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SEPTEMBER

- 1st Sun** **Trinity 14** 8am Holy Communion: (No 9.15am Service) **11am Holy Communion at Newton:** 3pm Praise and Party at Christ Church.
- 2nd Mon** **Holy Communion at Hollygarth** at 2pm
St Oswald's PCC at 7pm
- 3rd Tues** **Christ Church Standing Committee** at 7.30pm
- 5th Thur** **Ayton Churches Together** at 7.30pm at Friends Meeting House.
- 8th Sun** **Trinity 15** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion 11am Come & Praise Service.
- 10th Tues** **Little Fishes** swim again at 9.30am
- 15th Sun** **Trinity 16** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am All Age Service:** 4pm Sunday Alternative at Christ Church preceded by tea at 3.30pm
- 19th Thur** **Deanery Synod** at Worsall at 7.30pm
- 20th Fri** **Christ Church Visitors** at 1.45pm in upper room
- 21st Sat** **Concert in Memory of Zuilmah Winterschladen** in Christ Church at 7.00pm
- 22nd Sun** **Trinity 17** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion; 5.30pm Deanery Service with Archbishop Sentamu in Christ Church.
- 24th Tues** **Men's Group** at the Royal Oak at 7.30pm. Speaker -Rev Jonathan Sewell. Chaplain to HMP Kirklevington Grange
- 25th Wed** **Christ Church PCC** meets at 7.30pm
- 27th Fri** **Wedding Blessing at St Oswald's Church at 12 noon**
- 28th Sat** **Wedding** in Christ Church at 4pm
Dalesmen Singers Concert at 7.30pm in Christ Church.
- 29th Sun** **St Michael and All Angels** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion & Sunday School: **11am Holy Communion at Newton:**
- 30th Mon** **Sidesmen's Meeting** in the Coffee Lounge at 7pm



Do you Remember the Summer of 2013?

In years to come, that will be the question being asked, as we have basked in lovely warm sunshine day to day, enjoying a wonderful summer following five wet and mediocre ones.

It has been a very busy summer too, as a quick flick to the Register Page will show, with lots of baptisms, weddings and funerals, as well as social occasions, happening in both of our Churches.

I have sat with many families as they have recounted precious memories of their loved ones, and all these memories are about spending time together, doing fun things, coping with the adversities of life. "Things" that we gather around us, just don't seem to be as important as we are led to believe, unless we have the joy of giving them away.

I have also had the privilege to be involved in many weddings and baptisms. They have all been lovely, warm occasions as families have got together to celebrate, and there is something so positive about this. Thank you to all those couples who have chosen to come to us to help celebrate these moments. You often hear said from some of the guests "We should do this more often." Given the positive feel good factor one wonders why we don't get together more often, but life is so busy today it crowds out some of the really important things - like relationships.

My breath was taken away at a Christening in Ayton. I went up to a young couple on the front pew to ask if they were Godparents. "No", they replied, "We are grandparents. You married us in 1994!"

It is good when people get together to talk and celebrate, to share what they hold in common, be this at a family event, in worship at a Church, a fund raising occasion for a charity, going to the Library or other community facility, or in a group where interests are shared. We are blessed in this village in having so many opportunities to do such things, and many happen because some people give their time and talents freely for the benefit of others. Such things break down barriers and loneliness and build up community.

As we start another school year, may I pay tribute to all volunteers in our community for all they do, and encourage all of us to celebrate what we can in life by bringing folks together. It is a way of strengthening all that is good. Even in Church we have to learn to Praise and Party!

Paul

Zuilmah Winterschladen Memorial Concert

Saturday 21st September

at 7.00pm

Christ Church.

A concert by Zuilmah's pupils past and present to celebrate her life.

Details & tickets from Jonathan & Viv Winterschladen tel 01642 723576



Praise & Party

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

There will not be a 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 house-bound 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

St Oswald's Day Service and Picnic



We had a good turnout on Sunday 4th August as we gathered in St Oswald's Church to give thanks for our Patron Saint, Oswald, King of Northumbria.

It was Oswald, who had been converted to the Christian faith in the time of St Columba from Iona,

who helped bring the Christian faith to the North East of England by encouraging and supporting St Aidan, and who united much of the country. From the 12th Century onwards, he has watched over the little village of Newton under Roseberry as the Patron Saint of the beautiful little Church.

