



Lockdown Sketches

So as to not waste the Lockdown, some people used them in positive ways to do something different. Jim Miller decided to do a sketch each day of a local scene and has kindly sent some to Spire. You can see these inside. Well done Jim! A most useful use of time and talents.

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We are sending out the paper edition of Spire as so many appreciated it last month. Please treat with same caution as anything else coming through your letterbox.

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DIARY FOR JULY & AUGUST

- 5 Sun **Trinity 4** 9.30am Sunday Morning Worship at Christ Church, Zoom and Facebook Live.
- 12 Sun **Trinity 5** 9.30am Sunday Morning Worship Zoom and Facebook Live; 5pm Evening Prayer (Ayton)
- 19 Sun **Trinity 6** 9.30am Sunday Morning Worship at Christ Church, Zoom and Facebook Live.
- 26 Sun **Trinity 7** 9.30am Sunday Morning Worship at Stokesley Parish Church, Zoom and Facebook Live; 5pm Prayer Book Holy Communion (Ayton).

AUGUST

- 2 Sun **Trinity 8** 9.30am Sunday Morning Worship at Christ Church, Zoom and Facebook Live; **I I am Sunday Worship at Saint Oswald's & Zoom**; 5pm Prayer Book Holy Communion (Stokesley)
- 9 Sun **Trinity 9** 9.30am Sunday Morning Worship at Stokesley Parish Church, Zoom and Facebook Live; 5pm Evening Prayer (Ayton)
- 16 Sun **Trinity 10** 9.30am Sunday Morning Worship at Christ Church, Zoom and Facebook Live; **I I am Sunday Worship at Saint Oswald's & Zoom**; 5pm Evening Prayer (Stokesley)
- 23 Sun **Trinity 11** 9.30am Sunday Morning Worship at Stokesley Parish Church, Zoom and Facebook Live; 5pm Prayer Book Holy Communion (Ayton).
- 30 Sun **Trinity 12** 9.30am Sunday Morning Worship at Christ Church, Zoom and Facebook Live;

Prayer for the Day - Monday to Saturday at 8.45am

Black = Christ Church;

Purple = Saint Oswald's, Newton;

Blue = Ss Peter & Paul, Stokesley

Farewell to Lisa and Andy

In August Revd Lisa & Andy Quarmbly move to Sheffield where Lisa will take up her new post in a Methodist Church there. We send our love and best wishes to them, and thanks for their time in our village and community. Thanks Lisa for your constant cheerfulness, enthusiasm and wonderful Northern friendliness.



A Word about Statues

The world has changed in many ways over the last few months - some good and some not so good. We have seen some wonderful acts of kindness, but also some brutal acts of violence. Recently we have seen a move to remove statues, with some being pulled down and others vandalised.



May I interject a word of caution, for when spirits are hot then injustices can be done.

Here in Great Ayton we have suffered our own period of iconoclasm several centuries ago, when Reformers stripped the Church dedicated to Saint Mary on Low Green of any decorations and broke the statues in it, as they did to many of our great churches and cathedrals. When you look up and see empty plinths or columns, then chances they once were full, but the occupants were removed in the spirit of the age. Go abroad on holiday and see their Churches, and you get an idea of what we have lost.

Our victim was the Virgin Mary. Her image was broken into pieces, and like a scene from *Silent Witness* all that remains of her is her torso. Her legs were broken off and she was decapitated. Did she ever do anything to personally justify this? No, of course not. She bore Jesus Christ the Son of God, but sadly her memories got caught up in the spirit of an age and her image paid the price.

Now there may be some characters that should definitely not be celebrated with statues, but please give some room for others, who despite the spirit of the age that they lived in, still stood out for good and advanced the world in understanding and humanity We don't want to come across as intolerant as our forebears. Goodness knows how our generation will be judged in years to come as we are far from perfect.

Paul

Services in Church

Following on from recent Government announcements it looks like worship may restart in Church buildings under strict conditions from Sunday 5th July. We are still awaiting detailed advice from the Church of England, so the following is provisional on that.

Personal Prayer Christ Church will be open for individuals to pop in to pray on Sundays and Wednesdays from 3pm - 5pm, beginning Sunday 28th June and someone will be in attendance (quite possibly the vicar to begin with). Certain protocols on hand sanitising, social distancing and cleaning have to be observed to make it safe. If we get more volunteers to help man the Church we may extend the days, and eventually get back to the longer hours we have been accustomed to - but first steps first.

