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Great Ayton & Newton under Roseberry Parishes

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**Autumn Mornings & Evenings
in Great Ayton**



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- 1 **Sat** 12 noon Baptism at St Oswald's.
- 2 **Sun** **Trinity 16** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion; 11.30pm Baptism; 1pm Baptism at St Oswald's; 6pm Memorial Service.
- 3 **Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion.
- 4 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Christ Church.
- 5 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion.
- 9 **Sun** **HARVEST** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Harvest Parade Service; 11.15am Baptism; 4.30pm Cafe Church.
- 10 **Mon** 9.30am Church Hall Meeting.
- 13 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church.
- 13 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion.
- 16 **Sun** **Trinity 18** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion in Church, Zoom & Facebook; 11am All Age Harvest Service at St Oswald's.
- 17 **Mon** 3pm Service at Fry Court.
- 18 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church; 7.30pm Standing Committee.
- 19 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion; 7.30pm Deanery Synod in Church Hall
- 21 **Fri** 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors.
- 22 **Sat** 1.30pm & 4pm Weddings in Christ Church.
- 23 **Sun** **Last Sunday after Trinity** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11.15 Baptism in Christ Church; 4.30pm Cafe Church in Hall.
- 26 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion; 12 noon Captain Cook Service.
- 30 **Sun** **All Saints Sunday** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service; 4pm Love in a Box Service.

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**

The Queen is dead. Long live the King



We shouldn't be that shocked when someone of 96 years of age dies, but somehow we were. Maybe it was having seen the pictures of Her Majesty smiling just two days before as she saw one Prime Minister out and her 15th one in. You would have to be 75+ to have any real memories of before the Queen and she has been there as a rock of stability for all our lives. In a constantly changing world she was the one

thing you could depend on. She was loved by all because she never took sides and never shared her point of view on anything political. She did, however, constantly share her faith and as well as the relatives, she was the one person who was invited into all our homes every Christmas Day.

Her messages always sought to encourage us to aspire to something better, and she was there in hard times as well as times of celebration. Her address following the tragic death of Princess Diana is reckoned to be one of her best. We will all remember her inspiring *We will meet again* message during Covid.

Earlier this year we enjoyed celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of her reign, where her great sense of humour came to the fore with the wonderful sketch with Paddington Bear, lifting the bar higher than her sketch with James Bond. I don't know who makes awards for short films, but surely this must be a hot contender. At the end of the sketch Paddington says, "Thank you Ma'am, for everything." With characteristic humility the Queen simply replies "That's very kind."

Her funeral service at Westminster Abbey revealed just how much she was loved and respected, not just in the UK and her beloved Commonwealth, but right around the world. We had the biggest number of world leaders in London for the service - so huge congratulations to the Police and Security Services who kept everyone safe and allowed a wonderful, respectful day.

Her funeral service was the most watched television programme of all time with over 4 billion people watching it across the globe, and all those involved did the nation proud by the exemplary manner in which all was carried out with due pageantry, the music was stunning and the Archbishop captured her well, when he said about her *People of loving service are rare in any walk of life. Leaders of loving service are still rarer. But in all cases those who serve will be loved and remembered when those who cling to power and privileges are long forgotten.*

I was astonished at just how emotional I felt throughout - and it wasn't just me. So many times brought tears from the Piper's Lament as her coffin disappeared, to singing the National Anthem for the first time using King instead of Queen.

The Queen's life had been lived in preparation for this day and to ensure all was in good order with *The Firm*, as she called it, to carry her work on. In stage terms, the Show must go on, and we have seen just what our young Queen of 25 had to do immediately following the death of her father as we watched King Charles travel the length and breadth of the Country giving speeches, listening to words of condolence and attending many memorial services, all before the incredible funeral service. He spoke and acted very much as his mother's son, and we are blessed with Princes William and George who will eventually follow on.



Meanwhile the world continues to change. The respect that our Queen was afforded automatically when she acceded to the throne is not as automatic these days, for not only have times changed, the media and social media can be very critical and you cannot always rely on the support and discretion of friends or family! It's going to be a challenging time ahead for all of us, and not least for our King. We assure King Charles of our continued prayers. Let me end with words quoted by King George VI in his 1939 war time Christmas broadcast to the British Empire, from the "Gate of the Year" poem by Minnie Louise Haskins.

