



Our new Archdeacon, Ven. Samantha Rushton, was recently licensed by the Arhcbishop & Bishop Paul. She is pictured above with the Bishops, below with her husband and the Rural Dean, and in the header with some Churchwardens.



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JUNE

- 1 Mon** 2pm Holy Communion at Hollygarth House
- 3 Wed** 12.15pm Funeral of Bill Kirby: 7.30pm Standing Committee
- 6 Sat** 12 noon Wedding at St Oswald's; 3pm Blessing at St Oswald's
- 7 Sun** **Trinity 1** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion at St Oswald's.
- 8 Mon** 7pm St Oswald's PCC Meeting
- 12 Fri** 7.30pm Anya Faul Trio Concert in All Saints Church
- 13 Sat** Who Let the Dads Out 10am - 12 noon
- 14 Sun** **Trinity 2** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Come & Praise.
- 17 Wed** 7.30pm Christ Church PCC Meeting
- 18 Thurs** 7.30pm Deanery Synod Meeting: 7.30pm Concert at Saint Oswald's Church
- 19 Fri** 1.30pm Wedding at Saint Oswald's: 1.45pm Church Visitors Meeting
- 21 Sun** **Trinity 3** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service at St Oswald's; 12 noon Baptism at St Oswald's
- 22 Mon** 1pm Marwood School Sports Afternoon in Vicarage Garden
- 27 Sat** **Open Day at Kirkleatham Crematorium from 10am - 3pm. A chance to see this new facility in our area**
- 28 Sun** **Trinity 4** 8am Holy Communion; 11.15am Holy Baptism in Christ Church; 3pm Praise & Party

Regular activities on back page

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



Let Your Light Shine

A dark shadow is growing in the world today. The forces of ISIS are still on the advance despite opposition from the Iraqi and Syrian Armies and bombing by America and various allies. The main tool in the ISIS armoury appears to be absolute barbarity and inhumanity to whoever comes in their way. We read of terrible atrocities to the people they conquer, having no mercy whatsoever, so recently Iraqi troops fled despite outnumbering them 10 to 1. Ancient monuments that have stood for several thousand years are destroyed, as nothing matters except for their version of Islam.

How do you overcome such evil? It's not just Christians who are fearful, many Muslims are too. The very brave Queen Rania of Jordan has again spoken out saying this needs to be an ideological battle as well as with armies. They need to know that what they are doing is wrong and unacceptable.

Another Muslim woman, Somali born Ayaan Hirsi Ali, also speaks of the need for Islam to have a reformation as the Christian Faith has, to disown such violence and injustice, and concentrate on the peaceful teachings of Mohammad the Prophet when he was in Mecca. (Read her book *Heretic* if you want to know more)

Would that the male dominated Sunni Muslim world have the courage to speak out as strongly as these two very courageous women. Meanwhile, young people from the UK who have the vote, access to benefits, education, health and equal rites enshrined in law, are going abroad to join ISIS because they feel badly done to over here. I can help but think that they are in for a terrible shock. How can people who have grown up with all the privileges of our society find such violent and barbaric actions acceptable? We can only pray for the Muslim world that they will have the will and courage to put their house in order, or this shadow will grow and engulf more than the Middle East.

What else can we do? Jesus message of love, peace and reconciliation is the hope for the world. We must not be tempted to overcome evil with evil, but to overcome it with good. The Church of tomorrow needs to be strong to speak with a Christian voice in our society, so we need to see how we can encourage growth, both in the numbers of people who acknowledge and believe the Christian faith, and in the quality of their and our Christian commitment.

The Diocese has signed up for a course, ***Leading your Church to Growth***. It is designed for the Vicar and two representatives from the Congregation to go away with others, and look from outside at what we are doing, as well as sharing and learning from other priests and parishes.

I believe this will help give us a positive way forward, and I know stepping outside the parish for a few days, will also help me to see more clearly what is going on.

I am looking for two people from the congregation who are both willing and able to join me. The Conference will be based in a college in Scarborough from Monday 21st September to Thursday 24th September. The only cost will be getting there and back - and I am sure we can sort that out.

