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DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

1st	Sat	Wedding at St Oswald's at 11.30pm		
2nd	Sun	Trinity 13 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Com- munion; 11am Holy Communion at Newton . 3.30pm Holy Baptism at Christ Church. (No Evensong)		
3rd	Mon	Holy Communion @ Hollygarth at 2pm. All Welcome		
		St Oswald's PCC Meeting at 7pm		
4th	Tues	Ayton Churches Together 7.30pm at Methodist Church		
5th	Wed	Standing Committee at 7.30pm		
9th	Sun	Trinity 14 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Come & Praise Service , 12 noon Holy Baptism;		
11th	Tues	Little Fishes at 9.30am in Christ Church		
13th	Thurs	Deanery Synod at Hilton Church at 7.30pm		
16th	Sun	Trinity 15 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service at Newton.		
18th	Tues	Little Fishes at 9.30am in Christ Church		
19th	Wed	Great Ayton PCC Meeting at 7.30pm in Upper Room		
22nd Sat		Contemplative Prayer Group in Christ Church at 9.45am		
		Wedding at St Oswald's Church at 12 noon		
23rd	Sun	Trinity 16 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11.15am Holy Baptism at Christ Church.		
25th	Tues Little Fishes at 9.30am in Christ Church			
26th	6th Wed Parish Life Meeting at 7.30pm in Upper Room			
29th	9th Sat Contemplative Prayer Group in Christ Church at 9.45a			
30th	Sun	Trinity 17 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Commun- ion; 11am Holy Communion at Newton; 12 noon Holy Baptism at Newton		

Services in Magenta all take place at St Oswald's Church at Newton under Roseberry, and the remainder at Christ Church, unless otherwise stated.

A Happy and Glorious Summer

What a summer this has been. We started with the Diamond Jubilee events celebrating the 60 years reign of our Queen and moved on to the golden moments of the London Olympics.

Yes, we had the usual intermission between of the National obsession of doing ourselves down as the media



looked for every possible grumble about the Olympics before they started. When the opening ceremony began we wondered what was in store. What was the point for you when you realised all was going to be okay? Seeing the rural scene in the Olympic stadium? Thinking, "No that can't be the Queen. It must be a lookalike.", or smiling as Mr Bean accompanied the *Chariots of Fire* theme tune? By the time the athletes came in, we knew we were in for something very special.

Over the next seventeen days we had so many golden moments as our athletes won so many gold medals we outdid the Klondike gold rush! But let's not take away from all who participated and did themselves proud by beating personal bests. So many young people who have won a place on the world stage by hard work, dedication and sacrifice. They are an inspiration to us all.

But of course they didn't just get there by themselves. Most would start off at some local sports club or after schools club run by volunteers. Indeed, the hidden stars of this Olympics who helped make it such a success are all the volunteers who do such much to support and encourage our young people. They don't sit at home and grumble about "young people today...", but do something practical to involve them and bring the best out of them.

This month Spire salutes all those who do voluntary work, and especially with our young people, whether this be through Uniformed Organisations, Sports Clubs, Music or Dance activities, or encouraging other interests. I am sure that many such organisations would welcome extra help, and now we have had the inspiration from the Olympics, hopefully more people will come forward.

Elsewhere in this magazine is an article about our own village Cricket and Football Club that also has good news to share.

Well done to all.

Paul

Talking Points

Sunday Trading

Before the Jubilee and Olympics it was announced that Sunday Trading Regulations would be suspended for eight weeks over the Jubilee/ Olympic Period to help big stores open for longer hours and make the most of these events. At the time of announcing it was stressed that this wasn't the thin end of the wedge to deregulate Sundays. Now half way through the period, talk is precisely of that and many are up in arms. The reduced Sunday hours for large stores help support small shops that can open, and give some respite on weekends to shop workers. Many city centre Churches would also be adversely affected as parking for worshippers on a Sunday would be harder to come by if town centres were open as normal. What do you think?