Funerals Funerals can take place in Church with up to 30 people attending, with Social Distancing and hand sanitising. We are trying to keep to Wednesdays where possible, as this allows 72 hours afterwards before the Church is used again, thus making it safer for those who clean beforehand, although we are sanitising the pews used each time. People who can't attend personally will be able to join in via Zoom.



Sunday Worship Our Sunday Worship has built up a wonderful character that we don't want to lose, so we will be looking how this can be maintained as we move forwards bringing all along on our journey together. The service will retain its present format. Once settled we will add Holy Communion when we come offline. The choir will continue online as singing isn't allowed in Church to begin with, and we also have several members of staff who have decided not to come back to Church at the moment. We will alternate between Ayton & Stokesley Churches

Great Ayton will be the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month to give me less distance to travel to Saint Oswald's at Newton under Roseberry.

Stokesley will be on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 9.30am beginning on 27th July.

On the Sunday afternoons at 5pm, the Church that doesn't host the morning service will have an evening service that will alternate between Evening Prayer and Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer. There will be no 8am Services for the time being, as numbers are very likely to be significantly down, but we hope the afternoon service will help any who wish to come. We will read Banns of Marriage at these services when needed.



Saint Oswald's Church will revert to having an 11am Service on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 11am with Zoom, and may start these in August, depending on how things are at the time. Please check the website. We won't do Zoom Services other weeks to allow the clergy to be available for Christenings, and anyone can join the 9.30am Service on Zoom/ Facebook

Weddings Government advice is now that weddings can go ahead with 30 people present. We hope to be able to include guests with Zoom. We still have some couples desperate to get married this summer, even with smaller number allowed. Once we get the go ahead we will do all possible to help these happen and be memorable days, whichever Church they are getting married in.

Zoom As you will have read several times, Zoom has now become part of our life in helping us reach out to others. We are fine at Christ Church as we have Broadband in the building, and I am pleased to say that Mobile Broadband appears to work in both Newton and Stokesley Churches. We will need some better quality cameras and equipment, but have the basics until we are sure what is needed.

Welcome to Jane

We are delighted to welcome our new Curate, Jane Robson, who will join us from 5th July. Jane's ordination has been delayed because of Coronavirus restrictions and is now likely to be in September.



As we can't visit people at home yet, this will be a very strange start as most of Jane's visits will be by telephone, Zoom or similar.

Her email address is revjanerob@gmail.com and we will ensure everyone sees her at our services. Please remember all prospective Deacons starting in new Parishes in these very strange times.

John Ford Retires

During the summer months we will lose yet another much valued and long standing member of our Deanery Clergy when Canon John Ford formally retires in August.

John and his wife Barbara initially served in the Whorlton Group of Parishes from 1994 following his curacy in Marton in Middlesbrough.

Another move within the Deanery saw John take over Stainton Parish whilst also being Part Time Police Chaplain to Cleveland Constabulary. It was whilst at Stainton that John took over as Rural/Area Dean of Stokesley, and is still in that role after 15 years.

John moved to Yarm in 2012, which recently joined with Kirklevington and Worsall. In addition to these Parishes John has also been Priest in Charge of Brookfield, and the Whorlton and Hutton Rudby Groups whilst other clergy were in training there.



Installation as Canon of Wetwang in York Minster 2013



In the sunshine at Whitby Abbey for the Archdeaconry Pilgrimage

He has served on the Archbishop's Council, the Diocesan Parsonages Board, the Diocesan Synod and is also Diocesan Chaplain to the Mother's Union.

In 2013 he organised the most successful Archdeaconry Pilgrimage to Whitby Abbey with Bishop Martin - and got the weather just right.

He was made a Canon of York Minster in 2013 in recognition of all that he has done in the Diocese and in 2019 was also made a Honorary Canon of False Bay in South Africa for all his work with our link Diocese.

His 70th Birthday was actually in January, but he stayed on to organise the Diocese response to the Lambeth Conference of Bishops this summer, which was then cancelled due to Coronavirus.

He has been supported throughout by his wife Barbara who deserves a big medal for her patience, forbearance and constant support.

John has been a fount of knowledge and support in the Deanery and is going to leave a big hole. When John arrived in the Deanery in 1994 we had 14 clergy of Incumbent status together with curates, NSMs and retired clergy. We will soon be down to 5 Incumbents & 2 curates with three vacancies and just as many church buildings. Thankfully the Lockdown has eased Sundays with Online worship, but serious attention needs to be given for the future.