Following the service we went into the Memorial Garden for a picnic on one of the sunniest days we can remember. It was good to see a good mix of people from the village, congregation, forthcoming weddings and Christening families, all meeting and talking together.

It has been good to see how new life has come to St Oswald's Church over recent years as many have rediscovered this little gem of a Church with a lovely welcoming congregation.



A Barbecue Summer!

This summer was very special. For the first time in years we could plan outside events in advance, feeling fairly certain they would take place.

The Come and Praise Garden Service and Barbecue had been rained indoors last year, but what a contrast with this year when we were blessed with a lovely afternoon of sunshine.



A good turnout from families from the Come & Praise Service, Sunday School and Little Fishes, met in the vicarage garden for a short service and then a meal together.

A tombola and donations helped raise a magnificent £332.13 (plus Gift Aid) to help support Syrian Christians who have fled their homes and livelihoods to escape the fighting, and don't know whether they will ever return.

The money was routed through Embrace the Middle East, formerly the Bible Lands Society.

Thank you to all who organised, helped and supported it.



The Best is yet to come.

We British are never happy unless we are moaning. Drivers going faster than us are maniacs, while those driving slower are idiots! The weather is always too hot, cold, wet or dry. We even moan about our birthdays – especially the big ones. Actually, I rather enjoy mine. I still remember my 21st – just about (no details!). At my 40th, 150 people danced all night to 60's music. At 60, I smiled at my bus pass, rail card, B&Q card, theatre and cinema concessions, and OAP pub lunches. What's not to like?



Now, as I approach 65 and retirement next month I think: when I was 15 I used log tables for maths. Now I use log tables to sit and relax with a barbeque – much nicer! When you join me for my farewell party in the Minster on 27th October I hope you'll enjoy that too.

Jesus obviously loved life: he relished food and drink (labelled a glutton and drunkard), was the life and soul of parties (turning water into wine), played tricks (producing a coin from a fish's mouth), and told jokes (remember the camel and the eye of the needle). His secret? "The Kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17). Previous generations were convinced the Kingdom of God was a political country governed by a ruler in the name of God and we had to inhabit it. Jesus reversed all that. The loving rule of God is not something outside us – rather it inhabits us. That means whatever our circumstances "the Kingdom of God is here" (Mark 1), whether we are at the beginning, middle or even end of our time on earth.

OK, my body is not as agile as it once was and my brain is less trustworthy, but that is precisely why I can never understand those who cling on to this life at all costs. When the time comes heaven will be so much more amazing than I can possibly imagine, so why hang on here? I just don't get it!

In Nehemiah 6, God's people were in the Plain of Ono, scared stiff as they faced a huge challenge. The trouble is, too many Christians remain there today: "Oh no it won't work, Oh no tried it before, Oh no it is too ambitious...." Our Generous Churches programme encourages first and foremost "Christ-likeness". Well, Jesus-people don't just adopt the surrounding negative culture. They are called to live positively at every level.

So how's this for my parting shot? Whatever our age or situation, always, always, always – the best is yet to come!

+Martin Selby

Coffee Lounge Revamp



The Coffee Lounge, built over 40 years ago, has been a tremendous asset to the Church. It was opened by Princess Margaret in 1971 and in the intervening time has been looked after by a series of dedicated volunteers. Over the years it has been used by a whole host of people from both within the village and from further afield, it is therefore a bit of a showcase for the Church.

Various things need doing to it, not least the repair of the serving hatch that sank in one corner some time ago. To make an effective long lasting repair the whole of the bar area needs removing to investigate the cause. This major piece of work has prompted the idea that perhaps now is the time to give the Coffee Lounge a thorough programme of modernisation.



How can you help? Well we have lots of ideas, although we are always open to more, but they are only in our heads at present. What is really needed at this stage is someone with architectural skills who can turn these ideas into plans that subsequently can be costed out. We would then be in a much better position to put a cost to the whole project, this in turn will give us an idea on the sort of funds we need to raise for the project to be undertaken.

Are you that person with the skills we need? Do you know someone who perhaps may be able to help us? Please get in touch if you can help in any way, we would love to hear from you with your ideas.