I'm not necessarily looking for someone who has been coming to Christ Church for 50 years! It could be that someone more recent may see more clearly what we need to do. Could it be you? Please see me if you think so.

If we don't want darkness to come here, we need plenty of light and love to help dispel it. We cannot ask the Muslim world to look to peace unless we make sure that this is what we are doing as well

Paul

MIDSUMMER MUSIC

St Oswald's Church

Newton under Roseberry

Thursday 18 June 2015

At 7.30pm

Featuring Pieces of Eight Singing Group

Tickets £10.00 (includes a glass of wine) available from Paul Carter
(07711 022 433) paul@pauldavidcarter.com or Newton Church.

Proceeds towards Church Funds

June 28th – A Different Service!

There will be no 9.15am Service on Sunday June 28th. In its place we are hoping that as many people as possible will attend a short service (which will include the choir) at 3pm, followed by Afternoon Tea in the Hall. Families with young children are very welcome – bring your teddies for a picnic in the Hall where there will also be Lego building for all ages!



We will particularly welcome those who find an early morning service difficult to attend and can, on this occasion, provide transport for everyone who needs it. Please phone Rosemary (01642 722451) if you need a lift or just as importantly if you can offer one.

From June 7th there will be a list at the back of the church to sign up if you can provide small sandwiches or little cakes for the Afternoon Tea.

The Visitors Group will co-ordinate the food but please let us know if you would also like to help with tables etc.

Rosemary Wheway

MORE SENIOR MOMENTS

Have you ever got out
The wrong card from your purse ?.
Well, I did that the other day
As I boarded Bus 29A.
I couldn't understand why
My ticket just didn't appear.
Then I noticed it wasn't my PASS
My brain had just jumped down a gear.

Have you ever gone upstairs?
And thought "why am I here"
Something was on your mind
Was it to get , or maybe to find.
It happens to me quite often
My steps I have to retrace
And try to recall what it is.
Keeping my brain in one place.

Have you ever forgotten a name?
Or not recognised a face.
It bugs you from morning to night.
You wont rest til you get it right.
It's happened to me on occasions
With school friends from the past.
They recognise me straightaway.
10 secs.9,8,7,6,5,4,3, "Yes" at last !!

My brain is exhausted now
Can't even think straight.
The shutters are coming down.
Anything else will have to wait.
Amen

Jean Cumbor
Written May 2015.



the Saltburn Songsters & Silverwood Band present



SUMMER SONGSTERS!

MUSICAL DIRECTOR: DANIEL MATUSZAK
BAND CONDUCTOR: STUART SHIELDS

Come along and enjoy a night of pure entertainment brought to you by the Saltburn Songsters who are joined once again by the Silverwood Band.

on Saturday 18th July 2015 at 7:15pm
in the Main Hall at Redcar Academy
(Cotswold Drive, Redcar)

All Tickets £6 available from 07729 33 22 58,
01642 48 63 00 and from Choir/Band Members

raffle available



licensed bar available

DE BRUS SYMPOSIUM

On March 5th next year the de Brus group are organising a symposium in Prior Pursglove College, Guisborough, with the support of PPC staff. This will be chaired by Sir Kenneth Calman, immediate past chairman of the Scottish National Trust, who has shown great interest in the de Brus cenotaph.

There will be talks by speakers such as Ruth Blakely and Alan Young, who are both authors and broadcasters, and displays by other organisations e.g. Hartlepool and Skelton history groups. There will be a rare opportunity to view the wonderful archives held by Prior Pursglove College, including the Elizabeth I seal and charter granting permission for Robert Pursglove to establish a school and hospital on the site, and the



original (1561) statutes and foundation deed in Pursglove's hand. This document was enclosed within a medieval manuscript from a book that was used in the priory. Visitors will be given the opportunity to see the cenotaph and the priory.