Ignoring the Faith - Olympic Style

Did you notice how many athletes from all over the world made the sign of the cross before a race, and how many winners gave thanks to God following their win - including Usain Bolt and his two fellow Jamaican countrymen in the 100 metres final. Strangely our commentators remained silent about all of this behaviour as it was obviously considered politically incorrect behaviour for them, yet obviously meant something important to many of the competitors.

Third World Justice?

It is now over a year since the Chief Constable and Deputy Chief Constable of Cleveland Constabulary were arrested in dawn raids as part of a corruption probe and have since been on paid leave. The investigation will most probably have cost millions of pounds and yet all that has happened so far is a charge of misconduct to the Chief Constable who allegedly intervened to secure a job for the child of a colleague. If they had implemented such policies in local industry when I was a lad there would have been no-one left working there! So far no specific charges have been placed against the Deputy Chief Constable, and we are now a year on. Sledgehammers cracking nuts comes to mind. Surely British Justice says you are innocent until proven guilty, and if you have done something then charges should be put in order for people to refute them?

We are not a third world dictatorship, we are Great Britain and justice has to be seen to be done. At the moment is looks far more like injustice. Remember Ray Mallon? The same happened to him.

St Oswald's Day Service and Picnic

We had 46 people along to celebrate our Patron Saint on Sunday 5th August at St Oswald's Church, with some more joining us for the picnic afterwards.

The weather was kind to us, and apart from a few drops of rain, it was a lovely afternoon with a good mix of congregation, resi-



dents and baptism and wedding familes along. Many thanks to Maureen and Paul, our Churchwardens, for all they did in organising it, and to all who supported and came.

Sunday Evenings at Christ Church

The time has now come when we feel that the regular Sunday Evening Services at Christ Church have to end. Numbers have dwindled over the years, especially in winter time. Five pretty wet and dismal summers in a row have also taken their toll on the Summer Season at All Saints.

In January of this year we suggested that our folk join with St Mary's Nunthorpe for their Prayer Book Evensong at 5.30pm, and some have enjoyed it so much, that they wish to continue. It makes more sense that we combine to make one good service in the area than struggle with a few. This also means our staff can help Nunthope out on Sunday evenings in their vacancy - if invited. Lifts will go from Christ Church car park at 5.15pm from 2nd September onwards.

There will continue to be special services from time to time on Sunday evenings, and up to Christmas we shall be having quite a few of these, so please check the diary in Spire and the Church website.

Notices and News



Goodwill Alive and Well

When the top of the brass processional cross used at Christ Church became loose and unsafe, we wondered what to do. Going to an ecclesiastical repairer would takes ages and be very expensive. Eric Boyce had the idea of asking Burdon Engineering on Stokesley Trading Estate if they could help. Not only did they help and repair the cross within days, but when the Vicar went to collect it from Mr Malcolm Reese, (pictured) they made no charge, doing it as an act of generosity for part of the community. Thank you Malcolm and all at Burdon Engineering. It is wonderful to see Goodwill alive and well.

David's Retiring from Baptisms

Since I came as Vicar back in 1993, David Rowland has been the most faithful support when welcoming families for baptisms. David was already doing this task together with his wife Hilary, and when she died in 2006 David has continued on his own, always making sure the Church is well prepared and welcoming, and an invaluable help to the clergy taking the service. David has decided that now is the time to step down from this job and hand it on to someone else. Could it be you?





Joan Harbottle is retiring from 24 years as a Sidesman at our evening service. Originally it was her husband Albert who helped out, but when he became ill and subsequently died, Joan took over his slot - and has seen the role expand as others have retired or died. Joan has been most faithful and reliable, and always cheerful and with a smile. Thank you Joan for your many years of service to Christ Church, which has been much appreciated.

An Occasion Not To Be Missed

On 5th July I attended the Cleveland Archdeaconry Mothers' Union Festival in Saltburn Parish Church. It was touch and go as to whether I would make it, but I arrived just in time. Over the years there have always been a few clergy attending and Geoff and Jon and I always try and get along, not just to show support for our Branch, but also because they are very enjoyable events. This year they couldn't make it. Adam, the vicar, welcomed me warmly, showed me the vestry and kindly told me the front row on both sides were reserved for visiting clergy. Sad to say that I was the only member of the clergy that turned up to robe and I only spied one retired in the congregation.

