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Parishes

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It's not Angelina Jolie, but who is
the bird with William Hague MP?

See centre pages to find out, with
more photos of our Village Fete.

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JULY & AUGUST

- 3 Thurs** Consecration of new **Bishop of Whitby** in York Minster
- 5 Sat** **The BIG Feast** children & youth event
- 6 Sun** **Trinity 3** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **I Iam Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's.**
- 7 Mon** **Holy Communion at Hollygarth** at 2pm. All welcome.
- 8 Tues** Welcome Service for new Bishop of Whitby in St Hilda's Church, Whitby at 7.30pm
- 9 Wed** Mothers Union Archdeaconry Festival at Thirsk 7pm
- 12 Sat** **Wedding at St Oswald's at 2pm:** Angrove Soiree in Christ Church at 8pm
- 13 Sun** **Trinity 4** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion: **I Iam Come & Praise Garden Service:** 6pm Sung Evensong in Christ Church
- 14 Mon** **Marwood School Wedding** in Church at 1pm
- 17 Thurs** **Wedding at St Oswald's at 1pm**
- 18 Fri** Marwood School Leavers Service in Church at 10.45; Church Visitors meet at 1.45pm
- 20 Sun** **Trinity 5** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion **I Iam All Age Service at Newton;** 11.15am Holy Baptism in All Saints
- 25 Fri** Wedding at Christ Church at 1pm
- 26 Sat** Wedding at Christ Church at 2pm:
- 27 Sun** **Trinity 6** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11.15am Holy Baptism at All Saints; 11.15am Holy Baptism at Christ Church; 12.15pm Holy Baptism at Christ Church
- August**
- 1 Fri** **Wedding at St Oswald's at 11.30am**
- 3 Sun** **Trinity 7** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **I Iam Saint Oswald's Day Service & Picnic;** 11.15am Holy Baptism; Commemoration of Beginning of First World War at 4.30pm on High Green

- 9 Sat** **Wedding at St Oswald's at 12 noon**
- 10 Sun** **Trinity 8** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion: I Iam Come & Praise
- 17 Sun** **Trinity 9** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **I Iam All Age Service at Newton;** 11.15am Holy Baptism; 12.15pm Holy Baptism
- 24 Sun** **Trinity 10** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion
- 30 Sat** **Wedding at St Oswald's at 1.30pm;** Blessing of a Wedding at Christ Church at 5pm
- 31 Sun** **Trinity 11** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **I Iam Holy Communion & Holy Baptism at St. Oswald's;** Holy Baptism at Christ Church at 3pm

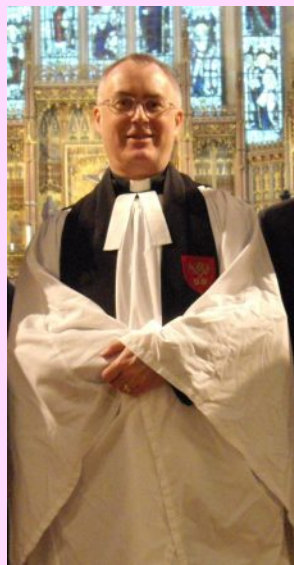
Archdeaconry Service

to welcome the new Bishop of Whitby

Rt Revd Paul Ferguson

St Hilda's Whitby on

Tuesday 8th July at 7.30pm





A Window with a Message

In the Millennium year 2000, we marked the occasion in Christ Church by installing a beautiful new Rose window in the West end of Church. It is truly wonderful, bearing many Christian symbols all held together by the triangle in the centre representing the Trinity. Go into Church at different times of day and you always see something new. Early morning it is a deep rich brocade, and at evening it lights up the choir with blue rinses as the sun shines right through. The dove of the Spirit is always the first thing to appear and the last to disappear. Standing behind the altar, as I do, it is my constant inspiration, as that is what I look at all the time.

