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

# Spire

MARCH 2017



Spring Clean weekend  
Friday 30 March & Saturday 1 April

Help Welcome!

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# MARCH

- 1 Wed Ash Wednesday** 10am & 7.30pm Holy Communion
- 2 Thurs** Organ Workshops in Christ Church all day
- 5th Sun LENT 1** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion;  
11am Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's; 3pm Baptism at  
Christ Church; 5pm Deanery Lent Service at Stokesley
- 6 Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion
- 10 Fri** 1.30pm York Course at Methodist Church
- 12 Sun LENT 2** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion  
11am Come & Praise: 11am Baptisms at St Oswald's; 12.15pm  
Baptism at Christ Church; 5pm Lent Service at Stokesley  
Parish Church
- 13 Mon** 1.30pm York Course at St Margaret's Church
- 17 Fri** 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors in Upper Room.
- 19 Sun LENT 3** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am  
Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service at St Oswald's;  
12.15pm Baptism at St Oswald's; 3pm Baptism in Great  
Ayton; 5pm Lent Service at Stokesley Parish Church.
- 22 Wed** 10.45am York Course at Friends Meeting House
- 25 Sat** Archbishop of York in Stokesley Square 9.30am - 11am
- 26 Sun LENT 4** Mothering Sunday 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am  
Parish Communion; 11am Come & Praise.
- 30 Fri** 1.30pm York Course at Christ Church Coffee Lounge

## **SPRING CLEAN WEEKEND - HELP NEEDED.**

**Friday evening - dusting down/ Saturday morning - polishing up**

*Regular activities on back page*



## An Idea for Lent

An old man sat on a rocking chair on the porch of the first house in town, just watching the world go by. A car stopped and the driver got out to talk. “Hey, old timer, I’m looking for a new place to live. What are the folk like in this town?”

The old man took a suck at his pipe, then asked, “What were the folk like in the town you come from?” “They are a selfish lot, never think of others and not very friendly,” came the reply. The old man looked up, “Pretty much the same here, “ he said. And the man got back in his car and drove away.

A couple of hours later another car stopped and the driver got out, also approaching the old man on the porch. “Excuse me, sir, “ he said, “I’m new to this area and looking for a good place to settle down. What are the folk like who live here?”

The old man took a suck at his pipe, then asked, “What were the folk like in the town you come from?” “Oh,” he said, “they were lovely, warm hearted, generous people.” The old man took another puff on his pipe and replied, “Much the same as the folk you will find here.” The man got back into his car and continued into town.

We usually find in life what we are looking for. If we want to find others faults and failings, we will doubtless always have plenty of evidence all around us. But, change our gaze to look for positive and affirming actions, and no doubt we would soon be seeing those instead. The truth is that most people and things are a mix of the two, but we have the choice of what we see.

This Lent make it your discipline to look for the good in the things and people you see around you, rather than notice the bad and the things that irritate you. To help in this discipline, try and pass at least one positive comment to someone you come across each day. Look especially for those whose work and service to the community may usually be taken for granted.

If you come to Church, you could even try it in worship too! Say a thank you for the bits you enjoy and find helpful. Your attentiveness will most probably help you come away even more enriched, and your words to others may encourage them too. The world will be a better place because of it.

**Paul**

# Receiving Christ in Five Different Ways

You are invited to join us for our Churches Together Lent Course, meeting each week in Lent at a different location and time, so hopefully everyone can make some of them. We are following the York Course entitled Receiving Christ - in Five Different Ways.

The logo for 'YORK COURSES' features the word 'YORK' in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font. Below it, the word 'COURSES' is written in a smaller, white, outlined sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a light grey rectangular background.

Our last meeting is in the Upper Room at the Royal Oak Hotel and if anyone wishes to join me for a meal together beforehand, please come for 6pm and meet in the restaurant. It would be helpful to let me know first, so enough seats are there, but we won't turn anyone away. Paul

## **Receiving Christ: As Children of God**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm at the Methodist Church, High Street

## **Receiving Christ: In the Stranger and the Needy.**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm at St Margaret's RC Church, Sunnyfield

## **Receiving Christ: In Holy Communion**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 10.45am Friends Meeting House, High Green

## **Receiving Christ: Through Prayer and Fellowship**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm Christ Church Coffee Lounge

## **Christ in You, The Hope of Glory**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Upper Room, Royal Oak  
*(Preceded by a meal together at 6pm for all who wish to come.)*

There is a course booklet £3 for participants available from local Churches or at the meetings. We listen to a recorded input from a variety of speakers from different backgrounds before breaking into groups of six to talk about what we have heard, read and experienced.

