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Easby & Newton
under Roseberry
Parishes

Spire

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HARVEST SERVICES

FRIDAY 4th OCTOBER at 7.30pm

St Oswald's Church at Newton celebrates
Harvest with a Service and Harvest Supper.

SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER

Harvest at Christ Church

FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER at 11am

Marwood School Harvest Service
at Christ Church

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OCTOBER

- 4th Fri** **Harvest Festival & Supper** at Saint Oswald's Church, Newton under Roseberry at 7.30pm
- 6th Sun** **Trinity 19** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion **11am Holy Communion at Newton:**
- 7th Mon** **Holy Communion at Hollygarth** at 2pm. All Welcome.
- 9th Wed** **Deanery Readers Meet** at Christ Church at 7pm
- 12th Sat** **Holy Baptism** at Christ Church at 2pm
- 13th Sun** **HARVEST SUNDAY** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion with Parade 11am Come & Praise Service.
- 14th Mon** **Hall Meeting** in Upper Room at 7.30pm
- 16th Wed** **Fabric Committee Meeting** in Upper Room at 7.30pm
- 17th Thurs** **Marwood School Open Evening** 6.30pm - 7.30pm
- 18th Fri** **Christ Church Visitors** at 1.45pm in Upper Room
- 20th Sun** **Trinity 21** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am All Age Service:**
- 23rd Wed** **All Saints Meeting** at 7.30pm in Upper Room
- 25th Fri** **Marwood School Harvest Service** in Christ Church at 11am
- 26th Sat** **Concert by Opera by Design** in Christ Church at 7.30pm
- 27th Sun** **Last Sunday after Trinity** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion; 11.15am Holy Baptism.
- 30th Wed** **Captain Cook Service** in All Saints at 12 noon

GOOD LUCK & WELCOME

May we extend very best wishes to Father Derek Turnham as he moves to Redcar to take on new responsibilities and welcome his successor to St Margaret's Roman Catholic Church, Father Bill Charlton. We hope to have more in next month's Spire.





Reflecting God's Love

On the second weekend of September I went on my fifth consecutive University Reunion to Hull. A group of us started five years ago, some of us not having met for 28 years - and yet it seemed like yesterday. Realising that such good friendships shouldn't be wasted, we have returned for a weekend together each year since.

Inside we are just the same people, but outside a little older, greyer, some a little bigger - and some of us can't quite drink the same amount of beer any more. Shame!

The weekends have been very interesting, coinciding with Hull's Heritage weekends, and this year it was their Freedom Festival as they remembered their greatest son, William Wilberforce and also commemorated Martin Luther King's famous speech on freedom on its 50th anniversary.

Despite being away from my three Labradors and having slightly later nights than normal, I still instinctively wake up at 6am, so take the chance with another insomniac, to walk the empty streets of Hull early on the morning before most wake up. Early mornings are a special time for appreciating the beauty of the world around us.

Hull possesses the largest Parish Church in the England. Holy Trinity Church stands proudly in the city centre, and opposite is a new glass fronted office block. With the early



morning sun, I caught this shot of the Church reflected in the glass. It struck me that this is just what we are called to do, to reflect something of God's love to those around us. When people look at us, what do they see of God? Are we a shining reflection or a dim image? The trick is to keep clean and face the Son.

Paul



A Great (North) Run

Robin would like to thank all those who kindly sponsored him for this year's Great North Run.

He ran on behalf of Marie Curie Cancer Care and raised a magnificent £500 in an equally magnificent time of 1 hour and 50 minutes.

He is pictured here with daughter Rosie and son in law Jeremy.

Well done to all who ran for various charities.

Praise & Party

The Praise and Party was a great success on a beautiful afternoon on 1st September. The morning Parish Communion had been cancelled so all could come to a special service in the afternoon, that many people were specially invited to who normally find getting to Church difficult. Lifts were arranged and a super afternoon tea laid on. We reckon 27 people who don't normally attend Church were enabled to be part of a joyful act of worship.

Well loved hymns were sung, the vicar performed his latest magic trick as he explained the readings, and moving prayers were made. We then retired to a typical Christ Church spread in the Hall.

Many thanks to Rosemary and her team for all the hard work in organising it.



