

# Spire

**NOVEMBER 2022**

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**Great Ayton & Newton under Roseberry Parishes**



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**Great Ayton Remembers**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 10.45am**

**Outside Christ Church**

**Lest We Forget**

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# NOVEMBER

- 1 **Tues** **All Saints Day**
- 2 **Wed** All Souls Day 10am Holy Communion; 4.45pm Confirmation Class.
- 5 **Sat** 12.30pm Baptism in Christ Church.
- 6 **Sun** **3rd Sunday before Advent** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion; 12.30pm Baptism; 4pm Choral Evensong.
- 7 **Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion.
- 8 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Christ Church.
- 9 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion; 4.45pm Confirmation Class.
- 13 **Sun** **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 10.45am Act of Remembrance & Service in Church; 4.30pm Cafe Church.
- 15 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church.
- 16 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion; 4.45 Confirmation Class.
- 20 **Sun** **CHRIST THE KING** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 11am All Age Service at St Oswald's; 4pm **CONFIRMATION, FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION TEA. (No 9.15am service)**
- 21 **Mon** 3pm Service at Fry Court.
- 22 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church; 7.30pm Standing Committee.
- 24 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion; 4.45pm Confirmation Class.
- 27 **Sun** **ADVENT SUNDAY** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 4pm **CHRISTINGLE IN CHURCH.**
- 29 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church.
- 30 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion; 4.45pm Confirmation Class.

**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 Importance of Remembering



“Remember, Remember the fifth of November, Gunpowder, Treason and Plot.” When I was a child Guy Fawkes’ night was the big occasion when we were reminded of the dastardly plot to bring down the Government as Guy Fawkes sought to blow up the Houses of Parliament. Numerous Blue Peter presenters would re-enact the scene each year as they went down into the passageways under Parliament.

Just a few days later and we were remembering again as our thoughts turned to the generations lost and affected by the Two Great Wars. The Festival of Remembrance in the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday evening and the Cenotaph Procession on Remembrance Sunday were required watching in our house when I was young. When I started Grammar School, the end of the Second World War was just 23 years before. I have been here a lot longer, so we live in history.

They say its important to remember, for when we forget we make the same mistakes again, and surely all nations affected by the war years surely don’t want such a loss of life and suffering again? And yet we live today in an increasingly tense world. In Ukraine the Russians are deliberately targeting civilian infrastructure to ensure they all suffer in the freezing cold of winter. Reports also are coming out of rape and torture being a weapon of war. We really haven’t progressed much over the years. Of course not all Russians want the war, but when you get people forced into situations, we tend to descend to the lowest possible common denominator. The Lord of the Flies is alive and well.

Tensions too with North Korea and its neighbours, China is dropping hints of retaking Taiwan, and Iran is still intent on wiping Israel off the map.

Meanwhile elsewhere huge suffering goes on. In East Africa, particularly Ethiopia and Somalia, there is famine that will affect millions. Will anyone Feed the World this Christmas?

But there is nothing new under the sun. The world has always been full of suffering, and mankind has this awful tendency to treat others cruelly. We have always lived in a sinful world, and that world is still a world that needs Jesus’ message of redemption and peace today.

On the night of the Last Supper, Jesus took the Passover elements of Bread and Wine that reminded the Jewish nation of their suffering in years passed under Pharaoh as they recalled their time of slavery in Egypt and the great act of deliverance of the Passover, as the Israelites were saved from the Angel of death who passed over their homes, paving the way for Moses to lead them to the promised land.

Jews still remember the Passover today, for there are other Pharaohs in life, and Christians gather together to share bread and wine remembering that great act of sacrifice for us all as Jesus took our sins to the cross.

We are part of a bigger story, and that story is of God's love for us and the redemption and hope He gives to the world. When we forget the past we sink into self interest and hostility. When we remember we are lifted up to aspire to be better people because we know that we belong to God - a God who loves us all and wants the best for us.

This November let us remember again whose we are, that we belong to God and we are far more worthy of living a better, just and fairer life for all of creation. Remember, Remember...

**Paul**

## Harvest at Christ Church

Thank you to Marina Charlton and team for a very festive display for Harvest. It was great having the Uniformed Organisations back for a Harvest Parade Sunday. They brought goods for the Foodbank in addition to the regular collection. The appeal for Pakistan closed at Harvest having raised £1,389 to help flood victims. Thank you to all who supported Harvest in generous ways.





