

Spire

SEPTEMBER 2023

Great Ayton & Newton under Roseberry Parishes

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The fields of Manor Farm where all is being gathered in. Our Harvest Service will be on Sunday October 8th. Have you any Harvest scenes for October Spire?



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- 1 **Fri** 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors in Upper Room.
- 3 **Sun** **Trinity 13** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's; 3pm Deanery Environmental Service in All Saints Churchyard; 6pm Taize Service in All Saints.
- 4 **Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion.
- 5 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church.
- 6 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion - back in Christ Church: 3pm Funeral of Pauline Turnbull in Church.
- 7 **Thurs** 7pm Newton PCC Meeting.
- 10 **Sun** **Trinity 14** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 4.30pm Cafe Church in Hall preceded by coffee and cake.
- 12 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church.
- 13 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion in Christ Church.
- 14 **Thurs** 7.30pm Ayton Churches Together at the Friends Meeting House.
- 16 **Sat** 11am Wedding Blessing in Church: 5.30pm Paul's Installation as a Canon in York Minster at 5.30pm.
- 17 **Sun** **Trinity 15** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service at St Oswald's.
- 18 **Mon** 3pm Fry Court Service.
- 19 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church.
- 20 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion in Christ Church; 7.30pm PCC Meeting
- 23 **Sat** 10.30am Celebration of Lay Ministry Service at York Minster.
- 24 **Sun** **Trinity 16** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11.15am Holy Baptism.
- 26 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church.
- 29 **Fri** 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors.

Regular activities on back page
Items in Magenta all take place at
St Oswald's Church at Newton.

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**

It's Not All Bad



I confess that I didn't watch the Women's World Cup, for having been so bad at team sports at school, they have never turned me on. Nevertheless I always wish our National teams well. There was no escaping hearing about them, though. One commentator said "England's Lionesses looked blond, blue eyed and lacked diversity." There's always seems to be some criticism these days that we are a racist country. It was just last year at the Coronation we had the criticism that the balcony scene was "too white!" In the press the week I write, an advert for London featuring a white family of mum, dad, boy and girl has been criticised as "not being representative of London."

Well, a quick Google search reveals that the same criticisms could be applied to many other football teams, (I can't feature photos due to copyright), and I wonder how many white people are in the Saudi Royal Family? Yes, London has become more diverse in recent years, but Dickens London was predominately white, and in my childhood London featured cockneys, Pearly Kings and Queens appeared on Blue Peter, and we celebrated its Christian Heritage as we sang Oranges and Lemons, says the bells of Saint Clements. We can't help having a past that was predominately white, that's the way it was for us, and many other countries experience the same.

What we have been over the years is a nation of welcome, equality and diversity and have given home to many people from far less tolerant lands than ours who have found a home here. Just check out the wide variety of supermarkets and restaurants that cater for many cultures in our towns and cities.

Yes, we have a past, and like all countries it's a mix of good and bad, but on balance this country has done lots of good throughout the world and when we have become aware of the bad we have tried to do something about it. Slavery is an example. It started in the ancient world in the Middle East when we were still running around in wode and has happened with most cultures who have become dominant, Yes, we did have an involvement in slavery for a time, but as the evils of this trade became apparent we not only gave a lead by stopping our involvement in the slave trade, but used our Royal Navy

over several years to put an end to the worldwide trade for everyone else. This came at a great cost to our nation. Some African leaders were also complicit in the trade, rounding people up for the Europeans. The Islamic slave trade was larger than all the European nations put together, but as the men were usually castrated there were few descendants left to complain. If you want to learn more, go to YouTube and search for the black historian Thomas Sowell, who gives some illuminating talks.

We live in a tolerant, open and welcoming society than ever before. People of different races feature in all aspects of our society, and our Parliament is very diverse. Our sports teams and athletes are not monochrome but reflect a diversity of people who have got there because they are good and have talent. As for our Health Service, it couldn't function without the skills and dedication of many people of other races who have made their home here. Our Parish may be fairly monochrome, but check out St Oswald's Facebook page from Grove Hill and see all the folk enjoying their holiday at Wydale together - everyone of them colourblind.

