



All is being gathered in. Our Harvest Service will be on Sunday October 9th. Have you any Harvest scenes for October Spire?



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**Now
70p**

SEPTEMBER

- 4 **Sun** **Trinity 12** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion; **I am Holy Communion**; 11.15am Baptism in All Saints: **2pm Wedding at St Oswald's**.
- 5 **Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion.
- 6 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Christ Church; **7.30pm St Oswald's PCC**
- 7 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion - back in Christ Church
- 8 **Thurs** 7.30pm Ayton Churches Together Meeting.
- 11 **Sun** **Trinity 13** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion, Zoom & Facebook; 4pm Cafe Church.
- 13 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church.
- 13 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion;
- 18 **Sun** **Trinity 14** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion in Church, Zoom & Facebook; **I am All Age Service at St Oswald's**.
- 19 **Mon** 3pm Service at Fry Court.
- 20 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church; 7.30pm Standing Committee.
- 21 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion.
- 25 **Sun** **Trinity 15** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion Zoom & Facebook; 11.15 & 12.15 Baptisms in Christ Church.
- 27 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church.
- 28 **Wed** 7.30pm PCC Meeting in the Coffee Lounge



You can support
Christ Church
with our new
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Have a go.

**Prayer For The Day Every
Weekday at 8.45am on Zoom
& Facebook Live. Same link for
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Daily Morning Worship ID: 895
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A Week of Generosity



We are in for a hard time ahead. Churches were already facing financial challenges, and then Covid and the Lockdowns came where buildings were closed for at least 3 months, and then just open with many restrictions and much anxiety. All Churches I know have reported a loss in numbers since the Lockdowns ended - as indeed Clubs and other organisations have too. They say that if you do something for 3 months then you have developed a new habit. If the devil wasn't behind Covid, then he has certainly used it!.

Thankfully people are still coming back to Church and its a joy to see them return. Sometimes if you have been missing from something for a while it can be embarrassing to come back. Please don't feel that way, for we appreciate how people feel and we were all subject to severe psychological pressure during Covid with fear as the big motivator. Now in hindsight we wonder what we were doing. I still can't believe that my poor old mum never got a 90th Birthday Party in May 2020 with her family, and instead my sister and I sat in her garden in the morning and afternoon respectively. Little did we know that parties were on in No 10 at the same time!

The Russian invasion of Ukraine and our support for Ukraine has also brought rises in fuel costs and food that will challenge many people this winter. It's scary and we wonder if we will survive? We will, but only if we pull together and maybe learn from the experience of others, particularly the older members of our Churches who have seen hard times before.

During the War years and just afterwards, most homes only had one fire downstairs and no central heating. We woke on a winter's morning and could scratch our names on the ice on the bedroom window, then we would pull our clothes into bed to warm them through before getting dressed. Amazingly we didn't ail much. On Mondays the meal was usually bubble and squeak - a fry up of what was left from Sundays, and there was no waste - unlike today - as everything was eaten. You had to clear your plate. It was a time when people looked out for each other. We saw a reassuring glimpse of neighbourliness during Lockdown, but its so easy to retreat into yourself again. Clubs, Societies and Charitable Groups thrived as people sought to help and support one another. We need to recapture that community spirit.

Good things are already happening in our Churches with our regular Foodbank collections that will be even more needed; our support for many other charities who help others; our Church visitors who keep in touch with many housebound

folk; our ministry of support and encouragement to those who come to worship that they may be Christ's eyes and ears, hands and voice to the world; our outreach through the Internet that brings many together from across the village, area and even the world. There will be more that we could and should do, but all this will only be possible with a spirit of generosity that reaches out to others.

Our Diocese is holding a Week of Generosity starting on 25th September. You can find out details here by clicking the links below or visit

<https://dioceseofyork.org.uk/generosity-stewardship/resources/diocesan-generosity-week-2022/>

Watch a short video introduction to our Generosity Week

Sign up to receive daily content to your inbox

Find out about our daily online events, and book your free places

5 ways to get involved

5 ways for your church to get involved.