Many thanks

Robin Harmar

Chairman of the Church Hall Management Committee

Mothers' Union News

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

Contemplative OutreachTuesday 2 July

I found myself in Whitegables, Swainby with a group of people I didn't know and not knowing what to expect. It was a day of two halves and many parts.



In the morning Sr Janet Elizabeth (St Oswald's) led us to reflect on the many different ways of pray and encouraged us gently and humorously to find the way that most suited our 'unique' gifts. In contemplative prayer we hope to use our silenced mind to hear God 'Like watching for the kingfisher whom we know is there but whom we rarely see let alone can summon at our will'.

In the afternoon Sr Janet Elizabeth introduced us to Lectio Divina following the Benedictine way of listening to a reading (lectio) and then quietly ruminating (meditatio) on the words or phrases that spoke to us most and then responding. Our reading today was from Luke 'Ask and you will be given, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened....'

I asked as a stranger if I could I come along and was welcomed. I found myself with twelve others from different church communities including Great Ayton (Christ Church and St Margaret's) and Osmotheley (Our Lady of Mount Grace) and the door to new relationships and possibilities was opened.

Thank you Ann Browne for organising our day and Sr Janet Elizabeth for leading us and to the twelve for just being there. It felt like a church without walls.

Elizabeth Walmsley

Christ Church Choir at Doncaster Minster

On the morning of Sunday 21st July the choir set off for Doncaster in a mini bus at 7.30am.

We had been invited to lead the morning service of Sung Eucharist in this beautiful Victorian church. It was appropriate that we sang a setting and an anthem by the Victorian composers Stanford & Bairstow.



We had rehearsed for many weeks, both at the usual choir practises and other days as well, so that we could produce our best singing and make Christ Church proud of us. We were most fortunate that Vicky Brown and a group of her friends were able to join us and give us some depth to the sound to fill such a large space.



Several members of our congregation also travelled with us on the bus and others came separately, one of whom was kind enough to say it was hard to believe that we were just a village church choir. In fact we have been invited back again next year.

The whole occasion was such a moving experience, singing for such a large congregation, will not easily be forgotten.

Maureen Hudson.

Well done to all. They did Christ Church proud.



Firm Leadership

As many of you will already know Nick Land is stepping down as the Older Firm's leader after 10 years. The Firm is a youth group held twice a month which provides younger members of the church and wider community a chance to meet together and learn about the Bible whilst having fun. Nick has organized different activities ranging from club nights, parties, trips, BBQs, Easter Egg Hunts and not forgetting the Firm Formal held every year to say Good Luck to members of the Firm who are leaving for university.

Some members of The Firm expressed their fondness to the group:

'the atmosphere and activities at the Firm provide a refreshing approach to church'

'The Firm is a fun place to relax with friends and have a good time. You learn something about the Bible every time which is good'



On behalf of both past and present members of the Firm we would like to express our thanks to Nick for all the time and effort he has put into the group. We will really miss Nick at the Firm and look

forward to him joining us for some future events!

Nick has gone beyond the call of duty to reach out to young people in the village and those of us that have been lucky enough to be in the Firm whilst he was leading have learnt a lot about Christian values that can be applied to our everyday lives. We want him to know how much we appreciate his hard work and enthusiasm.

Myself, Julie Bourke and Helen Dickinson will be joining Neil in running the Firm and look forward to getting involved and hope that we can continue to keep the Firm so popular.

Thanks Nick!

Claudia Kirby

Wedding



*Andrew Jackson and Beth Miller
(with Ralphie & Scamp) at their wedding
at Christ Church on 21 June.*



*Helen Taylor and "Floyd" Preston married
at Christ Church on 28 June.*



*Chris Reid and Rachel White married
at St Oswald's on 29 June.*



*Michael Hannan and Suzanne Igo
married at St Oswald's on 4 July.*



*Graham Johnson and Sarah Johnson
married at Christ Church on 6 July.
©Ruth Mitchell photography*



*Sarah Cullen and James Chapman
married at Christ Church on 20 July.*

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Nicola Dickinson and Russell Lake married at Christ Church on 27th July.



Andy Gouldthorpe and Liz Taylor married at Christ Church on 3rd August.



