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under Roseberry
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Marwood School celebrating New Life at
Easter with chicks they hatched in school.

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APRIL

HOLY WEEK

30 **Mon** Holy Communion at 7.30pm

31 **Tues** Holy Communion at 7.30pm

APRIL

1 **Wed** Holy Communion at 10am; Angrove Singers Rehearsal 7pm

2 **Thurs** **Maundy Thursday** Commemoration of the Last Supper at 7.30pm

3 **Fri** **Good Friday** Children's Craft Workshops 10am - 12 noon; Children's Service at 11.45am; Good Friday Devotion 1-30pm - 3pm; Angrove Singers Music for Easter at 7.30pm

5 **Sun** **EASTER DAY** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Come & Praise; **11am Holy Communion at St Oswald's.**

11 **Sat** **Who Let the Dads Out** 10am - 12 noon; Holy Baptism at 11.30am, 12.30pm & 3pm

12 **Sun** **Easter 2** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Come & Praise.

17 **Fri** **Church Visitors Meeting** at 1.45pm

19 **Sun** **Easter 3** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am All Age Service at St Oswald's; 11.45 Annual Church Meeting at St Oswald's;** Memorial Service for the Recently Departed at 6pm.

26 **Sun** **Easter 4** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 3pm St George's Day Parade

27 **Mon** Hollygarth Communion Service at 2pm

Regular activities on back page

Items in Magenta all take place at St Oswald's Church at Newton,

The Archbishop's Easter Message

The Promise of Hope

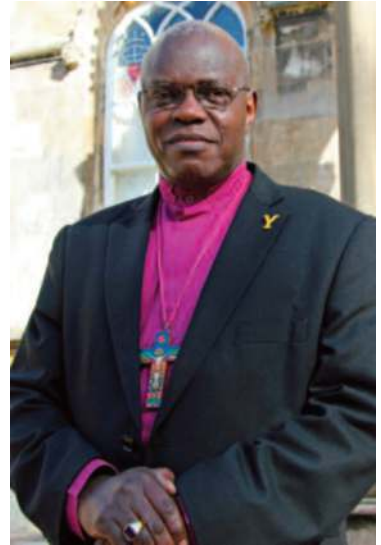
Hope as described in the Bible is not a vague wondering about what might happen next. It is the anticipation of a future which is certain. As Jim Wallis says, "Hope is believing in spite of the evidence and watching the evidence change". For faith is a permanent invitation to live beyond every hope (Hebrews 11:1).

The House of Bishops pastoral letter on the 2015 General Election has encouraged church members to engage in the political process ahead of the General Election; to put aside self-interest and vote for the common good. We hold out the hope of a better future for us in the politicians we elect to act on our behalf.

Recently, I preached at the International Celebration of Archbishop Janani Luwum held in his home village at Wii Gweng, Mucwini, in Uganda. Archbishop Luwum was a great friend, a determined shepherd and a remarkable leader. When I finished my degree in theology, I was hoping to return to Uganda and work alongside him. Sadly Janani was brutally murdered by Idi Amin and I was advised it would end in death if I returned to Uganda.

Archbishop Janani knew the risks that he was taking in protesting against the violence and injustice of Amin's regime, but his certainty in the hope of resurrection gave him the courage to resist oppression. Knowing that he was in personal danger through his actions he said, 'I live as though there will be no tomorrow... While the opportunity is there, I preach the Gospel with all my might, and my conscience is clear before God.

As we prepare to rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ – his conquest over evil, sin and death – we are reminded that there is nothing that is beyond the power of God to make things new. Even death has been conquered. And where Jesus has gone, we follow the trail he has blazed for us. His resurrection will one day be our resurrection. In this certainty lies our hope. Because we have this hope, life can never be the same again. Janani's love of Christ should inspire us all to live out the Good News of God in Jesus Christ in our lives.



Throughout history Christians have stood firm in the face of oppression and violence confident that in doing so they are following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. Thankfully we do not live in a country where our obedient following of Jesus Christ will put our own lives in danger. Yet each of us will face challenges as we seek to follow Jesus Christ in our daily lives, challenges that may tempt us to doubt or deny the reality of Jesus abiding in us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

With the writer to the Hebrews 12. 1-2, may I encourage us to *‘run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.’*

We are an Easter People and ‘Hallelujah’ is our song!

+Sentamu Eboracensis

5000 Acts - 435 Gifts

Acts 435, Archbishop Sentamu’s online giving charity, has announced that its 5,000th request has been granted.

