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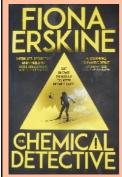
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# **MAY 2019**

- **3 Fri** I.45pm Christ Church Visitors meet in Upper Room
- **Sun** Easter 3 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion; 12.30pm Holy Baptism.
- 7 Tues 7pm Newton PCC Meet in Upper Room.
- 10 Fri 7.30pm Concert by White Rose Singers in aid of Childline in Christ Church.
- **Sun** Easter 4 8am Holy Communion; No 9.15am Service; I Iam Come & Praise; 3pm Praise & Party with Afternoon Tea
- 14 Mon 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion & Cuppa all welcome.
- 15 Wed 12 noon Funeral of Bill Trodd in Church: 7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation Service at Saint Francis, Ingleby Barwick.
- 19 Sun Easter 5 (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am
  Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service; 12.30pm Holy
  Baptism. 3pm Harp & Flute Concert in Christ Church in aid
  of All Saints Church; 4.30pm Sunday Supplement in Coffee
  Lounge
- **25** Sat 12.30pm Wedding at Christ Church.
- **26 Sun Easter 6** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11.15am Holy Baptism.

#### Regular activities on back page

Items in Magenta all take place at St Oswald's Church at Newton.



#### **Recommended Holiday Reading**

If you are looking for something to read whilst on holiday, then try *The Chemical Detective* written by local writer Fiona Erskine. Fiona lives and works on Teesside as an Engineer and has written a thriller to keep you on the edge of your seat. It features several local places and adds fresh interest to Yarm High Street. The plot twists and turns to keep you guessing to the end. A brilliant debut novel. Looking forward to the next one. Enjoy!



# **The Sunday Supplement**

Our Parish Communion Service each Sunday remains the central part of our worship and life at Christ Church. It brings us together faithfully every Sunday as a family of all ages and all interests. Attendance isn't as large as

it was 25 years ago, but we still have good numbers, have an excellent choir to lead worship and look forward to seeing all the children from Sunday School come in to tell us about their exciting lesson at the end of the service. We try and do as much as we can in the time, and try and please as many people as possible keeping the service to just over an hour so that I can get to Saint Oswald's in time for their service, and we can turn around in time for Come & Praise and Baptisms at Christ Church.

You can't always do everything you want in one service and need some other time to try other things. So we are going to try something new in addition to what we already do. Rather than call it a Service, we are calling it *The Sunday Supplement*, with the hope that it will supplement the life of our Church and add to what is going on. We will see how things go as to how often and when we do it, but we will start monthly and see how we go on May 19th and June 16th starting at 4.30pm.

The Sunday Supplement will be more informal, take place in the Coffee Lounge and maybe accompanied by coffee/ tea and cake. We will have some modern songs, we will have some teaching, and we will have some fun and fellowship too and we hope this may be especially attractive to younger folk - but all ages welcome. We hope to have activities for younger children to keep them occupied on their level so their parents can take part.



#### **Paul**

Thumbs Up for Libby, following her accident when she was hit by a car. We send our love & prayers for a full recovery.

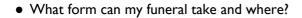
## **DYING MATTERS**

Stokesley Methodist Church have organised a week long display in their Church and Hall featuring many of the things you need to think about for when you die.

The topic of dying is sometimes taboo, and people don't like to talk about it, but failing to get things needed in place in time can cause families, and indeed even yourself, much anguish at a difficult time.

#### Things to Consider

- Would I ever not want to be resuscitated?
- Have I taken care of my dependents in my Will?
- Should I donate my organs at death?
- Who needs to know these things?
- What about my funeral and what to do with my body?





An environmentally friendly woollen coffin

# **Stokesley Methodist Church**

## Monday 13th - Saturday 18th May 11am - 2pm each day

Pop in and see what it is about. You don't have to do anything there, but you could pick up leaflets to help you start a thought process or conversation at home. There will also be people present to talk to, if you want to, especially on the Saturday - Solicitors, Funeral Directors, Ministers etc.

I am happy to to see people in advance to plan their funeral if it is to take place here or with my involvement. That way you know you will get the funeral you want. This isn't morbid. I have mine all planned with what I want and even have the service sheet ready just awaiting the date!! I update it all each year.