Help for Syrian Christians

Last month I was proud to be British when our Parliament put the brakes on the bombing of Syria following the use of chemical weapons in their civil war. Whilst some countries suggested we are now of no account and not worthy of attention any more, it is quite clear that our actions did have an effect in stopping an escalation of violence, and hopefully helping pave the way for the eradication of chemical weapons in Syria.

What is happening in that country is very tragic, and it would appear that bad things are happening on both sides. The ancient Christian community of Syria has been caught in the middle of it all. We remember well the visit of Caroline Kerslake from The Barnabas Fund when we were raising money to extend a Church in Aleppo in Millennium year.



She spoke then of the strict regime that Christians lived under, and the fear of the secret police - but at least life could go on.

Many Christians have now fled their homes, for they fear that if the Islamists win, they will no longer be welcome in their own country. Already we have heard reports of Churches being targeted by the rebels and forced conversions to Islam. Sadly this pattern is being repeated in other Middle Eastern countries where “tyrants” have been deposed. In Egypt more Churches were attacked this last year than the previous 20 years put together.

What can we do to help?

1. Remember Syria in our prayers, and especially the plight of the Christians. Over 600,000 have been displaced and are now living as refugees in neighbouring countries. Pray that these ancient communities may live in peace and harmony.
2. Bring their plight to the attention of world leaders so they are not a forgotten minority. You can sign the [Barnabas Fund Petition](#) online here, or a paper copy in Church.
3. Actions speak louder than words, so we invite those attending our Harvest Services to make a monetary donation towards a special appeal for Syrian Christians. Yes, all Syrians are suffering, but the Christians from Syria face the more uncertain future.

Ayton's Famous Son

Have you visited the newly refurbished museum to Great Ayton's famous son - the seafarer, explorer, circumnavigator and cartographer, Captain James Cook? If not, then you have missed a treat.



The museum has recently reopened after being extended into the ground floor.

You now enter into a bright shop with lots of Cook memorabilia for sale to suit all ages. The friendly volunteers are there to welcome you, and the day I went Christine Moore and Kath Marsh were doing an excellent job of welcoming visitors and you could see how much they enjoyed it.

Go upstairs and you are in Great Ayton's oldest school, the Postgate School, without which James Cook would never have had his education and may never have gone on to achieve what he did.

The displays tell you of the school, Cook and his journeys, the local area and even other Aytonians who have given much to our village. Can you guess who?

The museum is now free to attend, and they just ask you make a donation in appreciation, if you have enjoyed your visit. There is good access for the disabled.

For those more energetic and fancy a walk around the historic places on interest in our village, try the Audio trail. For a £10 hire charge, you get a recorded history to walk you around the village and explain the local landmarks. The museum closes the end of October, so be quick if you want to see it this year.



Zuilmah's Memorial Concert



Alison Dale leading the chorus in *Somewhere over the Rainbow*

On Saturday 21st September, Christ Church was packed for a Memorial Concert for Zuilmah Winterschladen, who died in January.

In her early career Zuilmah Hopkins had been an internationally acclaimed opera singer, and later turned to teaching many new generations of singers.

Many of her former pupils have gone onto the West End and in shows up and down the country, as well as others who have remained local adding much to the music scene in our own area.

Her family held a Memorial Concert in tribute to her and invited former pupils to take part, and decided to use the proceeds to start a scholarship fund for young singers in the area.

The Concert was a huge success with an evening of wonderful songs and happy memories as we remembered a wonderful lady who left life right at the top.

To the family's delight, the Concert was so very well received that it may well be repeated next year, as many singers were unable to make this occasion. Watch this space!

Compassion -Transform a child in Jesus' name

Since Easter a group of families from the Come and Praise service have been sponsoring two children, Lucy, 9 and Naftaly, 6, both from Kenya through Compassion.



Naftaly

Compassion is an organisation dedicated to helping Christians put their faith into action, just as Christ calls us to, by caring for the poor and giving hope to those in need. By sponsoring Lucy and Naftaly with Compassion we are providing them with the skills and opportunities they need to break free from poverty and fulfil their God-given potential.

The benefits of our sponsorship will also be felt throughout Naftaly and Lucy's families and community. Children assisted by Compassion often teach the rest of their family what they learn in the projects they complete. Compassion partners through local churches in developing countries to identify those children in greatest need.

