



Sunday Ist May Tour de Yorkshire Sunday

Communion at 8am and Praise & Party at 3pm. No 9.15am, so get out and support the village!

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I	Sun	Easter 6 8am Holy Communion; No 9.15am or 11am due to Tour de Yorkshire; 3pm Praise and Party in Christ Church
5	Thurs	Ascension Day 7am Holy Communion at Christ Church: Deanery Prayers at St Martin's Seamer at 7.30pm
7	Sat	Day of Prayer in Christ Church: 10.30am Holy Baptism in Christ Church
8	Sun	Easter 3 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion: 11am Come & Praise; 11am Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's.
9	Mon	2pm Communion & Cuppa in the Coffee Lounge
13	Fri	1.45pm Church Visitors Meeting
14	Sat	12 noon Wedding at Saint Oswald's Church
15	Sun	PENTECOST (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service at Saint Oswald's; 4pm Ayton Churches Together Service at Friends Meeting House
18	Wed	7.30pm Great Ayton PCC Meeting - LYCIG
21	Sat	11.30am & 2pm Weddings at Saint Oswald's Church
22	Sun	TRINITY SUNDAY 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion.
28	Sat	Ipm Wedding in Christ Church
29	Sun	Trinity I 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion: I Iam Come & Praise; I Iam Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's; I 2.15pm Holy Baptism at Saint Oswald's.

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

Give While You Live



It dropped into my Inbox without warning. A Parishioner contacted me because they wanted to make a donation to Christ Church in appreciation for the role it plays in village life. How should they go about this? I replied with appreciation of their kind gesture telling them that cheques should be payable to *Great Ayton PCC* or they could do a Bank Transfer using 09-01-55 Account No: 37616705. *Just in case anyone else wants to know :-*)

A couple of days later I was contacted by Ken, our Treasurer to say that £5,000 had appeared in our account, was this right or had there been some mistake? It was no mistake and a most generous thought to make such a gift. We are now looking how to use this to make a positive difference in some area of Church life. How lovely to make such a donation, yet in reality most of us could do the same to either a Church or a Charity.

In April I attended a meeting about legacies. This is a chance to give now and pay later when you have finished with your possessions and the good Lord has called you home. I found out some astonishing things. It's reckoned 70% of people don't have a Will! Dying intestate means you are trusting others to fulfil your last wishes, and for your estate to go to causes and people that you like. Bit of a gamble, eh? All those lovely thoughts about supporting people or charities come to nothing if you don't have a Will. Over the years I have spoken to several people who promised things in Wills that never materialised because the person making the generous gesture never got round to making a Will and ensuring their last wishes would be carried out.

I also heard that whilst 75% of people give to charity while alive, only 7% ever remember a Charity in their Will, and this is the time we have the most disposable assets.

Like many Ministers I am often surprised when faithful Church members die and they leave nothing at all to their Church, yet Legacies can be a wonderful gift to help fund special projects. One clergyman at the meeting I attended spoke of a legacy of £140,000 given to a Church for Youth Work, and he was appointed the first youth minister. It was doing this that sparked his calling to be a vicar in the Church.

Legacies can be left for building projects, but they can also fund other people based projects too, or make a difference in other areas. Around 10 years ago Mollie Turnbull died and left £1,000 to Christ Church to be used at the discretion of the Vicar and Churchwardens. We used our discretion and bought our first digital projector with it. If you have attended a funeral or other service that has used it, that was made possible because of a Legacy. Using a projector has become so much part of what we do, that we have now got a fixed projector and screen in Church and are now able to do slideshows in Weddings too, and it all started because of one lady's thoughtfulness.

Here at Christ Church we are looking as to how we can improve the Church Hall for the many different village groups and people who use it for a whole variety of functions, but to do anything meaningful at all has been costed around £500,000. This is a huge amount of money to raise, but if folk just left 1% of their estate to Church in their Wills, within a few years this sort of figure could more easily be achievable.

Much of what we have and benefit from today with our three Churches - Christ Church, All Saints and Saint Oswald's - and our Church Hall, are the legacy that we have inherited from previous generations. Look into those buildings, and you can see our forbears were generous in the quality of what they left to us, and this has blessed our worship, our services, the many Christenings, Weddings and Funerals that take place as well as a host of other activities with Concerts, School events and Social Occasions.