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East"

It was that faith that sustained our Queen, and will also give strength to both our King and ourselves. God save the King!

Paul

Bells Rang for Queen and King



The day after Her Majesty the Queen died we tolled a Church bell from 11am to 12 noon as a tribute. We appealed for volunteers to help as all our usual ringers were at school, and we were delighted when 13 people turned up as others came to sign the Book of Condolence.

On the Saturday before the funeral when Charles was proclaimed King, our ringers gathered to ring out the bells to mark this historic occasion.



We also said Farewell to our longest serving ringer. Matthew Sheridan has been part of the team for 10 years and has rung for many Sundays and weddings. We thank him for his dedication, and all our ringers for their work.

Elsa Taylor, our Tower Captain, is always looking for other young ringers to join the team. If you are interested, please call her on 01642 722400. Our bells are tubular bells and can be rung by just one person, but for safety's sake we always have two present in the tower.

We ring for the 9.15am service every Sunday, for special services like Christmas, and for weddings too. The latter attracts a small fee.

One Church, One day, One message

Safeguarding Sunday 6th November

Safeguarding Sunday is part of an awareness campaign to highlight the importance of creating safer places for all. This year at Christ Church on Sunday 6th November we will be joining thousands of other churches across the UK to share this message and demonstrate unity. As protecting vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message, Safeguarding Sunday is an opportunity to show that we take this seriously.

In our normal services we will focus our prayers and teaching on the importance of creating and maintaining a safe place for all. We will give thanks for those working to make this happen and mark our ongoing commitment to make our church safer.

Come and join us to celebrate 'One church, one day, one message'.

CHORAL EVENSONG

Join us on Sunday 6th November at 4pm in Christ Church



Christ Church Choir & Friends will lead us in worship as we also celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Ralph Vaughan Williams

Sharing the Christmas Story

"During Lent and over Easter, 3 groups explored the Easter Story using an excellent book by Sally Welch.

Sally has now published a similar book "Sharing the Christmas Story". Already most of the folk who participated before have signed up for this second exciting adventure! There is room for more.

Would you like to explore the different aspects of the Christmas Story: PROMISE, LIGHT, MYSTERY, LOVE, PEACE and HOPE?

There are 7 daily readings and reflections for each topic.

We're organising some small groups starting in November (daytime and evening options available) using Sally's latest book to guide our journey. As before we'll be flexible to accommodate people's other commitments where possible.

If you'd like a copy (£8) or more information, catch Geoff or leave him a message.



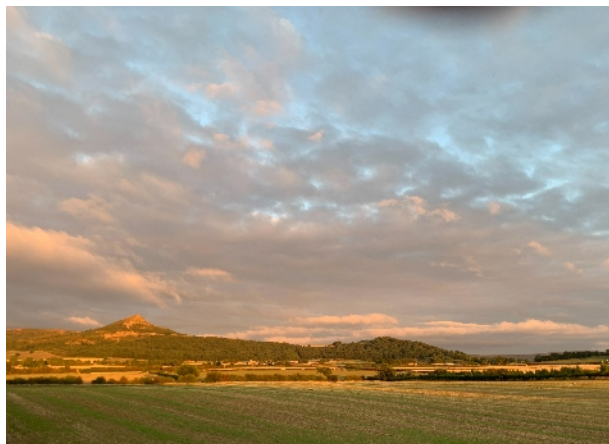
Signs of Autumn

Summer is definitely over and Autumn has come with its lovely rustic colours, harvested fields and lots of berries and fruits on the trees.

See if you can recognise all of Geoff's photos of nature's fruits below.

When I was a child going brambling was an enjoyable autumn activity, for your mum then made you Bramble & Apple Pie - what a delight. I haven't had it in years. Have you?





Jim Miller kindly sent in these Autumn scenes, as well as the photo on the front.

Roseberry Topping from Blackthorn Gate in the Golden Autumn light

Wheat field and wind turbines at Seamer



Wheat fields from Yarm Lane

HARVEST 2022



At great expense we have booked the spider who appeared on the Queen's flowers in Westminster Abbey to appear at Christ Church. We found the address on the web.

