



Confirmation report on Pages 10-11

www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk

Contents

Page 2 July & August Diary Page 3 Vicar's Letter Page 4 Youthworker News Page 5 Newton News Page 6 Westminster Abbey too? Page 7 20 More years! Page 8 Dance School Donates Cash Page 9 Mothers Union News Page 10/11 A Confirmation to Remember Page 12 Bishop Margaret visits Page 14 News from the Diocese Page 15 Visions and the Prodigal F Page 16 Yorkshire Cancer News Page 17 Children's Society News Page 18 From the Registers Page 19 More Wisdom for Today

JULY & AUGUST

1st Mon 3rd Wed	Holy Communion @ Hollygarth at 2pm Mothers Union Archdeaconry Festival at Christ Church at 7.00pm.
4th Thurs	Wedding at St Oswald's at 1pm
6th Sat	Wedding at Christ Church at 12.30pm
7th Sun	Trinity 7 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion at Newton: 11.30 Holy Baptism at Christ Church: 12 noon Holy Baptism at Newton: All Saints Opening Service at 6pm
9th Tues	Little Fishes 9.30am in Church
14th Sun	Trinity 7 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion 11am Come & Praise Garden Service and Barbecue in vicarage garden.
20th Sat	Wedding at Christ Church at 1pm
21st Sun	Trinity 8 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Commun- ion; 11am All Age Service
27th Sat	Weddings at Christ Church at 2pm and 5pm
28th Sun	Trinity 9 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion; 12 noon Holy Baptism
AUGUST	
3rd Sat	Wedding at Christ Church at 2pm
4th Sun	Trinity 10 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Commun- ion; 11am St Oswald's Day Service and Picnic at Newton
5th Mon	Holy Communion at Holygarth @ 2pm
9th Fri	Wedding at Christ Church at 12 noon
	Wedding at St Oswald's at 2pm
10th Sat	Wedding at St Oswald's at 10.30am
11th Sun	Trinity 11 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion 11am Come & Praise
17th Sat	Wedding at Christ Church at 12 noon
18th Sun	Trinity 12 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion at Newton:
20th Tues	Wedding at St Oswald's at 2pm
25th Sun	Trinity 13 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Commun- ion: All Saints Songs of Praise at 6pm



Are We Generous Churches?

Over this last year our Archbishop launched a new initiative, Generous Churches Making and Nurturing Disciples. The main reason behind this was to address the drift of decline in the churches in the Diocese and set us on a positive footing for the future.

Over the years the Diocese has seen the amount of money sent in from the Parishes fall, with the end result we can afford fewer clergy. This means that Parishes are increasingly having to amalgamate and are getting larger. With fewer clergy, it is not possible to give the same cover for Sunday services or even during the week. (There were 13 stipendiary when I arrived, 8 now!)

Whilst some tightening could and should happen, if it continues indefinitely, then the system will break. As Parishioners here will have noticed, our Team are regularly out helping at Brookfield and Hutton Rudby, and also providing holiday or sickness cover for other Parishes in the area.

Our Archbishop has now challenged our generosity, by asking us to decide for ourselves what our Parishes should offer to the Diocese to primarily pay the stipend costs of all the clergy. If we give the same or less, then we know the situation will not change positively. If we look ahead with hope and confidence and give more, then we may be able to change our situation.

St Oswald's PCC have already met and in faith, have increased our contribution from £8,367 requested this year to £9,200 as our Freewill Offering next year. In addition to this will be the extra fees earned by the increased number of weddings.

Christ Church PCC will be deciding this month. This year we have given $\pounds 65,581$, but does this really reflect our best? We have just seen a wonderful Confirmation and have one of the best attended Churches in the Diocese. Could and should we be more generous? If we can be, then we will need to look again at what we give, see other ways in which we can raise funds, and continue our work attracting more weddings.

Stokesley School Church Youth Workers

The summer seems to have come at last. The summer period is a time of joy and a tinge of sadness, we celebrate the achievements of many who have worked with us and will do well in exams and future careers and we are sad as students who we have been able to impact and share faith with now leave school to move on to university and college. We pray that the seeds we have planted will bear fruit. Many who have been in our groups and churches go on to help lead Christian Unions in university or become more active in their churches. One of our sixth formers has chosen to take a further step of faith and will be serving for six months with the Church in Belize.

We have undertaken a year 7 RE special lesson for each class on the subject "What is a Christian". We pray that some who meet us for the first time will want to come to our other activities and consider faith.

We have had the recent visit of an American sports team, who have been sharing faith whilst coaching volleyball. These extra events promote our own work but also act as memorable weeks for the students who see how God has given different people different abilities to do new things.

