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Great Ayton with
Easby & Newton
under Roseberry
Parishes

Spire

MAY 2013

Remember When



This is Marwood Maypole Dancing from May 2008. Note the blue skies, summer dresses and sunglasses.

Fingers crossed that we get a good summer - we have waited long enough!

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- 1st Wed** Short Service of Holy Communion in Church 1.30pm, MU Meeting in Coffee Lounge at 2pm
- 5th Sun** **Easter 6** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am Holy Communion** 11.15am Holy Baptism at Newton
- 7th Tues** **Little Fishes** 9.30am in Church
- 8th Wed** **Fabric Committee** Meets at 7.30pm
- 9th Thurs** **Ascension Day** Holy Communion at 7am
(Car Park closed from 9am to allow pruning of the trees in the car park)
- 10th Fri** **Archdeacon's visitation** at York Minster at 7pm
- 12th Sun** **Easter 7** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion with Church Parade , 11am Come & Praise
- 14th Tues** **Little Fishes** 9.30am in Church
- 17th Fri** **Marwood Assembly in** Christ Church at 9.15am
- 19th Sun** **PENTECOST** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am All Age Service** ; 4pm Christian Aid Alternative.
- 21st Tues** **Little Fishes** 9.30am in Church: **Deanery Synod** at Kildale Village Hall at 7.30pm.
- 24th Fri** **Christ Church Visitors** at 1.45am
- 26th Sun** **TRINITY SUNDAY** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion; 12 noon Holy Baptism at Christ Church

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

Sorry, no Service at Hollygarth this month due to Bank Holidays and the Hall being in use by other groups or trips out.



The Secret of being like God

This next two months sees the 20th Anniversary of my Induction as Vicar of Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry, and the 30th Anniversary of my ordination as a Priest ed a priest in York Minster, in May and June respectively. (Geoff is 15 years and Jon 5 years this year)

Over my years in ministry, two thirds of it being here in this Parish, I have discovered that goodness and generosity usually go together. People who stand out as wonderful examples of God's love are those who give of themselves generously for the sake of others, without desire for thanks or acknowledgement.

I have seen wonderful examples of true Christian giving from pensioners living on just the old age pension, but who have given with such generosity it puts the meagre offerings of many of the well off to shame.

I see people who work with the young, old or infirm with a real passion, giving generously of themselves and their time, and really making a huge difference.

I see people who don't just do a job, but make it an offering by doing it so diligently and thoroughly.

Such people are a joy to have around and they transform Churches and communities by their presence for they have learnt the secret that giving makes us like God, because by doing so we enter into his nature.

Our Archbishop has asked us to look at *Generous Churches Making and Nurturing Disciples*, of how we can transform our Churches and communities by making real disciples. Real discipleship comes alive when we give to God and others with generosity, because we realise just how much God has given to us. So as a first step I ask all of us to look again with thankfulness at all that God gives to us both as individuals, as a Church and a Community. If we never can see just how much we have got, we will never realise just how much we have to give away.

Paul

Art & Craft Gallery NEW in the Discovery Centre

We now throw open our doors to a brave new world of local talent.



Paintings & prints are on show as well as many differing craftwork items & this is an opportunity for all visitors to be enthralled by the variety of skills on display. We wish you to be entertained, escape to pastures new, through windows extraordinaire – debate, criticise, browse – whatever grabs you, we need you to view these delights & hopefully buy a new image for your home.

The Gallery is a brand new venture for our village. Since November, 2012 original art & local craftwork by local artists has been on show & all items are for sale at very reasonable prices, sales helping to keep the Discovery Centre up & running.

Come in, view & prepare to be amazed at the transformation to 105a High Street, aka Great Ayton Library.

The Prayer of Silence

On 14 March a group of ten from churches in Great Ayton spent the day together at 'White Gables' in Swainby - Jane Hinton's house and garden overlooking the Cleveland Hills, which is linked to the Quiet Garden Trust and Retreat Association.



Ann Browne from Christ Church had arranged for a monk from the Benedictine Community at Ampleforth Abbey to come and talk to us about Contemplative prayer – a prayer of silence. Father Kevin was our guide for the day, providing much food for thought (and amusing stories) as he spoke to us about prayer and the value of making a regular time in our busy lives to be still and make friends with silence and stillness.

