The Magazine of the Church of England in Great Ayton with Easby & Newton under Roseberry Parishes



# Happy Birthday Your Majesty.

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4	Sat	12 noon Wedding at Christ Church								
5	Sun	<b>Trinity 2</b> 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Comunion at Saint Oswald's Church.								
6	Mon	2pm Communion & Cuppa in the Coffee Lounge.								
9	Thurs	Ipm Wedding at Saint Oswald's Church.								
11	Sat	Village Fete Day. 11.30am, 1.30pm and 4pm Weddings at Christ								
		Church.								
12	Sun	Trinity 3 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parade Service; 11am								
		Come & Praise.								
18	Sat	12.30pm Wedding at Saint Oswald's Church.								
19	Sun	Trinity 4 (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am								
		Parish Communion; I am All Age Service at Saint Oswald's;								
		12.15pm Christening at Christ Church.								
20	Mon	Ipm - 3pm Marwood Sports Afternoon								
23	Thurs	Referendum Day								
26	Sun	Trinity 5 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion.								

#### Regular activities on back page

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

## Referendum Day 23rd June

In Spire we have deliberately kept out of the debate about the Referendum as there are strong opinions on both sides of the argument. All I will say is that if you have a vote on this issue, then make sure you use it, as many people in the world don't have such a luxury to be able to influence their future in a democratic way.

What is appalling is how the debate has descended into all sorts of threats of what will happen if we vote a certain way - either way. If you believe these, then get to Church for the end of the world is undoubtedly nigh.

However the vote goes, Europe will still be our neighbour, we will still go there on holiday, still work together against evil and tyranny and the sky won't fall in. We will probably face problems ahead whichever way we vote. What we need is a positive vision before us of how we see our Nation in the future, and work to that.

# A Very Special Birthday



This June mark the 90<sup>th</sup> Official Birthday of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and Spire and the people of Great Ayton and Newton under Roseberry would like to record their very best wishes on this special occasion.

Our Queen has reigned so long as our Monarch that you have to be at retirement age to remember anyone else. Throughout that time she has been a rock of stability in

an ever changing world. The pace of change in the last 90 years must be the greatest since the beginning of time with huge changes in technology, communications, medicine, population growth, space travel and many, many more areas.

To keep abreast of such changes and still be relevant and loved by society takes a very special person, and in our Queen we have that. It must be so difficult today to say anything, not knowing whether someone is listening in somehow, with the intention of causing embarrassment, and yet our Queen is discrete and so well respected.

Carol and Peter Morgan write elsewhere in Spire of their recent visit to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party, and at these events both the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh work extremely hard to make those present feel very special. They both still undertake a considerable number of duties, even though they are both nonagenarians.

Our Queen is extremely well respected in the Commonwealth, for whom she has worked tirelessly, and in the wider world, where State Leaders of other countries seek to have Official Visits and be photographed with her. She has ensured that no matter what Politicians are in power, the United Kingdom still has many friends across the world.

We wish her well on her Birthday and will mark it at our Church Parade Service on Sunday  $12^{th}$  June.

## **CHURCHWARDENS RE-APPOINTED**



I am delighted to report that at the Annual Church Meetings of both Parishes in the Benefice - Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry - the present Churchwardens stood unopposed for re-election for a further year. So we welcome back Martin Simmons and Vicki Nath at Christ Church and Paul Carter and Maureen Rider at Saint Oswald's.

My thanks to them and to the Church Officers and PCCs who do a tremendous job in both Churches. We have welcomed some new faces onto the Church Councils, with David Oliver and Christine Smailes joining Great Ayton PCC and Lois Neesham-Howe joining Newton PCC.



Mrs Gail Juckes continues in her role as Safeguarding Officer for both Parishes. She ensures that we adhere to the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy in our dealings with both children and vulnerable adults. This means that some people need Disclosure and Barring Scheme checks to fulfil their roles (Known as DBS checks, formely CRB) and Gail ensures that these are kept up to date and the necessary procedures followed.

In the event of any concern occurring, people should contact Gail, whose telephone number is on the back of Spire and in Church. She regularly attends the 8 o'clock service on a Sunday. It's not her job to investigate, but to ensure people are put in touch with the right contacts and proper procedures are followed.