Remember, how ever hard we find winter, it will be even harder in Ukraine. **Paul**



**DIOCESE OF YORK
GENEROSITY WEEK**
26TH SEPT - 3RD OCT 2021



ONLINE EVENTS

All events are one hour, free and begin at 10am

-  26th September: The Revd Dr Ian McIntosh
'Daring to Believe in an Abundant God'
-  27th September: Dr Carolyn Edwards
'Nibblings for siblings – exploring generosity in relationships'
-  28th September: Mr Phil McBride
'Generosity as a Gift'
-  29th September: The Revd Trevor Marshall
'Sacrifices on the Journey of Faith'
-  30th September: The Ven Dr Amanda Bloor
'Rich in mercy, rich in inheritance, rich in grace: giving and worship'

CONFIRMATION 2022

We have planned a Confirmation Service this year On Sunday 20th November at 4pm in Christ Church. There will be an adult group and a young peoples group (Y6 and above). Please contact either Paul or Jane if you are interested in exploring more about your faith and making this commitment. Meetings will be arranged once we know who and when they can make it.



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

HOUSE BOX OPENING 2022

We have decided that we will run this event for the last time this Autumn and will follow last year's format. The committee will contact you and collect the boxes from you during October and will count and deposit the monies thereafter. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find a bank willing to take all the loose change, etc., and this is the main reason for closing the scheme.



The Children's Society really appreciates all our donations and is hoping that some or many of us will do Direct Debits in lieu of boxes – we will have forms for this.

You have all been STARS with your support over the years, so please keep giving!

Jancie Brown, Jean Mitchell & Marina Charlton

Charity Car Wash A Great Success

The Staff of Rea Funeral Services held a Charity Car wash at their Stokesley Branch on Saturday 6th August, together with a Coffee



Morning and raffle, with lots of prizes kindly donated by local businesses.

They are delighted to report that £921 was raised to share between Marie Curie Cancer Care and The Firefighters Fund.

Well Done!

Threads of Gold

On January 2nd I decided to create a #weathercrossstitch. I won't go into the reasons again; you can read the past issues of Spire to find them. But one of the things that I did was to plan all the possible temperatures and weathers that I expected in the coming months. I spent long and hard deciding how low below freezing it might get (it hasn't). Then as an afterthought I added in a colour for if it got to 31°C. I must admit I didn't expect to use it. So I was amazed when it got above 33°C and I needed to find another colour! And a back stitch thread which designated heatwave! I wonder if you can see the gold thread which I have used for 5 of the days here?



Most of us have plans for our life. Sometimes sensible ones and sometimes silly ones. But we know what we want to achieve in the next hour, day, week, year... whatever the time period. Sometimes these are things we want to do for God. We have felt his call on our life to move on in our walk with him. We have responded to the call to grow deeper in our obedience and discipleship and so we are going to change the way we live.

Perhaps you have decided that you need to pray more. Or you are going to read your bible. Or perhaps you are going to help out in church. Or you feel the need to volunteer in the village or help your neighbour with their shopping. And so you set aside time to do these good things.



The problem is that we get interrupted. God sees that we are listening to him and that pleases him. He sees that we are wanting to serve him and share his love with others. And so he sends people who need us our way! And so we find that we can't do what we originally planned and get frustrated because we have been interrupted from doing what we thought was God's work! But of course the interruption is God's work, golden threads among the ordinary ones!

I went back to my collection of threads and changed my plans based on the new scenario. Similarly, the best response to our 'interruptions' is to say OK, I can't do what I planned, so I'll make the most of where I find myself and continue from here. Just because I'd predicted the possible temperatures, I couldn't control them, and so needed to adapt. In the same way, we shouldn't try to limit how we serve God when we know that he really does know best what work he has for us.

So as we face the coming months, it is good to make plans. But it is even better to remain flexible. And see how God weaves threads of gold into our lives.

Coffee Lounge Communion

Are you finding it hard getting up on Sunday mornings but would still like to come to a service of Holy Communion with others later in the day? Then Coffee Lounge Communion could be for you.

It's on the first Monday of each month at 2pm in the Coffee Lounge. A simple service of Holy Communion & hymns with a short talk is followed by coffee or tea with biscuits or scones.

Come along and join us



Some of the gang at the jubilee party

Marwood School to get a new “Chair”

After 27 years in post as Chairman of Governors of Marwood School, I have decided not to stand again this October, (It's an annual appointment) and let someone else enjoy the great privilege of such a role at Marwood School.