Of late it has been giving me a more unsettling message. When we installed it, as well as raising funds for the window, we also raised enough to build an extension to an Armenian Evangelical Church in Aleppo in Syria to share our blessing. We did this through *The Barnabas Fund*, who support persecuted Christians, for even back then under Assad, times were hard. We did see photos of them proudly showing off their new extension, although we were never given direct access to them, as they lived in fear of the Secret Police.

Having seen the state of Aleppo in the news recently, living under Assad appears more like a Sunday School picnic compared with the situation today. Aleppo stands in ruins after constant bombardment, and the Christians have fled their Church which is now rubble. Where are they now, and what are they doing? As I look to our West window, lifting the bread and wine of Holy Communion up to God, those questions lay with me, for here in Christ Church we had some connection with them, however fragile. That is what communion is all about.

The Christian faith isn't about being comfortable and self satisfied, but standing together with those going through difficulties, for at the heart of our faith is the Trinity - the Godhead of Father, Son and Holy Spirit - that lives together in unity. We cannot forget our fellow Christians in Syria, and now those in Iraq who most probably face a similar fate. How can we help hold people together? How can we help bring forth reconciliation and peace?

Please pray for them, and for all affected by the violence and barbarity raging in the Middle East. No-one will come out the victor, even if one side eventually wins, for so many terrible things have been done that all will become victims.

Pray too for the Muslim families in this country who have lost sons to go and fight, for whatever happens, they will never come back the same. We know from our own experience with our troops the devastating effects of Post Traumatic Stress, and we fight with rules of engagement to ensure as far as possible that humanity is preserved. In Iraq this doesn't appear to be the case. Memories do come back to haunt you.

We have just remembered the 70th Anniversary of D-Day and are about to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War, when the world saw carnage on an unprecedented scale - and both of these conflicts were predominately in Europe. We know the folly of war and the terrible costs to all, and that when fighting is finished, talking has to begin. If we want to celebrate the peace won in both those wars, let us work for it today.

Paul



On Sunday 3rd August at 4.30pm on High Green there will be a simple service with Revd Paul Peverell, Vicar of Great Ayton, to acknowledge Britain entering the war on 4th August 1914. Do join us and pray for peace.

Notices & News

Garden Service and BBQ

on Sunday 13th July, Sunday School and Little Fishes are invited to join the Come & Praisers at 11am for a short service in



the Vicarage garden followed by a BBQ. Suggested “donations” are £5 Individual and £15 for families as we seek to raise funds to support Lucy and Naftaly through Compassion. See Geoff Jaques for donation envelopes.



Open Air Service Join us on Low Green on Sunday 20th July at 4pm for an Open Air Alternative on the theme of Generosity. We have the Bradley School of Dance performing for us as well as a shorts sketch by GADS.

Christian Aid the total collected house to house was **£1951.08**. The paper quizzes (plus a couple of late envelopes!) raised **£96.88** which has been sent as £48.44 each, to CA Leeds and CA Newcastle, who set the Yorkshire and North East quizzes, respectively.



Moving In? Have you seen anyone moving in to the village? If so, please let us know so we can send them a Welcome Pack with details of what is going on. There are cards to fill in at the back of Christ Church or email the Church Office gapo1876@outlook.com



Saturday 6th September in Parochial
Hall Coffee Lounge
10:00 to 11:30

Join us for Bacon butties & Coffee.

Read the Papers and chat.

Play with toys! Build something interesting.

Give Mum a break!!

***All pre-school children and their Dads
welcome!***

Come along or call Geoff on 07887573086 to know more.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

On Thursday, 17th July, we are holding our "Knit-in" at 6 Greenacre Close. All are welcome to come along between 1.30 - 3.30 pm and knit & chat. Sponsor forms are available from Marina Charlton, committee members and at the back of Christ Church.



Do you have an old computer monitor or printer hanging around cluttering up precious space? It can be recycled by ringing ShP Ltd on 01524 580910 to arrange a collection, and mention The Children's Society, which receives a donation from each item recycled.