The charity puts the increase in donations down to the #anothergift campaign it ran over Christmas, inviting churches, schools and community groups to stretch their budgets to buy ‘one more gift’, for someone in need. Acts435 encouraged support for people in desperate need of items such as a cooker, emergency repair work or help with food or clothing.

Jenny Herrera, Acts 435 Executive Director said: “I have been overwhelmed and humbled by the generosity of Acts 435 donors and delighted that we have been able to help people in need. To be able to meet our 5000th request is a wonderful gift for us as a charity and I would like to say a huge thank you to those who have helped to make a difference for others through us. Thank you”.

The Archbishop of York said: “The remarkable thing is – in meeting other people’s basic human needs we ourselves are blessed – for we meet Jesus in others, and that changes the way we see things. In fact it changes the way we see others too! It’s fantastic that Acts 435 is helping individuals to do just that”. For more information about #anothergift or Acts435, please visit: www.acts435.org.uk.

The Best Teacher

He never taught a lesson in a classroom. He never used an interactive white board. Not once did He use PowerPoint to make His case. He did not have internet access ... or a computer ... or even electricity. He was not trained by a university education department. He never gained qualified teacher status. He was never inspected by Ofsted. He never crossed the teacher pay threshold.



He never spent time photocopying and laminating resources, or putting up classroom displays. He never handed out gold stars, house points or certificates. He never wrote end of year reports. He never referred to the National Curriculum or followed QCA guidelines. He kept no records, gave no grades, and His only text was ancient and well-worn. His lessons were socially inclusive. He taught the economically deprived as well as the wealthy; He taught the physically disabled and the mentally ill as well as those healthy in body and mind. His teaching method was the same with all who came to hear and learn. He opened eyes with faith, He opened ears with simple truth, and He opened hearts with love ... a love born of forgiveness.

He challenged, inspired and healed those He taught. He changed individuals and transformed communities. Even so, He was never nominated for a Teacher of the Year Award or knighted for His services to education. And yet this quiet teacher from the hills of Galilee continues to feed the needs, fulfil the hopes, and change the lives of many millions around the world, for what He teaches brings heaven to earth and reveals God's heart to all peoples everywhere.

Spire Distribution

Unfortunately my PC died in March, and had to be raised to life again with a full factory reset. Whilst I still had my 1135 contacts, I lost all my Distribution Lists, so have just had to guess who I sent Spire to. If you don't want it, tell me and I will remove you straight away. For some reason my backup didn't include the Folders.



We had a great evening welcoming Scottish Singer/ Songwriter **Yvonne Lyon** to Christ Church in March. She sang a lovely selection of songs she had written herself, and was accompanied by her husband David.

A special treat was a repeat performance on Sunday evening at a private gig in the Church Hall.

Both events raised funds for the Daisy Chain Charity. www.yvonnelyonmusic.com

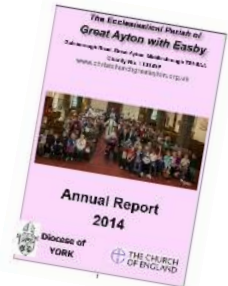
WEDDING FAIR POSTPONED

Our April Wedding Fair has been postponed until later in the year as we inadvertently coincided with two much larger ones locally.

Annual Meetings & Reports

The Annual Reports from both Parishes - Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry - are available in paper format and electronically on the Church Website.

Christ Church Great Ayton have had their annual meeting, and I am delighted to report that Martin Simons and Vicki Nath were both re-elected to serve as Churchwardens for a further year. (Its an annual appointment.) They will be received into Office in Christ Church on Easter Day and we invite all PCC Members and sidesmen to be there to support them.



The AGM of **Saint Oswald's Church, Newton under Roseberry** will take



place after the All Age Service on **Sunday 19th April**. As the annual report is issued well beforehand, this ensures a short meeting. Again, I am delighted that both Maureen Rider and Paul Carter are willing to continue as Churchwardens for a further year - but you need to be there to elect them, as the they are not Vicar's appointments!

Click on the images for the reports

Confirmation 2015

- Do you want to find out more about the Christian Faith?
- Do you want to say publicly that you are a Christian and be “confirmed” as part of God’s Church?
- Do you want your faith to play an important part in your life?

Then Confirmation may be for you.

We will be welcoming Bishop Paul on Saturday 6th June at 6pm at Christ Church to take his first Confirmation Service with us.

If you are School Year 6 or above and are interested, please contact Karen or Paul Peverell before the end of the Easter holidays

Email revpev@btinternet.com

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Any adults from either Church, please contact me via email to express an interest and we can arrange a meeting to suit.