There are many methods of helping us into stillness. We practiced two of them during the day, led in turn by Ann and Father Kevin. **Centering Prayer** and the ancient method of meditating on a passage of scripture known as *lectio divina* – books have been written on both of these subjects!

I thought it was just warm enough to sit in a sheltered corner of Jane Hinton's lovely garden and eat my picnic lunch - although the conservatory and dining room were more popular, followed by a walk in the garden afterwards. There are other parts of the house available for use on a retreat day which have been thoughtfully arranged to help visitors relax and feel at home during quiet intervals. Copies of the monthly programme at White Gables on Saturdays during 2013 can be found on the prayer board in Christ Church.

We hope that a larger group from Great Ayton will be able to go to Ampleforth Abbey in the autumn to hear more from Father Kevin.

Ann has an open, ecumenical, weekly Centering Prayer group meeting at her home on Wednesdays at 4.00pm. If you are interested and want to know more please talk to Ann Browne, Margaret Lewis or Enid Sedgwick

Enid Sedgwick

New Boiler in Church Hall

During Easter week a new boiler was installed in the Church Hall to provide heating and hot water for the Coffee Lounge, the main kitchen and toilets near the coffee lounge. This new boiler replaced two older and inefficient boilers. We hope this will increase heat and reduce bills.

This improvement has kindly been paid for through The Banks Community Fund for environmental community projects. The fund comes from The Banks Group who run landfill sites and also wind farms, and are seeking to find ways of encouraging renewable energy and more efficient use of energy.

We hope users will enjoy the new warm facilities.



Dalesmen Singers
MALE VOICE CHOIR

Presents a Joint Concert
in conjunction with the

Cleveland Police Brass Band
Musical Director - Nigel Wistow

St Mary's Cathedral
Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough
Concert starts at 7:30 pm
Friday 10th May 2013

In support of the
Holy Family Orphanage
in Bethlehem

Tickets £5.00 - available by calling
01947 605135
01642 306743
07786 322862
At Cathedral Shop
At Coulby Newham Sports Centre - Front Desk



Dalesmen Singers MVC
Conductor - Steve Maltby
Accompanist - Ann Hartley



Coffee Morning

Saturday 4th May

10 - 12 noon

50 Marwood Drive

**Supporting Break
Through Breast Cancer.**

Cakes, Tombola, Quiz,
Avon.

See Sue Mason

**The Trees in the
Church Car Park are to
be pruned on 9th May
from 9am.**

**The car park will be out
of bounds and no servic-
es in Church for safety
reasons.**

All Saints Guides Needed

Have you a few spare hours a month that you could give to a really useful activity? Our ancient and historic Church of All Saints, that goes back to the 12th Century. It counts amongst past worshippers the young James Cook and his family, and his mother and siblings are interred in the Churchyard. We welcome thousands of visitors from far and near throughout the year, and like to give them a warm Yorkshire welcome, but need more people willing to give a few hours a month.

All you need is

- A welcoming smile and enjoy meeting people.
- The willingness to learn a little bit about the historic features of the Church to help point them out to visitors.

If you think you could help, then please contact Ray Huddleston on 01642 722503

The position is as a volunteer, but you do get to soak up the atmosphere in Church, and lets hope the sunshine too this year!

The Church opens each afternoon from 2pm - 4.30pm from May through to the end of September.



It's A Very Small World

In January I received a phone call from Canada from a young mum asking if it were possible for me to conduct a baptism for their son at St Oswald's Church later in the year. As I had just taken a baptism from Canada at St Oswald's just days beforehand I did wonder if someone had put up a notice somewhere in Canada that this was the place to go to.

The family were coming over in April for other family celebrations and wanted all to happen around the same time when folk were together.

Always being willing to oblige when I can, we agreed the date for the baptism and details were sent over, with a note that this was the first grandchild for Harry and Barbara Wray.