We hope you have an enjoyable summer.

Jancie Brown

Marwood School Sports Day



We were blessed with a beautiful and sunny afternoon for School Sports in the Vicarage Garden. The children enjoyed themselves with a large variety of sports. "It's like being in an Athletic stadium" said one parent.

We are fortunate in having such a good venue.



Mothers' Union News

At our June meeting Malcolm Elvidge spoke about "a remarkable lady" that being Hannah Hawkswell. He told us about how she lived on her remote farm up in the moors in Middleton in Teesdale. A very austere life with no electricity or hot running water!! Imagine that now!!

Six of our members attended the Deanery Service on the 10th June at Yarm. Rev Pev stepped in at the last minute to give the address instead of Canon John Ford, whose wife was in hospital. He spoke of all the decisions one has to make through life and how we should give generously of our gifts to help others-not just financially. Through worship we can also help each other. We wish Mrs Ford a speedy recovery.

The Village Fete was on the 14th June with lovely fine weather after the dull morning. Our children's stall raised £104.20 for Mothers' Union funds. We are very grateful for all the help, donations and prizes given and this was most appreciated. Thank you.



The next Meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd July at 2.00pm when Jennifer Local, our Deanery President, will come and discuss with us the future of the Branch. As many members as possible please try to attend this meeting.

There will be no Communion Service before the meeting at 1.30pm as Paul is unavailable.

The next Meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd September when the Revd Ann Heading will talk about Life before Ministry. The meeting will be preceded by a short Communion Service at 1.30pm in Church.

Lynda Walker & Jean Goat

Great Ayton Fete Day



William Hague MP, and his bird is Helen Channing, headteacher of Roseberry School dressed as the pigeon post.

Forty years ago, representatives from Great Ayton lobbied Parliament in Westminster as part of their fight to keep Great Ayton in Yorkshire. On winning their case, the Revd Ted Appleyard was phoned from London to tell him to ring the Church bells so that all the village would know that we had won, and were to remain in Yorkshire, rather than be sucked into Cleveland.



To celebrate this victory, a Fete was held on High Green, and every two years since. This year our Fete was opened once again by our local MP, William Hague, who managed to find some time from a frenetic schedule as Foreign Secretary to come to our Fete. Amongst the many Tombolas on the Green, the other competition was spotting the security men. I hope I am not giving away any state secrets, but the trick was to look for the strangers eating Petch's Pies.

The Parish Council put a tremendous amount of work into organising the Fete and should be congratulated for their efforts. Village organisations rally round to run stalls and build floats to bring colour and enjoyment to the occasion.

Unfortunately we only had two floats this year from Marwood and Roseberry Schools. This was probably down to the health and safety fiasco last time. As the



Parish Council had asked me to do the announcing, I wasn't able to get any photographs. A shame, as they were both excellent with a lot of work put in. Well done to all who worked hard in making them.



The unenviable task of judging the floats and Fancy Dress fell to Peter and Carol Morgan, who avoided the pitfalls experienced by Yorkshire Vet, James Herriott, when he chose the Squire's son. They awarded a diplomatic Joint First to the Floats and chose Captain Cook to win the Fancy Dress.

Music was once again provided by North Skelton Band, and to prove that men can't multi task, I haven't got a photo of them either!



We had lots of stalls around the Green raising funds for many village groups and organisations. Some sold cakes and biscuits, and many others held the tried and tested Tombola, including the Guides and Scouts.



Worthy of special mention was the super Steam Roller, Pride of Marwood, that led the Parade, which had been restored and repainted - and driven by the Bone Family. This was joined by several vintage tractors pulling the floats as rules and regulations forbid agricultural tractors on roads for this short journey as they use the wrong sort of diesel!