Tools for Self Reliance



Can you imagine life without electricity? It is hard to realise just how much we would be affected – lights, heat or air conditioning, power for washing machines, fridges and TV's.

For many villages in Africa daily tasks and living are without electric power.

Tools To Africa in Coulby Newham and Tools for Self Reliance (www.tfsr.org.uk) Southampton are charities who are doing something by providing villages with large kits of reconditioned hand tools.

Do you have unwanted tools which you can donate to this cause? Garage, farm and workshop clearances can be handled or just a few tired or unwanted tools. All are welcome and power tools as well as they can be reconditioned and raise funds. DIY and Gardening books also.

Please call or text **David Gorton** on 07842 582 007 to arrange collection

YORKSHIRE CANCER RESEARCH

Great Ayton & District Committee

Afternoon Tea on 17th June in the Parochial Church Hall. Details later.
Quiz on Sunday 27th September at the Conservative Club 7:30pm.

"Not a Lunch" Wednesday 18th November at 12:30pm in the Parochial Church Hall.

Margaret Stevens

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The "Lent Soup Lunch" in February was well attended and a rewarding £614 was raised. The committee was helped on the day by Jonathan Turner, Senior Regional Fund-raising Manager, various friends and volunteers and we thank them all most warmly – without their assistance the table service would not be so prompt.



Following the "Knit-In" last summer we are now in the process of a couple of "Knit-Up" sessions in order to complete the rugs. As you can see from the photo, we combine the get together with a good chat.

Happy Easter to everyone.

Jancie Brown

Two policemen (Constable Ken and Bob) call the station on the radio.
"Hello. Is that the Sarge?"
"Yes?"
"We have a case here. A woman has shot her husband for stepping on the floor she had just mopped clean."
"Have you arrested the woman?"
"No sir. The floor is still wet."



A Tribute to David Brook

We were saddened to hear the news last month that David Brook had died in hospital whilst on holiday in Tenerife. As per his wishes, his funeral took place in the Church in Tenerife where he and Evelyn had worshipped for a month every winter when they escaped the British Winter.

David was born in Cork City of British parents, as the first of 4 children, and went on to marry a young Irish girl he met when she was just 15 at a Christian Conference. Following their marriage in 1951, David and Evelyn came to England to live.

David was serving with the Royal Navy in Engineering, and so Evelyn was delighted when sons Andrew and Jonathan came along to keep her company when he was away.

Following the Royal Navy, David had six years with ICI before moving into Training, working as a Training Manager in Devon before moving to Wolverhampton Polytechnic as a Senior Lecturer in Training. On retiring from there after 20 years he was made a Companion of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development as a recognition of his considerable contribution and experience.

During his time with the Royal Navy they had two very enjoyable years in Malta, and after leaving the Polytechnic, David and Evelyn moved back to Bovey Tracey in Devon where David continued to do Consultancy work. He was also the Chairman of the Health and Healing Centre in Bournemouth for seven years, but gave this up when he moved North as it was too far to go to meetings.

In 2005 David and Evelyn moved to the ground floor flat in the former Friends School, ideally situated near son Andrew. David was soon a very familiar figure around the village as he got involved in many aspects of village life.

David had come from an Open Brethren background, giving him a passion for the word of God, and attended both the Methodist Church and Christ Church on arriving in the village, but Evelyn was former Church of Ireland, so he came with her to Christ Church each Sunday, usually picking someone else up on route who wouldn't normally be able to get here. He was very faithful in his attendance and would often give a positive word of encouragement to those taking the service.

David was a very caring man, and this manifested itself in various ways, from all the people he would visit and keep an eye upon, and also as the Chairman of Directors at Richardson Hall, where he was very conscientious with his duties and could be seen outside with his umbrella when it was raining, checking on the gutters and down pipes.

He was a member of the local branch of Gideon's International, and enjoyed visiting schools to hand out the scriptures. He also had a passion for supporting persecuted Christians, and would often incorporate this into the prayers he sometimes led in Church.

David was also an active member of the Archeological/ History Group in the village, and proof read their book about Roseberry Topping.

Being virtually next door to Andrew and Bev, this meant that David and Evelyn could really enjoy their role as Grandparents, and I would see them often at Concerts supporting Sophie and Izzy in their music.

David had battled rheumatoid arthritis for 20 years, but you would never have known for he never let it get on top of him, and remained active, walking their beloved Dachshunds when they first came to the village, and going out for a cycle ride each day. David never let anything get in his way.

