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Parishes

# Spire

NOVEMBER 2014

## Great Ayton Remembers



## Act of Remembrance

Sunday 9th November

At 10.45am

War Memorial, Guisborough Rd

*Lest we forget*

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# NOVEMBER

- 1 Sat Who Let the Dads Out** 10am - 12 noon in Coffee Lounge.
- 2 Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent - All Saints and Souls** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **I am Holy Communion at St Oswald's.**
- 3 Mon Holy Communion at Hollygarth** at 2pm. All welcome.
- 5 Wed Act of Remembrance** for Major Clive Dixon at 11am by the War Memorial, Guisborough Road
- 9 Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion: 10.45am Act of Remembrance outside Church. 11am Service of Remembrance: 6pm Memorial Service for the recently departed.
- 16 Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion **I am All Age Service at St Oswald's.** 11.15am Holy Baptism; **12.15pm Holy Baptism:** 4pm Love in a Box Service
- 19 Wed PCC Meeting** at 7.30pm in the Upper Room.
- 21 Fri Marwood School Worship** in Christ Church at 9am.
- 23 Sun Christ the King** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion. 11.15am Holy Baptism.
- 30 Sun Advent Sunday** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **I am Holy Communion at St Oswald's.** 5pm Christingle in Christ Church

*Regular activities on back page*

Items in Magenta all take place at St Oswald's Church at Newton, and the remainder at Christ Church, unless otherwise stated.



**Jane Robson** will be licensed as a Reader at a special service in York Minister on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 11am, and will continue her work at Normanby and Eston Parish. We wish her every blessing.



## Remembering

November is a month of Remembering. We start with All Saints and All Souls Day on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively. To mark both these special days we shall remember Saints and Souls jointly on the Sunday morning. On the wedding noticeboard, photographs of loved ones to remember can be placed, or they can be emailed to me to provide a running memorial on the TV screen which will be by the notice board. Photos aren't essential, you can just submit names, but please do this either by email or on the list at the back of Church NO LATER than Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November, as it will be up and running on the Sunday when you come to Church.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November will be the first 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of one of Ayton's heroes who died in the First World War. Major Clive Dixon will be remembered with a service by the War Memorial at 11am (In Church if the weather is bad) We will be joined by members of his family and Regiment. This format will be repeated for all the 48 who died from our village over the next four years. Organisations are invited to adopt one of the men each, so that on each occasion we have someone present. You will find further details in *The Stream*, which comes out shortly to all houses in the village.

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November, we hold our 95<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday by our War Memorial. As this year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outbreak of war, this will be especially significant. By this time 100 years ago, only Major Dixon had lost his life. Four years later and hardly a family in the village was untouched. We gather at 10.45am outside Christ Church.

That same evening at 6pm, all who have been bereaved in our village where I have officiated at their funeral services are invited to Christ Church for a Memorial Service. Candles are lit and names remembered in a moving service.

We will Remember them.

**Paul**

# Giving in Grace

Last month we began our Giving in Grace Scheme, urging all who consider themselves belonging Christ Church to look at what they give each week or month to support our Church.

We have a vision of a strong, confident Church, making a difference in this community, diocese and in the world. This can only be achieved with the support of all members being generous within their own situations.

I signed around 280 letters, which went out in September, together with a leaflet explaining what we are hoping for.

Our PCC, acting on our behalf, has sought to make Christ Church a generous Church. We have done this by...

- supporting many local Charities by allowing Church collections from baptisms, weddings and funerals to go to them.
- holding special appeals, like our Elijah Appeal and Christmas Appeals
- giving from our income to support Christian Missions and charities
- supporting local committees like *The Children's Society* in their work
- giving generously to the Diocese so that a Parish in a poorer area that isn't as well supported can still have a vicar.
- All this, while ensuring our work and witness still moves forward here.

We are hoping to increase our monthly income by £2,100. Members of the PCC took us to over £700, and up to Harvest we had passed the half way mark.

It is important that everyone who regards themselves belonging Christ Church does their bit by regular support, for if you don't, then you may be leaving it to people less well off than yourself.