## CHRISTMAS LATE NIGHT OPENING



Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November until 7pm

10% off all Christmas Stock



### Great Ayton's Big Issue Seller



Meet Cassandra, who has been selling copies of the Big Issue outside the Co-op for the last seven years. Originally from Romania, Cassandra now lives in the UK and earns her living from selling Big Issues - a weekly magazine sold to help the homeless and vulnerable. The seller buys the copies for £1.25 and sells for £3, helping them earn £1.75 each one.

I asked Cassandra as to whether her sales have been affected by the economic situation, and she has seen a decrease in sales. If you are down the village Thursday, Fridays or Saturdays you may see her. Why not buy an occasional copy if you don't already do so, for as well as helping someone, you will also have a good read too.



# An Evening of Christmas Music



With the

*Angrove Singers*



**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30pm**  
(doors open 7pm)

**Christ Church**

*Tickets: £10 for adults & £5 for children - available from Thompson's, the Discovery Centre, Choir Members or at the door.*



*Donations from the proceeds to charities to be chosen by the choir.  
Seasonal refreshments included.*

# Christingle is Back

**ADVENT SUNDAY 27 November at 4pm**

Collecting candles available in Church



## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Anyone wishing to sponsor a Christmas arrangement please contact Marina Charlton Tel. 01642 723087. The suggested amount is £30 and a small laminated card will be placed by the arrangement recalling the memory in which it is given.



## CHORAL EVENSONG

Join us on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm in Christ Church



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

## Mood Colours

GREY - The colour of November  
Grey people, grey skies, grey clothing,  
Grey mists, dampening and chill.  
People hunched over and dismal.  
Hurrying home up the hill.

The River Leven water  
Reflects the glowering sky.  
Even the ducks are downcast  
As they go drifting by.

RED, SILVER, GOLD - The colours of December  
Rooftops ringed with pretty baubles.  
Trees resplendent, shiny and bright.  
People dressed in cheerful clothing  
Scarves of red and blue and white.

Everyone is feeling jolly  
In spite of any snow or rain.  
Voices happy with excitement  
Christmastime is here again.

WHITE - The colour of January  
Then we are back to January  
Snow and ice and slush and thaw.  
A brand New Year for looking forward  
To what the future has in store.

**Sheila Wray**



Autumn crocuses at Saint Oswald's Church, Newton under Roseberry.



## All Saints Tour



A beautiful autumn day attracted over 30 people to All Saints Church on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October to hear local historian David Taylor give a very interesting talk on the history of our wonderful Grade I Listed building. Donations of £80 were received which will help us to maintain this iconic church. A precis of David's talk is available as a booklet (priced £2) from within the church.

## A HUGE Thank You To Sandra

A few months ago Sandra Race approached me to say that she would like to do a fundraiser for Christ Church and All Saints, was this okay? Absolutely! - and so began her planning for a most successful 70/80s evening in the Church Hall.



Sandra had the Hall looking stunning with lights and glitterball and with the round tables suitably dressed.

She cooked the lasagnes herself and arranged a bar for the evening. Many village businesses supported her with raffle prizes, and at the end of a super evening she raised the magnificent amount of £1,525. Thank you so much, and to all who supported it in any way. A Super Event.



## CHINESE WHISPERS

When the Diocese asked the PCC last year to consider how our Church would look in five years time in terms of attendance, staffing, finance etc, I reminded them that by then I would probably be retired, so they should take that into account.

Inevitably rumours began that I was leaving, so October 2021 I wrote in Spire that I would be working until at least 2024, but I had to start the process soon of securing somewhere to live, for on retirement we have to leave the Vicarage as it goes with the job.

I discovered then that people don't read all of my articles, as I have been greeted several times since with, "I thought you were retiring!" Well, we all are - eventually.

My recent articles of stepping down as Chairman of Governors at Marwood School have added fuel to the fire, so friends tell me they have heard it said I am retiring next year. I will be a Governor at Marwood School until I do retire as it goes with being Vicar, but being the Chairman is a choice, so I chose not to stand again and give the chance to someone else. Twenty seven years is surely long enough.

So can I say quite clearly now that **I won't be retiring before I am 67**, and possibly even later than that, but next year there will be a difference.

We have purchased a property in Nunthorpe - a bungalow with suitable facilities for our son, and I have the Bishop's permission to move there and to continue working as Vicar from there until I do retire. This move wasn't planned for now, but the ideal property appeared on the market with suitable provision for our son who is in a wheelchair, so we jumped now rather than miss out.

This will take a bit of adjusting as I won't be next door to lock and unlock Church every day, or to pop back home when I have forgotten something. In 2017 I managed this in reverse for 14 months when I also became Priest in Charge of Nunthorpe, so things can work.