In the meantime our sincere thanks and best wishes to John and Barbara, an incredible couple who have worked so hard in our Deanery. We will miss them very much, and I will miss our regular cooked breakfasts and chats at the Kings Head. Happy Retirement to you both. You deserve some time for yourselves.



John at Tessa's Induction as Vicar of Nunthorpe 2018

Geoff & Angela to step down from Little Fishes

In November of 2010 Geoff & Angela launched a new initiative at Christ Church especially for pre-school toddlers and their carers. It was called Little Fishes and it has been extremely successful because of the time they have given it, and the encouragement they have given to participate in it by helping out in many ways, from telling stories to making coffee.



Since lockdown, they have learnt even more skills of making videos and Live Streaming. They have now decided to step back after 10 busy and rewarding years to let someone else lead the way with fresh ideas. We thank them both for the huge effort and commitment they have both given, as we pray that someone will be forthcoming to continue this important work that is so much enjoyed and appreciated.

I found a photo of Angela, but as Geoff took most of the photos I couldn't find one with him on.



JOINING OUR SERVICES IN JULY & AUGUST

You can join any of our services either by watching on Facebook either at the time or catching up anytime during the day. Or you can join Zoom either with computer/iPad or telephone in using one of the numbers at the bottom and putting in the Meeting ID number. Phone callers are not visible on Facebook

Sunday Morning Worship Sundays at 9.30am

Live in Church, Facebook Live on the Christ Church Page or on Zoom

This Service is shared with Stokesley Parish who are in Vacancy

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89511024740> Meeting ID: 895 1102 4740

Password: 450872

Service for Saint Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry at 11am

Live in St. Oswald's Church and on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89376005713> Meeting ID: 893 7600 5713

Password: 969354

Prayer for the Day Monday to Saturday at 8.45am

On Facebook Live on the Christ Church Page or on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84024175583> Meeting ID: 840 2417 5583

Password: 974982

From July you are required to use the Password.

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LOCKDOWN.

We're living in the strangest times,
Our lives have been on hold.
And though restrictions have been eased,
Must **STAY ALERT** we're told.

We welcome this, but even so,
Our hygiene rules must stay.
This will prevent the spread of germs,
There is no other way.

With regular hand washing,
Our hands are getting sore.
We're sanitising everything,
Even handles on the door.

We're watching too much telly,
Interspersed with household chores.
We're missing social contact,
Since we spend more time indoors.

As we fight this deadly virus,
Social distancing's a must.
This is our governments advice,
And in them we must trust.

This pandemic is a journey,
We'll combat it come what may.
We're getting there, we're told,
Bit by bit, and day by day.

And when it is all over,
And it will be, we're assured,
Let's give thanks to all our NHS,
For all they have endured.

Our carers too are wonderful,
They've answered to the call.
So with gratitude we offer,
Our **HEARTFELT THANKS** to all.



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reflections and prayers

A Trip Around Fry Court

It has been a long time in coming, but I hope Ayton residents will agree that Fry Court is a wonderful addition to our village. One thing that has been missing from village life since Crossways closed many years ago, is somewhere for our older residents to live who need a little more support. Whilst not a nursing home, Fry Court will enable folk to manage on their own for far longer.

I was privileged to be invited for a tour round before the residents moved in, so let me share it with you. We enter through the doorway, protected by an entry intercom to the office just inside. A friendly voice will greet you as all the staff are ready with a welcoming smile.



A wide and spacious entrance hall, with tasteful furnishings and lots of photographs on the wall that show Ayton of old to get conversations going.

The entrance leads into the restaurant/bistro area which will serve meals for residents - and non residents too once lockdown restrictions have



been lifted. It is going to be run by Simon from the Bay Horse, so you will know that the food will be excellent. The seats are all taped back at the moment, but it will be a super area.



The terrace outside the restaurant gives a lovely area to sit in and enjoy the sunshine whilst having a chat over a coffee with friends.

The surrounding trees give you that lovely feeling of being in the countryside and you would never guess Newton Road is so near by.

Here is the view from above. The layout of the flats create a lovely sheltered area and neighbours can see each other easily from their balconies.



Fry Court also has a spacious hair salon that will also be open to the public as well as residents. They are hoping to make it very much part of the Great Ayton community.



The main lounge is a wonderful space for residents to relax and chat. It has a light and airy feel about it, and folding doors on one end open into the Bistro area, thus giving great flexibility. They have a wonderful composite photo of Great Ayton front and back.

Great attention has been given to the décor with the soft relaxing colour schemes and the interesting pictures in walls guaranteed to start memories coming.