Wealth is not just a blessing, but a test of our humanity and generosity, and when we meet our Maker we may wish we had put more effort into giving some of it away to do more good. So let's Give while we live. Believe me, if you are one of the 7 in 10 people without a Will, there may be many of your loved ones also grateful if you do something about this article!

Paul

A new business was opening and one of the owner's friends wanted to send him flowers for the occasion. They arrived at the new business site and the owner read the card, "Rest in Peace."

The owner was angry and called the florist to complain. After he had told the florist of the obvious mistake and how angry he was, the florist replied, "Sir, I'm really sorry for the mistake, but rather than getting angry you should imagine this. Somewhere there is a funeral taking place today, and they have flowers with a note saying, 'Congratulations on your new location!'"

Different Seat, Different Service?

Doing something just slightly differently can open up a whole new perspective. Bill Savage, a retired clergyman in Acklam once told me that it is an entirely different sermon if you preach it without your teeth in! I can't try that as yet, but I did mention as a light aside to Ann Browne before Easter that it would be a whole new service if people sat in a different seat. Ann, bless her, took it as a challenge and has tried it, and has sent me this lovely response.

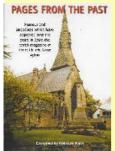
On the Sunday before Easter you asked me if I would sit in a different place and the service would be quite different, to be taken for a joke if I chose. Being selfish I said then the person taking the service wouldn't know where to find me. I thought about what you had asked me all week. The next Sunday I moved seats I was joined by a friend who invited me to a tea party today, the following Sunday I sat somewhere different and was joined by an elderly lady who I had not seen before. I asked if she would mind taking the side aisle to communion as the the priest would come to me, she took my hand and said of course not. I had communion and after the service every one who I normally greeted came and said hello.

I told every one that it was not my idea to move but yours, to which they said Paul is quite right we should all move all the time! I didn't find the service different but I am having a very nice time!

So go on, if you go to Church - or any group for that matter - sit somewhere different next time. Not only do you get a new perspective, but new people to talk to as well. Remember, the seats don't have names on!



Local Authors



Two members of the Congregation have published books that will bring a smile to those who read them, and support good

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causes too.

Malcolm Race has collected together a lovely selection of some of the humorous entries he has put in Spire over the years, and is selling these for £1.50 for Church Funds.

Jim Knights has written his 4th book of poems and short stories in aid of Arthritis Research UK and is on sale for £4 (or more!)

You can purchase both of these books from Christ Church, Thompson's Hardware and the Discovery Centre - amongst other places. Well done!



It's Duckling Season Again!

Spotted on the river near Hollygarth bridge early one morning in April- and getting very brave as it wasn't even spooked by two Labradors - the heron has sensed it's coming up to breakfast time on the River Leven!

Some mornings (Not yet this year) I have seen a kingfisher, but am not quick enough with a camera.

Praise & Party

As the Archbishop of York said, the essential elements of being a Christian are Praise and Party, so that is what we are doing on Sunday Ist May - Tour de Yorkshire Sunday. The 9.15am is cancelled as roads will be closed, and having cheered the Pelaton of cyclists through the village and enjoyed the atmosphere, we invite you to join us in Christ Church at 3pm for a short and lively service followed by Afternoon Tea in the Church Hall. I have even sent for some new magic tricks!! See you then. Paul

PS Bonus points to anyone who can find a hymn that goes to the tune of Daisy, Daisy, give me your answer do.

Prayer at Pentecost

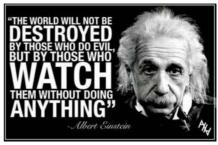
Pentecost, or Whitsunday, is the Birthday of the Church. When the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples it gave them courage to go out and talk about Jesus. They did this despite a hostile world and considerable persecution, and yet the Church grew and grew as their relationship with God was strong.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have written together to every Parish in the Church of England to ask them to pray in the ten days between Ascension Day (Thursday 5th May) and Pentecost (Sunday 15th May) and to pray especially that the Good News of Jesus may be heard in our Nation and people turn to God.

Our society and our world are facing many problems and uncertainties in the future. Our Politicians are often unsure of what to do, and sometimes we end up doing the wrong things, so let us join in asking God for Guidance.

There will be a moving cycle of Prayer around Stokesley Deanery, and we shall gather in Christ Church on Friday 13th May at 9.30am for Prayers.

