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How many frocks will the Vicar wear?

How many lines will he forget?

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DECEMBER & JANUARY

Christ Church

8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am Parish Communion
11.00am Family Service
2nd Sunday of Month
6.00pm Evening Worship

St Oswald's Church, Newton

11am Holy Communion
1st & 5th Sundays of month
11am All Age Service
3rd Sundays of month

Baptisms and Weddings can be arranged on Friday evenings
in Christ Church Vestry from 6pm - 7pm

Diary for DECEMBER Regular Services as above

- 5th Sat Wedding in Church at 12.30pm
7th Mon Hollygarth Carol Service at 2pm
8th Tues Widow Twankey hits town in Aladdin
9th Wed Marwood Christmas Play at 1.30pm
10th Thurs Marwood Christmas Play at 6pm
27th Sun Morning Services as normal - No evening service
28th Mon Holy Innocents - A quiet service of Holy Communion
at 10am after the Christmas rush

JANUARY 2010

- 8th Fri Church Visitors Meeting at 1.45pm
9th Sat What's Happening at Hemlington Church - a meeting
at St Timothy's to hear what they are doing 2 - 4pm
14th Thurs Ayton Churches Together meets in Upper Room at
7.30pm
24th Sun United Service at the Friends Meeting House 6pm
28th Thurs Parish Life Meeting at 7.30pm
31st Sun All Age Service at St Francis, Ingleby Barwick at 6pm



Christmas Services 2009



Monday 7th December

2.00pm Hollygarth Carol Service

Wednesday 16th December

2.00pm M U Christmas Carol Service

Thursday 17th December

7.30pm *St Oswald's, Newton Christmas Carol Service***

Friday 18th December

10.30am Marwood & Roseberry Schools' Carol Service

Sunday 20th December

11.00am All Age Christmas Service *at St Oswald's, Newton*

6.00pm Christ Church Carol Service**

Monday 21st December

2.00pm W.I Carol Service

7.00pm *Christmas Carols on High Green*

Tuesday 22nd December

7.30pm *All Saints Carol Service***

Christmas Eve

2.00pm *Christmas Communion at Hollygarth Hall*

5.00pm Crib Service**

10.00pm *Christmas Communion at St Oswald's, Newton*

11.30pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity

Christmas Day

8.30am Christmas Communion (Prayer Book Service)

9.30am Christmas Communion & Carols

Sunday 27th December - St John the Evangelist

8.00am Holy Communion

9.15am Parish Communion



Monday 28th December The Holy Innocents

10.00am Holy Communion

(A quiet time to pray for all who die young or through acts of violence)

All Services are in Christ Church, unless otherwise stated *in italics*

** Denotes that a collection is taken for the Christmas Appeal

Christmas Message from the Archbishop



Christmas is a time of sharing the wonder of God who pitched his “fleshly-tent” among us in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, born of a woman – very flesh of our flesh, very God of very God. So Christmas should be a time for thanksgiving, generous hospitality and togetherness. A time for unmerited favour.

When we think of the Christmas story, we should not only reflect on the wonderful birth of the Saviour of the World, but also the other actors in the story:

- the hospitality of the innkeeper who provided a place for Mary and Joseph, despite having no room to offer;
- the understanding of Joseph to devote himself to a fiancée carrying a Son of the Holy Spirit;
- the loyalty of Mary, a young virgin, to trust God and the plans he had for her and her family;
- the shepherds and magi who, despite very different backgrounds, each travelled to pay homage to the newborn King; and
- the Angels - God’s messengers – who brought to the shepherds, the good news of great joy for all the people, and sang of God’s Glory and peace on earth.

All these actors were brought together by God for a purpose, to be part of the birth of the Saviour of the World and the Prince of Peace. The start of a new historic chapter in God’s World. Jesus’ Coming, Dying and Rising is the proof of God’s love. All springs from the love of God. He did not come to change God’s attitude towards us. He came to show us what it is and always was. He came to reveal, unanswerably, that God is love.

Let us all take time to remember those in our community who may be feeling very lonely at this time. Whether it is those who have lost loved ones; or whose families have grown up and moved away; or those that are serving in the armed forces (or at home waiting for the safe return of their son, daughter or loved one); or those who find themselves homeless or in prison. We are called to show a generosity of spirit and commitment to everyone, regardless of their religion, colour, gender or ethnicity. For Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us, was born to save us all, and is Lord of all.