A sign of today is that instead of a painting above the fireplace there is a large smart TV. Now I am sure that TV could be tuned into Zoom and folk could join in the Sunday morning Service!!

Once things settle down, I will be delighted to take some regular services there, if the residents would like them.



Go into the secure residents area, that is all controlled by entry videophones, so you can see who is calling.

The different floors are all colour coded, so you can easily tell where you are.

The apartments are very similar, although not all have balconies. The living area opens into the small kitchen area big enough to cook meals for two.

The colour scheme creates space and gives a blank canvas to make personal. Those moving in are really going to have to de-clutter, though. That's something their families will be grateful for someday!



The bedroom opens into the en-suite shower-room, and also there is an assisted bathroom, for those who like a soak. There's a laundry and an area for mobility scooters too. They have tried to think of everything

All in all, a very impressive addition to our village. There is still some work to be done building some bungalows behind.

We wish all those moving in, both from the village and from further afield, much happiness in their new homes and extend our best wishes to the very friendly staff working there. Hope you enjoyed your tour.

Whatever the reason they come, they just come...

In the days before lockdown 40-50 people from the local community met each week in St Oswald's Church Hall, in Grove Hill to meet up, listen to an encouraging gospel message and enjoy a 3-course free lunch! *But of course, it wasn't always this way.*

In 2006 **The Genesis Project** were providing faith sharing Kids Clubs and going into local schools but as successful as this was something felt amiss. The children were enjoying their time with us but we still had to send them back home afterwards to sometimes very chaotic family lives.



The area we serve is in the bottom of the most deprived in England, there aren't many families who haven't been affected by drugs, alcohol abuse, a family member being in prison or suicide. We felt that we had to provide a way to reach the family as a whole to change anything long-term for the children and so the free weekly lunch was launched.

There were some weeks in the beginning when I would find myself sat alone with food ready cooked waiting for people to turn up. Then gradually numbers started to increase; 6 people, 10 people and 20 at our first Christmas; and then we out grew the room we were meeting in!



Until, as I said at the beginning, 40-50 people met in our church hall every Friday lunchtime. Some people were even knocking on our doors at 11am to come in for a cuppa or to help to put the tables and chairs out or even to prep the veg. Some have shared with me that the main reason they come is to hear the messages shared, to receive prayer and to enjoy the lovely atmosphere. Others just come to be fed and to enjoy the food, flowers and clothes they can take home with them. Whatever the reason they come, they *just come*, and even though we don't usually see them on a Sunday morning they are very much a part of our church community.

During lockdown we haven't been able to meet but have been providing free food, clothes and other provisions daily and have also given out lots of fruit and vegetables and craft activity packs to many families. Last Friday we fed 75 people with food parcels. This has given us the chance of meeting with lots of new people in the area and I am looking forward to see how these new relationships develop in the future.

Everything we do depends on the funds we can raise and on the generosity of others. Please consider prayerfully how you could help us to continue this work.

Rev Kath Dean, Deacon St Oswald's & St Chad's and Leader of The Genesis Project, Grove Hill, Middlesbrough.

A Wedding Alternative



My heart goes out to all the lovely couples who booked their weddings with us for this year, and have found all their plans for the special days in tatters because of Covid-19.

Many who have booked with the big venues have already moved to next year, but some are still holding on for smaller weddings this year.

It's so difficult when you have great plans to see them fall - and its a tremendous expense too.



What about returning to what our grandparents did - and some others do - and use the Church Hall. It's all been renovated, has lovely round tables, good seating and the Hall & Coffee lounge areas for guests.

Entrance to the Hall from the Church is under cover, so good for rainy days or winter weddings too. You could use Saint Oswald's or Christ Church beforehand.



The costs for hiring are modest, so no big issues of losing thousands of pounds if insurers wont cover.

We have had several weddings in the Hall and they have gone very well. You can make it more personal too.

School holidays are best as often the Hall is empty, but with plenty of notice we could consider other dates.

Talk to Rev Pev for wedding dates revpev@btinternet.com and Sarah at the Hall for Hall availability & costs. gapo1876@outlook.com

A Sketch a Day in Lockdown by Jim Miller

featuring local scenes. How did you use your time?



