



Summer Songs of Praise

On Low Green

Sunday 23rd June

Band playing from 3.30pm

Service at 4pm

Please bring a contribution of food (non-perishable) for Middlesbrough Foodbank.

Sunshine on order!

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JUNE

- 2nd Sun** **Trinity 1** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion;
11am Holy Communion at Newton
- 3rd Mon** **Holy Communion @ Hollygarth** at 2pm
- 4th Tues** **Little Fishes** 9.30am in Church
- 5th Wed** **MU Meeting** in Coffee Lounge at 2pm
- 6th Thurs** **MU Deanery Festival at Hutton Rudby Church at 7.30pm**
- 9th Sun** **Trinity 2** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion
with Church Parade , 11am Come & Praise
- 11th Tues** **Little Fishes** 9.30am in Church
- 12th Wed** **Standing Committee** at 7.30pm
- 14th Fri** **Marwood Assembly in** Christ Church at 9.05am
Church Visitors meet at 1.45pm
- 15th Sat** **Confirmation Service at 6pm in Christ Church**
- 16th Sun** **Trinity 3** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion;
11am All Age Service
- 18th Tues** **Little Fishes** 9.30am in Church:
- 21st Fri** **Wedding in Christ Church at 1pm**
- 23rd Sun** **Trinity 4** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion;
11.15am Holy Baptism
- 24th Mon** **Marwood School Sports Day** in the Vicarage Garden
- 26th Wed** **Ayton PCC Meeting** at 7.30pm in Upper Room
- 27th Thurs** **Concert at St Oswald's, Newton** at 7.30pm
- 29th Sat** **Wedding in Christ Church** at 1.30pm
- 30th Sun** **Trinity 5** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion;
11am Holy Communion at Newton 12 noon Holy
Baptism

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



The Prayer of Presence

Over recent weeks I have heard from several people who have loved ones with terminal conditions. It's so hard to deal with this news, but the added problem for the Christian is what to pray for.

Do we assume life is the only answer, and so always pray for recovery, or should we be praying for strength to cope with the situation knowing that everything and everyone has their time and sometimes no amount of prayer can possibly change that?

I know that when we first came here 20 years ago and our new born son was so desperately ill, that we were supported so much with prayer and feeling this was a tangible experience. Thankfully our son, David, survived and is now 20 and just finishing his first year at University, but he didn't escape disability and the daily challenges that presents each and every day of his life.

I confess that as a priest as I am often at a loss at what to ask for. I have seen people I have prayed to recover die shortly afterwards, and others I have given the Last Rites to, make a recovery and come out of hospital and live several more years.(Remember that lovely chap Bob Farrow?)

Often all we can really do is simply be there and the assurance of our presence says it all.

When I was Vicar of St Martin's I had an older couple from St Francis RC Church lived opposite. I would often pop across for a cuppa and a chat. On the morning of our wedding day the husband died and Karen took her bouquet to his widow before we left for our honeymoon. Martin had been failing for a while, and Agnes had inscribed on his stone these words she had written herself.

Beside his bed to hold his hand, he knew I was there to understand.

Often our quiet presence is the most reassuring and effective prayer of all.
Paul

Our Churchwardens



Churchwardens remain as one of the oldest lay offices of the land. Appointed by the Annual Church meeting of the Church, they serve as officers to the Bishop with a responsibility to co-operate with the Incumbent in helping deliver the mission of the Church, as well as being responsible for many legal matters in the Parish and particularly the building.

We have been most fortunate in both Great Ayton and Newton in having really dedicated people stand for the position, and continue for several years apiece helping give stability to our Churches.



There used to be a Vicar's Warden appointed by the Vicar, and a People's Warden elected at the annual meeting - hence the staffs of office usually have a Mitre and Crown respectively. Today both Churchwardens are elected at the Annual Meeting and then have to attend a formal Visitation Service where they are officially sworn in. This year it took place in York Minster before Archbishop Sentamu.

Following their appointment we also receive them into office in our respective Churches so that the congregations know them and can offer their support and prayers.



Martin and Rosemary receive their Staffs at Christ Church



Paul and Maureen receive their staffs at St Oswald's Church

Newton News

Anyone visiting the Memorial Garden at St Oswald's Church will have seen the "delicate" state of the churchyard wall. Trees planted too near the wall many years ago, are now pushing it over. The process has been gradual and started many years ago, as witnessed by the concrete buttresses put in many years ago before the land belonged to the Church. Nature usually wins,



and one section is on the verge of collapse, and the other side from the gate is broken and given a few more years will be in a similar state.