I hope that you will have a peaceful and blessed Christmas and will find time to enjoy the company of those God has placed around you. May the Angels’ song at the Birth of our Master and Saviour be your song and bring joy to you and your community. God is with us.

+ Sentamu Ebor

Love in a Box Appeal



This years appeal brought in boxes from Marwood School, Roseberry School, Ingleby Greenhow School, Stokesley School, St Margaret's Church and all the congregations at Christ Church.



We welcome a Romanian pastor and his family to the service, who brought greetings and thanks to us. The children helped the puppets with a sketch about the labourers in the vineyard, before all present helped load all 309 boxes into the lorry for Roy Wheeler to take to Romania. Thanks to all for their generous support





He Had a Dream.

Do You?

Join us for *The Alternative*

17th January 2010 at 7pm

Gospel Inspired, Joyful, Hands
Free Worship

Hear what they say about it.

"It is inspiring"

"It has something for everyone"

"It is not overpowering, but it delivers a message of what is important
in our Christian lives"

"It brings folk together"

POSADA

Don't forget that Mary and Joseph begin their journey to Bethlehem on Advent Sunday. If you would like to find room for them for a night, and join in saying some prayers together, please sign the Posada List at the back of Church.

Mary and Joseph return to Christ Church in time for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 5pm.

Please could those who host the holy couple ensure that they pass them on in reasonable time. Many of the hosts have children who look forward to seeing them arrive.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If anyone wishes to sponsor one of the seven window decorations in memory of a loved one, please see either Dulcie Jones 722013 or Marina Charlton 723087. The suggested amount is £25 and a small laminated card will be placed by the arrangement recalling the name of who it is given in memory of.



MEMORY TREE



Our Memory Tree will return to Church for Christmas. It is a chance to bring the thoughts and prayers we have for loved ones who have died, which are even stronger at this time of year, back into our Christmas worship.

Simply write your prayer or the persons name on one of the tags provided. If anyone wishes to make a donation - this is not obligatory - these will be forwarded on to support Teesside Hospice. Please use the wall safe by the door during the week.

CHARITY AUCTION OF SURPLUS CHRISTMAS GIFTS

SATURDAY 6th FEBRUARY
2pm in the PAROCHIAL HALL
(Viewing from 1.30pm)



Bring along any spare Christmas Gifts help raise money for our Christmas Appeal for the Diocese of Ho in Ghana

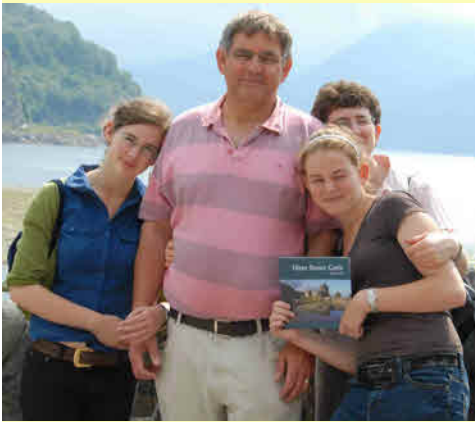
New Bishop of Whitby

The Reverend Canon Martin Clive Warner MA PhD, Canon Treasurer of St Paul's Cathedral, has been appointed by the Queen as the Suffragan Bishop of Whitby, in succession to the Rt Revd Robert Ladds.

Canon Warner said, "I am excited and awed at the prospect of moving to Teesside to be the Bishop of Whitby. I look forward to being part of the Archbishop's team in the Diocese of York, and to working with men and women of this Archdeaconry.



New Vicar of Nunthorpe



I am delighted to report that a new Incumbent has been appointed to Nunthorpe Parish and will be Inducted on February 26th.

The Reverend Stuart East is a Vicar in Worcester Diocese but has strong links with the North East, having served his Curacy at St Martin's in Middlesbrough, during which time he married a young lady from St Barnabas,

Linthorpe. Shortly after this he became Rector of Upper Rydale near Helmsley.

Stuart worked with me when I was Vicar of St Martin's and I was privileged to be his Best Man when he and Marianne got married. Incredibly for one Parish, the Curate and then the Vicar both got married within six months of each other! I am delighted that Stuart and Marianne with their family, will be in our neighbouring Parish. Nunthorpe and Stokesley Deanery have got a good man. Praise God!

