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**Come along for a
Cuppa!**



**Saturday 9th March
from 10am to 12.30pm**

Christ Church Hall

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MARCH

- 2nd Sat** **Christ Church Choir Concert** at 7.30pm in Church. Pay at the door.
- 3rd Sun** **LENT 3** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am Holy Communion at Newton: 12 noon Holy Baptism at Newton:** 4pm Wedding Preparation at Christ Church.
- 4th Mon** **Holy Communion @ Hollygarth.** All Welcome
- 8th Fri** **Christ Church Visitors** Meet at 1.45pm in the Upper Room
- 10th Sun** **LENT 4 Mothering Sunday** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Come and Praise: 5.30pm Evensong & Deanery Lent Address at St Mary's Nunthorpe.
- 15th Fri** **Spring Clean in Christ Church from 5pm**
- 16th Sat** **Spring Clean** - Polishers required from 9am
- 17th Sun** **LENT 5** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am All Age Service at Newton;** 5.30pm Evensong & Deanery Lent Address at St Mary's Nunthorpe.
- 20th Wed** **Annual Church Meeting** for Great Ayton with Easby in the Church Hall from 7.30pm

Holy Week & Easter

- 24th Sun** **Palm Sunday** - 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion
- 25th Mon** All Welcome. 7.30pm Holy Communion
- 26th Tues** Holy Communion at 7.30pm
- 27th Wed** Holy Communion at 10am & 7.30pm
- 28th Thurs** **Maundy Thursday** Commemoration of the Last Supper at 7.30pm
- 29th Fri** **Good Friday.** Children's Workshops 10am - 12 noon: Good Friday Devotion from 1.30pm - 3pm
- 31st Sun** **EASTER DAY.** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Come & Praise at Christ Church and **Holy Communion at St Oswald's Newton;** 4pm United Songs of Praise at Christ Church
- April**
- 1st Mon** **Easter Monday** Holy Communion at 9.30am

Well done thou good and faithful servants!



As the end of the financial year approaches, so many organisations will be having their annual meetings. We have Christ Church's set for Wednesday 20th March at 7.30pm in the Church Hall and St Oswald's on Sunday 7th April at 12 noon in Church following the service.

Now I know that annual meetings may not always be the most enlivening of occasions, but they are hugely important for both accountability and encouragement.

Accountability, for the people we vote into positions of responsibility have a chance to say what they have done on OUR behalf, and so we share in their responsibilities by being able to ask any necessary questions. This helps them know that they are discharging their responsibilities well and helps avoid abuse of power and positions.

Maybe more importantly they give us the chance to say Thank You and Well Done! So many good things that add value to our lives would not happen if some people were not willing to get involved and take office. We should not take this, or them, for granted, but should be willing to show our appreciation and support. This applies equally to any organisation or Council, as well as the Church.

Getting good people into office in any organisation is a growing challenge. Lots of organisations are reporting how difficult it is to find secretaries, chairmen, treasurers or committee members, so it is even more important that we encourage those who give so generously of their time and abilities for our sake. Our Churches and communities would be the poorer without them, and who knows, with a bit more positive support we may encourage more people into serving others in this way.

So when the Annual Reports are out, please find time to read them. They will be posted on the Church website as well as paper editions available in Church. And why not consider standing yourself for the PCC or a position in Church - or even a body that serves the local community?

Thank You to all who give their time for the benefit of our Churches.

Paul

Charity Auction a Big Success

Many thanks to all who donated to, and turned out to support, this year's Charity Auction of Surplus Christmas Gifts. It was most successful and raised £734 towards Eating Stones, a charity supporting very poor children who live in the slums of Nairobi in Kenya. (See last months *Spire* for details or visit www.eatingstones.co.uk)

We had four trestle tables groaning with goods, including books, bottles, chocolates, toiletries, paintings, chocolates, scarves, toys, jigsaws and more chocolates!

My thanks to Adrian and Nick who helped with Auctioning the items, as my voice was going, going and almost gone, and needed for the next day. Thanks also to all others who helped record, display goods and make the refreshments - and bid!

David Ferry, Uncle of Chris Ferry the founder, travelled from Cornwall to show his support and brought his mum along too. Margaret Ferry has every reason to be very proud of her grandson, who is doing great work.

Chris said he would like to come in person to say thank you, but has just started a new job. We shall see if it is possible to get him one Sunday morning.