The PCC have given thorough consideration to what to do, for to save the wall could mean losing several mature trees - and we have already lost one very large horse chestnut with bleeding canker and are watching the nearby one closely. We don't want to lose more trees, for that will change the leafy setting considerably, as well as affecting the water table in an already wet Churchyard.

The wall used to mark our boundary, but since the Bradleys gave the land to the Church in the 1980s, the boundary is further out.

After consulting with our Architect we have decided to apply for faculty to remove that section of wall and landscape the ground between the Churchyard and garden. This work will take place later in the year, if faculty is granted, but we hope to take down any dangerous sections soon.



A great start to our new course!

When Paul and I first thought about launching a course called Discipleship for Dummies we had no idea whether it would appeal and if it did who would it appeal to? Ten members of our different congregations said they'd like to get on board.



We had our first meeting on 29th April with Margaret Lewis and myself acting as guides - eight of the ten members are pictured with us below – can you recognise them?

As you can see we have a great cross-section of our church family, some confirmed and others about to that step. We're covering a wide range of topics including:

- Ø God calls us
- Ø What is Christianity? Jesus Christ
- Ø The Power of God: The Holy Spirit
- Ø Keeping in touch with God: Prayer

If you're interested in joining our next group do get in touch and in the meantime, please continue to pray for this group, especially those considering Confirmation this month, as we seek to deepen our connection to God and to each other.

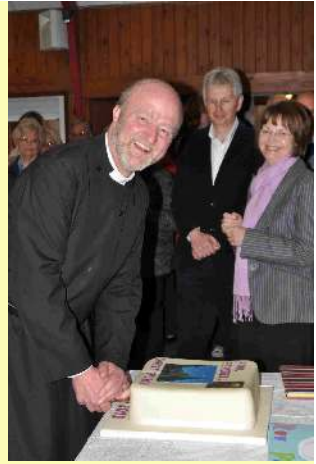
Geoff Jaques

20 Years On

My thanks to all who joined me in remembering my 20 years as Vicar of Great Ayton and Newton under Roseberry and to all those who took the time and trouble to remember the date.



After the 9.15am Service at Christ Church we went into the Hall where there was a very large cake for me to cut, some kind words by Rosemary and a presentation of flowers to Karen.



I was surprised again on the Friday morning when Marwood School had been in Church for their assembly on Pentecost. At the end of the service Mrs Wilson, our Head teacher, presented achievement awards to a pupil in each of the three classes. This week there were four, and I received one for “Being our fantastic vicar for 20 years” (Her words, not mine!)

St Oswald's PCC had already celebrated the day itself with a bottle of bubbly at the PCC Meeting. On Pentecost Sunday I arrived at Newton Church just for a normal service and was delighted when we topped 40 people. At the end of the service I found the main door locked, and cake and wine magically appeared as Jancie said some very kind words.

Many thanks to you all. 20 down - 14 to go!





Sunday School had a great Pentecost. Following the service when they heard about the coming of the Holy Spirit, they split into groups to make their own symbols.



The younger group made tongues of flame to wear on their heads, and were told to look out this month for a man coming to Christ Church with a hat like this! (It's the Bishop at our Confirmation Service.)

The older group iced cakes with a flame and back in Church went and shared these with members of the congregation, to show how the Spirit of God brings us all together.



Sunday School meets Sundays in term time at 9.15am in the Church Hall - except for the 2nd Sundays of the month when we have our Family Service. They do lots of interesting things and is for 4 years and over.

To find out more, see Karen Peverell or Alison Collins

Mothers' Union News

Our May meeting on Piers was interesting No we didn't talk about the construction at Redcar what ever you want to call it, I for one learnt lots about all the piers that where built on the north east coast and why most of them have disappeared without trace..



Next Meeting

Wednesday 5th June

No service beforehand as the Vicar is away on the clergy conference

2.00pm Elizabeth Revett will give a talk on Maundy Money

Thursday 6th June

7.30pm Deanery Festival at Hutton Rudby Church

Wednesday 3rd July

7.30pm Achdeaconry Festival at Christ Church

Elaine Brown, Secretary

Angrove Singers: Summer Soiree

with Music from the Films and Supper afterwards:

Saturday June 29th at 7.30.p.m.

Christ Church Great Ayton

Tickets £6.00 from Choir Members

Angrove Park

In a chance google search to find out what a Papakata was I discovered Angrove Park, Great Ayton. Incredibly I drive passed it most days and had never noticed, but it is a brilliant venue for camping, walking holidays and even weddings, set within Winley Hill Farm on the road to Stokesley.