Stuart is pictured with daughters Rosie and Rebecca, whilst Marianne peeps over his shoulder. Their son Laurence is presumably taking the photograph. It is good to welcome you all back North.

The Bradley School of Dance and Musical Theatre

Proudly present

Aladdin



Parochial Hall, Great Ayton

Tuesday 8th December at 7pm
Wednesday 9th December at 7pm
Friday 11th December at 7pm
Saturday 12th December at 2pm & 6pm
Sunday 13th December at 2pm

Tickets £6 adults, £3.50 children

With £4 OAP rates on Tuesday

Tickets on sale at Great Ayton Library or Tel 723250

A rip roaring Panto featuring *Rev Pev* as *Widow Twankey*,
Daniel Matuszak as the evil *Abanazer* and the talented girls and
boys of the Bradley School of Dance and Musical Theatre

One more step.....

I was fortunate to be brought up, in Lincoln, in a Christian family and remember well attending Sunday School and going to church services. I was encouraged by my Grandmother who was a faithful member of the church and also of the Mother's Union. As a teenager, I went to the St Nicholas' Youth Club but as most of its members attended the daughter church of St Matthias I began worshipping there too and my parents were wise enough to let me go whilst they continued at St Nicholas.



This group of teenagers went to Communion every Sunday morning and Choral Evensong each Sunday evening. This was followed by about 20 of us squashing into the curate's tiny terrace house for coffee and lively discussions afterwards. I was prepared for Confirmation by Rev Colin Evans and often think of him when preparing

lessons for our own Confirmation candidates as I have done now for 3 groups of young people. It seemed natural to join the local branch of the Student Christian Movement which was formed by the Sixth Forms of the four local Grammar schools and I remember one hotly debated conference with the title "Freedom and Discipline – Love God and do what you like".

Many people have encouraged me as I have taken each step along the road of faith. I have known my friend Irene since 1966 – in fact, she is Jo's Godmother. We speak regularly on the phone about an assortment of faith issues and sometimes we pray together.

In Sheffield, (1975 – 83) I met Helen when we took Claire to be baptised. She was a Lay Reader and we became good friends. We began to run a monthly Pram Service together. Part way through the service I took the toddlers out to entertain them while Helen had a quiet 10 minutes with the adults who had brought them.

We arrived in Great Ayton in 1983 and turned up at Christ Church the following Sunday. It was Margaret Herriman who welcomed me and explained about Sunday School for Claire and Jo. If anyone had told me on that day that I would go on to read, lead Intercessions or become Churchwarden I would NEVER have believed them!!

The following year, I offered to help at the Good News Club led by Jane and Martin Simmons and gradually began to become more and more involved. I was soon a Sunday School teacher and then Peter Jones asked me to help with the 10.30 Family Service when the church was out of action and we all met in the Parochial Hall.

Nova Somerville asked me to lead Intercessions and I agreed to do it ONCE but before I could say “Never again, it’s too scary” I was on the list! Since then I’ve led a group at Sneaton Castle, Morning Prayer at Wydale and lots more – thanks Geoff!

As a teacher I had always tried to bring my faith into the classroom and when taking assemblies and this has continued as a Foundation Governor at Marwood School.

It has been a privilege to represent Christ Church on the Deanery Youth Committee where I have met many new friends. I continue to attend the Deanery Synod and organise the Visitors Group but wonder if anyone else would like to take over as Churchwarden.....



I appreciate the diversity of the Church of England feeling very comfortable at the Alternative services but I also enjoyed the recent All Saints Day Evensong service with Merbecke and the Book of Common Prayer. Of course, I grew up with it!

Rosemary Wheway

Keep Christ in Christmas



In these increasingly secular days, where the Christian meaning of Christmas is being squeezed out of society by Multi-culturism and the PC brigade that rename it Winter-Val and give Season's Greetings instead of Merry Christmas, what can we do to retain it's Christian character.

Here are a few ideas.

