



Village Act of Remembrance

#### Sunday 12th November

at 10.45am

outside Christ Church

Followed by the Remembrance Day Service in Church

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NOVEMBER 2023				
I	Wed	All Saints Day 10am Holy Communion; 12 noon Captain Cook Service in All Saints Church.		
2	Thurs	All Souls Day		
5	Sun	<b>4th Sunday before Advent</b> 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's.		
6	Mon	2pm Coffee Lounge Communion.		
7	Tues	9.45am Little Fishes in Chur	rch.	
8	Wed	10am Holy Communion.		
н	Sat	I2 noon Baptism at Saint Oswald's.		
12	Sun	<b>3rd Sunday before Advent. Remembrance Sunday</b> 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 10.45am Act of Remembrance; 4.30pm Cafe Church in Hall preceded by coffee and cake.		
14	Tues	9.45am Little Fishes in Church.		
15	Wed	10am Holy Communion in Christ Church; 7.30pm PCC Meeting in the Coffee Lounge.		
19	Sun	<b>2nd Sunday before Advent</b> (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service at St Oswald's; 12.30pm Baptism at St Oswald's.		
20	Mon	3pm Fry Court Remembering Service.		
21	Tues	9.45am Little Fishes in Chur	ch; 7pm Newton PCC meet at Church	
22	Wed	10am Holy Communion in Christ Church.		
24	Fri	1.45pm Christ Church Visitors.		
26	Sun	CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 8am Holy Communion;		
		9.15am Parish		
		Communion; 5pm Christingle Service.	<b>Prayer For The Day</b> Every Weekday at 8.45am on	
28	Tues	9.45am Little Fishes in	Zoom & Facebook Live.	
		Church.	Same link for Sundays too.	
	Items in I	<b>activities on back page</b> Magenta all take place at d's Church at Newton.	Daily Morning Worship ID: 895 1102 4740 Password: 450872	

#### So Easy To Forget. So Hard To Forgive.

When you hear about the huge loss of life during the First World War with so little being gained, I always maintained that if the Germans and Allies could have known this on Day 2, then they would have all packed up on Day 3 and gone home again. Sadly I think I may have credited humanity with too much common sense, for here we are with wars raging both in Ukraine and now Israel. The

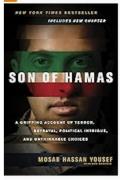


Ukrainian war began on 22 February 2022 as a "Special Military Operation" expected to last 3 days as the Ukrainians would welcome the Russian Army in. Here we are 20 months in, with hundreds of thousands already dead on both sides, many more with life changing injuries, cities destroyed, land contaminated with land mines, food production for many other parts of the world decreased causing problems there, and still the end isn't in sight. The poor of the world continue to suffer as we find Billions of pounds for missiles and armaments.

As is this wasn't bad enough, now another conflict has started in Israel following the surprise attack by Hamas against Israeli civilians as they celebrated their Harvest Festival, Sukkot. Around 1,400 were brutally tortured and killed, including babies, children and pensioners, and with an estimated 210 hostages taken to an unknown fate. All this savagery has opened up the horrific memories of the Holocaust when 6 million Jews were exterminated in Europe, and this wasn't a one off as anti-Semitism has been rife world wide over the years - even in Yorkshire. (Check out the story behind Clifford's Tower in York!) Hamas, Hezbollah, the Iranian Regime and other extreme Muslims want to see them completely driven out of Israel, if not the world. No wonder they are worried when Hamas launch such an attack in Israel, but even Jews living in the West are now in fear because of militants who have brought their intolerances with them.

As we know from the times of the Troubles in Northern Ireland, you cannot fight a conventional war against terrorists, for their "armies" don't come onto battlefields, but hide amongst the people. The population of Gaza is around 47% children and it is the most populated land on the planet. Bombs and missiles, no matter how precise, will not avoid civilian casualties, many of whom will be children. If they go too far down this road, Israel will lose sympathy and recruit a new generation of terrorists set out to avenge. What is the answer? You have to fight the ideology by education, and by getting the silent majority who disagree with these views to be more vociferous in their opposition, otherwise they become irrelevant. "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." (Attributed to Edmund Burke). On Twitter I saw a post where the son of the Hamas leader had condemned the violence of Hamas and those who supported it, and was surprised to see that the son is now a Christian! Mosab Hassan Yousef wrote a book in 2010 entitled Son of Hamas: A Gripping account of Terror, Betrayal, Political Intrigue and Unthinkable Choices. (It's a fascinating read and just £9.49 on Kindle.)