We are also saying goodbye to Kayla this month. Kayla has served well on our team and is now going on to university, which she had deferred to come and work in Stokesley. The students have come to love her. One student wrote her a lovely card and the comment in it was "When I am in trouble, I always think what Kayla would do". Our words make a difference but often it is our Christian examples that speak louder.



The new timetable comes early in Stokesley, so from mid- June we start new classes and get to share faith with different students. We will also have some input as Christian youth workers into the year 6 transition and meet next year's year 7 students early. Pray that we will identify any Christian young people who are looking for a faith anchor in the sometimes scary world for them, of joining a new school. We love to see them come join us at our Rock Solid lunchtime club in year 7 and then we see them leave in year 12 with positive memories of school and of the role we can play in their lives.

Thank you for your prayers and your continues support as churches and as individuals.

Neil, Matty and Kayla.

Newton News

Lighting System We are delighted to say that the new lighting system in St Oswald's Church has now been installed. It uses the latest LED lights that are energy efficient and also dimable, so we can retain the character of the Church, but have more light where needed.

Our sincere thanks to our anonymous benefactor who has kindly funded this scheme.

Collapsing Wall Permission has been given to take down the wall that is collapsing into the Memorial Gardens before it falls down. The PCC are also seeking permission to remove the full section of wall, bringing the Memorial Garden into the Churchyard. A faculty notice will be displayed shortly.

The wall has been compromised by trees planted too near that are now pushing it over. To save the wall would mean losing two more mature trees, and having lost one wonderful horsechestnut last year, and are anxiously watching its partner for disease, we don't want to lose any others unnecessarily. It is a concern that many of our trees in our country are now under threat through new diseases.

St Oswald's Day Service and Picnic

Come along and help us celebrate our local Saint on Sunday 4th August at I am at St Oswald's, Church, Newton under Roseberry for a Celebration Service followed by a shared picnic in the Memorial Garden behind Church



First Christ Church, Now Westminster Abbey!

We are delighted to hear that Helen Whittaker, Creative Director and Artist/ Designer of Dunnington's Barley Studios, has worked on two new windows for Westminster Abbey. The windows, created by Helen in collaboration with Hughie O'Donoghue RA, are in the Henry VII Chapel at Westminster Abbey, filling the blank windows either side of Alan Younger's East window.

Many of you may remember Helen as the stained glass artist that designed and made the window in Church of Jesus calling his disciples that was installed in memory of the late Ted Appleyard.



It is good to know that Helen's work has gone farther afield and now links Christ Church with Westminster Abbey.



A Name in a Book

Local poet, Jim Knight, from Marwood Drive has recently brought out his first book of poems. A wonderful collection of different verses betraying Jim's whimsical sense of humour and observation on everyday life. Jim turned to writing poetry in 2011 when his dear wife died, and this book is a fitting tribute and well worth a read.

You can purchase your copy for £5 from either Stamps Coffee Shop on the High Street or No 5 Coffee Shop in Park Square. Who knows, you may even bump into Jim whom I am sure would even sign it for you. All proceeds are being given to Arthritis Research.

Twenty Years on

The village of Great Ayton Honours their Vicar

In 1993, the Revd Paul left his beloved Teesside and came to Great Ayton to live where he was to be vicar of Christ Church with St Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry. Twenty years on, Paul is ever popular. He



made friends with the locals and got to know them over his twenty years, by being seen on his pushbike in the village and being involved in various organisations.

Paul has taken part in the Bradley School of Dance pantomimes, taking the part of Scrooge one year and having his beard shaved off to play the dame, and expecting to get in trouble from his wife!

In 2012 Paul launched the ± 10 giveaway to his Parishioners as they passed a blessing on to others from the Harvest Service.

Paul also introduced the monthly Communion at Hollygarth where he is very popular with his band of puppets.

The record's show that since its dedication, Christ Church has seen 13 vicars. The longest serving being Revd Richard Withington, Vicar for 32 years from 1883 - 1915. Our current vicar, Revd Paul, is second with 20 years.

May I be among the many more in congratulating Paul on this occasion.

Bill Kirby

Ex Pat Old Aytonian.

Editors Note: There have been many vicars of All Saints Church who have stayed far longer, as was the pattern many years ago. Christ Church's first vicar was the Revd Ibottson who was vicar for 52 years and retired in 1877, after just one year at Christ Church.

Dance School Donates Cash to Haematology Unit.