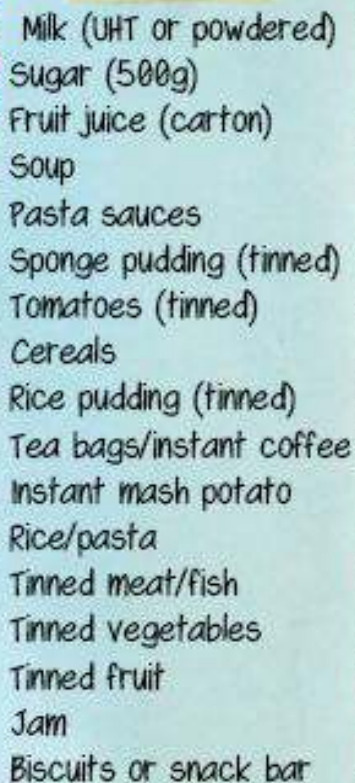
Middlesbrough Food Bank

It is a sad fact that there are many families in our area who are really struggling with the present recession, and depend on the local food bank in Middlesbrough to be able to get through particularly difficult times.

The Food Banks are not feeding the same families all the time, but are there to help people in crisis and are referred by doctors, health visitors, social workers, Citizens Advice Bureau staff, welfare officers, the police and probation officers amongst others.

Donations are kept and sorted in local depots, so a quick and appropriate response may be given.

At Christ Church we will be collecting for the Food Bank every 3rd Sunday of the month, and Dorothy and Gordon Wood have kindly offered to take any produce to the Food Bank straight away. If you want to donate goods, please check the list as to what is needed. Items need to be non perishable, and Dorothy says tinned veg is especially appreciated.



- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Sugar (500g)
- Fruit juice (carton)
- Soup
- Pasta sauces
- Sponge pudding (tinned)
- Tomatoes (tinned)
- Cereals
- Rice pudding (tinned)
- Tea bags/instant coffee
- Instant mash potato
- Rice/pasta
- Tinned meat/fish
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fruit
- Jam
- Biscuits or snack bar



Pictured left: Some of the Produce collected at the morning service.

If you don't come to Church, but still want to make a donation, either give to someone you know who comes, or drop things off on the Saturday beforehand.

Women's World Day of Prayer



2pm Friday 1st March

come and join us at

Christ Church, Great Ayton

I was a stranger and you welcomed me

a service prepared by the Christian
women of France

Easter Flowers



If anyone wishes to sponsor one of the Easter Flower arrangements, or donate an offering towards their cost, either in Christ Church or St Oswald's Church, please contact the following people.

Christ Church: Dulcie Jones 01642 722013.

St Oswald's: Maureen Rider 01287 632616

It is a nice way of remembering loved ones or giving thanks for special occasions, and it helps enhance our Easter worship and gives joy to lots of people.

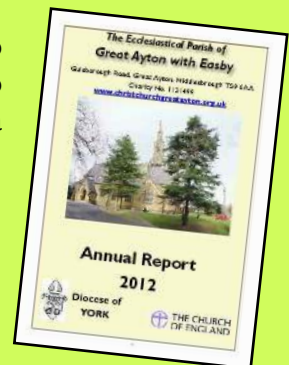
Great Ayton with Easby Annual Parochial Church Meeting

A time to elect Churchwardens & PCC Members, to hear all that has been going on in our Church and to show our support and appreciation - Oh yes, and a time to offer ourselves too!

Wednesday 21st March at 7.30pm

Christ Church Hall

Annual Report available in Church or at
www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk



Christ Church Spring Clean

**Friday 15th March from 5 - 8pm
and Saturday 16th March from 9am - 12 noon**



Spot anyone on this photo younger than you? No? Then come along on the Friday night and help us knock down the cobwebs. We all appreciate a clean Church, but too often we leave it to the senior members to do the work. They don't mind hoovering and polishing, but climbing ladders is not for them. So come on, young uns, and help make those spiders homeless.

Kathy Chambers and Irene Reah are now organising the weekly cleaning rota and would welcome new members to join the team. If you can spare a couple of hours just 3 times a year, please contact Irene on 723804.

Help Needed

A Word of Thanks

On behalf of all the family we would like to thank everyone for all the lovely messages, cards and support at the sad loss of our Mum, Zuilmah. She will be sorely missed, but it has been very comforting to know we have been in your thoughts and prayers. With love The Winterschladens

Record Breakers?