1. Send Christmas cards with a religious theme
2. Buy a nativity set for your home and give it a prominent place in your home where visitors can see it.
3. Attend a Church service over the season if you don't already do this sort of thing. If you do, then invite someone who doesn't to join you. Christmas gives us a wonderful choice of services to choose from.
4. Make a donation to a cause that helps the poor, equivalent to buying a present for a loved one. Don't just swap - Give.
5. Write to, or call on someone, who may be on their own at Christmas. Family times can be even harder for those who live alone.
6. Go carol singing - and sing real Christmas Carols.
7. Buy some sweets or chocolates and give them to the shop assistant who looks most cheesed off, with the words "Jesus sent these for you. Merry Christmas!"
8. Greet all you meet over Christmas with a smile and say "Merry Christmas"
9. Start your Christmas lunch by saying Thank You to God for all you have.

At Christ Church, we are supporting the Church Ad campaign that is trying to put a modern Nativity scene in bus stops all across the country.

Keep Christ in Christmas, and you will enjoy it even more.

Merry Christmas to you all,

Paul (alias Widow Twankey)



Looking Back... With Malcolm Race

What may well have been our very first parish magazine appeared in May 1879 under the auspices of the newly appointed vicar, the Rev. John Collin. It cost one penny and comprised eight small pages.



"A parish magazine in which matters of local interest are published is a thing so common in so many parishes that I do not feel called upon to make any explanation in issuing this chronicle of events that have occurred since I came amongst you," Mr Collin began. "Next year, perhaps, we may have a monthly magazine of our own but I do not wish to wait till then to publish matters which are of local and individual interest."

"Your late vicar, the Rev. Joseph Ibbetson, completed the resignation of the living in November last. I was glad to see so many assembled for the special service of induction on November 28..."

Among the items included in the eight-page publication was a reference to the choir. "We have engaged the services of Mr R.S. Carr, choirmaster of St. Ninian's, Whitby, to train the choir, under whose instructions the singing has greatly improved, but owing to the travelling expenses of the choirmaster to and from Whitby, the charge for each lesson is somewhat heavy, the charge for each lesson (including railway journey) being 11s.

"Therefore to meet these expenses – and as being a good thing in itself – a concert was given in the British Schoolroom on Tuesday, April 22. This concert was in every way successful. Through the kindness of Mr and Mrs Wilson of Nunthorpe Hall, the room and platform were tastefully decorated with flowers....."

He goes on to describe the event in detail, says it was well attended and raised £10 17s 9d.

On May 18, Mr Collin records, the boys of Marwood School gave some recitations and sang some of the songs they had prepared for their examination and the vicar presented proficiency prizes. Prizewinners in the various standards included James Brown, Charles Heseltine,

Frederick T. Madderson (who, at 10, also won a special honour certificate and scholarship for having passed a higher standard than required), J, Germain M. Wilson, Joseph H. Grierson, William Peart, Elijah Harbottle, Paul Pearson, George Tanfield, William Heaviside Jun., John Robert Fell, Ward Helm, George Moore and William Heaviside snr.

The balance sheet presented to the annual vestry meeting showed a budget of £54 7s 7d, with a balance of £1 14s 3d. An intriguing item on the credit side is "old stones sold £3 10s." Outgoings include £2 for "the sick and needy" while the vicar mentions that other money given to him for charitable purposes had been spent on "flour and coal etc. for the sick and wool for a shawl which was worked by an invalid."

Mothers Union Notes

We rescheduled our November meeting to the 18th, and despite the awful weather, had 18 members attend and have a good discussion and ideas put forward for future meetings.



We enjoyed our trip to the Theatre to see *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*

Future Events

December 16th Christmas Carol Service at 2pm followed by light refreshments in the hall. We will be joined by ladies from other Churches

January 6th Social Afternoon at 2.15pm in the Church Hall

Would the people who kindly donate to the Women's Refuge and the Mission to Seafarers let either David Rowland or me have gifts early as we like to get them done by December 10th. Thank You

David 722884

Laura 723432

Laura Lamb



The Children's Society

A Voluntary Society of The Church of England and The Church in Wales

There was a full house at The Royal Oak for the annual quiz. David Taylor set some searching questions and it was an enjoyable evening, making £381 for the funds.

On 23 December the committee will be carol singing from 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. We are always pleased to have company on that morning, so please come and join us somewhere near the NatWest Bank.

We wish you a Happy Christmas and all good wishes for 2010.



JANCIE BROWN

NEWS

St Oswald's Church has been re carpeted in a matching barley coloured carpet throughout the Nave and Chancel and with matching pew runners. This has really brightened up the Church.