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MIDSUMMER MUSIC

**NORTH YORK MOORS** 

Rolling tranquil moors Patch of colours edged by grey Weathered dry stone walls. Sheep meekly cluster Like plump oatmeal dumplings. Breezes echo, grasses sigh. A Skylark wings it's way on high Singing a melodious tune. An assemblage of purple heather Carpets the upper landscape Down below in the valley Rippling water meanders along Beside lush green pastures Of cushioned velvet Smooth,soft,welcoming Tamed and yet wild. This rugged beauty Carved out of ancient times.

## A Quiet Day at Ampleforth to be led by Father Kevin

Jean Cumbor

Following on from the interest generated by the contemplative prayer morning guided by Father Kevin at the Friends Meeting House last month a Quiet Day at Ampleforth, to be led by Father Kevin has been arranged for **Friday I July from 10.00 am until 3.30 pm.** Not a day of total silence! Morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea are all provided. There is no actual charge for the day but donations for the Community are gratefully received. A donation of £30.00 will fully cover the costs, but that is a suggestion only and is entirely left to the donor's discretion. Numbers are limited - if you are interested please get in touch with one of the contact people as soon as possible.

We hope to be able to share cars for the journey. If you are willing to take your car and passengers please let us know.

Contact people are – Enid Sedgwick (Christ Church) Carole Avison (Friends), Dorothy Sills ( Methodist Church) Pip Nel (Saint Margaret's)

# **Taking Funerals Seriously**

Last month I attended a training session organised by the Church of England on funerals. When I was first ordained it was an assumption that most people used the Church or the local clergy, but today we have a plethora of humanist ministers, civil celebrants and freelance religious ministers all offering to take funerals. Why choose a church service with us above others? Here's why.

- A service arranged without delay especially when you use the village firm, Ayton Funeral Services, they can happen within a week.
- A visit from the Vicar to arrange the service and to hear the story of the deceased. This is written up into an address for the service and a copy given to you afterwards.
- A warm, welcoming and well maintained building in the heart of the community.



A lovely wool coffin used at Joan Lithgow's funeral earlier this year.

- A card recording attendance that Alison, our Ask the funeral director for details. verger, has got everyone to sign so you have a record of who was there.
- Live music played by Michael our organist, to set the scene and to accompany the hymns.
- Other favourite music also played in the service as requested. You should see what I have on my iTunes! It's also possible to incorporate other things, as we have more time available than at the Crematorium. This was a small jazz group at Pete Papprill's funeral.
- Photographs can be shown as slide shows on the projector and screen in Church, bringing back many memories.
- Live Skype links bringing families together from across the world.



- Having the committal at the crematorium first and returning to Church for the service takes all pressure of time away, and everyone ends up together for the funeral tea in the adjoining hall.
- The Coffee Lounge or Church Hall for the Funeral Tea on site means more people stay and attend.
- In Great Ayton we are also privileged to be able to walk people up to the village cemetery as a last mark of respect.
- Entry into the Memorial Book at Christ Church and an invitation to our Memorial Service.
- The collection going to a charity of your choice to commemorate the deceased.

A funeral service can be a daunting occasion, but we seek to turn it into a positive event, remembering our loved ones with thanksgiving for all they have shared with us. We are most fortunate in Great Ayton in having excellent people who share this view, from Michael Rea at Ayton Funeral Services, Jackie Gough at Leven Flowers, Jan Alderson from BibN'Tucker and Howard Atkinson who does such a great job keeping the cemetery looking so well, as well as many others from



outside the village that also serve our community.

Everyone is entitled to a Church of England Funeral, whether or not they attend Church, for we are still the National Church. (*The same applies to Christenings and Weddings.*) All alike get the best we can give. It's our way of showing something of the love that God has for each one of us.

So in the event of you needing this service for yourself or a loved one, please know that you can choose to have your service in Church, or I can go to take a service at the Crematorium. Certain facilities we offer free of charge are also available at the local Crematoria, like recorded music, slide shows and Skype links, but there is usually a fee for these.

# The Blower Boys

(or how young lads left their mark on the organ!)

When the 1899 Binns pipe organ in Christ Church was examined in 2015 prior to its removal for a major refurbishment, the internal wood panelling and many of the organ pipes were found to contain a lot of what nowadays we term "graffiti". On closer examination, it became apparent that many of the inscriptions dated from the 1920s with one going back to the time of the organ's inauguration in 1899.