When I left school at 16 I went to work at British Steel and was interviewed by a Harry Wray in the Training Department. Surely this couldn't be the same man? But it was! The special occasion that Carolyn and Chris with baby James were coming over for was Harry's 90th Birthday.

How amazing that a man I encountered almost 40 years ago should come back into my life all these years later. Harry looks amazing for a man of his age, and easily recognisable from the man who interviewed me all those years ago and set me off in my working life, giving me the chance to gain experience and be sure of my calling before I went forward for training.

Well, Harry and Barbara may have waited a long time for their first grandchild, but it was quite apparent that little baby James was well worth the wait. A most charming little boy.

Blessings to them all.



Proud Grandparents, Harry and Barbara, with Chris and Carolyn and baby James

Mothers' Union News



Our April meeting was certainly different. We started with a short service of Holy Communion in Church at 1.30pm - a lovely start to our meeting. I hope more will join us next month.

Our speaker, Jennifer Finel, talked about *A Cross in my pocket*, an idea that originated in Norwich that gave people some help in difficult circumstances. Then the fun started as we were asked to make our own. Not as easy as it looked and great hilarity ensued. This all happened in Church because workmen were in the hall installing the new boiler, but we still managed a cup of tea thanks to Lynda Walker.

On April 8th - a rather grey, dull day - we joined with ladies from the Catholic Mothers Membership and the Methodists Church at St Mary's Cathedral in Coulby Newham for a Lady Day Service.

We were welcomed by Very Revd Canon Gerard P Robinson, Dean of the Cathedral. Our Diocesan Mothers Union Chaplain, Canon David Purdy, then led us in our worship which was thoroughly enjoyed.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 1st May

- 1.30pm Short service of Communion in Church
- 2.00pm Meeting with Malcolm Everidge on Seaside Piers.

Elaine Brown, Secretary

Come & Praise

On the second Sunday of each month at Christ Church, we have a simple, short family service called Come & Praise that brings all the generations together. Some of the older children pictured below have been coming since they were born!



The service seeks to give a welcome especially to young families who appreciate the timing, length and more relaxed content of the service.

Over the years many Come & Praise-ers have gone on to Sunday School and to the 9.15am Service, but still enjoy coming back each month.

We have also seen many new people coming through Little Fishes and Baptisms, so a good crowd is ensured.

On Mothering Sunday a group of young people sang a tribute song for their mums. Plants were given out for mums, cards distributed and any whose mum's had died were invited to light a candle in their memory.





With a Wedding Fayre at Christ Church on April 14th our Come & Praise Service moved across the river to St Margaret Clitherow – by kind invitation of Father Derek. Preparations began around 10 o'clock as Ann, Chris, Colleen and Pip set about preparing a warm welcome. Rearranging the chairs took a few moments to create the 'in the round' setting we've grown to love – it took a little longer to put them all back afterwards! If you've never been to 'Come & Praise', this is what people say ...

"A very informal, joyous occasion with just enough reflective moments to remind me I was in Church!" Ken Taylor

"Real 'Churches together' this morning - good to be there." Enid Sedgwick.

"Dawn started taking Eddy to Little Fishes shortly after his Christening and the Come and Praise service has been a natural progression, something all the family can enjoy....Grandma comes along too ... the emphasis is on the enjoyment of coming together to worship in a relaxed atmosphere. We all love it." Richard Smith

"Relaxed, allowing all generations the opportunity to take part at their own level. My little girl loves the musical instruments and listening to Lesley's stories." Kathie Greenhalgh

"Great fun. The children were at the centre of it, sometimes noisy, sometimes very quiet, always engaged with what was going on. It was great just to relax and go with the flow, a bit like the children really." Martin Simmons

Our non-eucharistic congregations have been growing significantly over the past couple of years in both Christ Church and St Oswald's. In 2013 attendance at Come & Praise averages over 40 including 19 children. Mothering Sunday saw our biggest congregation (over 60) which included members of the Younger Firm singing a song specially written by Claire Sheridan accompanied on piano by Emily Sheridan – come along to Mothering Sunday 2014 to hear if we have a reprise!



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Come & Praise meets in Christ Church on the 2nd Sunday of each month – all are welcome.

