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WEDDING FAIR

CHRIST CHURCH & HALL

Sunday 27th September

12 noon - 4pm

Over 30 different suppliers
and fashion parade in Church

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SEPTEMBER

- 4 **Fri** 1.30pm Wedding at Christ Church.
- 5 **Sat** 1pm Wedding at Christ Church; 4pm Baptism at St Oswald's.
- 6 **Sun** **Trinity 14** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion - Preacher Mr Peter Titchmarsh; 11am Holy Communion at St Oswald's - Preacher -The Vicar.
- 7 **Mon** 2pm Holy Communion at Hollygarth. All welcome.
- 9 **Tues** **Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II becomes longest reigning British Monarch.**
- 10 **Thurs** **7.30pm Ayton Churches Together Committee** at the Friends Meeting House.
- 12 **Sat** 10am - 11.30am Who Let the Dads Out; 12.30pm Wedding in Christ Church.
- 13 **Sun** **Trinity 15** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion - Preacher - The Vicar; 11am Come & Praise.
- 14 **Mon** 7.30pm Sidesmen's Meeting in Coffee Lounge.
- 15 **Tues** 11am WWI Commemoration of Ernest Pearson at War Memorial.
- 17 **Thurs** 1pm Wedding at Saint Oswald's.
- 18 **Fri** 1.45pm Church Visitors Meeting in Upper Room
- 20 **Sun** **Trinity 16** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion - Preacher- Revd Geoff Jaques; 11am All Age Service at St Oswald's - The Vicar; 12 noon Holy Baptism.
- 26 **Sat** 1pm Wedding at St Oswald's
- 27 **Sun** **Trinity 17** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion - Preacher -The Vicar: 12 noon - 4pm Wedding Fair at Christ Church.

Regular activities on back page

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

Long to Reign Over Us



On 9 September, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will pass the record set by her great-great-grandmother Queen Victoria who, Buckingham Palace has calculated, reigned for 23,226 days, 16 hours and 23 minutes.

Queen Victoria, who died in 1901, acceded to the throne on 20 June 1837 and became the figurehead of a vast empire amid great industrial, cultural and scientific changes to society. She mourned the early death of her consort Prince Albert in 1861 for the rest of her life.

Princess Elizabeth became Queen Elizabeth II when she was 25 on the death of her father King George VI on 6 February, 1952. Like Victoria, she has acted as a figure of continuity as the country has modernised. She has served, with Prince Philip at her side, through the 20th century, the Millennium and into the 21st century, witnessing new technological advances and a succession of British governments of different political persuasions.

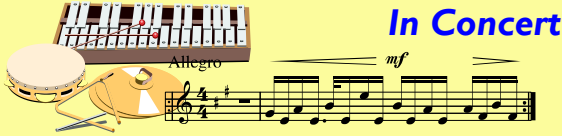
For most of our Country, and indeed the countries of the Commonwealth too, Elizabeth has been Queen for most of our lives, providing a rock of stability in a changing world, and a wise and discrete counsel to those who needed it.

When you have something good for so long, you can easily take it for granted, and it may be that when history looks back on this second Elizabethan period, we will only then begin to truly appreciate all that we have had that has helped give our society such stability.

At the time of the Queen's Golden Jubilee, a book was produced of all of her Christmas Messages to the Nation, and from reading these it is so apparent of the strong Christian Faith that has guided our Queen and the values she has sought to uphold. We wish Her Majesty our sincere congratulations on this milestone, as we pray that our country will value and hold fast to those standards of faith, truth and service that she has exemplified in life. God Bless You, Ma'am.

Paul

The Sydenham Singers



In Concert

Christ Church, Guisborough Road

Saturday 26th September at 7.30pm

A Varied Programme to suit all tastes to celebrate their 30th Anniversary

Tickets £5 from Church or Thompson's Hardware

Proceeds to Church Funds

CONFIRMATION

The Bishop of Whitby is coming on **Sunday 1st November at 5pm** to take our Confirmation Service in Christ Church.

This is our chance to stand up and declare our faith in Jesus, and be confirmed in that faith by the Church.