The Bradley School of Dance and Musical Theatre based at Great Ayton have given an infusion of cash to the Haematology Unit at James Cook Hospital. The cheque for £850 had been raised through various shows, including their Christmas Production of Annie in Great Ayton and their Spring Showtime in Middlesbrough Theatre.

Accepting the cheque was Mr Charles Phalp, a former neighbour of the Dance School Principal, Margaret Connelly and who is undergoing treatment at the unit, has seen first hand the desperate need for funds. Margaret says, "When Charles told me of the very basic conditions with the haematology unit, we wanted to do something to support both him and them by raising some funds to help with their eventual transfer to proper premises." The Haematology Unit are presently based in portacabins adjoining the hospital that gives little privacy to patients. Charles says, "The nurses do a grand job despite the conditions and are hopeful of a move soon to better premises. This money will be put towards the refurbishment needed."

The dance school puts on several shows during the year and takes part in other community activities. This Christmas they are planning for Sleeping Beauty for their Christmas Panto. Joining them on the photo is their local Vicar, Rev Pev, - Revd Paul Peverell, who played Daddy Warbucks in Annie and is looking forward to being the Panto dame this December.

Mothers' Union News

At our last meeting Elizabeth Revett regaled us with her visit to York Minster to receive her Maundy Money. Sounded very exciting Unfortunately computer problems meant that we couldn't see the video snippets and photos on the overhead screen; we used the lap top instead.



On the 3rd July the afternoon meeting is cancelled as the Archdeaconry Festival is at Christ Church in the evening at 7:30.

Sept 4th Beverly Eves is joining us and talking about Barnardos and their Work.

A note for your diary; Sunday 27th October there is going to be a Pie and Peas Quiz Night at the Royal Oak for Mothers Union funds.

Elaine Brown, Secretary

Summer Services at All Saints

Due to five successive wet summers, we have decided this year to revert to the old practice of an Opening and Closing Service for the Sunday evenings at All Saints Church.

Opening Service Sunday 7th July at 6pm

Closing Service Sunday 25th August at 6pm

Both of these services will follow a Songs of Praise format.

Confirmation Memories



On Saturday 17th June we welcomed back Bishop Gordon Bates to take our Confirmation.



We had 14 candidates - 7 male, 7 female, 8 children and 6 adults



Two of the young people were baptised as well as being confirmed. A Baptism Cake was cut too!





In Bishop Gordon's sermon, he reminded us of the Northern Saint, Columba, on whose day he was consecrated Bishop 30 years ago this month. Like Columba, none of us are perfect but we are all that God has, and he is willing to put up with all of us to get his work done.

We then moved to the font where two candidates were baptised and all reminded of their baptism, before returning to the front for the Confirmation.



At Christ Church we have a broadband connection in Church that allows people not able to be present at services to join in via Skype.

Last Confirmation we linked with South Korea ton to the father of one of the candidates . This year we brought Niamh's grandparents from Malvern into the service, as they followed the action on the laptop.



After a memorable and moving service, a bit of fun in the photoshoot



Typical Yorkshire hospitality followed the service with tables groaning with food in the Hall and the cutting of the Confirmation cake.

If anyone wonders what sort of Bishop we would like next at Whitby, please can we have another like Bishop Gordon?



Praise and Party



On September 1st we are planning another service of Praise and Party similar to last year.

As before there will be no 9.15 service that day. Praise and Party will begin with a service at 3pm followed by tea in the Hall.

We are asking you to support those who are generally housebound and those who find 9.15 too early.

Please suggest anyone you know who would welcome a personal invitation with transport provided and **please offer transport for this one service only.**

Contact Rosemary 722451

A Visit from Bishop Margaret



Whilst General Synod gets ready to revisit the vote on women Bishops for the Church of England at its July meeting in York, we have actually had our first female Bishop visit our Deanery and preach at the Stokesley Deanery Mothers Union Festival at Hutton Rudby.

Bishop Margaret is the recently appointed Bishop for our link Diocese of False Bay in South Africa and had been invited over to participate in the York Diocesan Clergy Conference in May. Archdeacon Joshua, also from South Africa, summed up the situation when he said that when it came to choosing the Bishop, they wanted the best person for the job. South Africa has quite a history of people being discriminated against because of things they cannot help, so it is wonderful to see them giving such a lead.

After the conference Bishop Margaret came to preach for the Mothers Union Festival at Hutton Rudby, challenging members as to whether they were fishers of men of keepers of aquariums. On leaving Church she was greeted by spontaneous applause from the packed congregation.

I talked to her several times at the clergy conference and was most impressed. I hope that it isn't too long before the Church of England manages to catch up with the South African church.

