yorkshire writer John Fairfax-Blakeborough is to be believed, the reasons for the demolition of Anngrove Hall, Stokesley, are quite extraordinary - love, murder, witchcraft and the supernatural.

I had hoped to include Anngrove Hall, home of the Waynes, in our recent book, Lost Houses of York and the North Riding, on account of its remarkable story. But it was demolished about 1832, before the invention of photography, and no drawing or painting of it has ever been found.

John Graves, the first Cleveland historian, who wrote in 1808, when Anngrove was still standing, says nothing about the hall and its estate (though he does mention other estates the Wayne family owned.) The hall stood nearer to Great Ayton than to Stokesley, off the Stanley Houses road, where the gate-piers stand at the entrance to the old Manor House, now the public library, in Stokesley. A plaque tells us they were moved there when Anngrove was demolished.

The Waynes seem to have come to Cleveland from the West Riding in the 18th century. There are some monuments in Stokesley church. Christopher Wayne, who died in 1778, was the son of Alderman Wayne of Ripon. Thomas Wayne - Christopher's son? - died in 1788.

The Waynes owned land at Seamer, Kirkby-in-Cleveland and Hutton Rudby in addition to Anngrove. Another Thomas Wayne was the owner in 1808. Was he the owner mentioned in the remarkable story told by Fairfax-Blakeborough?

No trace

John Fairfax-Blakeborough recorded "The mystery of Anngrove Hall" in his book *Great Ayton*, *Stokesley and district, past and present*, (1901). He got the story from his father, Richard Blakeborough, who was a great collector of local folk-tales.

About 1830, Fairfax-Blakeborough says, the under-coachman of Anngrove Hall, Henry Edwards, fell in love with the owner's daughter. They may have become secretly engaged.

The owner heard of this and gave Edwards notice. In the meantime he sent him to Stokesley with a box of jewellery and plate to hand to a man who would take it to London by coach.

The owner declared he must have made off with the valuables, and set off in his coach to make enquiries. He drove to Thirsk, and later offered £200 for Edwards' arrest. No trace of Edwards was found and it was supposed that he had stolen the box to further his plans to elope with the daughter.

Months later, his sister Polly, a servant at the Grange, Great Ayton, was returning from Stokesley when she was terrified by an apparition of her brother. The ghost showed her its severely fractured skull. This convinced Polly that her brother had been murdered. Soon afterwards the local miller saw the ghost, and then it was seen regularly around Anngrove Hall.

One day, when the owner of Anngrove was returning to the hall in his carriage, the horses refused to cross a bridge leading to the house. When the owner alighted, they galloped away.

Polly managed to obtain a shoe from one of the horses, a mare which had been a favourite with her brother. She took the shoe to the Broughton witch, Hannah Waugh, and had it charmed. If the murderer should look at the shoe, he would fall into a fit and so convict himself.

Polly intended to hang the shoe at the Black Swan Inn, Stokesley but in the meantime she hung it over a door at The Grange. The same evening a card party was held there and the owner of Anngrove was present. He saw the shoe and at once turned deadly pale and shook in every limb.

Pleading illness, he ordered his coach to return home. As he drove away, Polly cried out "Who murdered Edwards?" Afterwards she explained to her mistress why she had done this.

A body

Edwards' ghost haunted Anngrove day and night. The servants left and the hall was closed. The owner sold it and disappeared. The new owner soon left.

A descendant of the murderer bought the hall, and Edwards' ghost reappeared. Some time later, men who were digging for a lost ferret in the Anngrove stackyard found several buttons from a coat. Further digging revealed a body with a smashed skull.

No one could be persuaded to live in the hall after this. It fell into decay and was demolished. This apparently fulfilled a witch's prophecy:

"A'e thi daay, bud lambs'll play, An' loup on t' grund wheer Anngrove' stan's. Neea lahm (lime) s'all he'd its steeans. Neea sod S'all hap up t' deed o' thi tweea han's."

There the story ends. Perhaps it gained something in the telling before it reached Richard Blakeborough. But is there any truth in it? Is this really why Anngrove Hall was demolished? What happened to the Waynes? We may never know. Perhaps, however, there are scraps of information still to be uncovered, which will help to clear up the Anngrove Hall mystery.