The following day, Saturday 14th May, Christ Church will be open all day with Prayer Stations based on the Lord's Prayer. Please call in and join us in praying for our Nation.



Great Ayton Dramatic SocietySpring Comedy

Curtain Up! is a comedy drama story of five women who inherit equal shares in a dilapidated theatre and plan to bring it back to life again. They try various fund-raising schemes but their most ambitious is to hold a concert featuring local talent and a world-famous star who agrees to appear for no fee! However, their plans go awry and it is a race to keep their audience from guessing the truth of the matter.

Christ Church Hall 18th - 21st May @ 7:30 pm

Theatre & café seating available, come early, bring a bottle and grab a table. Tickets £6.00, concessions £5.00 available from Thompson's Hardware or on the door, Box office 01642 722096





Pipe Organ wins Lottery Fund Support

The Christ Church Great Ayton Pipe Organ Restoration and Discovery Project has won Heritage Lottery Fund Support.



Christ Church Great Ayton has received £91,100 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for an exciting restoration project. Christ Church will lead the project with the help and

involvement of the local history group, musicians, schools and the community. Thanks to National Lottery players, the Binns organ will be restored to its original 1899 condition, and the story of the heritage and people researched. Music workshops and concerts will ensure the local community get involved.

Wood of Huddersfield Organ Builders have been awarded the contract to restore the grade 2 listed historic Binns organ and re-instate its original hand blowing mechanism. Ithica Films of Middlesbrough will produce a film of the restoration. The local history group are involved in researching the organ and its original handblowers in the village, many of whom inscribed their names in the organ loft. A Friends of Music group will work in partnership with Prof. David Baker of the Halifax Organ Academy to present a series of hands on workshops for local children and adults, based around the restored organ. They will also stage a series of organ concerts over the coming years for the local community. New multimedia equipment will support these performances and presentations. The restoration work is planned to complete by August 2016.

Commenting on the award Martin Simmons, Churchwarden, said "We are thrilled to have received the support of Heritage Lottery Fund and are confident this restoration, followed by concerts and workshops, will encourage interest in organ music and delight the audiences. We are excited to be able to engage the local community in the project, both in the history of this village organ, and in the ongoing organ workshops and concerts."

Martin, Vicki and Ken pictured with organ pipes





THE manager of a hair salon has become the Tour de Force in galvanizing Great Ayton into action in readiness for the Tour de Yorkshire passing through on Sunday 1st May

The 2016 event, which is a legacy of the 2014 Tour de France Grand Depart in the county, takes cyclists right through the centre of Great Ayton. And Amelia Herbert, senior stylist at the local Watkins Wright hairdressers, felt this was a great opportunity to showcase all that is Great about Ayton.

With the help of Richard Thompson, owner of the village hardware store, the 24-year-old has formed a business forum, to which the majority of business managers/owners have signed up, and inspired them all to work together to create a real festive atmosphere when the race passes through on Sunday May 1st.

"I have been wanting to persuade our neighbouring shops to work together for



some time but didn't know how to go about it or, really, why anyone would listen to me," said Amelia whose family lives in the village. "The Tour de Yorkshire gave me a reason to approach the Parish Council with the idea and, since its members gave me their support, things have moved really quickly. I am so pleased that so many other local businesses have come on board and are working hard to make sure that those who come to watch the Tour pass through Great Ayton have a wonderful family day out."

An appeal by Amelia on Facebook for unwanted bikes that can be used as decorations resulted in donations from all over Teesside. And as fast as she can collect them, her Grandad George Watkins is spraying them blue and yellow and securely fixing them at various points along the route from where the peleton will enter the village to where it will be cheered on its way out.

As well as ensuring Great Ayton looks the part, Amelia is also busy organising entertainment for the day of the race, while Richard is responsible for the logistics of it all – from setting up stalls on the morning to finding volunteer litter pickers at the end.

Said Richard: "I have been wanting to establish a traders' group here for years but no one seemed that interested. Now though, there are a few younger ones either taking over family businesses or establishing new ones and they really see the value in working together.

"Amelia has so much energy and enthusiasm and, equally importantly, is leading by example. I am delighted by what she is doing. The mood is really getting exciting and Great Ayton will have a lot to offer – not just for the Tour de Yorkshire but well beyond that!"