The question is- why is this graffiti here and who were the "culprits"? The organ was originally operated by a hand-blowing mechanism which required a (fairly small) person to go inside the organ loft during a service to "blow the organ". This was invariably the responsibility of a choir boy and, being a fairly boring job, something was needed to pass the time between hymn tunes! So what better way to occupy the "organ blower's" spare time than to carve an inscription on the wooden case of the organ!!

Many of the inscriptions were quite legible and, with the help of many villagers, we have been able to find out a little about the people concerned- where they lived, what their families did and what became of them in later life.

The names of the most prominent "culprits" were:

John Bradley Arthur and Albert Burdon Alfred Hall Norman Hogben John Hutton Norman Sidgwick George Smith Joseph Swainson Herbert Tiplady and Percy Johnson Percy Wilson and George Bennison



A display has been mounted on the front of the organ loft and will remain until the organ is returned to its rightful position later this summer

Pride of place must go to Irene Reah's great grandfather, George Bennison, who blew the organ at the opening recital on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1899, and later went on to hold the noble office of Church Verger for 63 years, as the many photographs in the display will testify!



P.S. Does anyone recognise this chap? We don't know anything about him!

If you recognize any of the names in the above list, have a look at the display and see if you can identify a relative or even add something to the stories!

#### Ken Taylor



## **Changing Seats in Church - Ann's Experience**

Dear Paul,

as you must have seen nothing has changed, has it.? Yesterday Ken Taylor suggested I return to my old seat, but I felt I wanted to know what I had learnt from moving around the church.

I) what a kind generous and warm hearted people make up your congregation.

2) Not once was I told "you can't sit there". But I was warmly invited "please sit there".

3) as before every one knew they should move around but I think they thought "I like my seat I like the people around me and I am getting to know them and I like this view of the service!"

4) you said "the service appears differently when you move your seat" I did not agree, but when I moved to the very front of the church I felt enfolded by the organ music, though not as good as it will be (when the restored organ returns) and the glorious singing of the choir, that was really beautiful.

5) about 75 per cent if not more of the congregation have the most beautiful singing voices.

I could go on but I expect you know this all ready, thank you for asking me to move my seat I have really enjoyed it!

#### Ann Browne

What about trying it for yourselves. Sit in a different seat next time you come and see what its like. Paul

## **REPORT FROM ROSEBERRY SCHOOL SPRING 2016**

It was warm and sunny in Darjeeling this April and from the school yard I heard the cuckoo call far below, just as I had 10 years ago, when Rachana and I talked about opening a small school.

How far we have come since then! True, the old building has finally succumbed to the ravages of time and earthquakes, but our beautiful purpose built extension is a great base for learning. The flat roof of this building is now topped by an airy roof which allows activities to take place outside during all but the very worst weather. I noticed the playgroup out there, sitting at big tables and using construction toys, or enjoying singing and action games on the yard. In November work will begin on the new pre-school base, which will be bigger than the original building and will be well-equipped from the start, and so a near disaster has been turned into an opportunity.



Assembly on the yard is a much more civilised affair under the new roof which screens pupils and teachers from the eyes of passers by on the lane above. In class later, the children were keen to show me what they could do. After school I wandered up the lane towards the town, and everywhere was greeted by smart





children in Secondary School uniforms. "Good Afternoon Ma'am, when did you come?" Our ex-pupils looked so happy and confident, and their manners and conversation skills were better than those of many UK teenagers.

Beneath the smiles and successes I heard the usual sad stories. One young teacher, Nina, is on extended absence with tuberculosis of the spine. I found her in bed in her one roomed house, unable to walk, and rapidly losing all her strength. There is every chance that she will recover if she takes the full course of antibiotics, which are in fact free, but that is likely to take a full year, and the disease could recur if she does not complete the course. The situation is little understood by her and her family so her future is uncertain. Diksha's future is also unclear. She is now in her final year with us, but it is difficult to see how the family will be able to support her at Secondary School which would involve a move into town for the family. As I write, the pressing problem for many of our families is the continuing shortage of water. This has transformed the normal daily struggle to collect water into a two hour marathon as queues at the communal taps grow ever longer now that the flow is reduced to a trickle.

Back home, having hot and cold running water in my house seems such a luxury. I think about it every time I turn the tap on.