The centrally heated cabins with raised mattresses and lights give my style of camping. A modern shower and toilet block provide all the necessary facilities, and a communal cooking and eating area under cover provide for those grey days when you can't use your picnic table outside your cabin.



Some fantastic tree trunks provide a wonderful area for children to play with imagination, and a roaring fire with sheltered seats around it, prepare us for the British Summer as we sing our songs on sultry evenings.

Angrove Park is already being used by many walking groups or those wanting a cheaper way of getting folk away together.

I was interested to see that Louise and Alan Petch, who run it, are also hosting weddings with - you've guessed it - Papakatas! A Papakata is a very large tent - more Wigwam than Marquee - and is proving very popular for weddings.



The site at Winley Hill Farm has fantastic views of the surrounding countryside and you would never guess that you are just between Great Ayton and Stokesley. To learn more, visit their website www.angrovepark.co.uk

Make memories in Angrove Park

Situated in the stunning surroundings of the Cleveland Hills and North Yorkshire Moors, Angrove Park is a picturesque site, offering an outdoor venue and accommodation for weekday and weekend events, breaks or activities.

Ideal for those who want to experience camping without the hassle of canvas. Or, an event venue with on-site accommodation

We are open from April to October and have 10 fully insulated and vented Camping Cabins capable of sleeping 4 adults or a family of 5. Facilities include- on-site hot showers, washing areas and toilets as well as a communal fire pit and meeting area, children's play area and parking.

A collage of four images: top-left shows the interior of a wooden camping cabin with a window and a small table; top-right shows a sunset over a field with silhouettes of people; bottom-left shows a bathroom with a sink and mirror; bottom-right shows the exterior of a wooden cabin with a fire pit and a picnic table.

100 Little Fishes

On 25th June we will be celebrating our 100th Little Fishes!

During the past 2 years we have welcomed almost 100 preschool children and their carers to our Tuesday morning service and play / coffee time. Not all at the same time, I should add!! We average about 14 little ones each week in term-time – though numbers vary widely.

Child minders, Mums, Dad, Uncles, Grans and Grandads have all been welcomed at the church door by Mike Acornley and enjoyed our short service in church. Here's what some of them said:

"Keeps Amelia and I captivated – and its nice to catch up with everyone," Katie Batty.

"Brings the young community together in a warm and welcoming way to celebrate and socialise," David Howard.

"Really friendly and welcoming," Lindsay Wright.

"Great for integrating small children into church in a fun and happy way," Angie Coates. We have simple action songs, prayers and a quiet time in our 20 minute service, led by one of our Worship Leaders – Angela, Geoff, Lesley, Margaret and Vicky and we invite previous attendees and other church members to help with our 'Storytelling'.



10 church ladies are on a rota to prepare fresh coffee and tea for us to enjoy afterwards - whilst the little ones play and eat bread sticks, grapes and other delights!



We've run the Toy and Children's Book Stall at the last 2 Annual Church Coffee Mornings when our Little Fishes have enjoyed buying back the toys their parents gave away! We have been blessed by car loads of toys each year and having sold a lot have still been able to take one car load to the Women's Refuge after each event!

Our Little Fishes are only with us for a couple of years – before going on to Nursery or School – but we have been pleased to welcome new little ones each term.

Several of our Little Fishes move on to Sunday School and our monthly Come & Praise Service (see article in last month's Spire for more information).

Although we advertise widely we are saddened to find out that people often discover us a little late – so if you know of any pre-school child living in or near the village or with grandparents or carers in the village do encourage them to come and join us. All are welcome!!

Angela Jaques

little fishes
CARER & TODDLER GROUP
@ Christ Church Great Ayton

in term-time
Tuesdays 9.30 A.M.

All are welcome - come and join us!

for pre-school children and their carers
simple child-friendly prayers, stories, and music, in church
followed by drinks, snacks and play in the coffee lounge.

JESUS

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Blithe Spirit

Come along to Great Ayton Parochial Hall to enjoy a good laugh along with this Noel Coward Classic Comedy

**Wednesday 29th May to Friday 31st May,
7:30 pm every evening .**

**Christ Church Parochial Hall
Guisborough Road, Great Ayton**

**Tickets only £5.00 from Thompsons Hardware, High Street,
Great Ayton in January or call the box office 01642 722096.
Also available on the door.**

MIDSUMMER MUSIC

St Oswald's Church
Newton under Roseberry

**Thursday 27th June 2013
At 7.30pm**

***Featuring the classical guitar of Jonathan Parkin
And the vocal dexterity of
Pieces of Eight Singing Group***

Tickets £10.00 (includes a glass of wine) available from Paul Carter (07711 022 433) paul@pauldavidcarter.com or Newton Church.