He grew up on the West Bank, still reveres his father, experienced imprisonment by the Israelis, but found the Hamas members in prison even more violent to each other.



On release he was invited by Palestinian Christians to a Bible Study and was given a New Testament. In Matthew's Gospel he came across Jesus's words in the Sermon on the Mount, and this us what he said.

"I began at the beginning, and when I got to the Sermon on the Mount, I thought, Wow, this guy Jesus is really impressive! Everything he says is beautiful. I couldn't put the book down. Every verse seemed to touch a deep wound in my life. It was a very simple message, but somehow it had the power to heal my soul and give me hope.

Then I read this: "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:43-45).

That's it! I was thunderstruck by these words. Never before had I heard anything like this, but I knew that this was the message I had been searching for all my life.

For years I had struggled to know who my enemy was, and I had looked for enemies outside of Islam and Palestine. But I suddenly realized that the Israelis were not my enemies. Neither was Hamas, nor my uncle Ibrahim, nor the kid who beat me with the butt of his M16, nor the apelike guard in the detention centre. I saw that enemies were not defined by nationality, religion, or colour. I understood that we all share the same common enemies: greed, pride, and all the bad ideas and the darkness of the devil that live inside us.

That meant I could love anyone. The only real enemy was the enemy inside me. "

This is an incredible story from the inside from someone who has seen a better way. He warns that some events are taken and re-interpreted to stir up more trouble, giving examples of what people thought had sparked off the first two Intifadas. He expressed astonishment that Yasser Arafat turned down the most generous two states deal offered by Ehud Barak at Camp David in 2000 when they were promised 90% of the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem as a Capital and a fund to compensate those who had lost land and homes. Many Palestinians would have been pleased with this, but it was not to be. How different things would be today if Yasser Arafat had said Yes.

It was Mahatma Gandhi, who in quoting Deuteronomy 19:21 from the Old Testament said, An eye for an eye will leave the whole world blind. Jesus offers another way, that of love and forgiveness, and maybe that's the only force powerful to end the cycle of violence and bring people in the world together.

Please remember the tragic cost of War, and resolve to answer Jesus' call to work for forgiveness and reconciliation today, for the world is in great need of that message.

#### Paul



# HARVEST 2023

In October we celebrated the Harvest in both Churches.

In Saint Oswald's we linked Harvest to the Love in a Box Appeal, and also gave the option of donations to the United Nations World Food Programme that supports Communities where crops have failed.

At Christ Church we continued our support for Middlesbrough Foodbank with both items brought in as well as donations of money received.

Both Churches were beautifully decorated for Harvest, and our thanks to all who do this. The best decoration of all is having a Church full of grateful and generous people.

At Saint Oswald's we followed the service with a Faith Lunch.

# Thank you ...

As we approach Advent, we would like to thank everyone who gives to the church on a regular basis either by bank standing order or freewill offering envelope. You have ensured that we keep the lights (and heaters) on during the recent very difficult period for

us all. And a particular thanks to those of you who have managed to increase your giving in recent months- this is much appreciated!

But I want to appeal to all those (including me!) who have not increased their giving level for several years - we have all been faced with increasing energy bills and the cost of living crisis has affected everyone ...including the church! So could I ask you to consider increasing your weekly or monthly donation to the Church by the rate of inflation (say 5%) or more if you can.? If we all did this our finances would be placed in a much healthier state for the next few years. As Paul said in his letter last month, we have a tradition of supporting the poorer parishes in the Diocese and we want to keep up this good habit!

And not forgetting those of you who are irregular visitors but still contribute to the church. We now have a state-of-the-art card reader in church (which is very simple to operate!) and you can always use the QR code from your own home via the weekly service sheet! Better still, why not join the large band of regular givers by setting up a monthly standing order in favour of the Church. Just contact me if you need any help!

Once again, many thanks for all that you contribute to the church to support our running costs and to help those parishes less fortunate than ourselves! With best wishes

#### Ken - your friendly treasurer!

# Wrap Up

Wrap Up is a UK wide initiative, run by the Rotary Club, to collect coats for distribution to the homeless and vulnerable. Great Ayton Methodist Church has a collection point for donations in the church foyer from Monday October 30th to Monday November 13th. Coats for men, women, children and babies will be gratefully received whenever the church is open. For example, Sunday mornings from 10am to 12.30pm, Tuesday afternoons from 3pm to 4.30pm and Thursday mornings from 10am to 11.30am.