At our last Wydale weekend we saw the fun side of David, when he performed a humorous sketch in our Wydale's Got Talent evening.

David's life was built on his faith and his family, and he was blessed with a good and strong marriage to Evelyn now it is its 64th year. He thought the world of their sons Andrew and Jonathan, daughter in law Bev, and grand-daughters Sophie and Izzy.

We are sorry to lose David, but have been encouraged by his example of one who has fought the good fight and kept the faith.

As there was no service to take a collection in memory of David, we invite any donations in his memory to be shared equally between Baroness Cox's Humanitarian Relief Fund, and Tees Valley Youth for Christ Stokesley School Youthworker Project. Any cheques can be made payable to Great Ayton PCC and either left in Church suitably marked or given to Ken Taylor, and this will be forwarded on at the end of April.

HOPE ACTUALLY

Praying for Hope in Lent - where do we find genuine hope, hope that will not disappoint us?



This theme has been followed at the 7.00 am Friday services during Lent and also, in a new venture, by groups meeting weekly, in the evening, to focus on a topic of the week from *Hope, Actually*. We have shared thoughts, reflected quietly and prayed together about The Joy, The Foolishness, The Challenge, The Vision and The Power of the Gospel. Each gathering was led by a different person and a variety of venues were chosen – including The Discovery Centre and CC Coffee Lounge. Much food for thought and prayer came to light during our half hour sessions. The Church Urban Fund website provides even more light at www.cuf.org.uk/lentresources to encourage us as individuals belonging to a lively church to play our part in Hope, Actually.



The Church Spring Clean

Many thanks to those who came to support the annual Spring Clean. Although Crighton's Steeplejacks did the high work for us on Friday afternoon, we only had three volunteers in the evening and those pictured on the Saturday. Well done for your hard work, but we could do with a little more help next year please. Our thanks to Irene and Jan for organising it.



Legendary Country and Western Singers Hank Wangford and Brad Breath came to Great Ayton for a fund raising event, and gave us a super evening of music and humour.

Patrick Hughes, one of our Scouts going to the World Wide Jamborees in Japan later in the year, raised £1,155 towards his costs by organising this evening of entertainment.

Those present will know that Patrick could have a good future ahead in events management, for the bar was as well stocked as the raffle, and we enjoyed the music at just the right volume.

Hank and Brad also enjoyed coming and would come again, if invited. If you missed them the first time, don't make the same mistake again.

Coffee Morning a Success

Many thanks to all who supported our Annual Coffee Morning, making yet another successful morning.

A variety of stalls ringed the Hall, as well as a large raffle drawn on the day.

There were scones galore and coffee by the gallon, and lots and lots of chat as people got together.



Many thanks to Rosemary Wheway for organising it, and to all who supported in different ways.

The icing on the cake of a most enjoyable morning was £1100 for Church Funds.

Bells Ring Out For a Lovely Lady



The peel of Tubular Bells at Christ Church has just undergone a major refurbishment, including new galvanised fittings.

The bells hang high in the Spire and are open to the extremes of weather, which as well as normal wear and tear also attracts corrosion. This could in time make them dangerous, so they have just been taken down and restored by Crighton's to ensure they are safe to ring for many years to come.

Some of the fittings had worn very thin, and would have become dangerous if left. You can see from the photo above the brand new fittings that will last for many years to come.

The money needed for the refurbishment came from a donation in memory of the late Jean Blunsom, a very faithful member of our evening congregation who died in 2011.

Jean would be thrilled to know that both residents and weddings will continue to enjoy the sound of Church Bells in Great Ayton for many years to come.

Bits and Pieces

Definition of a good sermon: “it should have a good beginning and a good ending – and the two should be as close together as possible.”



Asked by a local clergyman how he liked his sermon, a former Provost of Trinity College, Dublin, replied: “it was like the peace and mercy of God.” Flattered but puzzled, the clergyman sought further explanation. “Well,” said the Provost, “it was like the peace of God because it passed all understanding and like his mercy because it showed every sign of enduring forever.”

Overheard at a funeral: “what did he die of?” Reply: “oh, nothing very serious.”

A former organist at Lincoln Cathedral had a feline friend called Magnificat.

A six year old girl sent a beautiful handmade Mothering Sunday card to her mother with the inscription: “thank you for being such a lovely mummy. I know you will try even harder next year.”

An American tourist outside Westminster Abbey was heard to say to his wife: “we’re short on time, honey. You do the outside and I’ll do the inside.”