Have a good month and celebrate the diversity all around you.

Paul

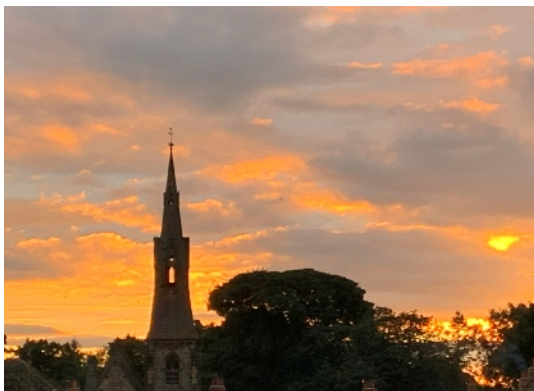
If I go as a Hindu, I will meet a Muslim or a Christian.

If I go as a Socialist, I will meet a Capitalist.

If I go as a brown man, I will meet a black man or a white man.

But if I go as a human being, I will meet only human beings.

Satish Kumar



RPA to ALM

Since 2005 Rosemary has been co-ordinating our Church Visitors Group, who keep in regular touch with many folk who can no longer get to Church. In addition, they support the monthly Coffee Lounge Communion on the 1st Monday of the month at 2pm in the Church Hall for all those who find 9.15am a shade too early. They deliver First anniversary cards to the bereaved and Welcome Packs to folk just moved in, and pre Covid organised the much enjoyed Praise & Party with afternoon Tea.



In 2015 Rosemary's role was formalised as a Recognised Parish Assistant (RPA) after 6 months of training, and is pictured here receiving her certificate. She then took on the additional responsibilities of visiting the bereaved with a letter after the funeral and continues to help with the bi-annual Memorial Services. She also takes Holy Communion to the housebound.

On September 23 at 10.30am in York Minster, Rosemary is to be Licensed by the Archbishop as an Authorised Lay Minister (ALM) in a Celebration of Lay Ministry in the Minster. Readers and other Lay Ministers will also be present.

We thank Rosemary for all the years service she has given, and above all for her faith, care and discretion in all that she does.



Our thanks too, to all the Church Visitors who give a welcome friendly face to the housebound and who kept in contact with many during the Lockdowns.

A Big Surprise

It was a big surprise to receive a letter from the Archbishop of York on Holy Saturday (the day before Easter) inviting me to join the College of Canons of York Diocese. Some very kind words were said about my ministry here in these Parishes, and this is a way of acknowledging contributions to the life of the Diocese by bringing Parishes into the centre, and then they can bring the message back to the Parishes. The College of Canons are also responsible for the Minster, but in reality the Dean and the Residentiary Canons do this work, and the wider body act like the people attending the APCM in Parishes. It's a way of accountability.



Clergy are installed into certain stalls in the Minster, that represent ancient Parishes that used to provide a living for them. At one time they were expected to help with the day to day worship in the Minster, but if they couldn't get there to do that, as they still had to work in their own Parishes, then they appointed Vicar Chorals to do the job for them of singing the offices each day. I am to be made Canon and Prebend of Husthwaite, an ancient village just off the A19.



Being installed as Canon of Ho in 2005. Ho Diocese was 20 years old in August.

I thought and prayed hard about this over Easter weekend, as my full time ministry is approaching the last lap and I have had the title "Canon" since 2005 when I was made a Canon of Ho Diocese in Ghana. I used that for a while, as that was a gift to express appreciation for helping in the formation of the Diocese, but reverted to "Rev Pev" which remains my favourite handle. I decided to graciously accept, for to my knowledge Great Ayton and Newton under Roseberry haven't had a vicar be Canon of York before, so it is good recognition for the Parishes here and

also flies the flag for Stokesley Deanery following the retirement of Rev'd Canon John Ford from Yarm Parish in 2020.

I am to be installed as Canon, together with nine others, on **Saturday 16 September at the 5.30pm** Service of Evensong, which is open to the Public. This will be followed by a drinks reception. If you would like to come, it would be lovely to see some familiar faces. Just let me know, and I will advise the Minster of numbers.