You can also plan and pre-pay your funeral with local Funeral Directors, and this can save a lot of money as well. Independent Funeral Directors will have their own plans and deal with your funeral at the time. If you approach Age Concern to take a plan, then all arrangements will be through the Dignity Funeral Group (ie Relphs in Middlesbrough or Stanway & Garnett in Redcar.)



#### **Bluebells**

Forget old Wordworths "daffodils"
Dancing in the breeze
Take a walk in Ayton woods
And look under the trees
Hosts of glorious bluebells
standing proud and tall
Filling field and woodland
The loveliest flower of all.

Take a walk in Maytime
Through a sea of perfect blue.
They form a floral carpet
Of every shade and hue.
By August they have faded
No need to shed a tear
They'll be back in great profusion
In Springtime next year.

#### Sheila Wray



Congratulations to all at Ayton's Fish & Chip Shop for winning an award for one of the best Fish & Chip Shops in the area. We all agree on that.

The huge queues on Good Friday say it all.

#### THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

April has been a quiet month for the committee, but we will be holding our AGM in May.





Further details will be placed in News from the Pews during May so please take notice of these. Tickets will be available from committee members as usual.

Jancie Brown

# **Entertaining Angels**

**A play by Richard Everett**Performed by Great Ayton Dramatic Society

# Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm Christ Church Hall

As a vicar's wife, Grace has spent a lifetime on her best behaviour. Now, after the death of her husband Bardolph, she can enjoy the new-found freedom of being able to do and say exactly what she wants. But the return of her eccentric missionary sister, Ruth, together with some disturbing revelations forces Grace to confront the truth of her marriage. Set in a lush vicarage garden complete with real grass, plants and a stream with running water, the play is filled



with sharp-edged comedy and probing wit. Tickets available online now from:

https://www.visitgreatayton.com/what-to-do-in-great-ayton/specialevents/entertaining-angels

Or from May at Thompson's Hardware and the Discovery Centre.

## A Musical Evening with The White Rose Singers

with Songs from the Shows in aid of Childline

## Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm Christ Church

Tickets £7.50 to include drinks and canapés during the interval.

Available from 01642 725321 or the Discovery Centre.

# A Concert for Harp & Flute

# Sunday 19th May 2019 at 3pm in Christ Church

Proceeds for All Saints Church on Low Green.

#### Featuring Harps of the North & Flautissimo

Tickets £5 from Christ Church, All Saints, Thompsons Hardware, or you can pay at the door.

#### MIDSUMMER MUSIC

St Oswald's Church Newton under Roseberry

Thursday 27th June at 7.30pm

# Jeremy McMurray & The Pocket Orchestra

#### Tickets £10 Raffle

Proceeds to Church Funds

Tickets from Paul Carter paul@pauldavidcarter.com or Saint Oswald's Church



# What we do

We work with local partners and communities to fight injustice, respond to humanitarian emergencies, campaign for change, and help people claim the services and rights they are entitled to.

We aim to end poverty and injustice

worldwide by focusing on seven key areas – see below. This involves working in partnership with local organisations, as well as with governments and the private sector.

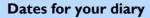
Our work includes helping people to:

- claim their rights and access services such as healthcare and education
- ensure they are not discriminated against for any reason
- become more resilient to shocks and disasters such as drought, climate change and hurricanes
- make the most of opportunities, such as being able to sell their produce for a fair price.



# Yorkshire Cancer Research

Great Ayton and District Committee



Coffee Morning on Wednesday 7th August 2019, 10:30 - 12 noon in Christ Church Hall.

**Margaret Stevens** 



#### PRAISE & PARTY

# May 12th - A Different Service!

We have chosen this date for our eighth Praise and Party at 3pm. We are hoping that as many people as possible will attend a short service (which will include the choir), followed by Afternoon Tea in the Hall. There will not be a 9.15am service that morning.



We will particularly welcome those who find an early morning service difficult to attend and can, on this occasion, provide transport for everyone who needs it.

Please phone Marina (01642 723087) if you need a lift or just as importantly if you can offer one.

From Easter Sunday there will be a list at the back of the church to sign if you can provide small sandwiches or little cakes for the Afternoon Tea. The Visitors Group will co-ordinate the food and serve drinks. We also take boxes of food to those who are housebound.

If you find it difficult to get out and would like a church visitor or if you know of someone else in similar circumstances please let us know. We offer to visit **anyone** in the community.