Readers of Spire may be interested in this News item that was passed on to me of two former Aytonians who recently celebrated their 100th Birthdays and 72 years of married life together. This is an incredible achievement. Well done to you both.

Eastern Daily Press, **Thursday**, November 8, 2012



Picture:
NICK BUTCHER

SPECIAL OCCASION: Kathleen and Jack Bradley have both celebrated their 100th birthdays. They are pictured below on their wedding day.

WORLINGHAM

Couple are celebrating a very special milestone

Turning 100 years old is a momentous achievement for anyone, but in Worlingham one couple can boast both reaching their century.

On Monday, Kathleen Bradley celebrated her 100th birthday, having celebrated her husband Jack's milestone seven months earlier.

The couple can also boast the longest relationship in Beccles with 72 years of married life together.

The two, who live in Highland Drive, married at Christ Church in Great Ayton, North Yorkshire, on March 25, 1940, when Jack was 27 and Kathleen was 26.

Both had grown up in the same village and Mrs Bradley said Mr

Bradley used to wait for her outside the Co-op where she worked.

Mr Bradley particularly enjoyed cricket and fishing, while Mrs Bradley likes gardening and flowers. When they were first together they used to go around on Mr Bradley's motorbike. He worked as part of a family quarry and farming business, but then moved on to work for British Steel.

Thirty-five years ago they retired and moved to Worlingham to be near their family. They have one daughter, Angela, 72, two grandsons, Stephen, 46, and Andrew, 43, and two great-grandsons, Tyler, six, and Blake, four, who all live locally.



Mothers' Union News

We held our annual general meeting 6th February , chaired by Paul, our Vicar. An arrangement of flowers was presented to Lynda Walker as a token of appreciation, for holding the position of Treasurer for over twenty years! Jean Goat has kindly agreed to take on the position. which leads on to my apologies for the fact that Jean's phone number was incorrectly printed on this year's program. The correct phone number is **723274**



1st March "Woman's World Day of Prayer"
2pm Christ Church

6th March Our meeting will start at 1.30pm with a short service of Holy Communion for members who find it difficult to come on Sundays. Our speaker, Elaine Dunning, will have merchandise for sale to raise funds towards the running costs of Zoe's Place.

April 3rd - Jennifer Finel - A Cross in My Pocket

Elaine Brown, Secretary

VINTAGE WEDDING FAYRE

Parochial Church Hall & Christ Church

Sunday 14th April 2013

from 12 noon - 4pm

See www.cloud9eventsuk.com for details and booking



Lent Activities

**Sundays
at 5.30pm**

Deanery Lent Talks with the Archdeacon of Cleveland.
5.30pm at St Mary's, Nunthorpe following Evensong

**Mondays
at 9am**

Start the week with the Vicar! Morning Prayer & Thought
for the Day, in Christ Church.

**Wednesdays
at 10am**

Holy Communion & Address (If you haven't been before,
join us for Lent)

**Fridays
at 7am**

Get Up With God - the ever popular early morning com-
munion followed by breakfast that gives a great start to
the day.

GLIMPSES OF GOD

There is still time to join us for one of the remaining meetings

Thursday 7th March 1.30pm – 3pm Christ Church Hall
The Son who is the Way, the Truth and the Life

Wednesday 13th March 10.45am - 12 noon Friends Meeting House
The God who Shares our Pain

Monday 18th March 1.30pm - 3pm Methodist Church
The God who calms our fears

Stokesley Deanery Lent Evening Worship 2013

Figures From John's Gospel

Led by the Venerable Paul Ferguson
Archdeacon of Cleveland

10th March
7th March

Peter
Thomas

**Sunday evenings at 5.30pm
St Mary's Church, Nunthorpe**



Christ Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 9th March from 10 – 12 noon.

Tickets £1.50 or pay on the door.

Please contribute to the following stalls if you can:-

Cakes	Mary Boyce	722552
Preserves	Ruth Waterton	724270
Toys	Little Fishes	722979
Books	Gordon Wood	723900
Raffle	Eric Boyce	722552
Any bottles for a Tombola	Any choir member	
Jewellery	Eleanor Batch	722035
Help on the day (putting out tables, manning the door or helping on a stall)	Rosemary	722451

Eric is stepping down



After serving as Churchwarden since 2007, following a stint as PCC Secretary, Eric has decided it is time to step down at the next annual meeting. He has served this Parish with absolute dedication and reliability, and has been a huge support to both the Vicar and Rosemary Wheway, our other Churchwarden.