Activities in the village on Ist May will begin at 9.30am on Low Green where the Conservative Club is organising a Best Dressed Bike, there will be children's fairground and a small train ride, refreshments for sale and live performance from youth musical theatre group Crash Bang Wallop, as well as various stands.

On High Green, Redcar Sword Dancers will kick things off from 10am, followed by a brass band at 10.40am. Once the race has left the village, the winner of the Best Decorated House will be announced before the afternoon's entertainment begins and continues until 5pm. This will include music from Tie Dye Black and bands the Norgards and Kings Contraband; the weird and wonderful world of animals; a craft fair in the Arcade and food fair in the Village Hall Food Fair.

Throughout the day, the two village tea rooms will be selling picnic boxes for families to take away and eat on the Green and Petch the butchers will sell pie and peas, there will be a cake shop outside the Little Hair Parlour on Park Square, and the chip shop and both local pubs — the Royal Oak and the Buck - will be open as usual.

Debbie CalgieLocal Correspondent D & S







Spot the Bikes

Everyday new bikes and decorations are appearing in the village. Here are some of the early ones. Can you spot where they are from?















Anyone remember Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons?







Bike Treasure hunt - Quiz sheet sold at Tourist information.

£1,00 to enter open 5at 30th Ap & Sun 1st May 10am - 4om

Make the most of the five music on the High Green. Please feel free to bring must, chairs, easilies etc. THE RACE COMES THROUGH GREAT AYTON AT 11:40AM ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10:40AM UNTIL

Low Green 9:30am

Children's Best Dressed Bike competition

organised by The Conservative Club.

Children's Fairground Rides

Children's Small Train Ride

VW pop up refreshment van

The Living Leven stall & Children's badge making

The Cleveland wheelers

Live Music/Performance for Crash Bang Wallop

Live performance from Bradley's school of dance

THE PROPERTY.

PARKING

High Green 1.0:00am

Brasis Barrill

High Green Stalls

The Arcade Craft fair

The Village half Food fayre

Redcar Sword Dancers

'Best Dressed House' winner announced

Live Music from 12pm

Mornards

Kings Contraband

OBSESSION

Bikes bikes bikes Its the latest trend They are taking over Where will it end. Frames hung around Black,pink,and blue Upstairs and down These are just a few. Parts well looked after Looking good as new Pristine condition Not just anything will do. Begins to take shape Watching it grow Into a time machine On the road and go.

Racing like the wind
Add another mile
Cracking up a speed
On the low profile.
Biking is freedom
Riding at leisure
Away from the pressures
Biking is pleasure
On road or off
At your own pace
Fun for all ages
BIKING is ACE

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THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Soup Lunch in March was very successful with a good turnout - an astonishing £805.70 was made on the day.

May sees our AGM - on Monday, 9th May, at Rosemary Wheway's home. If anyone would like to join our committee, then now is the time to let us know.

On Saturday, 21st May, we are holding our annual Cake Bake outside the shops - the usual information will be circulated nearer the time

Jancie Brown



Yorkshire Cancer Research

Great Ayton and District Committee

Quiz on 15th May 7:30pm in the Conservative Club. £6 to include Pie and Peas. Tickets from Tel: 01642 722 637



Dates for your diary

3rd August Coffee Morning in Christ Church Hall 10am - 12noon

11th October Kildale Coffee Morning, Village Hall 10am - 12noon

15th October "Songs of the Silver Screen" with the Tees Valley Gilbert and Sullivan Society in Christ Church.

16th November "Not a Lunch" 12:30pm

We look forward to seeing you at any or all of these events and thank you for all the generous support given to the Y.C.R. committee.



Megson a Big Hit

Folk duo Megson were a big hit when they came to Great Ayton last month. Stu and Debbie Hanna, originally from Middlesbrough, charmed the packed Church with a lovely selection of songs that one person described thus "Funny, sad, heart wrenching, homely lyrics from Middlesbrough band Megson at Christ Church Great Ayton. Brilliant!"

The evening raised £1,200 for Open Door North East, and we were delighted to welcome several members of that organisation to the concert as well as friends from the Jubilee Church and Saint Barnabas Linthorpe.

Hollygarth Communion

Our regular monthly Communion service at Hollygarth House is now moving to Christ Church Coffee Lounge as the Hall is being converted to flats.

The comfortable and warm surroundings have been a great boon over the years and we will miss the hospitality there, but things don't stay the same forever.