The legendary Canon J L Kyle of Carlton in Cleveland was said to have told a farmer who appealed for prayers for rain because his crops were dying: “Thoo doesn't want rain, thoo wants muck.”

Woody Allen: “I am not afraid of death. I just don't want to be there when it happens.”

Ron Easton, a Skelton Green farmer and village poet, had this warning on his gate: “Be ye man or be ye woman, be ye gannin or be ye comin, be ye early or be ye late, dinna forget to shut gate.”

An elderly couple were walking the promenade at Bridlington when the wife commented: “if anything happens to one of us, I shall come and live here.”

Malcolm Race

Servers Report 2014

Our servers are ; Lynda, Eric, Richard and Craig at 8.0 am and Matthew, Gina, Niamh, Francesca, Ellie, Edward, Frances, Jo, and Adrian at 9.15am.



We are blessed at Christ church to have such a large group of dedicated people who serve faithfully each week.

Our role is to help prepare for the service by setting up the altar and making sure all the elements of the Eucharist are ready. This gives the celebrant time to greet the congregation as they arrive. I'm sure we all appreciate this personal welcome.

During the service we support the celebrant and glorify the Gospel reading by carrying the acolyte candles whilst it is read.

At the end of the service we ensure everything is tidied away, allowing the celebrant time to get to the next service which could be in another parish.

If you would like to join us, come and find me after the service.

Lesley Miller



Brownies Thinking Day

A short service was held to bring the Brownie Thinking Day celebration to a close. 'Guiding Lights' were lit to represent each of the age groups reminding us that Jesus is the Light of the World.

Ayton's Top Shops

Two of Great Ayton's well known and well loved shops have recently won prizes in different competitions.



Thompson's Hardware won the National Hardware Retailer of the Year Award. The business was started by the late Billy Thompson in 1957 where Sam's bakery is now, and then moved to the High Street, where Billy was joined by son Richard.

Last year Richard relocated to Park Square and the business has gone from strength to strength. The shop is an Aladdin's Cave, and if it doesn't have what you want, Richard makes it appear almost as quickly as the genie. Richard is pictured with son

Henry, also in business in Ayton.

Petch's Pies got a resounding thumbs up in the locality when it knocked all competition for six in the Teesside heats of British Pie Week gaining 44% of the total vote.

Residents of Ayton know full well, that travel to the other side of the world and tell someone you come from Great Ayton, and likely they will respond "Ah, Petch's Pies."

Frank Stephenson (pictured) who has worked at Petch's since he was a boy, took over the business following the death of founder Donald Petch in 2011, although he had been managing it for many years before that.



Both businesses always give a cheerful welcome, give excellent services and first class products and are always supportive of the village. We are rightly proud of our two winners and wish them continued success for the future.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

29th March

Maia Eliza Burthon
Mia Jane Bennison

Christian Burial and Cremation

10th February

David Brook

25th February

Bob Hindle

5th March

Diane Corner

6th March

Betty Alexander

18th March

Kenneth Harland

19th March

Joan Kidd

25th March

Kath Readman

26th March

Connie Hepburn

SCENT OF HEAVEN

FREESIAS, their sweet fragrance
Lingers in the warmth of a summers day.

DAFFODILS, their yellow trumpets
Play to a gentle breeze.

BUTTERCUPS lay back in a golden meadow
Of sunshine.

TULIPS, their heads held high
Stand to attention.

IRIS disclose their sword shaped petals
As if ready for a duel.

CARNATIONS, their ragged edges
Admit defeat.

POPPIES radiate like a wild fire.



In the midst lays a single RED ROSE untouched
A symbol of Love.

Jean Cumbor

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A Church Near You	www.acny.org.uk

Only a Grandmother Would Know

One day my Grandma was out, and my Grandpa was in charge of me. I was maybe 2-1/2 years old. Someone had given me a little 'tea set' as a gift, And it was one of my favourite toys.

Grandpa was in the living room engrossed in the evening news when I brought him a little cup of 'tea', which was just water.

After several cups of tea and lots of praise for such yummy tea, my Grandma came home.

My Grandpa made her wait in the living room to watch me bring him a cup of tea, Because it was 'just the cutest thing'!

Grandma waited, and sure enough, here I came down the hall with a cup of tea for Grandpa, and she watched him drink it up.

Then she said, (as only a Grandma would know), "Did it ever occur to you the only place she can reach to get water is the toilet?"



Sign seen outside a Cafe

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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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