Our sponsorship will provide Lucy and Naftaly with bible teaching, tuition, school uniforms, mosquito nets, medical care and income generating activities. The project will also provide their parents with invaluable parenting education. The financial support given to the children makes a huge difference to their lives, but the relationships that are formed through sponsorship inspire hope and a future, and encourage them to overcome the apathy and fatalism of poverty.

Lucy has 2 brothers and 3 sisters and lives at home with her parents. After school she plays hide and seek with her friend Jane and helps around the home. She is currently learning to read the bible on her own.



Lucy

Naftaly is 6 and lives in Kieni, a hillside community, with his mother, father and three sisters. He attends church weekly. In his recent letter he mentions how he has been taught (by the project) to keep his nails short and the importance of using a handkerchief. His favourite bible story is David and he enjoys going to Sunday school.

It costs £21 per month to sponsor each child, which is funded as a group contribution. We took the decision to sponsor two children on interest we received, but unfortunately we are currently not getting enough money to cover both children. If you feel like you would like to become involved so that we are able to continue to support Lucy and Naftaley escape poverty, please contact Vicky Gawthorpe (723090) for further details. It can be as little as 50p per week.

As well as our financial commitment to these two children we are encouraged to pray regularly for them so please remember them in your prayers. In a recent letters from Naftaly and Lucy they told us that they pray for us and our church!

Mothers' Union News

October 2nd There will be a short service of Holy Communion in Church at 1.30pm, and at 2pm we welcome Revd Paul Hutchinson, Rector of Stokesley, who will be telling us of his journey to ordination.

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

Finally, our love and prayers to the families of two of our members who have recently died, Nellie Harland and Hazel Petch. We thank God for all they shared with us in life.

Elaine Brown, Secretary



Help Support YOUR Church

The new Free will giving envelopes start on Sunday 3rd November. If anyone who is not in the scheme and would like to join please let Jean Goat know on 01642 723274.

This is a vital way of supporting all that goes on in your Church. Do your part by joining the scheme.





Archbishop Sentamu and the Dea



Christ Church was packed for the Stokesley Deanery Service on Sunday 22nd September - and with good reason, for this year we welcomed our Archbishop to be with us. With his characteristic friendliness and humour, the

Archbishop led our service of commitment and renewal, as we celebrated the faith in our Churches and recommitted ourselves for the future.

The Archbishop gave an enjoyable and challenging address that covered many areas of our discipleship, and if you missed it, you can hear it on the [Church website](#).

The service began with a procession of candles, marking the light of faith already within our Churches, and after the Archbishop's address, the congregation were invited to receive anointing as a sign of renewal. Nearly all of the congregation went forward at this time, revealing our desire to be better disciples for Jesus in our communities.





Deanery Service

Following some presentations to the Archbishop towards the end of the service to mark our appreciation of his visit, he then led the singing congregation out of Church and into the Church Hall for a glass of wine.

We now had the chance to talk further with other members of the Churches of our Deanery, whom we had already declared - at the Archbishop's request - that we couldn't live without.



The service attracted all ages, and all found the Archbishop equally approachable, from the young people of Christ Church, to Ruth Dawson (*pictured bottom right*) a centenarian from St Margaret's Brookfield who came to thank the Archbishop for her 100th Birthday card.

We left the service feeling renewed and encouraged in our faith as we seek to be generous Churches nurturing and making disciples.



A Call From on High



Churches mark their anniversaries in various ways, but in November, 1955, Holy Trinity Church, North Ormesby, hit on a novel approach with an Eastern touch to celebrate its 86th anniversary.

Several hundred people assembled in the market place to listen to the chanting of a white-robed figure perched on a floodlit platform on top of the 70-foot-tall church tower.

The event was based on the custom of the muezzin of Eastern countries who call the Mohammedan faithful to prayer from their minarets. The chanting was performed by Mr Joe Russon, a steelworks labourer and lay preacher and choir member. He invoked passages from the Scriptures into a microphone which was connected to loud speakers.

The Vicar, the Rev. Nicholas Breene, spent several years in Eastern countries, as did Mr Russon during his wartime service.