Proceeds towards Church Funds

ARACHNOPHOBIA

I spy with my little eye
Something beginning with S
It's big, black with long legs
And it's on the back of your dress.

Screaming she said "get it off, get it off"
You're joking - I'm not touching that
By now she was almost hysterical
And I had passed out on the mat!

Why do some humans behave as they do
When they see us out for a crawl.
It's off with their shoe and splat
Squashing us flat on the wall.

When they spot us scuttling along
They back off in absolute fright.
Is it something about our legs ?
That makes them go deathly white.

If they spot us up on the ceiling
And we start to descend on a thread.
They move like a 'bat out of hell'
For fear we drop on their head.

If we land on them by accident
They hypoventilate,
Break out in a sweat, muscles tense
Oh boy! they get in a state.

Why do they shudder in horror
We don't mean them any harm.
They get all uptight and freak out
Why can't they just remain calm.

I spy with my little eye
Something beginning with S

Jean Cumbor



Some of the candidates for this year's Confirmation Service learning about how the Bible came to us.

Come and support them and all the other Candidates at our
CONFIRMATION SERVICE on Saturday 15th June at 6pm.

Contributions of food towards the Tea in the Hall afterwards would be greatly appreciated. See the list at the back of Christ Church.

We will welcome back to take our Service Bishop Gordon Bates, a former Bishop of Whitby.

YORKSHIRE CANCER RESEARCH

Great Ayton & District Committee

"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.

Date for your diary.

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

Tuesday September 17th

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

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

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

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

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

Thank you for all your support.

Margaret Stevens.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY



At our recent AGM the Treasurer reported that during the last financial year £9,326.10p was raised through the events organised by the committee - its thanks go to all the supporters who attend any of our functions, be it a soup lunch or a knit-in.

Thanks also go to those who walked the streets during the House to House collection - the total for this year was £1,803.57p. We are extremely grateful to those people who did it again this year.

We have two events coming up: **On Saturday, 22nd June, we are holding our Annual Cake Bake, from 9.30 am near High Green.** Any contributions (wrapped & priced, please) can be brought to the stall on the day or delivered to 1 Addison Road on the Friday evening between 6-7 pm.

On Wednesday, 10th July, Jean McClure is giving an "Inspirational Flowers" demonstration at 7 pm in the Parochial Hall. Tickets @ £7.50, which include light refreshments, are available from committee members or Marina (723087).

Jancie Brown

MIDSUMMER MELODIES

*Summerthing special from
Guisborough Choral Society*

**Saturday 22nd June, 7.30 p.m.,
at St. Nicholas Church Hall, Bow Street, Guisborough.**

The choir is presenting a light and varied programme of numbers for a summer evening and there'll be something for everyone to enjoy. Including, as an added attraction, a glass of wine and strawberries and cream to make a delicious end to the evening.

Tickets are £5, £4 concessions, £1 under-19s, from Guisborough Bookshop, Greensleeves Music, wegottickets.com or at the door.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

28th April

Lewis James Senior

Nathaniel Ethan Jack

5th May

Jack Harry McGee

Holy Matrimony



28th April Catherine Parkinson & David Newsome

Christian Burial and Cremation

3rd May

Peggy Rotheram

* 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

Wisdom for Today

As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind - every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder.

– John Glenn

When the white missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land. They said 'Let us pray.' We closed our eyes. When we opened them we had the Bible and they had the land.

– Desmond Tutu

America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real but the moon landing was faked.

– David Letterman

After the game, the King and the Pawn go into the same box.

– Italian proverb

The only reason they say 'Women and children first' is to test the strength of the lifeboats.

– Jean Kerr

I've been married to a communist and a fascist, and neither would take out the garbage.

– Zsa Zsa Gabor

A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kickboxing.

– Emo Philips.

Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it yourself.

– Harrison Ford

Kill one man and you're a murderer, kill a million and you're a conqueror.

– Jean Rostand.

Having more money doesn't make you happier. I have 50 million dollars but I'm just as happy as when I had 48 million.

– Arnold Schwarzenegger.

We are here on earth to do good unto others. What the others are here for, I have no idea.

– W.H. Auden

In hotel rooms I worry. I can't be the only guy who sits on the furniture naked.

– Jonathan Katz

I don't believe in astrology. I am a Sagittarius and we're very skeptical.

– Arthur C Clarke

Hollywood must be the only place on earth where you can be fired by a man wearing a Hawaiian shirt and a baseball cap.

– Steve Martin

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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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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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