Newton PCC have received the Archdeacon's permission to swap the very large and unused lectern with a smaller, more practical one from the Diocesan store, which was formerly used at St Hilary's Church in Picton. If this proves more useful, then a faculty will be applied for to make it permanent. The original lectern, which is extremely large and solid, is very hard to move for weddings when space is needed for the Bridal party.

Harvest Collection A Tremendous response from both Parishes for the appeal for a replacement car for Bishop Matthias with £4,050 given for the car and a further £500 received for education work in the Diocese. As the Chairman of the Ho Diocesan Association, may I say a very big Thank You to all for their generosity. The Diocese of Ho couldn't continue without the support of HODA, and HODA would struggle greatly without the support of Great Ayton and Newton Churches. Paul

YORKSHIRE CANCER RESEARCH

Great Ayton & District Committee

The Lunch on November 11th was a huge success raising £3,184. A cheque was presented to Elaine King, Chief Executive of Yorkshire Cancer for £27,000. Very many thanks to everyone who has done anything over the last year to help raise such a wonderful amount.



Father Christmas visited Thompson's Hardware on Sunday November 22nd and left with lots of orders from the many boys and girls who went to see him. Thanks to Richard and Jenny who donated £200 to Yorkshire Cancer and for looking after Santa.

The House to House collection will take place late February/early march and if anyone could collect. Please contact me on 723334 or Margaret Hopper on 722044.



The Committee and helpers ready for work.

Thank you for all the support given to Yorkshire Cancer Research during 2009. The committee would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Healthy New Year.

Margaret Stevens

IBBETSON RECEIVES A FACELIFT

As part of the Great Ayton Archaeological Group's ongoing project 'Ayton's Story', Ken Taylor has agreed to compile a detailed history of Christ Church. When it became apparent in the 1860s that All Saints was becoming too small to service the needs of a rapidly expanding village, the then Vicar, the Revd Joseph Ibbetson, was instrumental in promoting the new Church project and raising the necessary funds to enable Christ Church to be built.

The fascinating story of how this was achieved will be an important part of Ken's researches and he is appealing to anyone with old newspaper articles, photographs, old Church magazines and even anecdotal information relating to any aspect of Christ Church's history to get in touch with him.

In the meantime, a group of volunteers have been busy in All Saints graveyard tidying up the Revd Ibbetson's tomb so that he again receives the respect that a man of vision in the community clearly deserves!



Ken Taylor Tel 01642 722400 email: ek.recess@talktalk.net

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

1st November
15th November

Katey Lianne Rigby
Tiana Hayleigh Woodier

Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving



7th November

Jacky and Ray Clarke

Christian Burial and Cremation

4th November
9th November
19th November
20th November
30th November

Colin Grocock
Alice Dawson
Rita Thompson
Gladys Leng
Pat Browne

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Church Office e-mail	greatayton.parihoffice@virgin.net
Diocese of York	www.dioceseofyork.org.uk
Stokesley Deanery	www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk
A Church Near You	www.acny.org.uk
Gazette Communities	www.ts9.gazettelive.co.uk/local_news/

I believe ... Some thoughts to end a year and begin the next

That our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for whom we become.

That no matter how good a friend is, they are going to hurt us every once in a while, and you must forgive them for that.

That just because someone doesn't love you the way you want them to, doesn't mean that they don't love you with all they have.

That it is taking me a long time to be the person I want to be.

That you should always leave your loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.

That either you control your attitude, or it controls you.

That sometimes when I am angry I have the right to be angry, but that doesn't give me the right to be cruel.

That it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others. Sometimes you have to learn to forgive yourself.

That no matter how bad your heart is broken, the world doesn't stop for your grief

That people you care for most in life are taken from you much too soon.

That life is more precious than money will ever be able to be.

God Bless you in 2010, and guide you in all things good and true to believe in.

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The Parishes of Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry

Services

At Christ Church, Great Ayton

Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.15am	Parish Communion with Sunday Schools and Crèche
	11.00am	Come & Praise (2nd Sunday of month)
	6.00pm	Evening Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion

For enquiries about Baptisms, Banns and Marriages, please come to
Christ Church Vestry on **Fridays** from 6pm - 7pm

At St Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry

Sunday	11.00am	Holy Communion (1st & 5th Sundays of the month)
	11.00am	All Age Service (3rd Sunday of the month)



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