Paul

CONFIRMATION 2023

I am looking to get another Confirmation in this year as we have several adults who may be interested. The Provisional date we have is Sunday morning on 19th November, followed by a Faith Lunch (Very similar to what we normally do, but earlier in the day!)

We would use the Alpha videos as a base, as these proved both successful and enjoyable for the youngsters and one adult last year.

If you are interested, please contact Paul - revpev@btinternet.com is best.



Confirmation gives an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about our faith as well as building stronger relationships with each other.

National Annual Service of Thanksgiving



***Giving Thanks for 34 Years of Service
To the Children of Romania***

Saturday 14th October 2023

At 2.15pm

Christ Church

We are delighted to once again host this National Service of Thanksgiving for Children in Distress. In the Service we will hear personally from

Simon Errington CEO,

Valentina Zaharia Smith CEO Romania

Anne Marie Martin, Chair of the Trustees

And with a recorded Message from **HRH Princess Maria of Romania**

Followed by Refreshments

LOVE IN A BOX SERVICE

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Sunday 15th October
at 4.30pm
In Christ Church

Leaflets available in Church

Help bring joy to some of Europe's poorest children

How is it that people all manage to die
exactly a hundred years before their Centenary?

Caring for God's Creation.

Two great opportunities on the afternoon of Sunday September 3rd

First an **Environment Walk** along the River Leven from Stokesley to Great Ayton with Environment Guide John Stinson from St Oswald's, Newton. Assemble at Stokesley Parish Church at 2 o'clock arrive at All Saints, Great Ayton by 3:30

Followed by an **Open Air Environment Service** in All Saints churchyard on Sunday September 3rd at 4 o'clock, welcome by Area Dean Tessa, music & singing led by Spirit of Harmony from Stokesley, Eco Church Message from the Archdeacon of Cleveland. Cake & drinks from 3:30

These linked events are to mark the beginning of the Season of Creation which the Church of England celebrates each year from September 1st to the Feast Day of St Francis on October 4th.

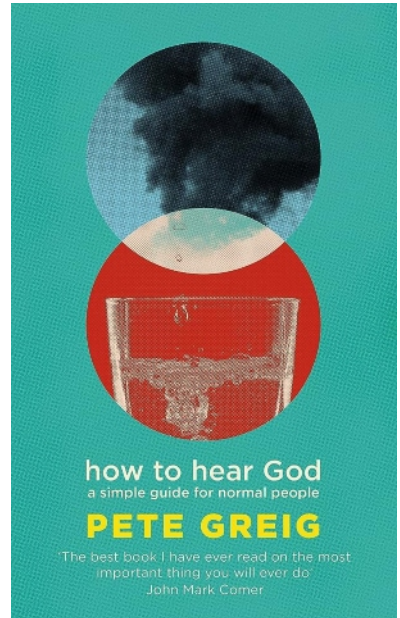


How to Hear God

Could anything possibly matter more than learning to discern the authentic voice of God?

When life falls apart and we need God's comfort; in moments of cultural turmoil when we need his clarity; facing formidable decisions when we need his guidance; desiring a deeper faith when we need God to say something, anything, to turn the monologue we call prayer into a genuine conversation.

Bestselling author Pete Greig is back to bring wisdom and guidance to one of the most pressing and perplexing aspects of universal Christian experience—*How to Hear God*. Exploring the story of Christ's playful, poignant conversation on the road to Emmaus, Pete draws deeply from the insights of a wide range of Christian traditions.



We will have 2 groups meeting to explore this topic with the help of Pete's book and a series of videos produced by The Big Church Read. The Wednesday group will meet in the Coffee Lounge at 3 o'clock beginning on October 4th and the Thursday group will meet in Great Ayton Discovery Centre at 7 o'clock beginning on October 5th.

If you would like to join either group please contact Jon or Geoff. They have copies of the book at the discounted price of £10.99. If you prefer you can get your own Kindle or audio version.

If you would like to explore the topic but can't make either Wednesday afternoon or Thursday evening please let us know as it may be possible to establish a third group.