What a treat they all missed, for as well as the usual inspiring parade of banners when you spot many friends you have met in different Parishes you have either served in or helped out in, there was a very moving Eucharist. I also discovered the cleaning lady sitting on my pew, complete with curlers, pinny and brush, who got up after the Gospel to introduce herself. Big Maggie was the woman healed by Jesus on his



way to Jairus' daughter, and she told us all about the experience and the change it had made to her in so many ways. Maggie was actually Revd Rosemary Nash, the Methodist Minister from The Avenue Methodist Church in Middlesbrough, and she was brilliant. After the sermon she disappeared with her broom and reappeared at Communion more clerically dressed. It was a most moving and enjoyable service and I was thankful to be part of it.

Looking at the congregation I could see many people amongst the ranks of the Mothers' Union that are Churchwardens, PCC Members, Readers or active members of their Churches in so many ways. In all the Parishes I have lived and served in, there has always been an active branch that have given much to the Parishes and I know that they always appreciate the support of their clergy, especially at the Deanery and Archdeaconry Festivals. There are not that many occasions in the Diocese or Archdeaconries that bring us all together, and if we don't support the few we have got there may be even less in the future. Paul

Mothers' Union News

September 5th 2pm in Coffee Lounge

Speaker from the Children's Society Open Meeting all welcome.

Also that evening -**Deanery Quiet Evening** at St Francis Church, Ingleby Barwick at 7.30pm

October 3rd 2pm in Coffee Lounge Rev. Andrew Howard, Chaplain at Teesside University will speak about his work.

Elaine Brown

Secretary

Planned Giving Schemes

Over the last year we have lost several members who supported Christ Church by being in the planned giving schemes, and gave either by Bank-

ers Orders or by using the envelopes. This is the responsible way of supporting our Church, for it means when we are tempted to sleep in, the church still gets our Financial support and we give regularly. If you come regularly to Christ Church and don't already give this way, may we encourage you to do so and help fill the gaps left by several faithful friends.



The new Freewill giving envelope scheme starts on Sunday 4th November. If anyone who is not in the scheme and would like to join **please let Jean Goat know on 723274.**



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

During July we held our sponsored "Knit-In" and had a lovely afternoon. There were at least 23 knitters present and others knitted at home at different times - in total 30 knitters were involved. A staggering £535.65 was raised and lots of "strips" were knitted. In August seven of us got together and stitched the strips into squares which made two very colourful blankets, which will be sent to good causes in due course.



Recently, a new Regional Fundraiser, Jonathan Turner, has been appointed for this area as Laura has moved on to the North-West area. I'm sure he will come to visit one of our functions before long.

Just to let you know that we will be holding our "**Cards for Christmas**" coffee morning on **Saturday, 6th October**, in the Methodist Coffee Lounge.

Jancie Brown

Olympic Worship



The Band gathered to lead our worship



Some strong voices to help the singing



The NSB Brass group made a welcome return, setting the scene with some great tunes. After all the rain we were delighted to have a sunny afternoon by the river. This was the same river that the ashes of Jack Hatfield, Olympic swimmer and former Aytonian, were scattered upon many years ago, as we were reminded by Gordon Surtees in his talk.

Amongst those taking part were a group from Roseberry School









Special guests who spoke were Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson, Gold Medal Paralympian, and Gordon Surtees, Former athletic coach, who both gave talks to inspire pointing out what can be achieved with commitment and dedication. Gordon also reminded us of local lad, Jack Hatfield, who had won many swimming Olympic Gold medals in the 1912, 1920, 1924 & 1928 Games







The Bradley School of Dance & Musical Theatre performed their Chariots of Fire number to great applause.







Great Ayton Cricket & Football Club

are delighted to have been awarded £50,000 as part of the country's Olympic legacy. Sport England's Inspired Facilities fund is part of *Places People Play* - Sport England's Olympic and Paralympic legacy fund which aims to bring the inspiration of the Lon-

don 2012 Games to every community in Great Britain. The award will be used to build an extension and renovate the existing clubhouse to cater for the huge number of youngsters that the club is attracting. We will also be installing better disabled facilities including disabled toilets, and renovating and enlarging the kitchen. The works will hopefully be finished by the end of 2012.