I came into the role by chance early on in my time here. In the Autumn term of 1994 the Headteacher retired due to ill health with a condition that proved terminal. The following term the Chair of Governors also had to step down due to health reasons, and as I was already the Vice Chairman I took over the role at the first meeting of the summer term 1995 and have had it since.



I am now working with my 4th Headteacher, and I must say that Marwood School and Great Ayton have been most fortunate with the calibre of people who have filled this role, as well as the excellent teaching and support staff through the years. I started off as a young parent and one of the youngest Governors. I am now the oldest and the only one left of my generation. I started as a school Governor at Whinney Banks School in my first year at St Martin's, so have been one for 37 years - so far!

At the Y2 Leavers' Service Mrs Walton very kindly presented me with three lovely cards from the children, a Marwood mug, a bottle of wine and a very special and unique pair of Marwood cufflinks. Whilst giving up being Chairman, I remain a Governor by virtue of being the Vicar and will also continue leading worship every Friday. *Pictured here is one of the lovely cards, the Leavers Mug and the cufflinks.* A new Chairman/Woman will be appointed at the October meeting. **Paul**



Now and Then with Jim Knights

We were sorry to hear of Jim Knights passing. Jim was such a familiar figure down the High Street. When I arrived he would be pushing his wife Judy in her wheelchair. When she died, he found great support from the village community and particularly in No 5 cafe & Stamps where he would meet and chat with many friends. Latterly he could be seen driving his new buggy down the village



When the Herald & Post was stopped ? Years ago, it looked like Great Ayton would miss out on its deliveries of Now & Then, a much enjoyed local magazine published by Quoin Publishing, who also print Spire. When Jim heard this he straightaway offered to take over, and for the next few issues he delivered the whole of the village himself - but this was too big a job for one person.

We put an appeal out through Church and Spire to to see if there was anyone who would be willing to help Jim, and lots of folk rallied round, enabling Aytonians to still enjoy that popular little magazine full of interesting articles.

Hearing that Jim had died, the Discovery Centre has volunteered into stepping into Jim's role of sorting the copies ready for delivery and being a collection point. Being central in the village will be most helpful, and Jim would be delighted to know that his work is being carried on.

Thank you Jim, for your generosity and community spirit for being willing to help in this way; and thank you also to all the volunteer deliverers who supported Jim, and to the Great Ayton Discovery Centre who have now picked up the baton. This is what village life is all about.



Going for coffee?

Saint Oswald's Day



We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day as we celebrated Saint Oswald, our Patron Saint at a special service followed by a picnic over at Newton under Roseberry.

It was heartening to see 40 adults and 6 children present in Church for the service, and afterwards we all gathered in the Memorial Garden for a shared picnic.

We had a lovely mix of people from the regular congregation and with wedding couples, villagers and some visitors too.



Thanks to all who made it possible by setting up and clearing away in record time, and to all who brought a lovely selection of food and drink to share. It was good to get back to doing such events after the last two years when restrictions prevented us.

Oswald, the 9th Century King of Northumberland, is celebrated on 5 August, so we choose the nearest Sunday to remember him.



Jubilee Tree Planting at Christ Church

In acknowledgment of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year, three flowering cherry trees have been planted on the grass in front of the Church Hall. This leaves the main grassed area in front of Christ Church free for the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Display.



Great Ayton Cubs kindly dug the three holes, supervised by Ben Lambert.

Robin Harmar had sourced the three trees.

The Trees were planted by Rosie Lovell, (top) who runs Little Fishes Toddler Group in Church on Tuesday mornings.



Helen Land (middle) planted the second tree as one of our Churchwardens.

David Fox (bottom - but I bet you guessed that.) planted the third tree. David was our Safeguarding Officer until recently and is also a Foundation Governor of Marwood C of E Infant School.



Many thanks to all who took part, and to those who have helped water the trees in the heat wave that followed.

Photos by Rev Pev

Just One Thing

On 17th July we held our annual Eco Church service in the beautiful setting of All Saints Churchyard. As last year, rain threatened but God blessed us with dry weather and just enough cloud cover for us not to be too hot! We were delighted that friends from both St. Margaret's and the Methodist Church joined Christ Church in worship. And we even had some people join us who were just enjoying the churchyard.