Geoff Jaques & Jon Dean

Looking Back with Malcolm Race



Did you know that during the first World War the village played host to numbers of Belgian refugees?

The parish magazine for May 1919 carries a report of "Great Ayton Belgians' Hospitality Committee," whose chairman was Sir John Fry, treasurer Mr J.F. Whitwell and secretary Mr F. Rivers Arundel.

"The committee were able to arrange for all the Belgians under their care to leave Ayton for repatriation on March 21," the report says. "During the 4 1/4 years they have been with us over £300 has been raised and expended (of which £230 was contributed by the committee).

"The number of refugees has varied from 8 to 16, including some at Northallerton. On an average we have assisted them at the rate of about 2/6 per head per week. The committee wish to offer their sincere thanks to all who have subscribed or given help by gifts and loans of material.

"Owing to the short notice of their departure there remains £20 to collect for the necessary expenses of repatriation, towards which the committee would be glad to receive contributions."

The report then quotes a letter which had been received from "the Family Casteleyn," in Antwerp:

"We do not feel satisfied with our vote of thanks in the paper and personally and therefore we beg to send our hearty thanks to you once more and will always feel thankful to you all for your kindness to us in the past, which we appreciate very highly.... Things are improving a little now but are far dearer to what they are in England, yet we have to put up with such things so to make our way once again in this part."

NEWTON NEWS



Saint Oswald's Day

Each year we celebrate our Patron Saint, the seventh century Oswald, King of Northumbria, who united most of the nation within the Christian Faith.

His day falls on 5th August, so this year we chose the Sunday before on 30th July hoping for sunny weather to get outside for our picnic. Sadly the British Summer didn't comply and it was a very windy day with showers, but not deterred we set things out in Church - and it couldn't have gone better.

We had 55 adults and 10 children including regulars, villagers & guests, and returning wedding couples.

The food could have fed the 5,000 and the wine was akin to Cana in Galilee. A great celebration. Being inside also helped people mix and talk more to each other, so no worries next year if its wet and windy. We know what to do. Thank You to all who helped and supported it.

Yellow Lines - A Deterrent for Weddings

We have heard conversations reported as how you can't get married at Newton because of the parking problems with the new yellow lines and residents only zones. This is not true.

Redcar & Cleveland Council allow parking in Church Lane for Services. I send them a list each month and those attending Church are allowed to park in Church Lane. We can also get several cars in the Memorial Garden out the back, so please don't be deterred.

Legal Churchwardens

As Matt couldn't make the formal services with the Archbishop to be sworn in as Churchwarden, which is a legal requirement, he instead had to attend St Mary's Nunthorpe to be sworn in by our Area Dean, Rev'd Tessa Stephens. I popped along to give him moral support - as I do now live in the Parish. So now both Churchwardens are legal. Many thanks to them both for all they do.



30 Years On



Katherine & Martin Levitt were married in Christ Church on 10th July 1993 and asked if they could call in on their 30th Wedding Anniversary for a Blessing. Not many couples can call back to the Church they were married in 30 years ago and find the same Vicar still there. It was a joy and a privilege to give them a blessing for the next 30 years, at least! I certainly won't be around then!



Come along and experience the peace of Taize style

Jane Safely Installed



Geoff, Jon and I together with members of both Christ Church and Saint Oswald's Church, attended Jane's Licensing and Installation as Priest in Charge of Kirkleatham Parish.

Saint Hilda's Church must be the most recent Church to be built in the Diocese, and it was packed for the event. The local shopping centre opposite provided plenty of parking, and then home team gave a very warm welcome.

Jane was sworn in with oaths to the Archbishop and to the King, thus beginning a new phase in her ministry. As far as I can see its a round peg in a round hole, with both suited to each other. Keep remembering her in your prayers and the beginning in any new job with so many new faces can be very tiring.



Marwood Says Goodbye & Thank You



At the end of the summer term Marwood School said its goodbyes and thank yous to one of its familiar, friendly faces as they retired.