However, the \pounds 50,000 does not cover the full cost of the extension, and we are seeking further financial support from a variety of sources. One way you can help is buy a 'Wish Token'. For \pounds 5 you can write a message in a special book that will be placed in the clubhouse, which will be able to be viewed over the years by future generations. If you are interested, please contact Adrian Thorogood on 723464, or pop into Richard Thompson's hardware store.

Bridal Dresses Needed

Paying for a wedding in the UK is expensive enough, but if you are a young Bride in Guinea-Bissau, things are even more expensive.

Lynne Bogle has been working in this African Country since 2009 teaching English and seeking ways in which the community can help itself.

Having heard of a scheme of Bridal Hire happening through a charity in Senegal, Lynne has decided to try it where she works to help families out and bring much needed revenue and work to the area.



Lynne says "I'd like to help my friend Fama, a single mother of 3 children, and also Bacari, one of 17 orphans living with his aunt by providing them with jobs."



What is required?

Unwanted Wedding Dresses and wedding attire in good condition.

Also required are pedal of hand powered sewing machines as there is little electricity in the area.

The contact person in Middlebrough who is coordinating the collection of things is Sharon Bradley of Middlesbrough Community Church. Her email address is gods.girl@hotmail.co.uk

Please mention Spire in replying to articles

Wydale Weekend 2013

Friday 22nd March to Sunday 24th March

SPECIAL OFFER



We have rearranged the Wydale Weekend to next March, as the September date was problematic for many returning to college and school.

To try and encourage more new people to try out a weekend at Wydale, we have two special offers which can bring big savings for those wishing to come.

To anyone from the Congregation who hasn't been to Wydale before, there is an Introductory bonus discount of £20 from the full adult fee of $\pounds 140$ for the weekend.

To all adults paying in full before the end of 2012 there is also a \pounds 20 discount. So if it is your first time and you pay in advance you can make the great saving of \pounds 40 from your costs.

Children in full time education will be charged at £70 for the weekend - with no further reductions.

Wydale Hall is the Diocesan House set in beautiful woodland nine miles from Scarborough. Over the weekend activities will be organised to help us have fun, explore faith a bit more and to get to know one another better.

The weekend include full board with plenty of good food - so beware if you are on a diet!

For further details or to book a place, please contact Helen Land 01642 778076



Where Are They Now ?

According to a newspaper report at the time, in 1970 the Rev. W. Mowforth, 80, for many years a vicar of Bilsdale, presented 70 oil paintings to be sold "for the benefit of Christ Church, Great Ayton, to be sold to help towards the badly needed re-decoration of the church."

It is not clear whether these were paintings he had produced himself or works he had collected over the years.



We wondered what the outcome was, but a search through PCC minutes revealed this entry for October 6, 1970: "Art Exhibition: organised by the Youth Club. This had been most successful. A total profit of approximately \pounds 300 had been made, which the Rev. Mowfirth had promised to donate to the decorating expenses. He did this with a recommendation that Mr Pace be invited to prepare a refreshing colour scheme for the church after the extension was completed.

"Mr Southall said that as there was a considerable time to consider the decoration it may be an advantage to see if there was a church nearby which had been decorated by Mr Pace and have a look at it. Thornaby was mentioned and it was left to the Vicar and Mr Bennett to pursue the matter."

It would be interesting to know if any of the paintings still exist in the village and what subjects they covered. And who was Mr Pace ? Can you help ?

Quotes

When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us. *Helen Keller*

Be the change that you wish to see in the world. Mohandas Gandhi

YORKSHIRE CANCER RESEARCH Great Ayton & District Committee

The Jubilee Tea was enjoyed by 147 people and raised £1,228.



The Coffee Morning at Mrs Sylvia Tanfield's made $\pounds 2,311.29$ - a magnificent sum.

Coffee Evening on Wednesday 5th. September in The Parochial Hall at 7:00pm. Speaker Hazel Stephenson, author of *Land Girls and Lovers*. Christmas Cards, Jams, Crafts. Tickets to include Sandwiches and Cakes £4 available from 722044 & 723334.