As Spire is going to press a week early this month we still haven't got final figures, but so far results have been very positive. We are hopeful that we will be well towards our Target figure. Thank you to all who have been generous with their responses. You are ensuring our Church remains a vibrant, welcoming place in our village that helps make a difference for the good, both here and beyond.

# Prayer Week

**Thank you** to everyone who contributed to the prayer focus week in Christ Church 6 – 11 October. The six prayer “stations” gave those who visited much food for thought and private prayer. Prayer times together, during each day, were appreciated - to those who prayed alongside us at home – thank you.

Several people took away a copy of the following prayer, from the Iona Community, to use at home

Reshape us, good Lord,  
until in generosity, in faith,  
and in the expectation that the best is yet to come,  
we are truly Christ-like.  
Make us passionate followers of Jesus,  
rather than passive supporters.  
Make our churches places of radical  
discipleship  
and signposts to heaven,  
then, in us, through us,  
and if need be despite us,  
let your kingdom come. Amen.



## On a Roll!

Toilet rolls may seem an unlikely subject to trigger a correspondence lasting several days in a national newspaper. It happened in the Daily Telegraph, however, after a correspondent innocently asked “Why is it impossible now to buy blue lavatory rolls?”



She added: “Unless we find some soon I will be forced to redecorate my bathroom.” You may think this a rather drastic move.

In response, however, another writer suggested a visit to France, where she had come across toilet rolls in all manner of colours, including black. “It may be cheaper than decorating the bathroom,” she suggested.

Another letter recalled a priest who used to change his toilet rolls with the seasons - sport green for Trinity, purple for Lent and Advent and pink for Saints Days.

One woman recounted an embarrassing experience when she and her husband lived in Aden. “Things became difficult and I came home, leaving him in our company flat. Before I left, I wrote such notes as ‘Don’t just sit there,’ ‘missing you already’ and ‘who loves you baby,’ and inserted them into the loo roll. Two days later the company moved him out and someone else in.”

Yet another correspondent recalled that she and her husband were married in 1955 and she had an uncle who worked in the printing trade. “When my husband and I returned from our honeymoon we were astonished to find the entire house decorated with copies of one particularly lovely wedding photo. I even discovered that the roll of crispy paper in the loo had been printed on each sheet with the same picture.”

There was a suggestion of class distinction about another letter which said her mother used to put toilet rolls in the upstairs loo, but flat pack toilet paper downstairs, which might be use by visitors.

One woman said her father returned from a visit to Switzerland in the “thirties with a decorated loo roll holder which, when a piece of paper was pulled, played the national anthem. “As we were a patriotic family, this caused a dilemma - to stand or not to stand.”

**Malcolm Race**

## Show A Christmas Sign of Solidarity

News from Iraq and Syria continues to be disturbing of mass executions, ethnic cleansing and slavery of all who don't ascribe to the perverted views of the IS. (Out of respect for the Muslim Community, I won't describe them as Islamic, for they too are horrified by the barbaric excesses they see done in the name of their religion.)

Many thousands of Christians have been displaced, never to return home, and some Syrian Bishops are even being held hostage. What sort of Christmas are they to have?

**I invite all Spire readers, residents and traders in Great Ayton, to show their support and solidarity by placing a Christmas Crib nativity scene prominently in your windows, shops and homes. If you don't have a crib set, buy a nativity scene Christmas card and use that.**

The Christmas message is that God so loved the world that he gave His son for our sake. Jesus constantly spoke words of peace and forgiveness, reached out to all people and refused to live by violence. He showed us that you cannot overcome evil with evil, but with good. By putting our Crib in a prominent place this Christmas,



we are stating our desire for peace for all people.

I will carry my camera around with me in November and will feature some of the Crib I see on my rounds in the December edition of Spire. Will yours be one of them?

**Paul**



## Make a Note in Your Diary



**Yvonne Lyon  
in concert**

**Christ Church  
Saturday 21 March 2015**

*“just stunning music”* Bob Harris, Radio 2

*“a fine voice...a fine album and one that is refreshingly positive”*  
*The Telegraph*

For further information contact Helen Dickinson or Ken Taylor

## Shopping Days in Great Ayton

With the departure of Thompson's Hardware leaving the High Street for pastures new in Park Square, the High Street will suffer a loss. Thompson's Hardware was a well established business, always at the front, and foremost with its decorated shop window, the front arrayed with flowers of the season ...and also taking part with other activities.