Any young people from Y6 upwards are invited to join in Confirmation Preparation on Wednesdays from 4pm - 5pm in the Upper Room of the Church Hall. This will begin on Wednesday 9th September. If you are interested, please come along or contact Paul or Karen Peverell.

If any adults wish to be Confirmed in their faith, please contact Paul or Geoff.



The New Co-op



One of the exciting events over summer was the re-opening of the Co-op, following an extension into the former Thompson's Hardware Shop. A group of very charming girls from Newcastle handed out vouchers and freebies to promote the opening, and on the day the village was packed, with queues to the back of the store.

A donation of a Hamper to Christ Church raised £26 for the Foodbank in Middlesbrough. Well done for making a much improved shopping experience.

The staff now have better facilities too and look even happier than before!



Meditation Matters

There will be an opportunity to spend a morning with **Nicholas Buxton** in the coffee lounge at Christ Church on **Monday 19 October** which will begin at **10.00 am**. Revd Buxton is Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of John the Baptist, Newcastle. He has a PhD in Buddhist philosophy and is an experienced meditation teacher and retreat leader. When *Telegraph* reporter Helen Pickles joined a Saturday morning group meditation session led by Nicholas Buxton she used the headline **“Why meditation can be a medication for life”** for her very positive newspaper article about her experience. Put the date on your calendar, come and be part of the Monday morning group at Christ Church coffee lounge finding out why meditation belongs at the heart of everyday life.

(*THE WILDERNESS WITHIN* Meditation and modern life.

Author – Nicholas Buxton published by Canterbury Press)

Royal Northern Sinfonia

Musical Journeys...

By bus for £7.50 return

Tickets for the bus can be purchased up to four working days before the concert. Does not include concert ticket.

Pick up points are:

Fountain Street Car Park, Guisborough,

5.15pm

Great Ayton High Street car park,

5.30pm (opposite Coopers chemist)

Stokesley High Street car park

bus stop, 5.45pm

You can book tickets for both the concert and the bus at Sage Gateshead Ticket Office on 0191 443 4661 or online at www.sagegateshead.com

Concert tickets start at £10 up to £33.

Fri 30 Oct | 7.30pm | Sage One

MOZART'S VIENNA

Lars Vogt *conductor/piano*

Royal Northern Sinfonia

BEETHOVEN

The Creatures of Prometheus

Overture (5')

MOZART Piano Concerto No.20

(28')

WEBERN Langsamer Satz (9')

HAYDN Symphony No.103,

'Drumroll' (29')

Family Fun Day



Following a day of incessant rain, the sun came out to welcome 48 young and young at heart members of Christ Church for a Family Fun Day on Saltburn Beach. This was a joint Little Fishes and Who Let the Dads Out Event. No cases of sunstroke were reported! Thanks to Geoff Jaques for organising the event

Great Ayton Remembers



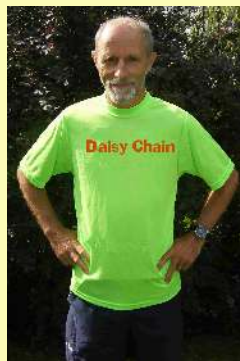
Join us on Tuesday 15th September at 11am by the War Memorial outside Christ Church on Guisborough Road, to remember Ernest Pearson who died 100 years ago that day serving King and Country.

Please note: Where several men fell within a week, we will remember them together. This will happen in July 2016 and will be advertised.

Run, Robin, Run!

I am running the Great North Run for the 10th and probably last time for Daisy Chain. The run is on September 13th. There will be a sponsorship form at the back of Church, or you can visit my Just Giving Page <https://www.justgiving.com/Robin-Harmar1/> to sponsor me online. Many thanks for your kind support.

Robin.



If you enjoy the electronic edition of Spire each month, why not show it by sponsoring Robin for the Great North Run. Just a suggestion! Editor

Programme

Friday 18th September

6pm Evening Prayer

7pm Eucharist

10pm Rosary

11pm Night Prayer

11.30pm - 5.30am Silent Prayer & Hourly Devotions

Saturday 19th September

6am Morning Prayer

8am Rosary

10am Low Mass

12noon Angelus

3pm Divine Mercy

4.15pm Stations of the Cross

6pm Interfaith Service

PRAYING FOR THE PERSECUTED IN
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STOP THE CRISIS



BEGINS 6PM ON

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2015

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Great Ayton & District Committee



Sylvia Tanfield started her annual Coffee Mornings in memory of her husband Tapper, who died of cancer. This year was the 25th anniversary. Most of the coffee mornings have taken place at her home, but because of British weather and the large number of people coming, this year's took place in the Church Hall and raised £2,201.26, contributing to a fantastic Grand Total of £34,000 raised over the years. Sylvia is pictured thanking all those who have supported her. Well done Sylvia!