Kildale Coffee Morning October 2nd. at 10:00am. Kildale Village Hall.

Christmas Event Wednesday November 14th

Wedding Gallery



Jenni Wright and Chris Di-Niro married at St Oswald's on 23rd June



Peter Whitehead and Lyndsey Roe married at St Oswald's on 28th July



Jonathan Clough and Nicola Green married at Christ Church on 18th August



Rachael Eccles and Will Rice married at St Oswald's on 7th July



Patricia Maskill and Louis Holmes married at St Oswald's on 11th August.

All five couples featured here qualified for marriage in our Churches by "habitually attending" for six months beforehand.

It was a joy and privilege to get to know them over the months and be part of their special days. We wish them every happiness.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

l st July	Milah Cronin
8th July	Sadie May Simpson
l 4th July	Harry James Teasdale
l 5th July	Saul Alexander McLean
l 5th July	Lily-Mae Fairbridge
	Rosie Leigh Southward
	Kimberley Michelle Fairbridge
	Molly Sue Fairbridge
22nd July	Felix Miro Heaviside
29th July	Sophie Abigail Clarke
19th August	Poppy Honor Durham
	Ollie Jack Blair

Holy Matrimony

23rd June	Jenni Wright & Chris Di Niro
7th July	Rachael Eccles & Will Rice
28th July	Lyndsey Roe & Peter Whitehead
I I th August	Patricia Maskill & Louis Holmes
18th August	Nicola Green & Jonathan Clough

Christian Burial and Cremation

28th June	Irene Wright
29th June	Malcolm Stackhouse
7th July	Mary Linton
l I th July	Faye Burton
l 2th July	Jack Lane
20th July	Dorothy Harbottle
21st July	Helga Reinbacher
30th July	Bob de Wardt
2nd August	Colin Tanfield
	David Frame
3rd August	Adam Cumbor

* Denotes service has taken place at St Oswald's Church, Newton

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Stokesley Deanery	www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk
A Church Near You	www.acny.org.uk

A Few Smiles

Doctors have just identified a food that can cause grief and suffering years after it's been eaten. It's called wedding cake.

I was in the pub with my wife last night and I said: "I love you". She said; "Is that you or the beer talking?" I replied: "It's me talking to the beer".

I just brought a friend of mine a new fridge, should have seen his face light up when he opened it

A friend of mine moved into a new house at the weekend so I took him over a couple of radiators. Just a little house warming present.

I've just heard the window cleaner shouting and swearing outside my house. I think he's lost his rag.

I went to my allotment last week and found someone had covered it with 2 inches of soil. I went again yesterday only to find it covered again with another 2 inches of soil. The plot thickens!!!

A mate of mine recently admitted to being addicted to brake fluid. When I quizzed him on it he reckoned he could stop any time.....

I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave. As I was standing there I noticed 4 grave diggers walking about with a coffin... 3 hours later and they're still walking about with it... I thought to myself, these idiots have lost the plot!!

A new middle east crisis erupted last night as Dubai Television was refused permission to broadcast 'The Flintstones'. A spokesman for the channel said....'A claim was made that people in Dubai would not understand the humour, but we know for a fact that people in Abu Dhabi Do.' And finally.....

Tim Vine got the best gag of the year award again, this time for -

"Conjunctivitis.com, now there's a site for sore eyes!"

Editor of Spire Paul Peverell

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The Parishes of Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry									
Services									
Christ Church, Great Ayton									
Sunday	8.00am Holy Cor 9.15am Parish C with Su 11.00am Come &	8.00am Holy Communion							
Tuesday	9.30am Little Fis	9.30am Little Fishes Carer & Toddler Group							
Wednesd	ay 10.00am Holy Co	10.00am Holy Communion - in Christ Church							
 Sunday 11.00am Services on 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month only 1st Holy Communion; 3rd All Age Worship: 5th Morning Prayer For enquiries about Baptisms, Banns and Marriages, please come to Christ Church Vestry on Fridays from 6pm - 7pm 									
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