The present premises where Thompson's are was part of the then Middlesbrough Co-op Society, the Drapery department, which sold sheets, shirts and other items. The late Mr Herbert Brown was the manager - he used a ladder to reach for shoes: the other part of the shop being the grocery department. There was a huge warehouse in the rear, going into Park Rise. The Co-op also had its own coal outlet. Every member of the Society had a check number over ten and a Divi was paid out twice a year. Any household which did their shopping there had a good return, which was always welcome.

I, like many others of the village, wish Richard and his staff every success on moving to Park Square.

**Bill Kirby**





## Mothers' Union News

Unfortunately Revd Linda Shipp was unable to attend our October Meeting due to having medical treatment so Lynda Walker kindly stood in and put together a programme based on the Mothers' Union work in Africa "from Laura's archives" which we found very informative and interesting. Women were taught Literacy and numeracy enabling them to organise work for themselves. We also looked at photo's from MU outings from previous years which was very enjoyable.

The next meeting is on November 5th when Jennifer Finel will bring her Literacy Stall and give us a little information as to how the money goes to help the Mothers' Union. It will be preceded by a Communion Service taken by Paul at 1.30pm in Church.

**Pat Jeffery**

## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

There was a good turnout for the Christmas Card Coffee Morning recently and our Society received £139.07p from the event.

In November we are holding a Quiz at The Royal Oak on Sunday, 16th November, at 7.30 pm. Tickets @ £6 are available from committee members or Marina Charlton (tel. No. 01642 723087).



The Christingle service will take place on Sunday, 30th November at 5pm in Christ Church. Collecting candles and envelopes will be placed at the back of the church nearer the time.

**Jancie Brown**

## Major Clive Macdonnell Dixon (1870-1914)

Clive Macdonnell Dixon was the first Great War fatality associated with Great Ayton. His father, Sir Raylton Dixon, once voted the most popular man in Middlesbrough, owned the largest shipyard on the River Tees and was a notable figure in Middlesbrough's social, civic and political life. Sir Raylton and Elizabeth Dixon had two sons and six daughters; their elder son, Clive Macdonnell Dixon, was born on 10 February 1870. After education at Rugby and Sandhurst, Clive joined the 16<sup>th</sup> (The Queen's) Lancers in 1890. He spent nine years with the regiment in North West India and South Africa, where he was present at the Siege of Ladysmith.



In 1898 he briefly returned to England to marry Lilian Bell, the daughter of John Bell, one of the Bell Brothers of Port Clarence Ironworks. Gertrude Bell, daughter of one of Lilian's cousins, was delighted with the marriage, writing 'we could scarcely have wished for anything better'.

Like many of the Dixon family, and like his wife Lilian, Clive was an excellent amateur artist. During the siege of Ladysmith he produced a humorous picture book 'The Leaguer of Ladysmith' which was well received; Queen Victoria had a copy. With the end of the siege of Ladysmith Clive returned to Middlesbrough where he received a hero's welcome. The following year, 1902, Major Dixon retired from the army and settled down to civilian life, enjoying his great love of horses, hunting and painting.

Initially Clive and Lilian lived at Langbaugh Hall, Great Ayton. Then in 1909 Clive built Chapelgarth at Little Broughton, which became the family home. Clive and Lilian had three sons and three daughters. Their charmed life came to an abrupt end with the start of the Great War. Clive had to surrender his beloved horses to the army, and then he volunteered to rejoin the 16<sup>th</sup> Lancers, although by now he was forty-four years old. Within two weeks of war being declared, he was in France as second-in-command of his old regiment. The 16<sup>th</sup> Lancers, as part of the British

Expeditionary Force (BEF), were fighting alongside the French, in an unsuccessful attempt to halt the German advance at Mons.