Forthcoming Event

Kildale Coffee Morning

Tuesday 6th. October 2015
In Kildale Village Hall
10am - 12 noon

Cakes, Raffle, Jams, Cards
Tickets £1.50.

Margaret Stevens

Church Hall and Coffee Lounge

Over many years now the Hall committee has tried to keep the Church Hall and Coffee Lounge in a sound state of repair so that everyone within the village and beyond can make good use of it's facilities. In recent times some of the things that have been achieved are:-

- A new central heating system for the Coffee Lounge, Kitchen and passages.
- Removal of the old office in the Coffee Lounge.
- New emergency exit doors in the Church Hall.
- New heaters in the Church Hall.
- Refurbishment of the steps leading down to the main road.
- Thinning of the trees overhanging the Hall on the north side.
- Lots of redecoration in the Coffee Lounge toilets, passage ways and the Coffee Lounge itself. Many thanks to the tireless efforts of Phil Rotheram for all the decorating and much besides.

You might think with all this work having been undertaken there was very little left to do. Not so! This summer there was a plan to investigate the subsidence that is evident at one end of the serving hatch between the Hall and the Coffee Lounge. Unfortunately the sudden breakdown of the heaters in the Hall meant that our reserves of roughly £4000 went on renewing these heaters. This event made the committee think hard about how we could complete further major jobs with an empty bank account.



The pillars and entrance to the Church Hall newly painted this summer by Phil Rotheram

Some of the things that need to be done to keep the Hall and Coffee Lounge in good order are

- Investigate and repair the subsidence at the serving hatch
- Renewal of the flat roof above the Coffee Lounge
- Upgrade the toilets in the both the Coffee Lounge and the Church Hall
- Upgrade the facilities in both the kitchen in the Hall and the bar area in the Coffee Lounge.
- Improvements to lighting and decor throughout.

The last Hall committee meeting decided that the best way forward was to have a professional 'Feasibility Study' undertaken by a local architect so that all the work required to bring the Hall and Coffee Lounge up to 21st century standards can be properly scoped and costed. The committee also agreed that this would be paid for by submitting an application



Christ Church Hall becomes a Reception Venue!

for £10,000 to the Heritage Lottery Fund 'Awards for All' scheme to cover the cost of this study. Thanks to much hard work from Ken Taylor, this application has now been submitted. We await the outcome which should be heard within about 3 months.

Members of the committee would be very grateful for any further comments or suggestions anyone may care to make, thank you.

Robin Harmar

Chairman of the Church Hall Management Committee

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Flower Demonstration in June was a very enjoyable evening. Jean McLure showed us some wonderful arrangements, which were then raffled and taken away by happy members of the audience. This was followed by a finger buffet which went down very well. We thank Jean for coming once again to Great Ayton. The event raised £488, which was an excellent result.



In July five of the committee visited Zoe's Place, which is a children's hospice in Normanby. We were impressed with the facilities for children up to the age of 6, who can come daily as often as can be arranged, and there is also a facility for a family to visit for a longer respite, perhaps from a different area, so that they can have time together for a short break.

We went to Zoe's Place as we had decided that it was to be the recipient of the rugs which we made as a result of the Knit-In last year. We had a tour around the hospice by Sue Fox, and then presented five rugs to her.

My **Bridge Drive** in the autumn has a new date - **Wednesday, 7 October** - I've altered it as it clashed with the new season of classical concerts at Middlesbrough Town Hall.

On **Saturday, 3 October**, our annual "**Cards for Christmas**" will take place in the Methodist Church Hall.