# Stokesley Deanery Lent Services

In

**St Peter & St Paul Church, Stokesley  
@ 5.00 pm**

## **Faith in the World**

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> March**      **Chief Superintendent Kerrin Wilson,  
Durham Constabulary  
Faith in Society**

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup> March**      **Nick Land – Faith in the Workplace**

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> March**      **Revd Sue Greenwood,  
Nunthorpe Methodist Church  
No Longer Strangers – but Friends!**

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> April**      **Rt Revd Dr John Thompson, Bishop of Selby  
Do not be anxious in a fast changing rural  
reality!**

**Everyone Welcome**

**Each Address will be followed by a short service of Compline**

An evening with

# Nigel Ogden

The star of BBC Radio  
2's *The Organist  
Entertains* comes to  
Great Ayton, providing  
over an hour and a half  
of unmissable classics,  
demonstrating the  
newly refurbished  
organ



**7: 30 pm, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017**

**Doors open 7:00 pm**

**Christ Church, Great Ayton**

Tickets £10, light refreshments available

Tickets online from [www.ents24.com](http://www.ents24.com)

Tickets can be purchased from  
the Great Ayton Discovery Centre

For other information call

Tel : 01642 724450 or 01642 722501



**LOTTERY FUNDED**

# ACTS 435

As part of our mission giving the PCC have supported Archbishop Sentamu's charity **Acts 435**, which takes its name from a verse in the Bible in the book of Acts. In chapter 4, verse 35 we are told that people brought money and "laid it at the apostles feet and it was distributed to anyone who had need"




The charity connects those who want to help with those who are in need via its website. Local churches have a trained advocate who meets the person in need. The advocate verifies the need and posts the request on the Acts 435 website. Donors give online to meet the need of requests posted. The money is then given to the church to pass on to the person in need via the advocate - thus the church becomes the spokesperson for those in need, taking practical steps to help those facing practical difficulties. Holy Trinity church, North Ormesby is a local contact point to refer families in need of financial support.

The charity also has "Giving Packages" for individuals or churches to make donations which can be allocated to a variety of requests. Our money may therefore be used to 'Support a Family' – money for children's clothes, shoes; food or a cooker to enable healthy cooking; bed, cot, baby accessories.

It could be used to bring someone out of debt or to 'Change a Life' –helping to secure a job, with clothes and travel costs for an interview or help to get off the streets with a rent deposit, a bike to help get about or a bus pass.

The money given goes directly to help the people in need. You can check out the website at [www.acts435.org.uk](http://www.acts435.org.uk)

Enid Sedgwick



## Great Ayton Remembers

**Next Remembrance in April (tbc)**

**William Hindmarsh, John Dawson & William Crosby**



# Annual Church Meeting

For the Parish of Great Ayton with Easby

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm

## Christ Church Hall

Our annual meeting is a chance to show support for those work on our behalf to keep our Church - people and building - in good heart and in service to God.

We also elect Churchwardens every year - and this year we do need a new person to take on this role, as Martin Simmons (pictured) is stepping down after 4 very busy years in post. Martin has ensured that our buildings are in a very good state of repair inside and out, and he has also spearheaded the Organ Restoration Project, and will continue to see the program through to a successful conclusion. We thank Martin for all he has brought to the role in so many different ways, and in getting to know so many members of the congregation.



Vicki has indicated that she is happy to serve for another year, as it is an annual appointment, but we now need someone else to come forward. We don't expect another Martin, as everyone brings their own gifts to the role. Could it be you?

As well as Churchwardens, we also need people for the Church Council and three people to be our representatives on Deanery Synod. If we are to work more effectively across Parish boundaries, we do need good and enthusiastic people for these roles.