### **Helen Jones**

# A Grand Day Out

Despite the cold start, the Tour de Yorkshire Day was a great success in Great Ayton - and would have been absolutely brilliant if the weather had stayed the same



as the Saturday. Nevertheless folk were undaunted by the damp and cold



and prepared a warm Yorkshire welcome for the cyclists and entourage.

Early entertainment started with Parish Councillors and others trying to erect a Macro Party Tent without instructions - and as it turned out without a corner post too!

Other folk were more successful and soon the High Green was covered with Gazebos and Stalls.

Our thanks to the village schools for hiding McColls with their banners. We still await to hear what is happening with the shop, but the rumours are fun - Tesco Express, Costa and an M & S Food hall (Wishful thinking!)



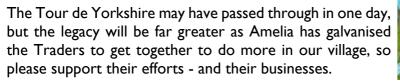


The Tour de Yorkshire Ambassadors dropped in for a quick visit and signed autographs, and then the entourage started coming through with Police Motorcyclists entering into the spirit as they zipped through the village.

The Pelaton were through High Green in seconds, but found roads packed with people the length of Great Ayton, as we saw on the TV coverage, which broke to adverts as they left us. Pr He ma Io all fo Slo wi bo

Prizes were awarded for the Best Dressed House. That was one of the hardest tasks as so many people had done so well and the village looked terrific. I chose 8 Woodbine Close as all their decorations had to be lifted above a 7 foot high wall. They had bikes, bunting, flags, Slogans, a Gonk riding a bike and an illuminated wheel! The businesses also excelled themselves both with decorations and stalls on the day.

Many people pulled together for such a great day, but the brilliant response from Great Ayton wouldn't have been the same without the tremendous enthusiasm and hard work of Amelia Herbert from Watkins Wright Hair Stylists who threw herself whole heartedly into the celebration.







As some excellent groups sang on High Green, I returned to Christ Church to lead our Tour de Yorkshire Praise and Party Service. We sang songs to the tunes of Ilkey Moor Bah'tat and Bicycle made for two, written especially for us by Lemoyne Bowyer. The new magic tricks worked in the address, and after a good service we went into the Church Hall for a super afternoon tea with the hall suitably decorated in blue and yellow.

Our thanks to Rosemary Wheway and Visiting Team for all their hard work in preparation and bringing many housebound along so they could enjoy Tour de Yorkshire Day too. Champion!



## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

On Wednesday, 20th July, we are holding an event at The Parochial Hall. Quorn is coming to give a demonstration with tastings, to be followed by "Puds & Punch". Tickets @ £6 will be available shortly.



At last we have received the figure from the sale of The Society's Christmas cards - this is a profit of £314.75

On Saturday, 21st May the annual Cake Bake outside the shops raised £200.13. Thank you to all who supported.

If anyone took a collecting box to the box opening coffee morning in February, but hasn't had it returned, please could you contact Jean Mitchell (01642 722858) - one box came in without a name on it.

#### Jancie Brown

#### **Yorkshire Cancer Research**

Great Ayton and District Committee

#### **Coffee Morning**

Wednesday 3rd August 10 am -12 noon in Christ Church Hall. Tickets £1.50 Cakes, Tombola, Raffle



Kildale Coffee Morning Tuesday 11th October 10 am - 12 noon Tickets £1.50 Cakes, Crafts, Raffle.

The afternoon tea raised  $\pm 1205.64$ , a lovely afternoon enjoyed by all. The quiz made  $\pm 500$  which will be matched pound for pound by Barclays. Thanks to Mike Myers and helpers and Karen, Paul at the Conservative Club.

# Out of the Mouth of Babes

"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Devon"



Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from email"

"What's the metal picture with the names on?" Asked the little boy in Church. "It's a memorial to all those who died in service." "Did they die in the morning service or the evening service?"

One Christmas the Sunday School group heard the story of the shepherds visiting Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus in the stable, then they all drew pictures. One little boy included a dog in his nativity picture. When asked why, he explained it was a German Shepherd.

One Sunday there was no-one to run the crèche so the children had to stay in Church with their parents. When it came to communion, the minister was placing the wine on the table when four year old Maddie said, "Oh look, Dad, its a mini bar."

#### From Exam Papers on Religious Studies

David was a Hebrew king skilled in playing the liar.

When Mary heard she was to be the mother of Jesus she sand the Magna Carta.

The epistles were the wives of the apostles.

Salome, a wicked girl, danced before Harrods.