After enjoying fellowship and refreshments (with compulsory cake!) we considered 'Just One Thing' that we could individually



do to care for God's creation better. The intercessions were led powerfully by four of our young children and Little Fishes provided pictures of animals to show us what they wanted us grownups to look after. We prayed a prayer of commitment to doing our part to look after God's creation.

Just one thing

What one thing will you do to make a difference?

- Buy locally produced food to reduce food miles
- Leave a wild border in your garden to encourage biodiversity
- Change to LED lights
- Something else....?

Helen, David and Geoff, members of Christ Church Eco Group told us about changes that they had made to give us some ideas of what we could do. We were encouraged to consider driving more carefully to save fuel; to use peat free compost to conserve peat bogs, a highly effective carbon sink; and to leave a part of our lawn uncut to provide a great habitat for wildlife. Everyone went home with some more suggestions of Just One Thing that we can do. And a Cheeky Panda bamboo toilet roll to remind us of what we had promised!

Jane

Feeding Britain

Professor Tim Lang, the UK's leading expert on food policy, says we already faced a challenge unmatched since the war. And things just got worse...



The internationally renowned professor of food policy at London's City University has been a consultant to the World Health Organization, special adviser to four House of Commons select committee inquiries and a food policy adviser to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

So when he says in his book, *Feeding Britain*, that, "although not officially at war, the UK is, de facto, facing a wartime scale of food challenge", it's worth paying attention. We are, he says, in serious trouble.

Join us for the York Diocese zoom "Feeding Britain" at 9:30 am on Saturday October 8th to hear what the Professor has to say about food security, food production, environment and climate change, food justice, food trade, healthy eating, and geopolitical issues.

Following Prof Tim's Keynote speech, we'll hear from Archbishop Stephen, have an opportunity for discussion and ask questions. The session will close with a meditation led by Mark Betson, National Rural Officer for the Church of England

Use the link below to register and join us for an exciting morning!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/feeding-britain-tickets-383846915457>

See you there!

Geoff

All Saints Summer Concert



In July we welcomed Jonathan Parkin, a most accomplished classical guitarist, to a concert in the wonderful setting of All Saints Church. A full Church saw the evening start with Lizzie Fox reading one of her moving poems before Jonathan started playing. The silence and atmosphere in All Saints certainly lent itself to the evening.

At the end of the concert people moved outside for refreshments on a lovely summer evening having thoroughly enjoyed their evening.

Our thanks to all who made it possible, amongst them Frank Harrison for booking Jonathan, Robin & Kath Hazell for preparing All Saints Church, and Ken Taylor who organised the refreshments.

We are pleased to report that as well as a very enjoyable evening, over £700 was raised for the upkeep of All Saints Church, our Grade I Listed Church.



Running for Ronnie



Katie Johnson and husband Thomas, along with a group of close friends are running this year's Middlesbrough 10k in memory of Katie's beautiful baby boy Ronnie, to raise funds for the Neonatal Unit and Maternity Bereavement Fund at James Cook NHS Hospital.

Below Katie shares her story with us:

"Ronnie was born on the 16th June 2022, 7lbs of perfection. He was cared for on the Neonatal unit at James Cook University Hospital, which now holds a special place in our hearts.

Ronnie came into this world at 9.33pm, to us he was perfect. The overwhelming sense of love and instinct to protect our little boy was instant.

The next stages of Ronnie's life happened so fast, in a blur of both delirium and fear. Ronnie was born, he was alive, he was loved, but it started to become clear that he could not stay.

Through Ronnie we are learning courage; the power to go on when we don't feel we have the strength. Whilst Ronnie is laid to rest, we work together to move forward, but we will never move on. Ronnie Nichols, more than a memory. Our little boy.

We hope to use Ronnie's name and our experience to help others affected by similar situations. Charitable funding helped us on our journey, and we hope that our efforts can return the support to others.

The funds raised will be shared between the Neonatal Unit and Maternity Bereavement Services at James Cook University Hospital.

Whether this is to contribute to the funding of medical equipment, to provide comforts for families visiting the unit, or for memory making and keepsakes to take home, every factor matters in such heartrending occasions".

If you would like to support Katie in her fundraising, please visit the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundr.../Raisingrememberingronnie>

GALLERY



Harriet Robinson & Paul Marwood married 2 July.