The Annual Report with details of all the organisations and the Church Accounts will be available shortly, and will be received at the meeting.



## The Blower Boys - how young men made their mark on Christ Church!



As part of Great Ayton History Society's spring programme, Ken Taylor will be giving a talk on the stories behind the recently revealed organ graffiti at

the Friends Meeting Room on

Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm

All welcome Refreshments available

**Calling all ladies ....men you can join us next time!**

**Ladies night at Buttercups Pottery in Stokesley.**

I thought it would be nice to organise a church social event to Buttercups pottery studio in Stokesley. The idea being you turn up, pick something to paint, for example a plate, a mug, a jug or a plant pot and then be as creative as you like and paint away..... or chatter, paint, chatter, paint! You don't need to be arty at all – there are designs you can copy, sponges to paint with and Hannah the lady who runs it is on hand to help if needed. It's £3.50 studio fee to cover the cost of paint etc then the cost of whatever you paint (a plate is about £8, a mug about £9 just to give you an idea). You can bring your own bottle and nibbles and enjoy a chilled evening with friends.

**Date: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 7pm.**

If you are interested or have any queries please let Alison Prunty know or add your name to the list at the back of church.

Email: [alisonvlaws@hotmail.com](mailto:alisonvlaws@hotmail.com) – please put a subject on as I get a lot of junk email!

# Celebrating Our Community

We are most fortunate in Great Ayton in having so many people who do that bit extra to help make a good community spirit - be they local traders and shopkeepers, or local businesses.

A way of saying thank you to them and putting Great Ayton on the map would be to nominate them for the Hambleton Business Awards

When nominating, say how the business or individual is a good example of the category chosen. How the business or individual has inspired people to do more. How the business or individual has made a difference and will continue to do so into the future. How the business or individual has worked well with other people or organisations.

**Hambleton Business Awards 2017**

Nominate your favourite business this year  
Nominations open 1 March 2017

This year the awards ceremony moves to a new venue -  
**The Forum, Northallerton**

Visit [hambleton.gov.uk/businessawards](http://hambleton.gov.uk/businessawards) for all the details

Nominations close 29 May 2017

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More information  
Julie Hutton on 01609 767186

**HAMBLETON**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Best Dressed Window

This will be awarded to the business that has the most impressive or attractive window display of internal display for customers. This can include high street businesses and non-high street companies.

## Community Contribution

This will be awarded to a business or individual that has contributed or supported their local community. This could include an individual or a business that has contributed time or funding to support a community. It could be supporting another individual, community group, charity or other local organisation.

## Engaging Young Minds

Awarded to an individual or business most with schools and education providers. This could include engagement with primary, secondary, further or higher education providers. It could include time provided to work with schools, support for projects/curriculum providing work experience and placements.

## Local is Best

Awarded to a business or individual most committed to employing local people or sourcing products and services locally. This could include a business or individual that has gone out of their way to employ people from Hambleton district and sources local products or services in the Hambleton district.

How to nominate? Nominations start in March and can be made via the website. At the time of writing Spire it isn't up and running, so click [here](#), and this website for 2016 will give you a link to the 2017 one.

## Easter Flowers



If anyone wishes to sponsor one of the Easter Flower arrangements, or donate an offering towards their cost, either in Christ Church or St Oswald's Church, please contact the following people.

### **Christ Church:**

Marina Charlton 01642 722087.

### **St Oswald's Church:**

Maureen Rider 01287 632616

It is a nice way of remembering loved ones or giving thanks for special occasions, and it helps enhance our Easter worship and gives joy to lots of people.



# Reflections

*music for celebrations, eulogies, laments  
including works by Allegri, Palestrina, Tallis and Bruckner*

*Director*

*Sam Gardner*

*Organ interludes*

*Richard Bendelow*

*Christ Church Great Ayton*

*Saturday 25th March 2017 7:30pm*

*Tickets £10 (£3 under 16s)*

*[www.michsingers.wordpress.com](http://www.michsingers.wordpress.com)*

*[teesmusic.co.uk](http://teesmusic.co.uk)*





## Polishing Off for the Last Time

In February David Rowland polished the Christ Church brass for the last time before retiring from this role, which he has done voluntarily for 50 years. Every fortnight he has taken the brass off the altar, collection plates and processional cross, and polished them up again. Our brass has always been gleaming.