It will also mean that when we do actually come to retirement it's not losing home and job all at once as I have been dreading that for years. Living at Nunthorpe will mean we are still near enough to help when needed, but far enough away not to get under my successor's feet. So in the meantime my apologies for those who were looking for a fresh face next. You are going to have to put up with the old one for a few years yet.

**Paul**

## News from Roseberry School Darjeeling



It is fifteen years since the school first opened but the first months of this year were a bit like starting all over again with everyone struggling to get back into routine once schools re-opened. Ex pupils faced important Secondary School exams online - another struggle. Then in July the tide seemed to turn. Good news started to come in almost daily. This ex pupil

or that had passed their end of Secondary School exams and found a place on a college course. They proudly displayed their results to their old teachers and wrote to me about their ambitions. It was so good to hear. These youngsters were the first to come through our doors and they are now talking of becoming nurses, teachers, bankers, police officers, or entering the army.

In August the teachers celebrated Independence Day with gusto, dressing in the colours of the Indian flag. The children put on a little performance and ex pupil Barun



on his violin. Other ex pupils gave little speeches of thanks to the teachers for the wonderful start that Roseberry had given them.

Two years deprived of normal schooling seems to have increased enthusiasm for school among both pupils and teachers. The latter redecorated the classrooms producing a wonderfully colourful working environment and the number of pupils has increased from 145 to 195.

At the end of September the teachers decided to hold a couple of Open Days to show parents what they were doing in school. Looking at photos, I was not surprised that parents and other visitors loved what they saw. The idea that lessons should be enjoyable or the environment stimulating is not usually considered relevant in Indian schools.



At a time when many people's prospects are bleak all over the world, Roseberry School Darjeeling continues to shine a ray of hope on the lives of some very deprived youngsters and their families. It is our mission to help the school continue to do so.



**Helen Jones** October 2022



## Christ Church Hall 200 Club

Welcome to Christ Church Hall 200 Club which was set up to raise funds to support the maintenance of the Church Hall, whilst providing a little fun for members each month.

We currently have five prizes each month - £20, £20, £20, £10, £10 -with additional bonus prizes at Christmas.

It is £24 per year to join with Payment being made on 1<sup>st</sup> November, preferably with a Standing Order, but cheques and cash can also be accepted.

To set up an annual Standing Order, please give your Bank the following details:

Account Name	Christ Church Great Ayton Parochial Hall 200 Club
Bank Sort Code	20 - 56 - 74
Bank Account No.	00285080
Reference	200 Club Number

For further details

**Julie Bourke 07989 230390**

**Karen Peverell 01642 722333**

### CHURCH HALL 200 Club

#### OCTOBER 2022 Winners

<b>£20</b>	51 Andrew Prunty
<b>£20</b>	26 Frances Brown
<b>£20</b>	81 Celia Elliott
<b>£10</b>	27 Craig Sheridan
<b>£10</b>	44 Ricky Hallen-Ghost

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  
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## Discovery Centre 10 years On



Amazingly it is 10 years since the Discovery Centre first opened its doors. The village had been shocked by the news that funding was to be withdrawn from our Library, and if we wanted to keep it then we needed to rise to the challenge.

The Church Hall was packed with 500 villagers for a very emotional public meeting, and the council representatives must have been quite anxious that we didn't mix the messengers with the message. The result was that not only did Great Ayton rise to the challenge, they improved greatly on facilities being offered and are constantly being used as an example of good practice across the area.



On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October the centre was full of staff, volunteers and guests to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of opening. Jeremy Harbottle provided the music and Ken Taylor was barman for the night, leaving speeches to others. Angela Taylor as Chairman spoke on behalf of the Discovery Centre. Ron Kirk mentioned the Parish Councils valued and continued support over the last 10 years.





Ian Pearce gave an informative talk on how we had got to where we are now, and then we welcomed Gary Fielding from North Yorkshire County Council. He remarked that this was a far more welcoming meeting than the first one he had attended! Gary has been a great support to the Discovery Centre along their journey, and his help and support have much appreciated.



Following all the speeches, Angela invited two volunteers to cut the cake. Peter and Mary Fletcher cover every Saturday afternoon, and had also just celebrated their Platinum Wedding Anniversary, so a very good choice for many reasons.

Food followed in abundance. Like the feeding of the 5,000 there appeared to be as much left at the end as the beginning.

Our local MP, Rishi Sunak, had also been invited to attend but something happening in London curtailed his trip up North.

We give our Thanks to all the team at the Discovery Centre for adding such a valuable asset to our village and our Congratulations for the last 10 years. Are you interested in being a volunteer at the Centre? If you are, then a warm welcome awaits in more ways than one.