There is so much still unknown about the cenotaph, and so many differing opinions, that this promises to be a fascinating day. The de Brus family had a huge impact on this area in particular and in fact the whole of England and Scotland, from the arrival of the first Robert de Brus, founder of the priory, in about 1100, through the split of the family into Scottish and English parts following the Battle of the Standard, through the life of Robert the Bruce, King of Scotland, and to our present Queen, who is a descendant.

A full programme and tickets will be available later in the year, but put it in your diary now.

Alwyn Jones

De Brus Project

www.debrustrail.org.uk

YORKSHIRE CANCER RESEARCH

Great Ayton & District Committee



On Wednesday 17th June, from 3pm in The Parochial Hall there will be an Afternoon Tea to celebrate the 90th. Anniversary of Y.C.R. Tickets £5.50 and children £1. There will be a raffle, sale of jams and lots of lovely food!!

The next event will be "Sylvia's" Coffee Morning on Wednesday 5th. August. Admission £1.50 with all the usual stalls.

Margaret Stevens

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

We are holding our annual "**Cake Bake**" on **SATURDAY, 13th JUNE, from 9.30am.** near McColl's on the High Street. Contributions, wrapped & priced, will be welcome - either bring them to the stall on the morning or they can be left at Marina's, 1 Addison Road, on Friday evening between 6 to 7pm.



On **Wednesday, 1st July**, Jean McClure is presenting a **flower demonstration "Strictly-Jeanious" at 7pm.** in The Parochial Hall. Tickets @ £7.50 (including light bites) are available from committee members or Marina (tel. 01642 723087).

Jancie Brown

Nepal Earthquake Appeal £1402.56 has been sent to Christian Aid for their work in Nepal from donations received from Lent and a Special Appeal.



Durufle

REQUIEM

and other choral works

Sunday 12th July 7:30pm
Christ Church Great Ayton

Director Sam Gardner
Organ Greg Smith
Cello Jeremy Harbottle

Tickets £10 (£3 under 16)

www.michsingers.wordpress.com
teesmusic.co.uk



Scout Group Celebrates 90th Anniversary

In September of this year the Scout Group in the village will mark its 90th anniversary.

It was on the 15th September 1925 that there was the first record of Scouting in Great Ayton. 38 Scouts had formed the 22nd Middlesbrough (Great Ayton Troop) under the leadership of Rev. G. A. Hyde. The association with Christ Church began right from the start – the troop met in the parochial Church Hall – and it continues to this day, with Christ Church as our sponsor. We are extremely grateful for the support of the church and for allowing us to site our Scout Hut in the church grounds.

Information about the early days of Scouting in the village is somewhat scant. We do know that in 1929 there were 26 Wolf Cubs and 27 Scouts. One Ayton village man, Bill Kirby, who sadly passed away recently - remembers his days in the 1920's as a Wolf Cub with the Group and recalls camping at Castleton in 1929. *(Bill pictured front right)*



In 1934 the Scout Group is thought to have closed briefly but re-opened again in June 1935 with 18 Scouts.

The Group continued to meet during the years of the Second World War with Cub meetings being held in the building that is now Sam's Bakery.

Over the past 90 years, the original membership of 38 Scouts has grown to over 100, including Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers.

If anyone has any information about the Scout Group – particularly from 1925 until February 1964, when the present 1st Great Ayton Scout Group was re-registered with Scout Headquarters – Ian McWilliam would be very pleased to hear from you. He would also like to hear from any ex-members and ex-leaders of the Group. If anyone has any photographs or memorabilia from the past, please get in touch. Copies of photographs will be made and originals quickly returned undamaged.

The Group is planning to hold an event of some kind to celebrate our 90th birthday!

Ian McWilliam, Group Scout Leader

Saint George's Day Parade



We welcomed Leven District Scouts to Christ Church for this year's Saint George's Day Parade on Sunday 26th April. Despite the poor weather forecast, it was a lovely afternoon, allowing all the Scouts, together with Great Ayton Guides and Brownies, to march on High Green before marching down the High Street accompanied by Northallerton Brass Band.