The first book of the Bible is called Guinnessis.

(Extracted from You're Only Young Once, by Anna Caddy and Judith Merrell, published by TMS Trading for the Leprosy Mission)

## What a Surprise!

Last December I received a letter which said that I had been nominated, 'for my contributions', to receive an invitation to one of this year's Royal Garden Parties! I was stunned, delighted and bemused in equal measure! I hope others in our community who volunteer for years are also given some recognition as I don't feel that what I do is outstanding in any way. There is no clue as to who has nominated me, or why.

I'm very grateful, and Pete (my Guest) and I knew we would enjoy the occasion - even in wet weather, as it was - or, in my case, more than if it was a blazingly hot May day, being UV allergic!! We have immense respect for our Royal Family and the way they sacrifice their private lives for the



country's wellbeing, as they do - the Queen and Duke for so long. I remember watching their wedding on the newsreel at 'the pictures', and later seeing her father watch her and the Duke leave for Africa. He looked ill and tired, and as if he knew he wouldn't see them again - I was only 9, but the emotion transmitted. Since then, and increasing exponentially, they have given themselves to the nation. No wonder the rest of the world envies us, and every Head of State, of whatever political persuasion, wants to be seen with them!

We went on Tuesday May 10th, to the first of the season. The whole experience was certainly memorable in many ways - First Class rail travel, for the first time for us (appropriate!), taxi through London from King's Cross to the Palace, passing the British Museum, Trafalgar Square, and finally driving up the Mall. A delightful young policewoman asked if we would like a photo of both of us together, and took it for us - as you see! We were guided in through the main entrance, with 3 streams of people being ushered through into the gardens. We roamed around, admiring the beautiful azaleas, camellias and trees, then joined the people moving into the very grand tea tent. Everything was highly organized and worked very smoothly, operated by relaxed and friendly staff. After the delicious food we joined the ranks of people standing watching the Yeomen of the Guard 'holding the ground' with displays of marching back and forth with their er- pikes? shouldered, hoping to catch a glimpse of the Royal party as they walked to their tea tent. Pete was tall enough to spot the Queen's coral pink hat, then we saw them all chatting in the Royal tea tent. We decided to walk around again for a while, then later saw the Queen, the Duke, and the Countess of Wessex talking their way along a line of disabled youngsters and their carers - and the faces of the young folk showed how delighted they were with where they were and with what the Royals were saying to them.

We left at the end to catch our train home from King's Cross - going via the Tube, to avoid the congestion of the rush hour and to be sure of not missing the only train our tickets were valid for .... it took 3 different members of underground staff to provide us with tickets for the Tube - then we had to take the plunge and join the sardines! Being from Yorkshire, and Great Ayton in particular, we were soon chatting to the folk we were standing with - the rest of the carriage was virtually silent, of course! I would hate to do that sort of journey every day - the crush is frightening - and when once we had been able to board a train, we were worried about being able to fight our way off at King's Cross because it wasn't the end of the line! All was well, however, and we caught our train and came home, full of unique memories. A most eventful day!

Carol Morgan



# **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**

24 April 7 May Georgina Herron John Rigg

### Weddings



Jonathan Thompson & Sarah Jones married at Saint Oswald's on 14 May



Kelvin Hayward & Kirsty Argument married at Saint Oswald's on 21 May



Daniel Green & Kirsy Dixon married at Saint Oswald's on 21 May

## **Christian Burial and Cremation**

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16	May
	May
23	May

Norman Hewitt Kaye Porteous Pat Naylor Roly Blunsom

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

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#### FACEBOOK FOR THE SENIOR GENERATION

For those of our generation who do not and cannot comprehend why Facebook exists, I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles.

Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passersby what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later, and with whom.

I give them pictures of my family, my dog, and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day.

I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them.

And it works just like Facebook. I already have four people following me: two policemen, a private investigator, and a psychiatrist ...



Ever look back and think of some of the people you dated or wanted to date in High School... and see them on Facebook and think "Phew! I dodged a bullet on that one!"

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

#### **Services**

#### **Christ Church, Great Ayton**

Sunday	<ul> <li>8.00am Holy Communion</li> <li>9.15am Parish Communion with Sunday School</li> <li>11.00am Come &amp; Praise (2nd Sunday of month)</li> <li>Evening Worship - as announced in the Diary</li> </ul>
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													
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