#### **Rosemary Wheway**



# **Thy Kingdom Come**

In the period between Ascension Day to Pentecost we are asked to make a special effort in prayer for God's Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven. There are special Bible Study notes available on an App for people who prefer to do their own thing, and here we have tow local initiatives in our village ad Deanery which people may wish to dip in and out of.



# **Daily Prayers in All Saints Church**

When All Saints Church was first built (then dedicated to Saint Mary the Virgin) all Christians in Great Ayton worshipped together as one as this was before any divisions. We are therefore holding our Thy Kingdom Come Prayer events in All Saints Church on Low Green, with members of all the village Churches taking part...



Each Day will feature

7.30am Early Morning Prayers & Reflection (20 minutes)

12 noon Midday Prayers with Music

3 - 4pm Family Prayers with activities for children and adults

All times of prayer will include the Lord's Prayer and Thy Kingdom Come Prayer.

#### **Thy Kingdom Come Prayer**

Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom: inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

# Thy Kingdom Come Deanery Pilgrimage Global wave of Prayer – Ascension - Pentecost

Day I Ascension Day, 30th May (5.5 miles.)

9 am Eucharist St Martin & St Hilary, Kirklevington

All Saints, Low Worsall

Ipm Prayers St Mary Magdalene, Yarm

Day 2 Friday 31st May (6 miles.)

10 am Prayers All Saints, Crathorne

St Cuthbert, Middleton

2pm Prayers All Saints, Hutton Rudby

Day 3 Monday 3rd June (6 miles)

10am Prayers St Mary, Potto

St Botolph, Carlton

St Mary Magdalene, Faceby

2pm Prayers Holy Cross Swainby,

Whorlton

Day 4 Tuesday 4th June (9.5 miles.)

10am Prayers St Peter & St Paul, Stokesley

St Augustine, Kirkby

4pm Prayers St Hilda, Bilsdale

Day 5 Wednesday 5th June (11 miles.)

10am Prayers St Andrew, Ingleby Greehow

St Cuthbert, Kildale St Oswald, Newton

4pm Prayers All Saints Church, Great Ayton

Day 6 Thursday 6th June (8 miles.)

10am Prayers St Mary, Nunthorpe

St Martin, Seamer

3pm Prayers St Peter, Hilton

Day 7 Friday 7th June (6 miles.)

10am Prayers St Margaret, Brookfield

St Peter & St Paul, Stainton

2pm Prayers St Francis, Ingleby Barwick

Penetecost Sunday 9th June (4 miles.)

2pm Walk from St Francis, Ingleby Barwick to St Mary Magdalene, Yarm for 4pm

Songs of Praise. **Total approx. 56 miles.** 



## **EASTER MEMORIES**



We welcomed Bishop David Wilbourne to lead Stokesley Deanery's Lent Course over four Sundays in Christ Church. He took as his theme Upping Our Game and gave us four excellent addresses conveyed with humour and warmth, but with challenges as to how we respond to the Gospel wrapped up in them.

He also sold copies of his books donating £5 from each sale to our collection for Together Middlesbrough.

After a well attended Lent journey we were able to send £636.65 to Together Middlesbrough from Stokesley Deanery.

The Village Lent Course followed the latest ecumenical York Course and met in each of the four Church buildings, ending up on the fifth week at *The Royal Oak* where we met for a meal beforehand. This has now become a well established part of our Lent and we look forward to seeing friends from the other Churches at this time of year.



With a very late Easter, the Palm leaves to make the crosses arrived after Guides had broken up, so we had to appeal for help to make them. Special thanks to some of the mums from the *Bradley School of Dance* who stayed behind after the lesson



to help. Thanks also to Simon, Michael and Edward who saw our appeal on Facebook and also turned up to help.



Our Churches looked fantastic for Easter Worship, so very many thanks to the skilled and dedicated ladies who put so much time and effort in to enhance our worship by making our Church buildings look so bright and welcoming.

Thanks also to all who kindly help deliver the Churches Together Easter Card around the village so that folk know what is on.





The best decorations of all on Easter Day are in the number of people who attend worship. We were very pleased to welcome Rishi Sunak MP and his wife to Christ Church. Whilst Church was fairly full, we did have some spare places so please don't let this thought put you off coming next year!

There was about as much room left in Saint Oswald's as there was parking left in Newton under Roseberry. We had a great turnout of 73 people for worship and two dogs coming to prepare for their wedding roles! The service also included the baptism of Logan Emerson, whose parents were married here.