Christ Church Harvest will be on Sunday 9th October at both morning services. At 9.15am we welcome back the Uniformed Organisations for their first Church Parade since Covid, so please come along and welcome them back. This will be a shorter service without Communion so the young people can still make other activities.

The children will be asked to bring something for the Foodbank Collection, and for adults it will be the last time to donate to our Pakistan Flood Appeal. Please be generous.

If anyone wishes to make a donation towards the Harvest flowers at Christ Church, please contact Marina Charlton 01642 723 087.

Saint Oswald's Church Newton under Roseberry

will celebrate Harvest with an All Age Harvest Special on Sunday 16th October at 11am.

Our collections will be to support farmers in this country who are going through difficult times.

Through both of our services we hope to express our thanks by helping people near and far.





LOVE IN A BOX

Its time to get ready for our annual Christmas Love in a Box Appeal, as we gather a shoebox full of gifts for some of Europe's poorest people.

Children in Distress have worked in Romania for 35 years, and for many of these have been taking Christmas gifts for children, who otherwise wouldn't get anything. This year the needs will be greater with the fuel crisis and refugees giving an extra challenge. This will be Roy Wheeler's last year in organising the appeal

Our **Love in a Box Sunday** is earlier this year on **Sunday 30th October with a service at 4pm**. Pick up your leaflet from the back of Christ Church and pop along to Boyes!

Make a difference to a child this Christmas by giving a gift, rather than exchanging a present.

Volunteers needed for Church Cleaning Rota

Now that Covid is over, Christ Church is back to normal use with lots of baptisms, weddings, funerals and concerts in addition to all the regular services. We want to keep our village Church clean and welcoming, but sadly we lost several volunteers due to Covid and desperately need more.

The more volunteers we have, the less often people have to do it. Could you spend a couple of hours a few times a year to help keep our Church clean and welcoming? It belongs to us all, so you don't have to regularly attend Services to volunteer.

Any offers of help to **Irene Reah** (Pictured)
Tel 01642 723 804



A Wonderful Party

I was very blessed when staff and Governors of Marwood School, past and present, gathered together to mark the 27 years I have been the Chairman of Governors as I now step down from that role. It was a great delight to have all the head teachers there who have been appointed in my time pictured left to right - Celia Wilson (2) Viv Smith (1) and the present Headteacher Dorothy Walton (3) . We were joined by several former members of staff and Governors from across the years, very warmly welcomed into the home of one of our Governors.

It has always been a privilege to be involved with Marwood School as it gives such a wonderful start to education and seeks to be a Christian community upholding the values of Faith, Forgiveness and Friendship.

My successor has already been selected by the Governors and this will be confirmed at the next meeting. I wish Vicky Bradley every joy in fulfilling the role. I remain on the Governors by virtue of being the Vicar of the Parish and will continue Friday worship in school each week.



70'S/80'S NIGHT



ARRIVE
6:30PM
PROMPT

BAR &
RAFFLE
ON THE NIGHT

CHRIST CHURCH HALL

GT AYTON

FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2022

DICEMEN BAND

DJ DEREK

PRIZE FOR
BEST
DRESSED

SUPPER
INCLUDED!

£15 TICKETS

CONTACT SANDRA 07815515878

ALL PROCEEDS TO BE GIVEN TO THE
CHRIST CHURCH/ALL SAINTS CHURCH, GT AYTON

November is Will Aid Month



Have you made a Will? You haven't? Then you do realise that if you die there's a big chance your money will go places where you would rather it didn't, and the people or causes you want to benefit will miss out.

Most of us faithfully support the work of our churches and our chosen charities during our lifetime, regularly giving a proportion of our income. The Bible teaches that giving back to God like this should be a priority for all Christians, as we share in God's generosity to each one of us, by sharing generously with others. This isn't however just about the weekly collection or our monthly standing order; it's also about how we distribute our wealth and our possessions after we have gone.

Therefore thinking about making and leaving a Will is very important. As Christians, we try to live our lives in a way that follows Jesus, and we also try to influence the world for better as we see it. When we die, the resources that we have gathered in life don't go with us, but they are passed on to others to be used by them for something else.