#### **Special Award to Alison & Ben**



At the October Church Parade in Christ Church, Paul Clarke, the District Commissioner of North Hambleton District Scouts, made a surprise visit to make a special award to Alison & Ben Lambert for all that they do for Scouting in Great Ayton.

Ben has been the Group Scout Leader since 2020 and runs both the Scouts and the Cubs, assisted with the Cubs by Alison who also runs the Brownies at the Methodist Church. Due to a shortage of Leaders they have also been running the Beavers together too! In addition to all these evenings of commitment, they also take the young people away on Camps each year. Their three sons are also very much involved in Scouting.

All the Leaders of the Uniformed Organisations in both Guides and Scouting give their time, energy and skills entirely voluntary for the benefit of our young people, so thank you DC Paul for a well deserved recognition of two very dedicated and hard-working leaders. Hats off to all our voluntary leaders for the great work they do. Angrove Singers

# Christmas Concert

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.30pm (doors open 7pm)

# **Christ Church. Great Ayton**

#### Musical Director: Jeremy Harbottle Accompanist: Gillian Ash

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

### **CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

#### 26 November at 5pm



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.

# EXHIBITION







#### of Paintings and Sculpture

by Local Artists Pam Scott, Anthony Cox, Jim Miller, Barbara Renton Wood, Patsy Newton Graham Bartrum and Susan Thomas.

will be held in

Great Ayton Village Hall (Nr Suggits ) High Street Great Ayton, North Yorkshire TS9 6NF on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 10am onwards

# **Churchyard of the Year Award**

We are delighted to be able to report that Saint Oswald's Church at Newton under Roseberry has won the North & East Yorkshire's Best Churchyard Competition for 2023.

The Competition is run by the Council for the Protection of Rural England and looks to how Churchyards are being cared for and managed, as well as all the community involvement. There were three Churches on the shortlist. Here's what they said "I did manage to visit all three Churchyards a number of times as seasonality is key... . "St Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry, however just had the edge in the competition with all judges in agreement. Simply put, a classic country churchyard, exemplifying seasonality and community work."

Big thanks to John Stinson who has led this work, involving others in building bird boxes, sowing seeds, planting Trees, composting waste, knowing when not to cut the grass so we can spot the wildflowers and see the visiting birds.

There will be a Presentation in York on 25th November.



John & Rob making bird boxes out of old vestry cupboards.

Jane sowing seeds on Bluebell Sunday (Right)

Tree planting for the Queens Diamond Jubilee, and the beautiful Autumn Crocuses.





David Petch from Whitegates Farm says he has never seen the Churchyard look as good in his 90+ years.

Well Done!



# Saint Oswald's Churchyard

Spotted in the Churchyard this year.

Bi	rds	Flowers &	Flowers & Grasses	
Robin	Starling	Meadow Buttercup	Primrose	
Blackbird	Tree Creeper	Creeping Buttercup	Cowslip	
Song Thrush	Wood Pigeon	Lesser Celandine	Forget-me-Not	
Mistle Thrush	Collared Dove	Common Poppy	Hedge Bindweed	
Wren	Chiffchaff	Shepherd's Purse	Speedwell	
House Sparrow	Blackcap	Garlic Mustard	Red Dead Nettle	
Tree Sparrow	Fieldfare	Dog Violet	Hoary Plantain	
Dunnock	Redwing	Red Campion	Groundsel	
Chaffinch	Jay	Chickweed	Dock	
Greenfinch	Kestrel	Stitchwort	Daisy	
Bullfinch	Magpie	Herb Robert	Dandelion	
Carrion Crow	Nuthatch	White Clover	Bluebell	
Rook	Pheasant	Red Clover	Snowdrop	
Jackdaw	Pied Wagtail	Bramble	Thistle	
Blue Tit	Willow Warbler	Dog Rose	Timothy	
Great Tit	Sparrow Hawk	Rosebay Willowherb	Sheep's Fescue	
Coal Tit	Long Tailed Tit	lvy	Cock's Foot	
Barn Owl	Great. Spotted	Hedge Parsley	Scarlet Pimpernel	
Tawny Owl	Woodpecker	Cow Parsley		
Little Owl		Nettle		

## Great Ayton in the Pre-Motor Age

The days when you could take a horse-drawn cab to and from Great Ayton railway station were recalled in a newspaper report of May 1959.



The cutting was of the obituary of Mr Alfred Dunning, who had died at Ripon at the age of 82, but had spent most of his

life in Great Ayton, where he was described as "a personality and something of a character."