The Anngrove gateposts today. Could this tale be true?

When I was a Stranger, you ...

Mark Sutcliffe from Kildale Church has written to Spire regarding a new project just started in Teesside that hopes to bring social opportunities and friendship to refugees and asylum seekers.

Local charity Investing in People & Culture (IPC) runs the project in partnership with Host Nation, which pioneered the scheme in London in 2017. The idea behind it is that befrienders sign up online and get 'matched' with a refugee or asylum seeker who lives in the region, based on their shared interests.



region, based on their shared Bini Araia (left) and Mark Sutcliffe (right) with their interests.

Friend Disono (Image: Bini Araia)

"I remember only too well the disorienting feeling of isolation, not knowing where I was or anything about the area when I arrived in Middlesbrough over 20 years ago," said Bini Araia, founder of IPC and a former asylum seeker from Eritrea.

Now the covid-19 lockdown restrictions are easing, people across the country can meet outdoors for the first time in months. This is the perfect opportunity for a befriendee and befriender to meet up weekly or fortnightly, to go for a walk, grab a coffee or take a trip to the countryside.

This new project recognises the importance of friendship to help people find their sense of belonging and place.

Teesside has one of the (proportionately) biggest populations of refugees and asylum seekers in the country, with most arriving in the region without knowing this area or anybody living here.

Mark recommends this personally having been enriched by his friendship with Bini. If you would like to know more, check out their website www.hostnation.org.uk (Details from the Gazette)

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

25 April Beatrice Judith Thompson 16 May Elsie Brenda Rose Mitchell

Christian Burial and Cremation

30 April Pat Gawthorpe
7 May Alan Wilby
17 May Peter Williamson

Entries in Black from Great Ayton

Entries in Magenta from Newton under Roseberry

CHRIST CHURCH HALL 200 CLUB

Help support our Church Hall by taking part in the 200 Club by donating £24 per year and being part of the monthly draw. Details from Julie Bourke juliebourke@hotmail.com

Winners for May 2021

£20 each 42 Claire Sheridan

36 Mike Nash

37 Jenny Nash

£10 each 18 Nora Whatmore

92 Colin Johnson

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Malcolm's Musings

Where were you born? A simple enough question and one often asked on official documents, but not everyone is able to answer easily, as recent correspondence in the Daily Telegraph illustrated.



One writer said his birth certificate showed he was born "in a hackney carriage in Hackney Road" while his mother was on her way to hospital in a taxi.

Another revealed that her mother gave birth in a cinema, with the help of an usherette, adding: "We never did discover what film she was watching at the time." One contributor recalled that his birth certificate said he was born "in Mintlyn Wood." When he asked his mother what time he was born, she replied "After closing time."

A Stokesley correspondent stated: "Once, as registrar for British forces in Cyprus, i received a birth notification from two medical facilities 70 miles apart. I found neither was correct and took delight in registering the place of birth as "A Royal Air Force helicopter 500 feet above the town of Limassol." The name of the baby was Shareg, a combination of the forenames of the pilot and crew members."

A further letter recounted: "In the Indian census of 1891, a man gave his place of birth as "A first-class carriage on the London and North Western Railway somewhere between Bletchley and Euston, the precise spot being unnoticed either by myself or the other person principally concerned."

By way of a footnote, a few years ago a North Yorkshire vicar recalled sitting in at a Mothers' Union meeting when the enrolling member reported: "Now, ladies, as you know, this is Christian Family Planning Year and we are all asked to do

something about it." The vicar observed: "No-one batted an eyelid."

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	2nd & 4th Sundays
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9.30am Morning Worship and Live on Zoom & Facebook:
 4.00pm Come & Praise (2nd Sunday of month on Zoom)
 5.00pm Holy Communion in Church - Ist & 3rd Sundays

Wednesdays 10am Holy Communion (1st & 3rd Wednesday in month)

At St Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry

Sunday 11.00am Services on 1st, 3rd Sundays of the month only Check website or Facebook Page for confirmation

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