The service is open to all, and is usually on the 1st Monday of the month - but due

to May Bank Holiday, will be at 2pm on Monday 9th May. Following a short Communion Service with hymns we have a cuppa together.

Here are some of the regulars gathered for the last Hollygarth service, together with Kara the black Labrador.



Queen's Guide

Ashleigh Huntsman, who has taken over running Great Ayton Guide Company, was awarded the Queen's Guide award last month. This is the highest award that can be earned by a Guide and is a fairly rare achievement, so well done Ashleigh. Our Guide and Scout Leaders all give of their time and skills on a voluntary basis for the benefit of our children.

Malcolm's Bits and Pieces

When the Queen visited Dover, she was shown round by the Mayor. As they approached the cabinet containing a fine gold Mayoral chain, she asked when it was worn. "On special occasions," he replied.



There is a saying in politics that it is often best to say nothing and appear stupid, rather than speak and confirm it.

"Prediction is very difficult, especially if it it's about the future" - Danish physicist Niels Bohr.

A shopper who bought a loft ladder found it came with "a step-by-step instruction guide."

Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth - and if their luck holds, get planning permission.

A café advertising for waitresses: "Full time. Must be respectable. Except weekends."

When a large American firm closed its factory in Massachusetts, it announced "a volume-related production schedule adjustment."

On the way to an air show at Farnborough, a motorist noted a sign saying :"Red Arrows air display. If wet in town hall."

A letter sent out by a charity was headed by an "important notice." - "If for any reason you should not have received this letter, we apologise...

Approaching a sharp bend on a country road, a motorist was astonished when a large tweedy lady leaned out of her car coming in the opposite direction, gesticulating wildly and yelled "pig." "Old crow," he retorted angrily - and drove round the corner into the largest pig he had ever seen.

I am a Seenager. (Senior teenager)

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later. I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad.

I don't have a curfew.

I have a driver's license and my own car. The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant and they do not use drugs.

And I don't have acne.

Life is great.



A Good Easter

After a very early and hectic Lent, were were blessed with a good Easter weekend.

Good Friday was well attended with over 60 children at the workshops followed by the service with parents present.

On Easter Day we had our local MP, Mr Rishi Sunak and his wife join us in a packed Church for the 9.15am communion service. He wrote afterwards both in the D & S and in a letter as to how much



he had enjoyed it. It was a delight to see him with us and the many other visitors who joined us.



As I left to take the service at Saint Oswald's, so Christ Church was getting ready for the Family Service. We had 322 people attend our Easter Day Morning Services, 62 of them being at Saint Oswald's Church.

Thank you to all who helped make our Churches so welcoming for the Easter celebrations and to all who assisted with the services.





Great Ayton Remembers

It's all quiet on the Western Front.

Next Remembrance

Sunday 24 July at 2pm in Christ Church

Marking the Battle of the Somme

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

17 April
17 April
17 April
17 April
Noah Arthur Blair
Sophie Violet Prunty
Alison Valerie Prunty



Weddings



Rachelle Boylen & Peter Jones married at Saint Oswald's Church on 26 March



Grace Beeforth & Gareth Watson married at Christ Church on I April

Christian Burial and Cremation

4 April Lily Duchars
11 April Keith Sutton
15 April Fred McManus
15 April Jean West
22 April Peggy Middlemiss

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

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A Church Near You www.acny.org.uk

Election Special

With a Referendum coming up, we are now being besieged by all sorts of scare stories of doom and gloom which ever way we vote. Chicken Licken is obviously advising both sides! Here's some light relief. (Spire has deliberately not expressed an opinion one way or the other. Ed)

If God wanted us to vote, he would have given us candidates. ~Jay Leno

The problem with political jokes is they get elected. ~Henry Cate, VII

We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office. ~Aesop

If we got one-tenth of what was promised to us in these State of the Union speeches, there wouldn't be any inducement to go to heaven. ~Will Rogers~

Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river. ~Nikita Khrushchev

Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel. ~John Quinton

Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you. Author unknown

Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other. ~Oscar Ameringer

I offer my opponents a bargain: if they will stop telling lies about us, I will stop telling the truth about them. ~Adlai Stevenson, 1952

A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country. ~ Tex Guinan

I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians. ~Charles de Gaulle

Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks. Doug Larson.

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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

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

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

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Church Hall Office

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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)