Geoff Jaques

The Wedding Fayre

To win back more couples to weddings in Church, Christ Church held its second Wedding Fayre on Sunday 14th April to take advantage of our Church beautifully decorated for Easter.



After service coffee had to be cancelled and the Come & Praise moved to St Margaret's Church as 35 different exhibitors set up their stalls in the Church Hall, Coffee Lounge, Corridor and in Church.

All sorts of different services were on offer including fashions, photography, cars, stationary, cakes, hair, furniture ,

crockery, sweets - and even a Hog Roast!

In Church we were entertained throughout the day with Charlotte Wallace, a wedding singer, who sung everything from classic, religious to modern.

The Bridal fashion display took place before a full Church, giving a wonderful setting for the catwalk.



I was there all day to answer all queries for those considering a wedding in Church, and to explain how this was not just possible, but was also a legal entitlement to those living in England. Our

weddings have increased from 8 to 24 in two years, and I hope other Churches may have benefited too.



My thanks to Whinstone View and Cloud9events who welcome me to their Fayres free of charge.

Confirmation 2013

We will be welcoming Bishop Gordon Bates on Saturday 15th June at 6pm at Christ Church to take our Confirmation Service.

Classes for children Y6 and above have just started on Wednesdays from 4.45pm - 5.45pm. It's not too late to join - if you are quick!

See Paul or Karen for details



Discipleship for Dummies

A new short course for all who would like to either:

- Learn more about our Faith
- Refresh what they learned before
- Prepare for Confirmation
- Brush up on the Basics

**8 One hour sessions beginning
@ 8 o'clock on Monday 29th April
Still time to join!**



To book your place or to find out more, contact
Rev. Geoff Jaques

Text or call: 07887573086 or Email: jaques132@gmail.com

Bite Back at Hunger

Christian Aid Week 12–18 May 2013



'We work together, we share the land'

This Christian Aid Week, we're standing with poor communities to help them bite back at hunger. If a community has land to live on and farm, it can provide enough food for its people. In the Beni region of Bolivia, one community faces a much more secure future, thanks to a Christian Aid partner organisation helping them acquire land rights, previous

When Elmy Ymarnarlico lists the thin woolless sheep and chickens come in of ownership of her homeland that ha Elmy lives in the community of Alta G But despite making up the majority of nities like Elmy's have struggled for ye own land.



Threats and intimidation from prospective landlords were common, and many fathers and young people left to search for work elsewhere because they couldn't make a living from their land. This left families to struggle with the other perils of drought, floods, forest fires and hunger. Christian Aid partner Centre for Research and Training of Peasants (CIPCA) has since helped to secure land for more than 1,000 families. CIPCA has also given the community training in crop diversification and how to improve their harvests. It has provided woolless sheep to breed from, sell on and eat, and chickens to produce eggs to eat and sell.

Now the men can stay and farm their own land without the threat of cattle ranchers and big businesses taking it, and people like Elmy can provide more nutritious diets for their families.

There is now a future for young people, too. 'We are now the owners of our land... we work the land together, we share the land,' Elmy explains.

The community of Alta Gracia has also discovered the value of the wild cocoa trees around them, thanks to CIPCA. Owned by the whole community, the trees are now lovingly looked after. Locals work in protective clothing provided by CIPCA, and CIPCA buys the cocoa from them for a fair price.



‘CIPCA helped so much,’ Elmy says. ‘It has got people inspired to look after, protect and get the best from the cocoa trees.’

CHRISTIAN AID ALTERNATIVE

Get Your Teeth into Worship

And Bite Back at Hunger

Sunday 19th May at 4pm

With coffee & Tea from 3.30pm

Christ Church, Guisborough Road

YORKSHIRE CANCER RESEARCH

Great Ayton & District Committee

A very big thank you to everyone, who in any way, has helped raise the wonderful amount of £20,000 from 1.4.12. to 31.3.13. The Committee and their many helpers, work extremely hard, but without the generosity of all who support Y.C.R., we could not have sent such a large amount to Harrogate to continue the fight to find the cause and cure of cancer.



The Quiz held at the Conservative Club raised a great total of £476. many thanks to Mike, Carole and Audrey, to all who donated raffle prizes and to Paul and Karen for looking after us at the Club.