By nature, Eric is a do-er rather than a talker, and has never been afraid to get his sleeves rolled up to do different tasks, from cleaning the Church, replacing lights, painting walls and clearing the Churchyard. He has liaised with Architects, Local Councils, tradesmen and specialists to ensure work has been done to time and without unnecessary disturbance.

He has always given a lead in being regular at worship each week, together with Mary, and has even taken on extra responsibilities as Deanery Synod Representative.

Eric is a Vicar's dream as Churchwarden, and I am hugely grateful for all the support he has given us all. Enjoy some spare time, Eric, but I know we will still see you involved in all we do.

Enough Food for Everyone...If

If there is enough food for everyone in the world, why does Sulemana have to work in the fields all day instead of going to school?

Every day Sulemana Alhassan makes the journey to his family's field, several kilometres from his village of Kpalun in Ghana.

Under the blazing sun he weeds, chases the birds that pick at seeds and carries heavy loads of maize during harvest. He's just 13 years old. But without advice and support on how to grow more with less physical effort, Sulemana's father will continue to need his help if he is to grow enough to feed his family.

The world produces enough food for everyone, but not everyone has enough food. We can make 2013 the beginning of the end for the global hunger crisis. The Church of England has joined with Christian Aid, Cafod, Tearfund, Oxfam and more of Britain's leading development charities and faith groups to campaign for 'Enough Food for Everyone'. Find out how you can get involved at www.enoughfoodif.org.



We had a first at Christ Church when this stretch limousine brought the bridesmaids to a recent wedding. Full marks to the driver who managed to reverse it up the drive off a very busy Guisborough Road.

The bridesmaids looked lovely, and the red of their dresses helped warm us on a very cold day.

Let us Pray

On a cold and snowy Saturday morning, the group who lead intercessions met together. We received a warm welcome from Enid and Margaret who led the morning with input from Geoff and Craig.

The intercession prayers are part of our worship and are when someone leads the congregation in prayer to God our Father. The group comprised of people who had led intercessions for many years, those newer to intercessions and a couple of people who were interested in finding out more.

It was good to meet as a group. Everyone had a different approach and style reflecting the rich variety we have at Christ Church. When planning the intercessions, some people found inspiration from music, bible readings, the sermon theme, poetry/psalms and recent news events. In the future, we may incorporate music, different responses and having a brief time of silence to be with God into the prayers.

It was acknowledged it could be daunting to lead intercessions at first. Support is available with preparation; two people can also lead the prayers.

The group plan to meet again in six months. New people are always welcome; to find out more, please speak to any of the group who lead the prayers, or Enid and Margaret.

Nicky Pepper



Here is Spire's Distribution organiser, Jean Goat, with Bridesmaids outside St Oswald's Church, ready for her daughter's wedding last month. After a bitterly cold week we had a beautiful sunny Saturday, and all enjoyed a wonderful day.

As Veronica is the Guide Leader for Great Ayton, the Guides turned out to give Veronica and Jonathan a guard of honour as they left Church.



Passing on a Mother's Day Blessing

Jackie Gough from **Leven Flowers** is keeping the ball of blessings rolling by donating 10% of monies received for Mother's Day Flower Arrangements & Bouquets to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Impressed by the Harvest idea of passing on a blessing, Jackie thought this an ideal way to help keep the blessings going, and help a very good cause in the process.

If you would like to book a bouquet with Jackie, please phone 07816 458 311, email jackie@levenflowers.co.uk or visit her website www.levenflowers.co.uk.

Jackie is also available for flowers for Weddings, Celebrations, Funerals and Corporate events, and lives in Great Ayton just around the corner from Christ Church.



Two Lovely Ladies

Christ Church said farewell last month to two very faithful members of our congregation.



Betty Simpson had been a lifelong member of the Church. In her gentle and unassuming way she gave a wonderful example of what Christian life is all about. Together with her husband Alan, to whom she would have been married 65 years this April (Wow!), they gave their children, Val and Baz, the best home you could wish for - full of love. She adored her grandchildren, and was equally adored in return, and she had the joy of seeing five great grandchildren.