After the retreat from Mons, and action at the Battle of the Marne, the 16<sup>th</sup> Lancers moved to Flanders. Memories of magnificent cavalry charges across the open veldt of South Africa were lost in the mud of the trenches. During the First Battle of Ypres, in October and early November 1914, four out of five members of the BEF were wounded or killed. Major Dixon lost his life on 5 November 1914. In the trenches to the left of the Lancers were French troops in some disarray. Major Dixon drew his sword and attempted to rally them into a counter attack, but received a bullet in his stomach. Seriously wounded, he was carried by an army padre to a field ambulance, but later died from his wounds.



Clive Macdonnell Dixon is buried in the Nieuwerkerke Churchyard in Belgium. His headstone carries the inscription 'Strong and of good courage, Sans peur et sans reproche'. The earlier wooden cross marking the grave is now preserved in St Augustine's Church in Kirkby-in-Cleveland. Although his name appears on the War Memorials at Great Broughton and Kirkby, it is missing on the Great Ayton memorial. This is hard to understand given that he had lived in the village for seven years prior to 1909, his mother was still living in the village (she had moved into Undercliffe Hall after Sir Raylton's death in 1901) and Clive's uncle, Waynman Dixon, lived in Ayton House and was organising the village War Memorial. However Clive

Macdonnell Dixon is the first name on the memorial panel inside Christ Church, and it is fitting that we remember him on the centenary of his death.

**Ian Pearce**

## Will Aid is back!



Most of us faithfully support the work of our churches and our chosen charities during our lifetime, regularly giving a proportion of our income. The Bible teaches that giving back to God like this should be a priority for all Christians, as we share in God's generosity to each one of us, by sharing generously with others. This isn't however just about the weekly collection or our monthly standing order; it's also about how we distribute our wealth and our possessions after we have gone.

Therefore thinking about making and leaving a Will is very important. As Christians, we try to live our lives in a way that follows Jesus, and we also try to influence the world for better as we see it. When we die, the resources that we have gathered in life don't go with us, but they are passed on to others to be used by them for something else.

Considering leaving a legacy for the work of the parish and other charities like Christian Aid is a natural extension of this stewardship. In fact for many of us, the gift that can be considered through our Will may be the most significant of our lifetime – even after taking account of family and other needs! Bequests and other planned gifts, which enable your Parish to expand its ministry and Christian Aid to continue striving to end poverty and injustice around the World really are the ultimate demonstration of our stewardship commitment. It is our chance to respond fully to the generous love of God in a way that brings lasting benefit and change.

Will Aid is happening again this November! If you don't have a Will, or need to update your existing Will, Will Aid presents an ideal opportunity for you to put your affairs in order whilst helping to raise money for the nine Will Aid charities, including Christian Aid.

Our nearest registered solicitor is:-

### [Appleby Hope & Matthews](#)

Address: 35 High St, Normanby, Middlesbrough, Cleveland, TS6 0LE

Distance: 4.72 miles

Telephone: 01642 440444

Contact name: Mr Norman Turvey

# **Love in a Box Service**

## **Sunday 16th November at 4pm**



Pop along to Boyes and start collecting your Christmas Gifts for your shoebox now.

Forms available in Christ Church

***Coming Soon to Great Ayton***



# ***Peter Pan jr.***

**By the**

**Bradley School of Dance**  
*with Rev Pev as Captain Hook*  
**From 9th - 14th December**  
**in Christ Church Hall**

***More details for follow. Crocodiles not allowed!***

# **YORKSHIRE CANCER RESEARCH**

**Great Ayton & District Committee**

## **“Not a Lunch”**



**Wednesday 19th November at 12.30pm  
in Christ Church Hall, Great Ayton.**

**Jams, Christmas Cards, Crafts & Raffle.**

**Tickets £10. From 01642 722044 or 01642 723334.**

**Thank you to all who supported us at Kildale Coffee Morning.  
We raised the magnificent sum of £821.00.**

**Margaret Stevens**



## New Unit for Great Ayton's Guides

At October's Church Parade in Christ Church, a new flag was dedicated for a new Guide Unit at Great Ayton.

The Senior Section of the Guides was recently formed with girls who very much enjoy Guiding and wished to continue beyond the present age limits of the Guide section.



The new flag was dedicated at the service with County Commissioner Christine Kenyon and other Guide Leaders in attendance, and it will be paraded for the first time on Remembrance Sunday this year.