"Wensleydale" Coffee Evening.

On Wednesday, June 19th. at 7:00pm in The Parochial Hall, Richard Clarke from the Wensleydale Creamery will demonstrate cheese making, talk about the creamery and then hand out samples of cheeses. Refreshments will follow accompanied by Wensleydale cheese. There will be a raffle and various stalls. Tickets from committee members or ring 722044 or 723334.

Great North Swim.

Harriet Thompson is taking part in the Great North Swim in July 2013 to raise money for Y.C.R. Over the years the Thompson family have run in many marathons and raised a lot of money, but this is a first. If you would like to sponsor Harriet, sponsorship forms are now at Thompson Hardware. Best wishes and good luck to Harriet.

Thank you for all the support given to Yorkshire Cancer Research.

Margaret Stevens.

Date for your diary.

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

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Even as I write the House-to-House collection is taking place - I hope it gets a little warmer for our collectors!

There is nothing planned for May, but we now have a date for the "**Cake Bake**" - this is to take place on **Saturday, 22nd June**.

In July we are holding a Flower Demonstration, but details will be given in June's edition of Spire.

Jancie Brown



Ben's Story

'When I was 12, dad married my stepmum. I got a new brother. He was older and bigger than me. At first things were ok. I missed mum but she had a new family. She stopped wanting to see me.

My stepmum started saying things to me. Saying my dad didn't want me. She wouldn't say it if he was there but I believed her. My"stepbrother joined in too. Soon it wasn't just words. Soon she started to punch me. Soon it wasn't just punching, it was kicking too. Both of them. The first time I went to hospital, I had a broken arm and fractured ribs. The doctors thought I'd got into trouble at school. I didn't tell them the truth. I couldn't. They'd have thought I was making it up. Being a troublemaker. What if dad hadn't believed me?

After that, it got worse. When I was 14 I left Bolton and went to Manchester. On my first night there this older man, he came up to me. Said I looked like I needed help. And I did. It was cold and I hadn't eaten since I left home. He said he'd look after me and take me somewhere safe. He took me to his house. Said he had a family and I could live with them until I got myself sorted. He didn't have a family. He locked me in a room... I was there two days before I escaped. What he did...it hurt. It makes me feel bad to think about it.

I started living in a car park. I'd been there about two weeks when I first met someone from The Children's Society. I thought they might send me home. I'd been begging but it wasn't enough to eat. It had started getting colder too. Just talking to them a bit, I could see that maybe they did care. Maybe they could help. I went to the project. They gave me something to eat and talked to me like I could make my own decisions. Like I wasn't just a child. They let me ring my dad. I told him I was safe but didn't want to come home.

With The Children's Society's help, I got a foster family. I talk to my dad a bit more now. I'm trying to tell him what happened but it's hard. A foster family's not the same as having a real family but at least I feel secure. I'm not afraid anymore.'

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

7th April
7th April
21st April

James Gareth Wray
Evie Rebecca Hilton
James Andrew Hunter

Holy Matrimony



6th April Neil Pearson and Catherine Dickinson

Christian Burial and Cremation

10th April
17th April
19th April

Margaret Jones
Kenny Webster
Sheila Waters

* 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

Why We Love Children - enjoy these thoughts

NUDITY

I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

OPINIONS

On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents ..'

POLICE

It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. 'Is that a dog you got back there?' he asked.

'It sure is,' I replied.

Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, 'What'd he do?'

DEATH

While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his

5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased.

The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: 'Glory be unto the Father, and unto the Son, and into the hole he goes.'*(I want this line used at my funeral!)*

BIBLE

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

'Mama, look what I found,' the boy called out.

'What have you got there, dear?'

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, 'I think it's Adam's underwear!'

Editor of Spire

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The Parishes of Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry

Services

Christ Church, Great Ayton

Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion 9.15am Parish Communion with Sunday School 11.00am Come & Praise (2nd Sunday of month) Evening Worship - as announced in the Diary
Tuesday	9.30am Little Fishes Carer & Toddler Group
Wednesday	10.00am Holy Communion - 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



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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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