We even had a live Facetime link to a Godparent in Nebraska

Prayers were led with accents from North America, France and Yorkshire.



# CHARITIES WE SUPPORT UCCF:THE CHRISTIAN UNIONS

Christian Unions (CU's) are mission teams that operate at the heart of university and college campuses to give every student in Great Britain an opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ. These CU's are led by students and are resourced and supported by paid Staff Workers and Relay Workers



from UCCF and work in cooperation with local churches.

Amongst the achievements last year were:

- 47000 students at CU mission weeks
- 1007 CU leaders at the national CU leaders' training conference
- 100000 copies of the special 'Uncover' edition of Mark's Gospel issued
- 31,000 students at CU carol services.
- 9000 students attended fresher week events put on by the CU's.
- 1038 students attended mission week follow up events.
- 110,000 visits every month to www.bethinking.org, a fantastic Christian resource website provided by UCCF.

The sheer scale of this activity is both amazing and vital. For many, university is the last best chance to hear the gospel explained in a way that resonates and is relevant to the modern life of our young adults. It is a huge challenge for us to do this in our local communities, where there is often a lack of critical mass and resources to be effective, and so our money is well spent supporting UCCF.

Last year UCCF had an income of some £3.8M unrestricted funds, including £1000 from Christ Church. The proportion of income spent on fundraising and governance was less than 6%.

When our young adults leave home and head off to universities and colleges, it is reassuring to know that there is a Christian support framework in place that speaks their language, and where they can hear the gospel compellingly explained and attractively lived out. To find out more visit <a href="https://www.uccf.org.uk/">https://www.uccf.org.uk/</a>

#### **Martin Simmons**

# Who or what is Together Middlesbrough?

# TOGETHER MIDDLESBROUGH & CLEVELAND®

A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN THE DIOCESE OF YORK AND CUF Actually, the full name of the organisation is 'Together The Middlesbrough and Cleveland' (TM&C for short) reflecting the area it covers. Christ Church has

supported TM&C and the Church Urban Fund, from which it was derived, for many years, both from our budgeted giving and from special collections. It is our way of reaching out to our immediate neighbours. A drive through some parts of the region is all it takes to see why, but we are only seeing the surface. Go beneath and there is not only poverty and hardship at a level almost unthinkable in the UK today, but also amazing effort and results from the different projects that are going on to help and support the communities.

So this is what TM&C does, it brings people together with a common objective. There are hundreds of activities going on, privately, through charities, churches and council services; there are pockets of finance available. TM&C brings different individual efforts together in partnership, to define the greatest needs and obtain the maximum benefit from the available resources. It multiplies the effects, it gets projects started, it provides expertise.

There is not enough room here to provide details of all that TM&C is involved in, but there is lots to read about on their website <a href="https://togethermc.org.uk/">https://togethermc.org.uk/</a> Have a look, and please remember that it is not just funding that is needed. Your time is valuable and many of the projects would welcome your help, on a one off or regular basis. If you do get involved, please tell us about it to encourage others.



Thank you for your support. It means a lot to TM&C.

**John Dickinson** 01642 724450

# 'Faith that persists to the finishing line'



All of us face challenges in life, but how do we cope with setbacks, disappointments, suffering and hardship? Come and hear what the Bible has to say about Perseverance in a morning led by Tony Horsfall on Saturday I Ith May in Christ Church Coffee Lounge from 9:30am to Ipm. There'll be no charge to attendees but we will be inviting donations to pay expenses.

The morning will be divided into 2 sessions. In the first half we will look at the example of Jesus as an inspiration for our own resilience. In the second half we will consider a very moving story from the life of David when he found himself at his lowest point. From this we will learn how to find strength from God. There will be time for personal reflection as well.

There will be coffee & cake, so it would be helpful to have an idea of numbers – please email "Yes" or "No" or "Maybe". Thanks, Geoff jaques | 32@gmail.com

# **World Day of Prayer**

The former Women's World Day of Prayer, now re branded as the World Day of Prayer, took place in thee Methodist Church. About 45 attended, including I man. The service was created by the women of Slovenia this year on the topic "Come - everything is ready" and included prayers, quiet reflection on a painting by a local artist, songs and life stories of women of various ages living in Slovenia. Lots of participation by ladies from Great



Ayton churches who handed out red carnations to everyone, followed by refreshments which included delicious cinnamon biscuits made from a recipe recommended by the Slovenian women.