Stuart Wadlow and Helen Phillippe married at St Oswald's on 8th August.



Arriving in style - Groom and Best man on scooters.



Andrew Falk and Beth Taylor married at Christ Church on 8th August.



Hazel Thompson and Michael Leah married at St Oswald's on 10th August.

Seventy Years of Service To Celebrate



At the end of last term, Marwood Church of England Infant School said its farewells to three ladies, who between them, have given almost 70 years of service to Marwood School.

Ann Whittaker (left) was the longest serving members of the Governing Body, having been a Foundation Governor representing the Church for 28 years. As a teacher herself, Ann has brought a wealth of experience

from teaching in the Primary Sector for her time in a large school in Middlesbrough.

Ros Fletcher (right) has been the Local Authority Governor for 16 years. She has looked after Health and Safety issues at school and kept the school clock going. Like Ann, Ros has always had sound advice, and always cheerful.

Helen Dickinson (centre) has retired from being a Teaching Assistant, primarily in Reception Class, but has covered throughout the school. Always cheerful, always reliable, always calm, and always so welcoming and reassuring to all starting their school life - be they children or their parents.

All three ladies have been most generous with the time and talents they have given the school, and have all been so positive and cheerful. We will miss them all, but thank them for all that they have done to help make Marwood the Outstanding school it is.



Will Aid November 2013



Do I need a Will? Quite simply yes. Writing a valid Will is the only way you can be sure that your wishes are carried out and that your loved ones are provided for after death. Also, dying without a Will may cause your family the distress of resolving legal problems on top of losing a loved one.

Once again through out this coming November participating Solicitors are offering to write Wills at no charge to themselves. All they ask is that you make a donation to their nominated charities, nine well known charities will benefit from their generosity. Will Aid suggests that £90 would cover a single Will and £135 for a simple double mirror Will. If you have not made a Will then this is your opportunity, on the other hand if you have made a Will but it was some time ago then now could be the time to bring it up to date.

Further information can be found on the website www.willaid.org.uk. You can even register for names of local participating Solicitors to be emailed to you by entering your postcode and email address, these will become available in September. Please don't leave it too late as Solicitors will get booked up fairly rapidly.

Should anyone not have access to the Internet but would like to know of participating Solicitors then please contact me as I have registered to receive the information.

Finally, please remember that you can help charities in your Will, there are 3 ways of doing this, the website has a very clear section on this. Of course Christ Church (or St Oswald's) would be delighted if they were included, it could be a nice surprise for the Church, though hopefully only many years hence!

Robin Harmar
Legacy Secretary

In talking to our village Funeral Director, he mentioned that the cost of a Funeral has risen by around £500 in the last two years with an average cost of £3,500. Planning and prepaying for your funeral can also be a sound investment. Ed.

YORKSHIRE CANCER RESEARCH

Great Ayton & District Committee

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.

A quiz on Sunday 29th September at 7.30pm in the Conservative Club. Tickets £6 include Pie and Peas.

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

Many thanks to Sylvia Tanfield for a most successful Coffee Morning on a super, sunny, summer's day. Lots of people came and helped raise over £2,050.

Thank you for all your support.

Margaret Stevens.



Run, Robin, Run!

I am running the Great North Run again this year and have decided to run for Marie Curie Cancer Care. I have set up an on line donation page on www.virginmoneygiving.com/robinharmar. I particularly chose this website as they donate 100% of all donations to the relevant charity. The Great North Run this year is on the 15th of September. Thank you for your support.

Robin





Remembering Nellie Harland

Great Ayton said farewell to one of its well known characters last month when Nellie Harland passed away very quickly surrounded by her family and having enjoyed a day out in Redcar with a friend.

Nellie had been the verger at Christ Church for 48 years and had just retired in April 2012. She was always so thoroughly reliable at both weddings and funerals and knew many of the folks attending by name.

Always regular at the 9.15am Communion Service, Nellie was also on the Sunday coffee rota and was involved with the Mothers Union too.

She had also been Hall and Church cleaner for many years, and in retirement also organised the monthly Hollygarth Communion Services.

It wasn't just what Nellie did, it was what she knew! She had an encyclopedic knowledge of Ayton folk, and if you ever needed to know anything, Nellie was the person to approach - and if she didn't know straightaway, she would have found out what you needed within the hour.