## Wedding Gallery



David Ankers & Abigail Richardson  
married on 22 October



Peter Bridge & Janet Salmond with their  
Bridesmaids, married on 22 October.

## Newton News



Saint Oswald's looked great for our Harvest Service which was followed by a very successful Faith Lunch in Church. Our collection for Farming Community Network raised £605.



At the Service we acknowledged receipt of our Bronze Eco Church Award. John Stinson & Rob Myers have done a lot of work recycling the vestry cupboards and making bird and bat boxes for the Churchyard. Many other areas of Church life have also contributed to this award.



The PCC have also been undergoing Safeguarding Training as part of their training responsibilities. We recently had a PCC evening dedicated to this training and Janice Barker was our star pupil with 100% correct answers. Our thanks to all PCC Members undertaking this and for Mary Mason's encouragement.



## Through the Generations



*David & Lucas, Abigail, Rev Pev, David & Alison*

One of the great blessings of a long Incumbency (and I am now the longest serving Incumbent in York Diocese) is being able to minister to families across the generations over many years.

On 7<sup>th</sup> May 1994 I officiated at the marriage of David and Alison Richardson on the right of the picture. On 22<sup>nd</sup> October I officiated at their daughter Abigail's marriage to David Ankers, also in Christ Church. During the same service I also baptised their son Lucas, having baptised the Bride back in 1996. I had also taken the Bride's grandfather's funeral in 2000 and her grandmother's in 2014.

To be around so long to see families through all these occasions, both happy and sad, is a great privilege. When we arrived here in 1993 we never thought we would stay here so long, but family circumstances made us stay longer. There are definite challenges being in one place for a long time, but there are quite definite rewards too. I hope I am around for some more generational weddings.

# From the Registers

## Holy Baptism

1 October	Esme Lyra Barnard
2 October	Ezra Harrison Scaife
2 October	Harry John Coates
9 October	Nora Powton
22 October	Lucas Alexander David Ankers
23 October	Edward Roy Shore



## Weddings & Blessings

22 October	David Ankers & Abigail Richardson
22 October	Peter Bridge & Janet Salmond

## Funerals & Memorial Services

1 September	Malachi Young
5 September	Gary Atkinson
12 October	Carol Gallagher
13 October	Rob Shepherd
28 October	Molly Grainger

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



**Parish website**

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**Church Office e-mail**

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**Diocese of York**

[www.dioceseofyork.org.uk](http://www.dioceseofyork.org.uk)

**Stokesley Deanery**

[www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk](http://www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk)

**A Church Near You**

[www.acny.org.uk](http://www.acny.org.uk)

## Malcolm's Musings

Recent correspondence in a national newspaper focussed on how to persuade guests to leave at the end of a party. One reader recalled a friend who would leave his guests at 10 o'clock and start to run a bath. Another would disappear at the appointed time and reappear in his pyjamas and dressing gown. No doubt his guests got the message; friends bought him a night shirt and night cap for his next birthday.



"The downward trend in the number of Anglicans in pews at Harrow Churches appears to have bottomed out." - *newspaper report*.

"82% said they believed in God, 9% were unsure and a similar percentage were unbelievable." - *newspaper report*.

A report of a church annual meeting said "the accounts showed expenditure exceeding income by £86.00, due mainly to work being done on a number of enjoyable fundraising events."

Some years ago a man informed British Gas of the death of his uncle. The company responded by writing to his uncle, care of him. The letter said "We're sorry to see you go" and added helpfully: "if you ever want to come back simply let us know."

A report of a shoot-out between police and robbers in London described how one man jumped over a wall and ran across a garden in attempt to escape. It went on: "Pensioner Mrs Mary Pecover said 'he came over my fence and the police pinned him down there. As soon as I got outside there was this big fellow lying face-down with two police men on top of him and another standing by him. I didn't know if he was alive or dead so I said 'do you want three cups of tea or four?' They said just three please...."

**Malcolm Race**

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# The Parishes of Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry

## Services

### Christ Church, Great Ayton

<b>Sunday</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.15am	Parish Communion <i>Live on Zoom &amp; Facebook.</i>
	4.30pm	Cafe Church (2nd & 4th Sundays of month)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.45am	Little Fishes Toddler Service ( <i>School Term time only</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer - every week

### At Saint Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry

<b>Sunday</b>	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](mailto:revpev@btinternet.com)

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For **Church Hall bookings**, please contact the Church Office  
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(For services or pastoral matters, please contact the vicar)