When health issues gave her challenges in life, she met them with faith and determination, bouncing back when many lesser people may have given up, and was a true inspiration to many.

An Aytonian born and bred, she was well known and loved in the village and was a faithful and regular member of our 9.15am congregation. Bless you Betty.

A few days later the Church was filled once again to say Au Revoir to **Zuilmah Winterschladen**. Zuilmah has started coming regularly to Christ Church following her husband Jim's death ten years ago, and sat just across the aisle from Betty.



A wonderful soprano who had sung in all the big opera houses and venues when younger, Zuilmah had continued to the end teaching singing to many pupils, young and old. The respect and affection she was held in was eloquently expressed by the full Church at her funeral.

Many of her pupils past and present sang the most moving rendition of *You'll Never Walk Alone* as a tribute to her in the service. You can view the song by clicking [here](#)

Two wonderful ladies who continued living and loving right into their mid eighties, and have both been gracious and giving to those around them. We thank God for them, and for the rich legacies of love they have left behind.

YORKSHIRE CANCER RESEARCH

Great Ayton & District Committee

Saturday March 9th. at Ingleby Greenhow Village Hall, Coffee Morning 10am -12noon. Admission £1.50. Cake Stall, Tombola, Raffle, Seasonal Gifts. Entertainment by pupils of Bradley School of Dance.

There will be a Quiz in the Conservative Club on Sunday 24th. March at 7:30pm. Tickets to include Pie & Pea Supper £6. Please contact Mike Myers 722637 for tickets



Dates for your diary.

June 16th Parochial Hall 7:00pm.

Coffee Evening with Wensleydale Cheese Demonstration. £4.

August 7th Coffee Morning at Mrs Sylvia Tanfield's.

September 17th

Parochial Hall 7:00pm. Coffee Evening. Details to follow.

October 1st. Kildale Village Hall, Coffee Morning 10-12noon.

November 2nd Parochial Hall, Halloween Party 2-4pm.

November 20th Parochial Hall, 12:30pm. "Not a Lunch".

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

Thank you for all your support.

Margaret Stevens.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The recent Box Opening Coffee Morning was well attended in spite of the inclement weather and this year we had more boxes to count on the day. The event raised £313.05 which was excellent. We thank all those who did the counting.



In March we are holding our annual Lent Soup Lunch in the Parochial Hall on Thursday, 21st March, from 12.30-1.30pm. Tickets are priced at £6 and are available from committee members.



The House to House collection is 13th-27th April and if anyone would like to help with this please contact Marina Charlton (723087).

Jancie Brown

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

17th February

Logan Paul Simpson

Holy Matrimony

12th February

Shane Hooton and Jade Foster

16th February

Veronica Hare and Jonathan Snaith



Shane and Jade married at
Christ Church



Veronica and Jonathan married at
St Oswald's Church

Christian Burial and Cremation

29th January

Betty Simpson

31st January

Bernard Annis

1st February

Zuilmah Winterschladen

14th February

Mary Harrison

* 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



What's Wrong with the above?

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My Mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole!

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?"

A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, "We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bi-

ble times. But, there is a Higher Power. Can anybody tell me what it is?"

One child blurted out, "Aces!"

The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why.

"Well, Honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon."

"How come He doesn't answer it?" she asked.

A vicar asked a little boy if he said his prayers every night.

"Yes, sir." the boy replied.

"And, do you always say them in the morning, too?" the vicar asked.

"No sir," the boy replied. "I ain't scared in the daytime."

(Thanks to Dave & Richard, Hull University friends, for the above)

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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 - in Christ Church

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

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



Vicar	Rev'd Paul Peverell Rev'd Geoff Jaques Rev'd Jon Dean	The Vicarage, Low Green 132 Roseberry Crescent White House, Dikes Lane	722333 722979 722649
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PCC Treasurer	Mr Ken Taylor	The Recess, Newton Rd.	722400
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Child Protection	Mrs Gail Luckett	69a High Street	723504
Gift Aid Sec.	Mrs Sheila Levett	34 Wainstones Close	723034

Church Hall Office

For **Church Hall bookings**, please contact the Church Office **Tel 722665** on **Monday or Friday 9 am - 12 noon, and Thursdays 10 - 12 noon or leave a message.**

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