Darren Walker & Kim West married 15 July.



Matthew Nichols & Kate Lowcock married 22 July.



What other possible way for a farmer and his bride to arrive at Church but by Tractors. The groomsmen's duties included cleaning these beauties for the day.



Angus Dewar & Jo Torlinska married on 23 July. Jane learnt some Polish for the day.



Sean Hunter & Rebecca Jemmeson married on 26 July. Diamonds may be a girl's best friend, but a man's best friend is his dog.



Sophia Appleton & Liam McIvor married on 30 July.



Brigid Knowles & Callum Holliday married on 6 August.



A Thanksgiving for the birth of Emma Neesham-Howe



A Very Different Funeral

At Christ Church we always try to make our services special to all concerned and listen to the requests of the families.

At the recent funeral of Jerome Connelly we welcomed the Wetherby Rudby Club first team, whom son Adrian plays for. As well as singing in Church they also provided a guard of honour on entry as Jerome's six brother carried him in, and then carried him out at the end of the service.

Son Adrian spoke of his dad's love of nature and how he always felt close to his Father whenever he saw a barn owl. As he mentioned it, he moved to the side of the coffin and a barn owl flew to him, staying until he had finished speaking and then returning to the back of Church.

Jerome would have loved these touches, having both a lifelong love for theatre and also being married to Margaret Connelly, the Principal of the Bradley School of Dance. A great send off for a great character.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism & Thanksgiving Services

10 July	Zachary George Wilson
10 July	Norah Ellen Lee
15 July	Esme Summer Walker
16 July	Emeli Margaret Cooke
17 July	Howard John Tilley
18 July	Emma Mavis Neesham-Howe
31 July	Joshua Thomas Gibson
31 July	Finley James Gibson
6 August	Oliver David Pacitto
14 August	Oscar Thomas Ayre
14 August	Olive Ivy Ayre

Weddings & Blessings

2 July	Paul Marwood & Harriet Robinson
15 July	Darren Walker & Kim West
22 July	Matthew Nichols & Kate Lowcock
23 July	Ferfus Dewar & Jo Torlinska
26 July	Sean Hunter & Rebecca Jemmeson
30 July	Liam McIvor & Sophia Appleton
3 August	Jim Moore & Rosie Harmar
6 August	Callum Holliday & Brigid Knowles

Funerals & Memorial Services

1 July	Joan Leckonby
9 July	Jerome Connelly
11 July	John Upton
12 July	Alan Chipchase
18 July	Tom Davies
17 August	Rachel Hart
19 August	Betty Jones
20 August	Cath Small
26 August	Jim Knights

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

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A Church Near You

www.acny.org.uk

Malcolm's Musings

An MP, explaining the “brain drain” said: “It’s very simple. The Chancellor applies the screw and they are not nuts, so they bolt..”

The chairman at a dinner introduced the speaker as “a pillar of the church and a column in the News of the World.”

A Welsh Rugby Union club team travelled to London to play the Barbarians, but found themselves a man short. A host official offered to lend them one of their reserves. “Oh no, boyo,” was the response. We don’t intend to be a man down for long.”

A politician who accompanied Margaret Thatcher on a rather turbulent visit to Wales in 1984 recalled that a very early start deprived him of breakfast, the post-speech reception (with eats) was cancelled for security reasons, and on the way back to the airport eggs were thrown at the car. “They landed on the car where they fried and sizzled,” he said, it being a very hot day. “I had to be forcibly held back from scraping the eggs off and eating them.”

The daughter came home from school having had a lesson on sex. “Mummy, she queried, “Do you and daddy have sexual relations?” “Well yes, darling!” Mum replied. “Then why haven’t I met them?”

The after-dinner speaker had droned on and on and a tipsy diner was becoming increasingly disruptive., till a neighbour asked a waiter to bring him a black coffee. “And while you are at it, bring some toast and marmalade,” added the culprit in a loud voice.

Two masked raiders who held a gun to a Birmingham newsagent’s head fled empty handed when he told them he was too busy to be robbed.

The former headmistress of a London school which had a number of Korean pupils wrote that she was very pleased with the reception to her welcoming talk to parents. Then she found out that the interpreter translated her last sentence as “she has finished. All stand and clap enthusiastically.”

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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