A packed Church enjoyed a service led by Scouts from different sections, and vows were renewed for all Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides present.

The Vicar brought up some volunteers to help give a modern re-telling of the Legend of Saint George using his puppets.



At the end of the service there were several presentations made by the new District Commissioner for long service, and our own Jean McWilliams received a certificate for 40 years as a Scout Leader -a great achievement.

Following the return of Standards, the Parade made its way back to High Green.

Our thanks to all the leaders of the Uniformed Organisations who give of their time and talents voluntarily to benefit our young people.



Why the Monkey?

Want to find out what the monkey is all about? Then come along to the Methodist Church on Wednesday morning, 10 June, when Father Kevin from Ampleforth Priory, who speaks with wisdom and humour, will be our guide to inspire and shed new light on prayer and contemplation.



The church premises will be open from 9.45am for a 10am start. We finish for 1pm. There will be a coffee break - approximately 11.15 am. - which also provides an opportunity to take your leave, if you can only stay for part of the morning.

It is helpful (but not essential) if we have an idea of how many people intend to come. If you are interested please contact Dorothy Sills(Methodist church)

Pip Nel (St. Margaret's) **Enid Sedgwick** (Christ Church).

Bill Kirby R.I.P.

Spire is sad to announce the death of one of its regular contributors. Bill Kirby, an Aytonian through and through with an encyclopedic knowledge of our village has sent many interesting articles into Spire, as well as Now & Then and other publications. These all came typed on his old typewriter. Bill was 95, yet still with such an active mind. We will miss him and all the interesting things he had to say.



CONCERT AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH, GREAT AYTON

Friday 12th June 2015 at 7.30 pm

THE ANYA FAULL TRIO



A trio from Leeds, led by Anya Faull, will perform in All Saints Church. They play a selection of jazz, folk and faith-inspired popular music. Anya is an experienced Vocalist, a graduate of Leeds College of Music, where she majored in jazz studies. Her father is the Bishop of Selby and she has previously performed at York Minster, most notably at the consecration of Libby Lane, the first woman Bishop. This is a rare opportunity to hear atmospheric music in the old church.

Admission is by ticket only, £8 per person, available from the Discovery Centre and Thompson's Hardware, or you could just ask Geoff Jaques, Ken Taylor, or myself. We are limited to an audience of around seventy people so early purchase is recommended.

Robin Hazell

Custodian

Curious Wartime Tales

It is often said that one learns more about someone at their funeral than one ever knew about them while they were alive. The obituaries in newspapers are sometimes similarly revealing. They often have a touch of humour - and even an air of the curious. Two examples....



A glass manufacturer who was commissioned in the Coldstream Guards during World War Two told how, during an advance by the Guards Division through Belgium, he was ordered to take his tank over the top of a hill to engage an enemy position.

As he set off, one of his old school friends came up to his tank and gave him a detailed description of the German position on the other side of the hill and suggested he attack from the flank. He did so and, although a fierce battle ensued and he was wounded, the assault was successful.

When he later told his commanding officer why he had changed tactics, he was informed that on the morning of the engagement the friend who had helped him had been killed in another battle - in Italy.

The second example comes from the obituary of a leading literary agent who was serving as an officer in the Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) in North Africa, when he came across the body of a young, fair-haired Sapper officer whom he realised had just been killed.

He then noticed a British truck parked on the far side of an uncleared minefield. The truck began to wind its way slowly through the minefield, arriving safely at his side. "How did you get through" he asked the driver. "It was that young officer, sir," came the reply. "He walked ahead of us and showed us the way. Suddenly the driver saw the body of the dead officer. That's him," he said. "What's he doing there?"

"He was killed 20 minutes ago, before you began to cross."

Some things are difficult to explain....

20 Years On



The Staff and Governors of Marwood Church of England's Infant School enjoy an Annual Get-Together each year. At the recent one in May the Headteacher, Mrs Celia Wilson marked the twenty years I have served as Chairman of the Governing Body with a surprise presentation. Together with a lovely card, there was also a voucher for a meal at Joplins Restaurant. It is a very generous thought and much appreciated.