For many years David did this with his dear wife Hilary, but he has continued single handed since she died in 2006. Not only has he polished the brass, but he has also provided gallons of brasso out of his own pocket, thus saving Christ Church a large expense. Enjoy a well earned rest.

## The Angrove Singers

*(Conductor Jeremy Harbottle & accompanist Jenny Hesford),*

### ***Music for Easter***

Christ Church at 7.30pm on Good Friday, 25th March

*Mass for 5 Voices*, by William Byrd, and a number of other well-loved items including *All in the April Evening*, and *Ave Verum*.

Tickets are needed to reserve a seat, but there is no charge. They will be available from choir members or by phone from Carol Morgan: 01642 722 897.

Donations on leaving are invited, with the proceeds going to 2 charities to be chosen by the Singers nearer the time.

## Yorkshire Cancer Research

Great Ayton and District Committee

There will be a Coffee Morning in Ingleby Greenhow Village Hall on Saturday 11th March 2017, 10am - 12noon. Children from the Bradley School of Dance will entertain. Admission £1.50 to include coffee and scones. There will be a Cake stall, Jams, Crafts, Raffle and Tombola.



On Saturday 10th June 2017, The Tees Valley Gilbert and Sullivan Society will again perform in Christ Church. Details later.

**Margaret Stevens**

## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The recent coffee morning raised £201.30. The total for the boxes is not finalised yet as there are still some to be collected.



On THURSDAY, 23 MARCH, we are holding our annual SOUP LUNCH. Tickets @ £6.50 can be obtained from committee members or Marina Charlton (01642 723087). We look forward to seeing you there.

Jancie Brown

Tel 01642 723873

## Christ Church Charitable Giving 2016

Charity	£	Charity	£
Christian Aid	101.67	Multiple Sclerosis Society	180.10
USPG Overseas Mission	513.10	ICU- JCUHospital	141.72
Church Mission Society	500.00	Zoe's Place	969.51
PCC St Martin of Tours	1000.00	Craigarran Care Home	134.70
Children's Society	1135.33	PSC Support Group	580.02
Children in Distress	1405.80	NE Skin Research Fund	130.28
Corrymeela Community	1000.00	Stroke Association	335.57
Tees Valley Youth for Christ	1000.00	LIVERNORTH	580.02
ACTS435	1000.00	Teesside Hospice	450.19
Tear Fund	26.82	JCUH Paediatric ICU	105.85
Barnabas Fund	439.75	JCUH Neo-Natal Unit	66.00
Mission Aviation Fellowship	1000.00	Tay-Sachs Foundation	146.80
Riding Lights	500.00	Daisy Chain	278.62
Home-Start Teesside	500.00	Cardiac Risk in the Young	230.71
UCCF	1000.00	The Big Heart Charity Fund	581.18
British Heart Foundation	413.72	CLIC Sargent	434.48
Cancer Research UK	424.77	School Aid India	4116.70
M'bro & Stockton Mind	50.51	Embrace the Middle East	100.00
PSPA	122.65	Open Door North East	1221.86
Yorkshire Cancer Research	1618.51	Middlesbrough Food Bank	509.50
Myotonic Dystrophy Support Group	204.78	Together M'Bro & Cleveland	1000.00
Marie Curie	448.68	Royal British Legion	544.86
Pathways	27.72	Yorkshire Air Ambulance	212.68
Great North Air Ambulance	1304.09	St Oswalds Newton PCC	190.00
Macmillan Cancer Support	781.55	Ellie Northey (Costa Rica Guide trip)	150.00
Herriott Hospice Homecare	31.90	Colonels Fund Grenadier Guards	50.51
Dementia UK	342.31	Leeds Donkey Sanctuary	130.5
Mary's Wheels	30.00		
Alzheimer's Society	875.28	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31371.30</b>



## **THE BIBLE COURSE - Get the *BIG PICTURE***



The Bible Course has got off to a great start with 20 folk coming the first evening. If you have missed out, its not too late to join in as we have spare DVDs to loan out for catch up.