Jancie Brown

NEWTON NEWS

Saint Oswald's Day Service and Picnic

Despite a wet start with light rain from 9am until 11am, we set out the Memorial Garden for our picnic trusting in our weather Apps! When we opened the Church door at the end of the St Oswald's Day Service the sun was shining. Over 55 folk of all ages had gathered to pay tribute to our Patron Saint - Oswald, King of Northumbria.



Bar staff at the ready

Once again the food, drink and company was excellent. Our thanks to Maureen and Paul, our Churchwardens, and the rest of the team who helped move furniture and set up. Watching them erect a gazebo was one of the funniest moments over summer!

We were most grateful that the Portaloo was handy. This has been very kindly provided free of charge by Waters Waste of Little Ayton, for use over the wedding season and has brought relief to several stressed out grooms - as well as many other wedding guests and Church attenders. Thank You so much.



Six Little Stories

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain; on the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That's **FAITH**.
2. When you throw a baby in the air, she laughs, because she knows you will catch her. That's **TRUST**.
3. Every night we go to bed, without any assurance of being alive the next morning; but still, we set the alarms to wake up. That's **HOPE**.
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That's **CONFIDENCE**.
5. We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children. That's **LOVE**.
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence; 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years experience.' That's **ATTITUDE**.

Have a happy day; live your life like the six stories!

(Sent in by Stan Jones)

The Singing Cyclists

The weather was disappointing for early July. The sky was overcast and it was raining. I opened up All Saints Church to welcome visitors and wondered if any would come in such weather. I settled down in the porchway to read my book and newspaper, which I had brought to while away the time, as I waited for people to arrive. The rain continued to fall, the sky became greyer, the wind swayed the tops of the mature trees and rustled loudly through their branches.

Over an hour went by and no visitors had arrived. Time went on and then I became aware of voices, which grew slowly in volume. Soon a group of cyclists arrived, dismounting as they neared the gateway to the churchyard. The sound of their voices and the vibrant colours of their anoraks, helmets and bicycles roused me from my chair. After they had leaned their bicycles on the back of the church wall, we all went inside and I delivered my usual spiel. I could see their genuine interest as I expounded on the history of All Saints. I had several questions to answer and it was a bonus for me that I was also able to learn from them.



I got into conversation with the group as they rested before setting off. The group - 14 in all - were from several different parts of the country - Cambridge, Edinburgh, Hull and so on. One was from Porthmadog, in Wales, very near to where I come from.

I learned that they were the "Singing Cyclists". Their journey had started in Whitehaven four days earlier and on their route they had camped and stayed in hostels. After leaving Ayton they were heading for Kildale to camp at Park Farm. Their final destination was Whitby to attend a Street Choirs Festival. Over 1000 singers came there and over 50 choirs.

The Singing Cyclists entertain groups along their way. On their way to Ayton they had sung to a group of people who had Alzheimer's, and who despite their disability, could remember the words of the songs and had joined in. They had also entertained the clientele of the "Green Dragon" in Hardraw. Before leaving Ayton they gathered on the steps of the chancel and sang, with me as the sole member of the audience!! They sang in beautiful harmony. They had two pieces to sing:

---- A well known Irish blessing,

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back etc

And --- an arrangement of the last words of St Columba

I am tired and I a stranger
Lead thou me to the land of Angels
For me it is time to go home
To the grace of God
To the peace of heaven.

For me, despite the rain, the wind and the gloomy weather it had been an interesting, uplifting and a well-spent afternoon.

A few days later I contacted the leader of the Singing Cyclists, David Burbidge, by email. I wanted to say how much I had enjoyed their visit. I had the following reply:

"I am currently in a tent in Slovenia, beside Lake Bled getting ready to take my singers to the top of Triglav, the highest mountain here. It was very kind of you to show us round the church - one of the highlights of our tour - your village is very beautiful. Best Wishes to you and your church and your community."

Ron Mitchell

Coming to Church - A Personal View

If a wedding couple doesn't already have a connection with a Church they wish to be married in, they can make one by "habitually attending for six months" before banns of marriage are read out. We interpret this as once a month - but what is the experience like? I asked Lois and Matt, our first couple to be married in 2015 to share their experience of coming to Church.