Considering leaving a legacy for the work of the parish and other charities like Christian Aid is a natural extension of this stewardship. In fact for many of us, the gift that can be considered through our Will may be the most significant of our lifetime – even after taking account of family and other needs! Bequests and other planned gifts, which enable your Parish to expand its ministry and charities to continue their work really are the ultimate demonstration of our stewardship commitment. It is our chance to respond fully to the generous love of God in a way that brings lasting benefit and change.

Will Aid is happening again this November! If you don't have a Will, or need to update your existing Will, Will Aid presents an ideal opportunity for you to put your affairs in order whilst helping to raise money for the nine Will Aid charities.

Watch out for Will Aid and start thinking about it now so you are ready. I have seen many people promised things they never got, simply because the person who had a generous heart never got round to making their Will. Don't make the same mistake and be prepared.

How To Give

Our Church is here even on the Sundays we don't come. As well as the Sunday Services we reach out to others in the community through Christenings, Weddings and Funerals, School Assemblies and visits, Prayer, Bible Study Groups, visits to hospitals and homes, Services at Fry Court & the Coffee Lounge, involvement in Community Activities, Support for numerous charities home and overseas ... And so the list goes on.

If we want to support this work, our Giving should be...



Regular A sign of commitment is ensuring our Giving comes even when we don't. We can do this by either using the dated Weekly Offering Envelopes or even better by making a Standing Order with our Bank and give the same amount each week or month. If we don't do this we may end up giving weakly instead! Our new year of envelopes start in November. If you would like a set to use, please contact Jean Goat on 01642 723 274. To set up a Bankers Order, contact Ken Taylor, our Treasurer on 01642 722 400 or email ek.recess@gmail.com

Realistic This means giving a realistic amount to the Church. A £1 coin may seem big to a child (unlikely, but go with me) but take it shopping and it goes nowhere. Our Giving should reflect our generosity. It should be a response to how blessed we feel we are. As I drive back into Great Ayton and see Roseberry Topping and Captain Cooks Monument before me, I constantly give thanks that I live here. I feel similar thoughts when I go out to other Churches. We are so blessed.

Responsible Money is hard to come by, that is why as a Church we work to reduce unnecessary expenditure where possible so we can maintain our generosity. As individuals we can help by maximising our gift where we can by Gift Aiding our giving if we are a UK Tax Payer. By simply signing a Gift Aid declaration we can add 25p to every £1 we give. If we are giving by Weekly Envelopes or Bankers Order, this is easy to monitor and adds considerably to our Gift. If we do ever give spontaneously, perhaps at a funeral or wedding, always look for the yellow Gift Aid Envelopes in the pews. If we all did this all the time, it would make a significant difference at no extra cost to us. To set up a Gift Aid declaration, contact Ynez Clark 01642 723 181.

We can only be generous as a Church because we have so many people willing to be generous to us. Please note, now that we are losing more local banks they are getting stricter on the correct name - **Great Ayton Parochial Church Council** being on cheques, as there are many Churches called Christ Church.

YOUR LOCAL BRANCH OF SAMARITANS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We offer free non judgemental support to anyone who finds themselves in emotional distress. Our lines have never been busier, many of our callers both in society, and within the Prison population, struggle with their mental health.

The Samaritans logo consists of a green rectangle with the word "SAMARITANS" in white, uppercase, sans-serif font. Below the green rectangle is a teal rectangle with the text "Northallerton & The Dales" in white, sans-serif font.

SAMARITANS

Northallerton & The Dales

We are one of the smallest rural branches with no regular income, relying totally on donations and fundraising. Every branch is required to be financially independent, receiving nothing from our Central Charity. Most of our shifts are at night when the need is greatest. It is also when temperatures drop and we have to provide heating, since our Samaritans sit motionless for extended periods of time as they listen to what are often very long and harrowing calls.

Because of the jump in energy prices, and the expected increase in the charges for our telephone lines, our Treasurer is anxious that we do not yet have our running costs for this financial year in the bank.

1 in 4 of our calls for help express suicidal feelings, and in 1 in 12 self-harm is an issue.