Sue Donaldson has been at the school many years in a whole host of capacities. She started as the school caretaker, but has also been what we used to call a Dinner Lady. Latterly she also took on the role of Lollipop Lady/ School Crossing. All these roles demand time and commitment, and Sue has filled them all cheerfully and conscientiously, and will be missed. The children sang and danced for her, before presenting her with some leaving gifts. We wish her a very happy retirement.



A Great Improvement



In All Saints Churchyard stand a rather grand memorial to William Augustus Loy FRCS. He was obviously very well to do and much respected in the Parish, and his memorials are in both All Saints and Christ Church. He died on 10 November 1886, just as Christ Church was opened and must be amongst the last to be buried in All Saints Churchyard. His wife Hannah Loy died the following year.

There is a window in Christ Church near the link door that celebrates one of Jesus' healing miracles on the left, and the passage from Proverbs detailing the qualities of a good wife on the right, remembering Augustus and Hannah Loy. Whilst the window is often decorated with flowers, the grave has usually been overgrown with weeds.

Well, not any more. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Martin Helm, the grave has been restored more to its former glory. We thank Martin for this, and all who help keep All Saints Churchyard in such a good state, whilst also being eco friendly.



Wedding Gallery



Danielle Charville & Martyn Bulman married in Christ Church on 15 July.



Philippe Spozio & Miriam Fawcett married in Christ Church on 29 July.



Natalie Robinson & Stephen Lewis married at Saint Oswald's on 29 July.



Simon Hodgson & Rachel Thompson married at Christ Church on 5th August.



Jessica Rose & Danny Burns married at Christ Church on 6th August.



Will Conway & Sarah Reeve married at Christ Church on 13th August.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

2 July	Mila May Harrow
9 July	Heidi Mae Hamer
9 July	Esmae Rose Hamer
13 August	Esther May Lenihan
13 August	George Alexander Lenihan
20 August	Olivia Grace Williamson
27 August	Elliot Ocean Seymour
27 August	Edie Meadow Seymour

Weddings

15 July	Martyn Bulman & Daniell Charville
29 July	Philippe Spozio & Miriam Fawcett
29 July	Stephen Lewis & Natalie Robinson
5 August	Simon Hodgson & Rachel Thompson
6 August	Daniel Burns & Jessica Rose
13 August	Will Conway & Sarah Reeve

Funerals & Memorial Services

10 July	Michael Hamm
13 July	Nicky Crombie
19 July	Jenny Capes
26 July	Kendra Walton
14 August	David Paterson

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

Parish website	www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk
Church Office e-mail	gapo1876@outlook.com
Diocese of York	www.dioceseofyork.org.uk
Stokesley Deanery	www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk
A Church Near You	www.acny.org.uk

Malcolm's Musings

"There are two kinds of people – those from Yorkshire and those who wish they were!" *From a birthday card*

A man awaiting delivery of a parcel was told by the delivery firm that it was currently at its "sortation facility."



The obituary of Captain Steve Taylor who died at 81 recalled an incident in the 1970s when his minesweeper was on fishery protection duty. A French trawler skipper refused to heave-to despite being ordered to by radio and having a warning shot across his bows and made rude signs to the minesweeper. One of Taylor's stokers came on deck for a breather, took exception to his Captain being insulted and threw a potato, which by chance flew through the trawler's window – prompting the skipper to appear on deck with his hands up. The obit added: "It is thought to be the one time a British man-of-war has used a King Edward potato in such a capacity."

A couple visiting Ireland came across a typical country pub (white walled, thatched roof etc) and popped in for a drink, only to be told they were not allowed to serve for another hour. Helpfully, however, the barmaid enquired: "Would you like a drink while you wait?"

Another couple found an advertisement for a village fete on a village hall in County Waterford. It read: "If it rains in the afternoon the fete will be held in the morning."

A Character in a recent TV comedy-drama emerged from his caravan at a caravan park (where there had been several murders) to find daubed on his van "your next." Rather than expressing dismay or concern, he criticised the education system, pointing out it should be YOU'RE next."

"The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement on Friday at 7pm. The congregation are invited to attend this tragedy." – church news sheet.

Malcolm Race

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If you would like a paper copy of Spire delivering to your door, please contact Jean Goat on 01642 723274.

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