The story is recounted in a booklet produced to mark the church's centenary. It also recalls the misfortunes of Miss Jean Newby, who joined the church team in 1963 as a deaconess. She was involved in a scuffle with a group of youths who were doing their best to spoil a Halloween party, an episode which led to a court case.

Then one day she entered the church to find the High Altar ablaze; fortunately the damage was not great and the charred altar was replaced with one from the Hostel of the Resurrection at Leeds.

Almost exactly a year later she went into church to discover that the safe had been burgled.

Obviously being a member of the clergy can have its moments!

Malcolm Race



A Message from Oli

Oli Simmons has taken a year out to work for the Universities Christian Union helping encourage faith in those starting University through an organization called Relay. He is working in Leeds and this is his first message.

I have now been living in Leeds for over a week and a lot has happened since we've started as Relay workers.

Relay started with the first training conference (Relay 1) on 27 August in Oswestry, Shropshire. This was a brilliant opportunity to dwell on the gospel of grace that strengthens and frees us to live for Jesus, as well as to get to know many of the UCCF staff and other relays.



Oli pictured right with some of the other Relay workers.

Forum followed immediately afterwards, as hundreds of student CU leaders descended on the venue. This provided me with a great chance to get to know some of the students in the Leeds Uni and Met CUs.

After returning home for a few days' rest at the end of Forum, I came to Leeds on Tuesday 10th to commence living here. The Thursday and Friday of that week were 'team days', which meant that the north east region of staff and relays congregated in Durham for fellowship and teaching on John's gospel led by Andy Byers.

This week has been international freshers' week for Leeds Uni and the CU are putting on various events in the evenings as well as running an outdoor cafe through the day. I've been along to some of these and have been really struck by the CU students' passion for sharing Jesus with new international students. I've also started on the study programme this week. Studying theology is something that excites me but please pray that it would not result in mere head knowledge but that I would grow to love Christ more through it.

Please join me in giving thanks for God's kindness in all that I've shared above.

Thanks so much for your support.

Oli Simmons

If you are interested in supporting Oli and wish to know more, please email Spire and we will forward any messages of interest on. Ed

A Night at the Opera

With **Opera by Design**

Saturday 27th October at 7.30pm

Christ Church Great Ayton

Come along and hear many wonderful popular songs from Opera performed with style and panache by this incredible group.

Tickets £7.50 (£5 for over 60 and under 16s) £20 Family Tickets.
From Thompson's Hardware or Katherine Reeve (07843 977209).

Profits to be shared between Christ Church & Marwood School PTFA.

Gusborough Choral Society Present

The Armed Man

A Mass for Peace by Karl Jenkins

Psalmfest

by John Rutter



Saturday 19th October at 7.30pm

Gusborough Parish Church

Tickets available from Gusborough Bookshop, Greensleeves Music (both in Chaloner Street, Gusborough), www.wegotickets.com or on the door, priced at **£10, £8 concessions, £1 under-19s.**

Whose opinions do you get?

We get our news on the Radio, TV, from Newspapers – is it news or opinion? If it's 'opinion' whose is it and what's their perspective?

Take for example the situation in Syria during September, how did you find out what Christians were thinking and saying on the subject – or was the only news that from the party political perspective as portrayed on ITV or Sky News, or in the Telegraph or Daily Mail, or Radio 2 or 4? Very rarely do they have a Christian opinion – and if they do it could well be broadcast for all the wrong reasons!



What did Archbishop Justin say in the House of Lords in the debate? What was Bishop Nick (of Bradford) saying? Where were the prayerful voices been broadcast? All over the world! Courtesy of the Internet Christian voices were available if you want to hear them.

A few links for those who want to catch up.

Archbishop Justin's speech at the end of August:

<http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/articles.php/5125/syria-archbishops-speech-in-the-house-of-lord>

Did you know that the Great Mufti of Syria joined Pope Francis call to prayer?