I took over the role when the previous excellent Chairman, Janet Thethi, had to step down for health reasons, and they have put up with me ever since!

It is a great joy and privilege being involved in such a friendly and achieving school as a Governor. Meetings are always enjoyable and I have been joined by some wonderful people over the years serving as Governors representing the Church, the LEA, Parents, Staff and the Community. The responsibilities have increased considerably, but the remuneration remains unchanged - simply the joy you get out of doing it. I reckon I am very well paid.

Paul

Murder At Checkmate Manor

Those who went to see the latest play by Great Ayton Dramatic Society were given a real treat. The cast gave a superb performance of a Farndale Mystery Farce, playing the parts of members of the local Townswomen's Guild putting on a play where everything went wrong, from parts of the set collapsing, cues out of sync and props misbehaving. To deliberately get things wrong is a great skill, like when the late Les Dawson played the piano out of tune, and they did it superbly.



It was good to see such an enthusiastic and accomplished cast, and as usual, the set also was one of the stars. At this performance the Society tried having some cafe style seating, so folk could sit at tables and bring a drink and nibbles, and this proved very popular. Perhaps this was also why the laughter got louder as the play progressed!!

With productions as good as this, we look forward to the next one. Don't miss it.

If you want to be part of it, I am sure that GADS would be delighted to welcome you.



It's a Small World

With the increased number of weddings going to Saint Oswald's Church (18 this year), we were looking for a way to help reduce the amount of cars needing to park, for on a sunny day, the village can be full of cars as people climb the Topping.

One of our couples mentioned a firm that were doing a shuttle service for them between Whinstone View and Saint Oswald's Church, so the guests could leave cars off site. The price was less than half of quotes I had obtained, so I contacted the firm, Monarch Coaches of Middlesbrough. In talking to John, the owner, I noticed he lived in my former Parish, so I asked him how long he had been there as I had been the Vicar there. "Is that Reverend Peverell," he said. "I used to be in your Sunday School!"

John is pictured above from the first of this years weddings.

Wedding Gallery



Lois Neesham & Matthew How
married at St Oswald's on 2nd May



Katherine Winter & Adam Busuttill
married at St Oswald's on 7th May



Maria Morton & Michael Beckett
married at St Oswald's on 21st May



Above right. Some super dresses, and long trains appear to be in this year - so far!



Left. A stretch limousine brought the bridesmaids to St Oswald's, but no one warned him it was a dead end!

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

3rd May

Nancy Elizabeth Bell

Amelie Isobel Jack

Tommy George Chew

17th May

Jack Trueman

24th May

Chloe Victoria Buckley

Lois April McCullagh



Jack shows his big sister the candle he was given at his Christening. He was a real star!

Holy Matrimony

2nd May

Lois Neesham and Matthew How

7th May

Katherine Winter and Adam Busuttill

21st May

Maria Morton and Michael Becket

Christian Burial and Cremation

29th April

Margaret Abley

8th May

Elsie Davison

13th May

Patricia Barker

18th May

Myra Dunning

22nd May

Kathy Chambers

26th May

Rita Readman

Services in Magenta took 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

A Little Philosophy

~ John Glenn...

As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind - every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder.

~ Desmond Tutu...

When the white missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land. They said 'Let us pray.' We closed our eyes. When we opened them we had the Bible and they had the land.

~ Old Italian proverb...

After the game, the King and the pawn go into the same box.

~ Harrison Ford...

Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it yourself.

Jean Rostand...

Kill one man and you're a murderer, kill a million and you're a conqueror

~ Arnold Schwarzenegger...

Having more money doesn't make you happier. I have 50 million dollars but I'm just as happy as when I had 48 million

~ George Roberts...

The first piece of luggage on the carousel never belongs to anyone.

~ David Letterman...

America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real but the moon landing was faked.

~ Spike Milligan...

The best cure for Sea Sickness, is to sit under a tree

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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

Baptisms, Banns and Weddings can be arranged in person at 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

*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)