Our best wishes to the group, and our thanks to all the adults who give their time voluntarily to help both Guides and Scouts in our village. We are most fortunate in having thriving Uniformed Organisations in the village.

## Christmas Opening in the Village



On Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> November, many of the village shops and cafes will have a late night Christmas opening until 8pm. Given that chocolate Santas and Mince Pies appeared in September, this is relatively quite near Christmas, so pop along and support our stores get into the Christmas spirit.



## Pen to Paper

My inspiration's dwindled.  
The incentive is not there.  
My thoughts are just a blank.  
I feel beyond repair.

Words have just stopped flowing.  
My energies are spent.  
My confidence has lapsed.  
My frustrations I give vent.

My emotion's are not stirred.  
I feel lost and so inane.  
The pleasure I derived.  
Is going down the drain.

I know I must have patience.  
It won't come back with force.  
When my brain is stimulated.  
I will be back on course.

**Jean Cumbor**

## Clear as mud

ARE you confused by what is going on in the Middle East? Let me explain.

We support the Iraqi government in the fight against Islamic State. We don't like IS, but IS is supported by Saudi Arabia, whom we do like.

We don't like President Assad in Syria. We support the fight against him, but not IS, which is also fighting against him.

We don't like Iran, but Iran supports the Iraqi government against IS. So, some of our friends support our enemies and some of our enemies are our friends, and some of our enemies are fighting against our other enemies, whom we want to lose, but we don't want our enemies who are fighting our enemies to win.

If the people we want to defeat are defeated, they might be replaced by people we like even less. And all this was started by us invading a country to drive out terrorists who weren't actually there until we went in to drive them out. Do you understand now?

AUBREY BAILEY, Fleet, Hants.

*The above was sent to me by email. I don't know where it is from, but it captures the situation well!*

## Christ Church Cleaning

We don't have fairies to do clean the Church, but a group of volunteers who take it in turns to clean it three or four times a year between Spring cleans.

We could do with a few more folk on the rota. Could you help in this way?

Contact Jan Thompson Tel. 01642 723 344 or Irene Reah Tel 01642 723 804 with your offer.





# **Open House at the Harvies' 71 Roseberry Crescent Great Ayton**

**Saturday 8th and Monday 10th  
November 2014 \* 11am to 7pm**

**The best fair trade  
craft, fashion and  
food from around  
the world**

**All Welcome.  
Fairtrade Refresh-  
ments all day.**

Lots of stock on display, all fairly traded, with something for everyone, including the Bargain Basement. Every purchase makes a difference to the lives of some of the most disadvantaged and marginalised people in the world.



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# From the Registers

## Holy Matrimony

27<sup>th</sup> September

Victoria Reed & Carl Houston



## Christian Burial and Cremation

29<sup>th</sup> September

Derrik Maude

17<sup>th</sup> October

Geoff Gawthorpe

20<sup>th</sup> October

Brian Wake

22<sup>nd</sup> October

Marion Ingram



Joan Lithgow, at her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party, looking at her Birthday card from the Queen.

Our love and Congratulations to you, Joan, on this very special achievement.

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## A BIBLICAL STORY ...

A woman runs a red traffic light and crashes into a man's car. Both of their cars are demolished, but amazingly, neither of them is hurt.

After they crawl out of their cars, the woman says; "Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but fortunately we are unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace for the rest of our days."

The man replies, "I agree with you completely. This must be a sign from God!"

The woman continues, "And look at this, here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished, but my bottle of wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune." She then hands the bottle to the man.

The man nods his head in agreement, opens it, drinks half the bottle and then hands it back to the woman. The woman takes the bottle, immediately puts the cap back on, and hands it back to the man.

The man asks, "Aren't you having any?"

The woman replies, "Nah. I think I'll just wait for the police."

Adam ate the apple, too. Men will never learn...

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# The Parishes of Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry

## Services

### Christ Church, Great Ayton

<b>Sunday</b>	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
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	Little Fishes Carer & Toddler Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion - in Christ Church

### At St Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry

**Sunday** 11.00am Services on 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month only  
1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion; 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:revpev@btinternet.com)



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