He hailed from East Cleveland and in his early life had a livery business in Saltburn, where he rented the yard of a hotel. In the summer months, wearing the traditional buttoned coachman's coat and a cockaded topper, he drove a four-in-hand charabanc conveying visitors to the seaside resort on tours of the neighbouring countryside.

At the same time, Mr William Minchin was the proprietor of a similar business in Great Ayton, the report explains. It was jokingly suggested by "Alfie" that they should "have a swap." What began as a joke developed into an earnest business proposition. The two decided to dispense with the services of an auctioneer or valuer and made an individual appraisement of their stock and equipment and this was adjusted by Mr Dunning paying over a small sum of money.

"Mr Dunning provided horsed cabs for the conveyance of passengers to and from Great Ayton station. This service plied between 730 am and 9 pm during the week and until 11.30 pm on Saturdays when there was a late train. His charges were fourpence from Low Green and threepence from Langbaugh Terrace. Over the years Mr Dunning provided the cabs for countless funerals and weddings.

"He was the pioneer of a motor bus service between Stokesley and Middlesbrough which was later developed and extended and was ultimately acquired by United Automobile Services. Two of his sons, Percy and Fred, however, retained control of the touring coach side of the business. Mr Dunning made a return visit to Great Ayton each year during the week of Stokesley Show, an event he had not missed for 66 years. Within the past few weeks he had attended the Cleveland Point-to-Point races."

#### Malcolm Race

# Mistletoe & Musicals

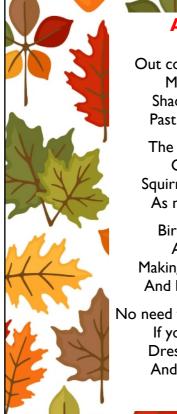
Teesside Musical Theatre & Youth Company

Saturday 25th November 2023 at 7:15pm Christ Church Great Ayton

Adults £10, Under 16's £5 available from 07843 977 209 or email on operasingerkath@aol.com

\*Raffle\* \*Cakes\* \*Refreshments\*
and of course.....\*SPARKLING ENTERTAINMENT\*

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## An Autumn Walk

Out come gloves and scarves now. Mornings frosty and clear Shadows lengthen as we walk Past fields and farms and deer.

The trees are looking beautiful Orange, red and brown Squirrels scampering underneath As nuts come tumbling down.

Birds are feeling hungry too And gather on the wire Making forays for seed in the field And berries on hedge and briar.

No need for potions and tablets and pills If you're tired and full of care Dress up warm, put on a smile And go out in the country air.

Sheila Wray

LOVE IN A BOX THANKS

Many thanks to all who supported this year's Love in a Box Appeal. 92 Boxes were



collected for our service, but with it being so early this year, others who normally join us have made their own arrangements.

Thanks again to Ingleby Greenhow School for their faithful support over many years. I have enjoyed my visits to you each year for a special assembly - usually with one of my pals.

#### **Christian Aid Week Organiser Needed**

Christian Aid Week is usually the third week of May. For many years, the four churches of Great Ayton have worked together, and we usually raise around £2000 to  $\pounds 2500$ .



Since Covid, we have had four major fundraising 'streams'.

The main one is 'delivery only' envelopes. Recipients are requested to return their envelopes to Thompson's Hardware store. We have also had a Just Giving page online; a street collection on Saturday morning; and Christ Church have their own collection. This year we experimented with a quiz at the Royal Oak.

This year 37 people volunteered to deliver envelopes; 12 for the street collection; someone else set up the Just Giving page and about 6 made sure the Quiz ran smoothly.

There are also 4 people who look after the banners which are placed around the village, and just need reminding to put their banner up!

Many of these volunteers, unless they have a change of circumstance, will be willing to help next year.

Next year, we need a new organiser. As the current organiser, I will be happy to work alongside someone in order to hand over. Preparations begin around mid-March and everything is completed by late May or early June. I estimate that the number of hours of work for the organiser is about 16 to 20 spread over the two and a half months.

If you think you might be interested, please contact me, Ann Davies, at <u>martinlloyddavies@btopenworld.com</u> or 07554654096

## School Aid India Update

News from Darjeeling continues to be good, and every month we hear of a new success story, with the achievements of our ex pupils exceeding all previous expectations. It is fascinating to see the range of studies they are pursuing too from business and sciences, to Nepali language and culture, nursing, and teaching. One student has high hopes of entering the national orchestra as a violinist, two others have won coveted places in the army, and another is training to be a medical lab technician.