St Oswald's was first recommended to us by Andrea at Whinstone View when planning our wedding. She had such lovely things to say about Paul and the church itself. We then attended a wedding fair at Whinstone View where we met Paul! Straightaway we were put at ease and felt comfortable with him. A meeting soon followed in which he showed us around the church. We loved the church and the location so booked up immediately.



We were aware that we were only required to attend church 6 months prior to our wedding which was 2 May 2015, however we were so eager to see Paul in action 'so to speak' that we attended a service just before Easter 2014. We thoroughly enjoyed the service and felt that it was unlike any other we had experienced before.

The congregation as a whole are so welcoming to us, which helped immensely as we were both a little nervous at our first service being the 'newbies', but the more services we attended the easier it was to settle in. In both our pasts we have a history of attending different churches, from our youth to family events. We found attending those churches to be very intimidating, that we didn't feel comfortable, and that church just wasn't an enjoyable or particularly uplifting experience, despite us both being Christians. We just accepted that that's just what church was like, until we attended St Oswald's. Although the wedding has been and gone, we make every effort to attend as many services as possible. Paul has a way of making Christianity relevant, thought provoking and fun. We'd find it hard for anyone not to walk from his service feeling refreshed and restored.

Matt & Lois How

Wedding Gallery



Danielle Rutter & Andrew Collier married on 4 July at Christ Church



Laura Tyerman & Stuart Wise married on 11 July at Christ Church



Angela Callaghan & John Ingram married on 13 July at St Oswald's



Rebecca Noon & Sean Davies married on 24 July at St Oswald's



Tom Walker & Katie Quinn married on 27 July at St Oswald's



Alex Anderson & Gemma Smith married on 13 August at St Oswald's



Marc Johnston & Kayleigh Olive married on 8 August at Christ Church



Joanne Oliver & Nicky Hopper married on 21 August at St Oswald's



Sonny Andrews & Emily Stokeld married on 22 August at Christ Church

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

28 June	Charlie Anthony Atkins
5 July	Erin Grace Bouwer
18 July	Leo Blake Devine
25 July	Stanley John Bezemer
26 July	Enya Grace Talintyre
	Jacob Steven Delaney
	Samuel Robert Cutler
	Eliza Grace Moon
8 August	Alyssa Jacqueline Rose Johnston
9 August	Harriett Jane Tann
	Euan William Reid

Weddings

4 July	Danielle Rutter & Andrew Collier
11 July	Laura Tyerman & Stuart Wise
13 July	Angela Callaghan & John Ingham
24 July	Rebecca Noon & Sean Davies
27 July	Katie Quinn & Thomas Walker
8 August	Kayleigh Olive & Marc Johnson
13 August	Gemma Smith & Alex Anderson
21 August	Nicholas Hopper & Joanne Oliver
22 August	Sonny Andrews & Emily Stokeld

Christian Burial and Cremation

20 July	Les Smith
10 August	Peter Wilson
12 August	Les Garbutt
17 August	Arthur Greenwell

Services in Magenta took place at St Oswald's Church, Newton

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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

Bits and Pieces

Funniest Joke award at the Edinburgh Fringe last year went to Tim Vine for: "I've decided to sell my Hoover. Well, it was only collecting dust."



Asked his opinion of New Zealand, the late Clement Freud replied: "It is hard to say because when I was there it seemed to be shut."

From the mouths of babes and...

"What would you do if your little brother swallowed the key ? Reply: "Get in through a window."

"What is the opposite of `woe' ? Reply: "Giddyup."

"Can you name a bird with a long neck ?" a junior class was asked. Prompt reply from one pupil: "Naomi Campbell"

A teacher showing children pictures of the nativity scene by famous painters received an unexpected response from one pupil; "It must have been a bit crowded in the stable, miss, what with all those painters."

Dubious job references...

"I am sure he will join your company as he leaves ours, fired with enthusiasm."

For a nurse applying for a hospital post: "Nurse ---- has shown herself capable of anything and we will be glad to see her back."

Dubious advertisements...

From the want ads in a paper in the Drakensburg Mountains, South Africa: "Man of 30 wishes to meet woman of 30 owning a tractor. Please enclose photograph of tractor."

"75 Mini 1000 in citron yellow with navy trim. One lady owner from new and in the condition you would expect."

Sign outside a West Midlands pub: "Good clean entertainment every night except Monday."

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

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