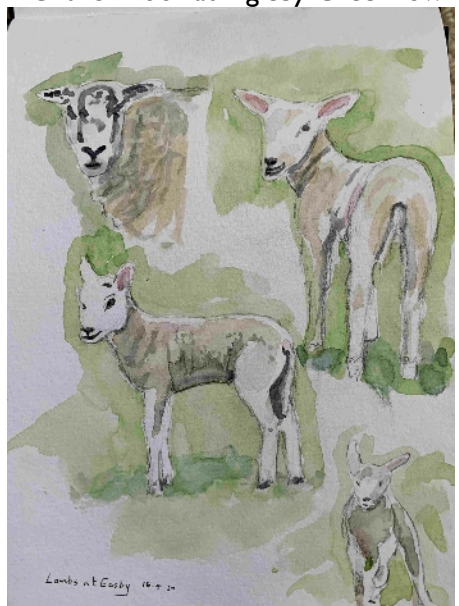
Old bridge Battersby



Church door Ingleby Greenhow



Woodland path
Ingleby Greenhow



Lambs at Easby 16.4.20

Easby Lambs

Woodland Path at Ingleby

From the Registers

Christian Burial and Cremation

2 June	Joyce Booty
8 June	Joyce Bennison
17 June	Paul Abley
24 June	Lauren Bostock
25 June	Dies Henman
25 June	Mary Nicholls
26 June	Hugh Charman

Entries in Magenta took place at Saint Oswald's Church, Newton
Entries in Blue from Stokesley Parish taken by the Vicar

Ewan's Off To College

In January 2018 Ewan Murray started as our new Organist & Choirmaster, the youngest ever in the role here as he was still at sixth form. He intended a year out before starting as a Trainee at a Cathedral in 2019, but just missed the position and gained great praise for his talent. The plus for us is that we have had Ewan for another year, but he has secured a place in September at the Royal College of Music in Birmingham to study the organ.



Ewan has grown so much in ability as an organist and his relaxed and cheerful personality have brought the best out of the choir and congregation alike. He has been so thoroughly reliable, for Sundays, Special Occasions and for the many weddings and funerals we get - a joy to work with.

During the time of Lockdown he has organised all the music and singers remotely, and together with Inés and his mum Geraldine, formed *The Welbury Trio* adding many beautiful songs to our worship with Inés' fantastic voice.

Ewan's last Sunday will now be 30th August, as his planned holiday has been cancelled. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for Ewan, you can do so direct into our account "Great Ayton Parochial Church Council" Sort Code : 09-01-55 Account No: 37616705 or hand to Ken Taylor or the Vicar.

This is a young man who will go far in the music world, and it has been our joy and privilege to share part of his journey. Good luck, Ewan and huge thanks from us all.

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Malcolm's Musings

When Magdalena Piantini realised she had forgotten to wish her son good luck for his driving test, she set off to put things right. His test had already begun but she set off in pursuit, catching up with him on a dual carriageway. "Good luck my darling," she bellowed at her son through the window of her car. At which point her distracted son spun off the road into a wall, breaking both his and his driving instructor's legs. - *AA magazine*



"Silence is not only golden; it is seldom misquoted" - *Bob Monkhouse*

During World War II a German plane was shot down near the village of Holderness. A shocked and bleeding crew member crawled out of the wreckage, to be confronted by a grim-looking Yorkshire farmhand. The German indicated he was wounded and needed help. The response was pointed and brief. "Well, tha shouldn't ha cum !"

From an Irish newspaper for-sale advert: "Round dining table in rosewood. 3ft 6ins by 4ft 6ins.:"

Some years ago a visitor to Nigeria took a taxi but was surprised when, after a few miles, the driver crossed the central reservation and drove into oncoming traffic. He explained: "The road surface is better on this side."

For sale in a car magazine: "Ford Granada hearse 22.8 auto, 90,000 miles. Superb engine and gearbox, body in good condition."

The guide book to a stately home in the South-west explained: "Over the fireplace is a magnificent picture by Hudson of Viscountess Courtenay, born Frances Finch, who married the first Viscount in 1741. Below her are two of her children, probably by Hudson, although this is not certain."

"All Saints Parish Church, Cheadle Hume, will have their annual pulpit exchange, and in the evening an economical service." - *Newspaper report*

From a Norwegian hotel brochure:" Ladies are requested not to have children at the bar."

Malcolm Race

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The Parishes of Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry

Services

Christ Church, Great Ayton

Sunday 9.30am Morning Worship 1st & 3rd Sundays of month in Christ Church and Live on Zoom & Facebook Live:
2nd & 4th Sundays in Stokesley Parish Church and Live on Zoom & Facebook Live

11.00am Come & Praise (*2nd Sunday of month on Zoom*)

At St Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry

Sunday 11.00am Services on 1st, 3rd Sundays of the month only
Hopefully resuming in August. Check website or Facebook Page for confirmation

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