News from the Diocese

Archbishop has Operation for Cancer

Just days after ordaining priests in York Minister, our Archbishop was in "Jimmy's" Hospital in Leeds having an operation for "a locally advanced Prostate Cancer," and we were told that he will be off work for some time.

All appears to have gone okay with the operation, and our Archbishop was soon back on Twitter and apparently travelling to Northern Ireland to preach. Surely proof of the power of prayer and that you can't keep a good man down. May he make a full and speedy recovery.

Bishop of Selby to Retire

The Bishop of Selby, the Rt Revd Martin Wallace, is to retire on 30th November this year, after 10 years as Bishop. A farewell service will be held in York Minster on Sunday 27th October starting at 6pm.

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu said, "This will leave a 'Wallace-shaped' hole for the Diocese of York – we will miss Bishop Martin hugely! Bishop Martin has served the churches in this Diocese for ten years with a wonderful sense of humour and a heart full of God's love."

The Rt Revd Martin Wallace said, "The past ten years in the Diocese of York have been an amazing time among the churches and local communities. It has been an enormous privilege seeing new people embrace the Christian faith, and new initiatives emerge to serve local people. Jesus said, "The Kingdom of God is like a banquet", and so my farewell event in York Minster will be a party with a light-hearted service, some food and drink, and some great and very different entertainment! A fitting celebration of God's goodness to us all. Let's party!"

Martin and Diana will be living in Bridlington.





VISIONS

Looking through a camera lens What do I see. Sun's rays shining through The branches of a tree.

An aerial view of a river Winding far below. Or maybe a range of hills Covered in crystals of snow.

A field of yellow rape A garden of wild flowers Or a rainbow of colours Inbetween showers. Sparkling dew on a spiders web Or the dawn of morning light. Reflections in the lake. To a glowing moon at night.

Impressions made in the sand The everchanging sea and sky. Grass blades frozen by the frost Crumpled autumn leaves nearby.

Looking through a camera lens What do I see People waving, children happy All smiling back at me.

Jean Cumbor

THE PRODIGAL SON IN THE KEY OF F

Feeling footloose and frisky, a featherbrained fellow forced his fond father to fork over the farthings and flew far to foreign fields and frittered his fortune feasting fabulously with faithless friends.

Fleeced by his fellows in folly, and facing famine, he found himself a feed-flinger in a filthy farmyard. Fairly famishing, he fain would have filled his frame with foraged food from fodder fragments.

'Phooey, my father's flunkies fare far finer,' the frazzled fugitive forlornly fumbled, frankly facing facts. Frustrated by failure, and filled with foreboding, he fled forthwith to his family. Falling at his father's feet, he forlornly fumbled, 'Father, I've flunked, and fruitlessly forfeited family fellowship favour.'

The farsighted father, forestalling further flinching, frantically flagged the flunkies to fetch a fatling from the flock and fix a feast. The fugitive's faultfinding brother frowned on fickle forgiveness of former folderol.

But the faithful father figured, 'Filial fidelity is fine, but the fugitive is found! What forbids fervent festivity? Let flags be unfurled! Let fanfares flare!' Father's forgiveness formed the foundation for the former fugitive's future fortitude!

Timothy E. Fulop — adaptation of Luke 15: 11 - 32

YORKSHIRE CANCER RESEARCH Great Ayton & District Committee

Coffee Morning to be held on Wednesday 7th. August 2013, at 10 am to 12 noon at 14 Langbaurgh Close by kind permission of Mrs Sylvia Tanfield. Tickets or pay at the door ± 1.50 . Cake Stall, Jams, Cards, Raffle, Tombola.

It was in 1991 that Sylvia hosted the first coffee morning for Y.C.R. and it has now become an annual event. The weather has often caused problems but it has always taken place. Just over $\pounds 26,000$ has been raised over the years- a fantastic amount of money. We are extremely grateful for Sylvia's support and to everyone, who, over



the years has worked to make this the enjoyable and profitable event it is. Thank you.

Coffee Evening on Tuesday 17th September 2013 in the Parochial Hall at 7:00pm. The guest speaker will be Rev. Peter Ellis.

Tickets to include light supper £4. Various stalls and Raffle. Please contact 722044 or 723334 or any committee member for tickets.

The Kildale Coffee Morning will be on Tuesday 1st. October 2013.

Thank you for all your support.

Margaret Stevens.

Malcolm's Bits and Bobs

Friends and their daughter were taking a break in the country and on Sunday morning went to Church. The church was minus flowers and organ music during lent.

The three year old, puzzled by the silence, asked her father, "Why isn't the organ playing, Daddy?" Heads in the congregation turned. Father embarrassed hastily replied, "Because its Lent, dear."Upon which came the same voice asking: "Who to?"



"Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our Church and our community." From a Parish magazine

"The downward trend in numbers of Anglicans in pews at harrow Churches appears to have bottomed out." Newspaper Report

"82% said they believed in God, 9% were unsure and an similar percentage were unbelievable." Newspaper report.

Members of the Children's Church joined in halfway through the morning service, the leaders each carrying a brown footprint bearing a word. These they laid out before the altar in a sentence.

"That's very good" said the officiating layman. "Can you read it to me?" He asked one small boy. "I am the way, the truth and the light," haltingly read the lad. "And who said that?" Asked the layman. "I did," came the reply.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

It's hard to believe that we are already into the July/August edition of Spire! The Cake-Bake will have been & gone by the time you read this, but we are not able to tell you what we made on the day. We just hope that the weather will be clement when we display our wares.



On Wednesday, 10th July, Jean McClure is giving a Flower Demonstration in the Parochial Hall at 7 pm.

Tickets costing \pounds 7.50, including light bites, are available from Marina Charlton (723087) or committee members.

For information I am holding the annual Bridge Drive on Wednesday, 25th September - more details of this in the next Spire.

We all hope you have an enjoyable couple of months.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

26th May

l st June I 5th June Harriet Eve Gawthorpe Phoebe Alice Gawthorpe Tobias David Nath Marie Dawn Banks Daniel Jonathan Chambers-Sims

Confirmed in Faith

Saturday 15th June by Bishop Gordon Bates

Marie Banks Francesca Cotterill Daniel Chambers-Sims Oliver Northey Dawn McNamara Emma Wood Mark Stowell Niamh Bradley Olivia Hamm Joseph Jones John Wood Celia Sims Robin Hazell George Robinson

Christian Burial and Cremation

6th June I 2th June I 7th June 20th June 22nd June 24th June Terry Batey Ken Hulme Alan Tait Jean Lofthouse Joyce Yates Kevan Dales Parish websitewww.christchurchgreatayton.org.ukChurch Office e-mailgreatayton.parishoffice@virgin.netDiocese of Yorkwww.dioceseofyork.org.ukStokesley Deanerywww.stokesleydeanery.org.ukA Church Near Youwww.acny.org.uk

Wisdom for Today

Relationships are a lot like Algebra... Ever looked at your X and wondered Y?

If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you haven't tried before.

The trouble with doing something right the first time is that nobody appreciates how difficult it was.

What if there were no hypothetical questions?

Dogs have masters. Cats have staff.

Friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate.

It is hard to appreciate how a cemetery raised its burial costs and blamed it on the cost of living.

If you can stay calm when all around you is chaos, then you probably haven't understood the situation.

I don't suffer from insanity. I enjoy every minute of it.

How is it that one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a camp fire?

A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove you don't need it.

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

Most of these are from a university friends Twitter account, said more for fun than wisdom! Thanks John.

Editor of Spire

Paul Peverell revpev@btinternet.com

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		
Tuesda	y 9.30am Little Fishes Carer & Toddler Group		
Wednes	day 10.00am Holy Communion - in Christ Church		
Sunday11.00amServices on 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month only 1st & 5th Holy Communion; 3rd All Age WorshipFor enquiries about Baptisms, Banns and Marriages, please come to Christ Church Vestry on Fridays from 6pm - 7pm			
◆ ¹	* + * + * + * + * + * * *		
Vicar	Rev'd Paul PeverellThe Vicarage, Low Green722333Rev'd Geoff Jaques132 Roseberry Crescent722979Rev'd Jon DeanWhite House, Dikes Lane722649		
Readers	Mrs Margaret Lewis97 Wheatlands722628Mr Peter Titchmarsh3 Greenacre Close724153		
Churchwardens	Mrs Rosemary WhewaySouthbrook, Dikes Lane722451Dr Martin SimmonsMeadow Lodge, Dikes Lane 723148		
Organist PCC Secretary PCC Treasurer Electoral Roll Child Protection Gift Aid Sec.	Dr Craig Cartwright07554422779Mrs Julie Bourke12 Yarm Lane724508Mr Ken TaylorThe Recess, Newton Rd.722400Mrs Alison Lambert54 Roseberry Crescent722565Mrs Gail Juckes69a High Street723504Mrs Sheila Levett34 Wainstones Close723034		
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. Email. greatayton.parishoffice@virgin.net			

Printed by Quoin Publishing Ltd., 17 North Street, Middlesbrough, TS2 1JP Tel 01642 252023 quoinpublishing@yahoo.co.uk