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/kathyschiffer/2013/09/great-mufti-of-syria-joins-pope-francis-in-praying-for-peace-on-september-7>

If you read nothing else, I recommend this powerful prayer from a Syrian Jesuit:

<http://thejesuitpost.org/site/2013/09/a-prayer-for-syria>

If you're interested in "Faith in Action for Social Justice" try the Sojourners:

<http://sojo.net/blogs/2013/04/08/standing-syrian-refugees>

Where do I find these any many more? Via Twitter, blogs, Facebook friends, etc. If you come across interesting articles on the www. Please send me the link. If you're interested in seeing what I come across drop me an email jaques132@gmail.com or a message on Twitter (@jaques132) or Facebook. I gave my friends on Facebook some of the links, my followers on Twitter got some as well and I emailed a number of links out to folk who I thought might appreciate them. Let me know and you can get onboard as well!

Geoff Jaques

YORKSHIRE CANCER RESEARCH

Great Ayton & District Committee

On Sunday 16th June, Harriet Thompson completed the Great North Swim in Lake Windermere and raised £656. Congratulations on such an achievement.



The final total for the Wensleydale Creameries Coffee Evening was £2,113. This included the Barclays £ for £ scheme secured for Y.C.R. by Judith Allport.

The final total raised at the Coffee Morning held at Mrs Sylvia Tanfield was £2,105.

The Coffee Evening held on 17th September when the Rev. Peter Ellis entertained us has raised £838.

Many thanks to everyone who supported these events and to all who work before, during and after.

Future Events.

Coffee Morning at Kildale Village Hall, on Tuesday 1st October 10am - 12 noon, admission £1.50. There will be a cake stall, jams, crafts, cards and raffle.

Halloween Party. Saturday 2nd November 3pm - 5pm. Parochial Church Hall. Tickets £2.50 (children and adults) to include Hot Dog, Cake and Drink.

"Not a Lunch" in the Parochial Hall on Wednesday 20th November at 12 noon. Tickets £10. Menu:- Quiche, salad, potatoes and of course a selection of sweets, followed by tea or coffee. (Please inform us about dietary or other options).

On Saturday 10th August we heard the sad news that "Auntie Nellie" had died. For many years she had been in charge of the raffles at our events. A loyal supporter who will be greatly missed by us all

Margaret Stevens.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

On Saturday, 5th October, our annual "Cards for Christmas" coffee morning will take place in the Methodist Church Hall from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Admission is £1.50, including refreshments.



On Sunday, 3rd November, we are holding a Quiz at The Royal Oak at 7.30 p.m. This year the quiz master is Mike Myers. Tickets @ £6 (including supper) are available from Marina (723087) or committee members

Jancie Brown

FRIENDSHIP

When you are feeling down
Or at a loose end.
Who can you turn to ?
Perhaps it's a friend.

Someone to talk to
Make you laugh and to cheer
Or a shoulder to cry on
When you've lost someone dear.

Through your school years
You will have many friends.
But there will always be one
On whom you depend.

To trust and confide in
Remain faithful and true.
And be there to support
In all that you do.

As you go through life working
Or perhaps on holiday.
Meeting up with old and
New friends along the way.

Some will stay forever
Others will move away.
But it is nice to keep in touch
And maybe meet up one day.

Where would we be
Without Friends

Jean Cumbor
Written 1990

Clouds over Christ Church

Many thanks to Jim Miller for capturing this wonderful scene. Have you caught any good scenes lately? Then share them with us.



From the Registers

Holy Baptism

25th August

Elsa Mabel Hornby

Weddings



Emma Deighton and Chris Duggan
married at Christ Church on 17 August



Gaynor Mackey and Martin Atkinson
married at St Oswald's on 20th August

Christian Burial and Cremation

30th August

John Alcock

2nd September

Hazel Petch

9th September

Joan Edwards

11th September

Joan Lane

25th September

Fred Hawman

26th September

Jean Bishop

30th September

Harold Stonehouse

* 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

WORLD'S EASIEST QUIZ

(Passing requires 4 correct answers)

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get cat gut?
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Atlantic are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What colour is a purple finch?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) What is the colour of the black box in a commercial airplane?

How well did you do? See answers below

Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement centre were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: "Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?"

Slim says, "I feel just like a newborn baby."

"Really!? Like a newborn baby!?"

"Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants."

Answers to Quiz. Did you manage 4?

- 1) 116 years 2) Ecuador 3) Sheep and Horses 4) November 5) Squirrel fur
6) Dogs 7) Albert 8) Crimson 9) New Zealand 10) Orange (of course)

What do you mean, you failed? Me, too!

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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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