Well done to all for making a great day and super 40th Anniversary of remaining in Yorkshire



Crash Bang Wallop Youth Theatre

Present

Hairspray

The Forum, Northallerton

Thursday 3rd July

to Saturday 5th July

At 7.30pm

Saturday Matinee at 2pm

Tickets £11 adult; £9 Concessions

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SUMMER

SONGS OF PRAISE



Sunday 24th August
at 6pm

**All Saints Church,
Low Green**

St Oswald's Day Service & Picnic



Join us in celebrating our Patron Saint, Oswald King of Northumbria, on **Sunday 3rd August at 11am** at St Oswald's Church Newton under Roseberry.

After the service we share a picnic together in the Memorial Garden.

A Great Success



Saint Oswald's Church was packed with a very appreciative audience for its annual Concert. This year we welcomed Martin Dack on piano, with singers Miranda Francis and David Carter singing arias and songs from the shows.

As well as being a brilliant pianist, Martin also sang many songs himself, some of them very humorous like *Mrs Beamish*, the Richard Stilgoe classic.

Just before the second half got under way we were treated to something completely different, with home grown group The British Onions playing the Jazz Number, Green Onions.

The group comprise of Paul Carter on piano, Mia Mack on Sax, Emily Carter on flute, David Mack on Drums and Andy Brunton on bass guitar.

The evening was a great success, and with a wonderful raffle, raised £1,024 for Church Funds.

Our special thanks to Neil Waters for kindly providing a portaloos for the evening, and to David and Joan Carter for their very generous support.



We are also delighted to report that the **new Sound System** has been installed at Saint Oswald's Church. This includes a Loop System for hearing aids. Now the celebrant has to remember not to raise their voice when they turn to face the altar! One worshipper commented that they had heard every word of the service.

The wall to the Memorial Garden has been removed with the ground landscaped between the two different levels. We will feature a photograph later when the handrails have been installed, but the area looks a lot better.

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Great Ayton & District Committee

Thank you to all who supported us at the Village Fete. We raised £169.



There will be a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 6th August, 10-12 noon at 14 Langbaugh Close, by kind permission of Mrs Sylvia Tanfield.

Coffee Morning at Kildale Village Hall, Tuesday 7th. October.

The "Not a Lunch" is on Wednesday 19th November. More details to follow.

Margaret Stevens

The Undeserving - a St Lynas story

The brothers were always complaining that St Lynas was a soft touch, and that he gave away too much to people who didn't deserve help.

'My dears,' he said, 'Everybody helps the "deserving poor", it's our job to help the "undeserving poor".'

And he pointed to the man the Good Samaritan helped. 'That bird brained travelled the dangerous road from Jerusalem to Jericho by himself,' he said.

'If ever there was a case of a fellow deserving everything he got - it was him! But he still got helped.'

'I'm just doing likewise

Not Always in Harmony

Culled from correspondence columns:

A vicar who was asked to give the address at a service for the deaf decided after a few minutes to pause to give the person signing time to catch up. No-one realised that he knew sign language and he was amused to note that the interpretation of his wise words was: "As soon as he says something interesting I'll let you know."



Organists apparently can have a mischievous streak. At one poorly attended harvest festival in London the congregation had donated the usual cans of soup, vegetables and fruit etc. For the final voluntary, the organist improvised on "Yes, we have no bananas" - and was promptly sacked.

One organist, after a particularly boring sermon, pulled out all the stops and played the Hallelujah Chorus. Another settled, more subtly, for You Shall Go Out With Joy.

At another church, if the organist thought the sermon was going on too long, he would switch on the air pump.

One organist pondered over what to play at the end of a funeral service and settled on "Sheep Shall Safely Graze." Only afterwards did he discover that the funeral had been that of a butcher.

A rector wrote that he was taught two things at theological college -
1. Jesus is the Son of God, and 2. Never offend the organist..

The Church must encourage the critical element in its members. If it fails to do so, then the individual will not be able to integrate religious belief with everyday experience or, put in other words, God will be excluded from most of the individuals life until religion comes to be considered a private but harmless eccentricity of a minority.