At SAI we don't really understand how the mostly untrained staff at Roseberry succeed in producing such well rounded, confident and appreciative youngsters, but we applaud their results and are ever more determined to help them continue their amazing work. I still get letters from ex pupils thanking the staff for enabling them to pursue worthwhile careers which will, of course, give them choices, and enable them to escape the conditions of poverty in which their parents live.



Back at home the Trustees of SAI are already looking

forward to securing a third decade for Roseberry. The charity's administration is being updated, an additional Trustee has been appointed, and there is a real buzz around the next phase of Roseberry School's development.

None of this could have happened without the support we have enjoyed, so I am particularly pleased to be able to tell you about more of the lives which have been changed thanks to donors' contributions.

I wrote before about Bibek (see photo). He has now made it into the army and so is able to provide for his family and ensure that his younger sister Anju is able to finish her education in spite of their father being laid off from his labouring job. Anju will soon finish school and hopes to go on to college and become a science teacher. Mingma is still at year 11 stage and hoping to become a Marine Biologist. she is a great character although she is quite reserved, and is very grateful to Roseberry School because, she explains "I started to have wishes while I was there, and it gave me a great push to believe in myself and desire to be successful in life".

Sidikha (right) is only 7 years old. She and her father live alone having been abandoned by her mother during lockdown, and now this shy 7 year old girl often has to make her own meal in the evening because her father works as a labourer and usually gets home too late. In spite of this, Sidikha's attendance at school is excellent and she works hard. We hope so much that this deserving young girl will manage complete her education and escape the life she and her father currently endure.



#### **Helen Jones**

#### **CHURCH HALL 200 Club**

If you would like to join the Church Hall 200 Club, and maybe become a lucky

ОСТ	OBER 2023 Winners	winner as well as helping raise funds for improvements and equipment, its only £24 a year.	
£20	60 Rosemary Wheway	, This month 80 members of the 200 Club	
£20	16 Jan Thompson	contributed £80 to the Hall Fund.	
£20	21 Elsa Taylor	To Subscribe, contact either Julie Bourke juliebourke@hotmail.com	
£10	88 Ken Bellamy	or Karen Peverell karen.peverell@btinternet.com	
£10	46 Audrey Prunty		

# **From the Registers**

#### Wedding

7 October

Josh Atkinson & Rachael Knaggs



#### **Funerals & Memorial Services**

9 October 9 October 12 October

Pat Honeyman Chris Mortlock George Watkins

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



Coming Soon To The Church Hall

# **CINDERELLA**

Featuring Bella & Donna, the Ugly Sisters.

Don't miss it

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

#### **Malcolm's Musings**

Some years ago, police in the West Midlands were told by telephone that a safe had been abandoned by the roadside. A panda car went to the scene and an officer stood guard until detectives arrived to dust for fingerprints. A Land Rover with towing gear was sent and uniform branch sent constables who



heaved and strained while the Land Rover pulled. "That's when we realised it was a Midlands Electricity Board junction box which was cemented into the ground," said a spokesman.

A prisoner appearing before Lord Birkenhead pleaded: "As God is my judge, I'm not guilty." The judge replied: "He's not, I am, you are."

Appearing in a BBC TV "One Show," A man who had been teaching English to indigenous people in part of Canada, recalled that in their language they had no word for "goodbye." Instead they used "Hello enough."

A man completing a form for a High Street bank was somewhat contused by the final tick box: "Please tell us your communication preference if you would prefer we do not contact you."

A woman received a Christmas card devoid of stamps but with two small spaces. The postie who had collected the mail from a rural post box had written on the envelope: "Snail ate stamps."

A church in Suffolk was burgled, the altar cross and candles taken and the offertory box emptied. The thieves were soon apprehended, however, as they signed the visitors' book leaving their home address.

A burglar in Blackburn was caught after leaving his false teeth at the scene of the crime. He had taken out his top set to eat a beef sandwich after breaking into the shop but forgot to put the dentures back in and they were discovered at the

newsagent's and sent for DNA testing. Before the results came back, however, a police office spotted the burglar without his teeth and identified him as the thief.

#### **Editor of Spire**

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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 9.15am 4.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Live on Zoom & Facebook. Cafe Church (2nd & 4th Sundays of month)
Т	uesday	9.45am	Little Fishes Toddler Service (School Term time only)
M	/ednesda	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		11.00am Holy Communion on 1st & 5th Sundays of the month	
			All Age Service on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

(No Service on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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)