# **Being Christian**

Led by our Diocesan Lay Development Adviser, Angela Bailey (photo) and based on former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams book 'Being Christian', there are four sessions:



Baptism 3rd June

Bible 10th June

Prayer 17th June

Eucharist 24th June

Each is suitable for all adult Christians

Starting on Monday evenings at 7.30pm with coffee; we'll finish by 9.45pm.

Don't worry if you can't make all 4 sessions, each 'stands alone'. You can also use this to prepare for Confirmation in June.

Angela will use the Bible to support learning on each topic and also help us get more confident in finding our way around it.

A handout gives us something to take away and check later

There'll be an opportunity to ask questions, which helps us clarify some of the most obvious misunderstandings.

It would be helpful to have an idea of numbers – please email "Yes" or "No" or "Maybe" to jaques132@gmail.com

#### A Word from Sheila

Normally nervous of attending Church courses, I bravely attended the four Friday mornings "Being Christian" sessions led by Angela Bailey, ably assisted by Nick and Peter.

The talks were insightful and informative. The group discussions were serious, yet jolly and friendly. Nerves forgotten, I enjoyed the course and came home with plenty to ponder.

# From the Registers

## **Holy Baptism**

7 April 14 April` 14 April 21 April Logan Roy Dunn Hunter Shay Brand Matthew James Brand Logan George Emerson





**Logans Run?** Two lovely Christenings at Saint Oswald's for couples who were married here in the same month, and both called their sons Logan. Is that a Logans run?

# **Holy Matrinony**

20 April Craig Sedgewick & Gemma Neesham



#### **Christian Burial and Cremation**

10 March

Florence Kappes

Entries in Magenta took place at St Oswald's Church, Newton

Parish website
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Stokesley Deanery
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## **Malcolm's Musings**

A South Wales chapel had a notice outside which read: "Where will you be on Judgment Day? Underneath someone had written: "Waiting for the Cardiff bus."



A man stood at a pen counter in a Bradford store making a careful choice. "I'm buying a present for my wife," he explained. "A surprise, perhaps?" "I should say so. She's expecting a car."

Masked raiders launched a terrifying raid on a petrol station with a meat cleaver and a knife - then ran out of petrol in a bungled getaway. - Newspaper report.

A doctor driving at high speed round a roundabout spotted a police car. He wound his window down and waved a stethoscope. The police wound their window down and waved a pair of handcuffs.

A college at Bradford is running a course on Yorkshire dialect for asylum seekers - phrases like "I'm off to the shops," "flippin 'eck," "Ey up" and "ta love."

A party of Americans were being shown around the Houses of Parliament. Suddenly down one of the long corridors they saw the approaching Lord Chancellor's procession. As it got close to them, Lord Hailsham caught sight of a friend behind them, Raising his arm, he called out "Neil.." And they all knelt down.

A senior judge was called for jury service and denied exemption despite telling officials he was the judge presiding over the case. Rejecting his refusal, officials told him he could appeal to the presiding judge!. It took a phone call to resolve the matter. - Recent Telegraph report.

"Aye, man's a lump of clay. A woman takes him and makes him into a mug" - Non-PC Yorkshireman

#### **Malcolm Race**

#### **Editor of Spire**

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

#### **Services**

#### **Christ Church, Great Ayton**

**Sunday** 8.00am Holy Communion

9.15am Parish Communion with Sunday School 11.00am Come & Praise (2nd Sunday of month)

Evening Worship - as announced in the Diary

**Tuesday** 9.30am Little Fishes Carer & Toddler Group

Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion

**Baptisms, Banns and Weddings** can be arranged in person at Christ Church Vestry on **Fridays from 6pm - 7pm** where the clergy are present. Or make an initial contact by emailing the Vicar, Paul Peverell at <a href="revpev@btinternet.com">revpev@btinternet.com</a>

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

Sunday 11.00am Services on 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month only 1st & 5th Holy Communion; 3rd All Age Worship

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#### **Church Hall Office**

For Church Hall bookings, please contact the Church Office Tel 01642 722 665 on Monday, Thursday or Friday 9 am - 12 noon, or leave a message.

Email. gapo 1876@outlook.com (For services or pastoral matters, please contact the vicar as this phone isn't manned every day)

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