Gerrard W Hughes, British Jesuit Writer



Silverwood Band Concert



Saturday 5th July 2014
7.30pm

The Kings Academy, Coulby Newham
Middlesbrough, TS8 0GA

Tickets £5.00

Refreshments available

For tickets contact Alison 722565

A Well Earned Rest

May I be among so many to wish Jennifer Roberts a very happy retirement and many years of enjoyment.

Jennifer is a great asset to the village and indeed, the community. Besides doing 16 years as Office Secretary and running the Parochial Hall, with other duties thrown in, Jennifer was also a Library Campaigner. Away back in 2010 Jennifer was, and is, the backbone of keeping the Library going in Great Ayton which is now known as the Discovery Centre. If it had not been for Jennifer and her many hard working colleagues Great Ayton today would not be enjoying the facilities of a Library.



Jennifer, having cut her cake at a small leaving presentation

Thanks Jennifer and your colleagues, for all the hard work you have endured.

Happy Retirement.

Bill Kirby, Ex Pat Aytonian

Church Hall Cleaner Needed

Six hours a week - Monday, Thursday & Friday from 9am - 11am

For more details, please contact Sarah Botez 01642 722665

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

31st May

Natalia Mahoney Botez

15th June

Isla May Holmes

Christian Burial and Cremation

2nd June

Alan Simpson

4th June

John Allanson

6th June

Eileen Morgan

16th June

Joyce Lappin

25th June

Rose Garratt

Christ Church Choir on Tour!

Following a very successful and enjoyable trip to St George's Minster in Doncaster in July 2013, Christ Church Choir have been invited back to sing whilst the Minster Choir are on holiday.

This year the choir will be singing at the Minster on 20th July 2014 for the I am Sung Eucharist. So you can hear the music we shall sing the setting on Sunday 13th July at the 9.15am service. In the evening we will have a Sung Evensong with Durham Chorale Singers at 6pm.

In addition the choir have also been invited to sing Choral Evensong at Ripon Cathedral on 27th September 2014 at 5.30pm. You are welcome to join us for this. Please sign up if interested, and we will seek to arrange either a coach or lifts. (There may be a charge to cover costs)

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Diocese of York	www.dioceseofyork.org.uk
Stokesley Deanery	www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk
A Church Near You	www.acny.org.uk

Dad Jokes

If you want to embarrass your children, here are some jokes for Dad's everywhere guaranteed to get a groan.

Son: Mum, Dad says I got my intelligence from him.

Mum: He must be right, because I still have mine.

An idiot rings a travel agents and asks, 'Can you tell me how long it will take to fly from London to New York?'

'Just a minute,' says the travel agent.

'Thanks,' said the idiot, and hung up.

Why shouldn't a fruit marry a vegetable?

Because their children might be melon-cauli.

Did you hear about the dyslexic devil worshipper?

He sold his soul to Santa.

What's 180 feet high, made of cheese and tomato and is about to fall over?

The leaning tower of Pizza.

Customer: is this insecticide good for ants?

Assistant: No! It kills them.

Son: Was your wedding very emotional?

Dad: I'll say. Even the cake was in tiers.

All from The Very Embarrassing Book of Dad Jokes by Ian Allen. Well worth buying. I was given it for Father's Day!

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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

Baptisms, Banns and Weddings can be arranged in person at Christ Church Vestry on **Fridays from 6pm - 7pm** where the clergy are present. Or make an initial contact by emailing the Vicar, Paul Peverell at revpev@btinternet.com



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Church Hall Office

For **Church Hall bookings**, please contact the Church Office **Tel 01642 722 665** on **Monday, Thursday or Friday 9 am - 12 noon, or leave a message.**

Email. gapo1876@outlook.com (For services or pastoral matters, please contact the vicar as this phone isn't manned every day)