We meet in Church with the big screen, watch two 20 minute DVDs with 10 minutes discussion after each video in groups of six. It's not scary, but very informative. Why not join us?

Each evening ends with tea/coffee and cake.

We will meet at 7.45pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Quick Quips**

Answering machine message, "I am not available right now, but thank you for caring enough to call. I am making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the beep. If I do not return your call, you are one of the changes."

My wife and I had words, but I didn't get to use mine.

Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.

Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.

The irony of life is that, by the time you're old enough to know your way around, you're not going anywhere.

God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer for her first question.

I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.

Every morning is the dawn of a new error.

## ORGAN WORKSHOPS



We held our first Organ Workshop on Thursday 16 February, and Professor David Baker from Halifax Organ Academy came for the day to lead sessions with local schools in a fun and interactive way, supported throughout the day by Vicki and Martin.



If we are to attract new players of this King of Instruments, you have to plant the seed of interest early, so the day started with two workshops with Marwood Schools Years 1 and 2 children, where the workings of the organ were explained in a hands on way, and the children got to blow through pipes to make a sound.

In the afternoon we welcomed students from Stokesley Secondary Academy who are doing music as a choice. Part of their course is to write a composition for the organ, so Prof Baker explained the possibilities from the organ, whilst being displayed on the large screen so they could see what he was doing.



*Stokesley Student having a go*

A skill of organists is to extemporise on a tune, so the students gave him the challenge of Baa Baa Black Sheep. It was amazing to hear, and the tune went round my head the rest of the evening.

The students will be performing their pieces at Stops and Strawberries on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June, and the second workshop will be taking place on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Let's hope we enthuse more young people with music and the organ

# From the Registers

## Holy Baptism

26 February

Edward Grainge

## Weddings



Matthew Watson & Nichola Taylor married 4 February at St Oswald's Church.



Laura-Jayne Lockwood & Steven Harper married 16 February at St Oswald's Church.

## Christian Burial and Cremation

31 October  
Norman Ricketts



*Apologies for the late inclusion of this entry which was inadvertently missed out of an earlier*

2 February  
10 February  
16 February  
24 February  
24 February

David Deans  
Ann Peacock  
Kevin King  
Ken Hall  
Tom Shepherd

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

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Stokesley Deanery	<a href="http://www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk">www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk</a>
A Church Near You	<a href="http://www.acny.org.uk">www.acny.org.uk</a>

## Malcolm's Bits and Bobs



"When I was seven or eight, I bought my mother some Pond's Vanishing Cream. It didn't work." - *letter in a newspaper.*

A wife was excited when her husband handed her a present in a box "for your pretty neck." A necklace ? Diamonds ? No - a box of soap, -*from another letter.*

A new cafe opening in Derbyshire advertised for waitresses. The job description read: "Full time. Must be respectable. Except weekends."

A city council banned a camcorder advertisement from its newsletter on the grounds that it was ageist. It read: "So easy even your grandmother could use it."

A football club in Bagshot had a sign saying: "These are kids. This is a game. The coaches are volunteers. The referee is human. This is not the Premier League."

Another supermarket sign: "Prices are born here. Other people raise them."

A former public convenience in Kentish Town, North London, was reopened as a cocktail bar - aptly named "Ladies and Gentlemen."

"It is possible to be both untidy and organised. It is when I have to tidy up for the cleaner or visiting folk that I start to lose things...."

Most politicians have four speeches: what they have written down, what they actually say, what they wish they had said, and what they are quoted as saying the next day.

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

## Services

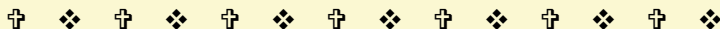
### Christ Church, Great Ayton

<b>Sunday</b>	8.00am Holy Communion
	9.15am Parish Communion with Sunday School
	11.00am Come & Praise ( <i>2nd Sunday of month</i> )
	Evening Worship - as announced in the Diary
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am Little Fishes Carer & Toddler Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	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](mailto:revpev@btinternet.com)

### At St Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry

**Sunday** 11.00am Services on 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month only  
1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion; 3<sup>rd</sup> All Age Worship



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