Thank you Nellie for all that you have done for Christ Church over many years.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Flower Demonstration in July was an excellent evening and enjoyed by many. £341 was raised as the result, which was very pleasing.

On **Wednesday, 25th September**, I am holding our annual **Bridge Drive** in the Parochial Hall at 7.00pm.

Tickets @ £7.00 are available from me.



Advance notice: on **Saturday, 5th October**, the annual "**Cards for Christmas**" coffee morning will be held in the Methodist Coffee lounge when other charities join together to sell their Christmas wares - so please make a date in your diary for that.

Jancie Brown

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

23rd June	Amelia Faith Cutler
30th June	Evie Rose Bakewell
7th July	Elizabeth Grace Vickers
28th July	Rosella Grace Campbell
4th August	Sophie Eden Lee
11th August	James Thomas Cole (Thanksgiving)
18th August	Olivia Linsley

Weddings

21st June	Beth Miller and Andrew Jackson
28th June	Helen Taylor and Floyd Preston
29th June	Rachael White & Christopher Reid
4th July	Suzanne Igo & Michael Hannan
6th July	Sarah Johnson & Graham Johnson
20th July	Sarah Cullen & James Chapman
27th July	Nicola Dickinson & Russell Lake
3rd August	Liz Taylor and Andrew Gouldthorpe
8th August	Beth Taylor & Andrew Falk
8th August	Helen Phillippe & Stuart Wadlow
10th August	Hazel Thompson & Michael Leah

Christian Burial and Cremation

26th June	Elsie de Wardt
8th July	Betty Renwick
16th July	Dora Ainley
17th July	Clara Haynes
18th July	Mary Stalker
19th July	Henry Ford
2nd August	Pat Harker
2nd August	Jimmie Lines
2nd August	Martha Swallow
13th August	Harry Featherstone
16th August	Jean Walker
16th August	Jessie Capes
19th August	Nellie Harland

* 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

English from Around the World

Cocktail lounge, Norway:

LADIES ARE REQUESTED NOT TO HAVE CHILDREN IN THE BAR.

In the lobby of a Moscow Hotel, across from a Russian Orthodox Monastery:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE CEMETERY, WHERE FAMOUS RUSSIAN AND SOVIET COMPOSERS, ARTISTS AND WRITERS ARE BURIED DAILY, EXCEPT THURSDAY.

Doctor's office, Rome:

SPECIALIST IN WOMEN AND OTHER DISEASES.

Dry cleaners, Bangkok:

DROP YOUR TROUSERS HERE FOR THE BEST RESULTS.

In a Nairobi restaurant:

CUSTOMERS WHO FIND OUR WAITRESSES RUDE, OUGHT TO SEE THE MANAGER.

On the main road to Mombasa , leaving Nairobi:

TAKE NOTICE: WHEN THIS SIGN IS UNDER WATER, THIS ROAD IS IMPASSABLE.

On a poster at Kencom:

ARE YOU AN ADULT THAT CANNOT READ? IF SO WE CAN HELP.

In a City restaurant:

OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK AND WEEKENDS.

In a Cemetery:

PERSONS ARE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING FLOWERS, FROM ANY BUT THEIR OWN GRAVES .

On the menu of a Swiss Restaurant:

OUR WINES LEAVE YOU NOTHING TO HOPE FOR.

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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	The Vicarage, Low Green	722333
	Rev'd Geoff Jaques	132 Roseberry Crescent	722979
	Rev'd Jon Dean	White House, Dikes Lane	722649
Readers	Mrs Margaret Lewis	97 Wheatlands	722628
	Mr Peter Titchmarsh	3 Greenacre Close	724153
Churchwardens	Mrs Rosemary Wheway	Southbrook, Dikes Lane	722451
	Dr Martin Simmons	Meadow Lodge, Dikes Lane	723148
Organist	Dr Craig Cartwright		07554422779
PCC Secretary	Mrs Julie Bourke	12 Yarm Lane	724508
PCC Treasurer	Mr Ken Taylor	The Recess, Newton Rd.	722400
Electoral Roll	Mrs Alison Lambert	54 Roseberry Crescent	722565
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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