Northallerton & The Dales was the first rural branch to be opened at the direct request of Alf Wight (James Herriot) and his Partner Donald Sinclair (Siegfried Farnham), because they noted the high rate of suicide amongst farmers and vets. That fact remains unchanged, they are still at the top of the suicide risk list.

Please can you help us to continue our desperately needed service, should we become insolvent, we would have to close.

Elsa Taylor

Deputy Director - Fundraising

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Email: fundraising@samaritans-northallerton.org

www.samaritans.org/northallerton

A Bit of Great Ayton in York Minster

Have you visited York Minster? You really should, for as well as being the Mother Church of the Diocese, it is also an inspiring building. Lots of people contribute to keeping it that way, and you may not realise that for many years now our own Marina Charlton has gone several times a year to arrange flowers in the Minster. This is one of her recent arrangements. The Flower Arrangers provide their own flowers and pay their own transport costs. I hope people visiting appreciate this labour of love. Well done Marina!



Guides Needed for All Saints Church

Would you like to be a Guide for All Saints 12th Century Church? The role involves one duty a fortnight in the afternoon for two hours. There is especially a shortage of guides for weekends when a lot of people visit Great Ayton. If you would like to find out more please contact Robin Hazell, Custodian on 01642 722975 for more information. The church relies on voluntary support and any help is very much appreciated.



CHURCH HALL 200 Club

SEPTEMBER 2022 Winners

£20	19 John Huddlestone
£20	47 Malcolm Race
£20	76 Jean Goat
£10	57 Jean Robinson
£10	23 Robin Harmar

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.

This month 80 members of the 200 Club contributed £80 to the Hall Fund.

To Subscribe, contact either Julie Bourke
juliebourke@hotmail.com
or Karen Peverell
karen.peverell@btinternet.com

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

21 August	Matilda Rose Maggiore
28 August`	Blossom Blake Hannan
28 August	Vinny Jonathan George
28 August	William (Billy) George Leng
4 September	Jasper Harvey Michael Davison
25 September	Luca Daniel James Harrison
25 September	Madison Ivy Bird

Weddings & Blessings

4 September

Sean Byrne & Katy Ivers



Sean & Katy at St Oswald's



Jasper baptised in All Saints

Funerals

22 September	Denise Bulmer
23 September	David Brook
29 September	David Rowland

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

Parish website

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Diocese of York

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Stokesley Deanery

www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk

A Church Near You

www.acny.org.uk

Malcolm's Musings

An academic (possibly Scots) once suggested that when the Angles landed in Northumberland, the acute Angles turned north and became the Scots, while the obtuse Angles turned south and became the English.



In an interview with The Daily Telegraph author Lady Antonia Fraser was asked if she was a feminist. Her clever reply was; "I believe strongly - yes, positively - that men are equal with women."

After a prolonged period of rain, a golf club member wrote in the club's suggestion book: "that the water in the bunker at the thirteenth be changed."

Voted the funniest joke at this year's Edinburgh Fringe: "I tried to steal spaghetti from the shop but the female guard saw me and I couldn't get pasta." Another effort: "I used to live hand to mouth. Do you know what changed my life? Cutlery."

Darlington and Stockton Times reported in July 1855 that an elderly woman "who had seen better days" took a tenement in Bishopswearmouth to sell vegetables. The chimney, however, smoked constantly so she engaged a chimney sweep, but his brush became stuck in the funnel at the top of the chimney so he climbed up and gave two or three thumps- which caused two leather bags to fall down the chimney. When they were opened one was found to contain twenty sovereigns and the other fifteen sovereigns.

"The coach returned to Chipping loaded with Christmas gifts- not forgetting the French tarts for husbands who had stayed at home." - newspaper report

A reader recalled what good value his one penny newspaper was in the 1920s and 30s. "For a penny you received all the news- few people had a wireless. After reading it, a page would be used to light the fire and another page was twisted into fire lighter. Another page was torn into small squares which were hung on a hook to serve as toilet paper. Any pages left over were taken to the local fish and chip shop providing coppers or a few chips as payment."

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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Church Hall Office

For **Church Hall bookings**, please contact the Church Office
Email: gapo1876@outlook.com Tel 01642 722 665
Secretary available on Monday, Thursday & Fridays 9am - 12 noon
(For services or pastoral matters, please contact the vicar)