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under Roseberry
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GIFT DAY

Saturday 21st April 2018

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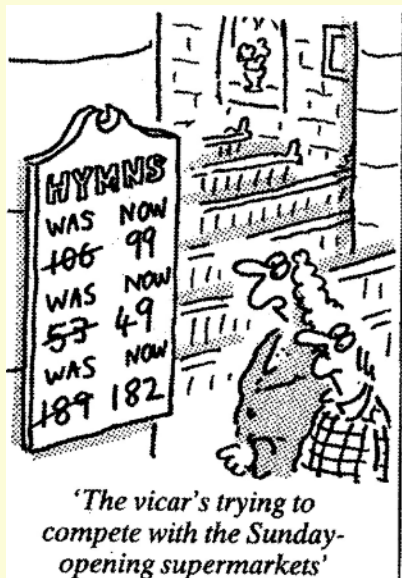
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Malcolm's Musings

APRIL

- 1 **Sun** **EASTER DAY** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion. Saint Oswald's. 11am Come & Praise Easter Service; 4pm United Songs of Praise at St Margaret's RC Church
- 8 **Sun** **EASTER 2** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Come & Praise. 11am - 2pm Wedding Fair at Whinstone View; 3pm Collation and Induction of Revd Tessa Stephens at St Mary's Nunthorpe; 6pm Memorial Service for Recently Departed at Christ Church.
- 9 **Mon** Coffee Lounge Communion at 2pm
- 12 **Thurs** WWI Remembrance at 11am - Leslie Cockerill & Harold Surtees
- 15 **Sun** **EASTER 3** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service; 11.45am Annual Church Meeting
- 19 **Thurs** Organ Workshops in Christ Church 9am - 1pm
WWI Remembrance William Wilks at 2pm
- 21 **Sat** **CHURCH HALL GIFT DAY 9AM - 4PM**
- 22 **Sun** **EASTER 4** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 3pm St George's Day Parade in Church
- 25 **Wed** Opening Night of **ANYTHING GOES** at Middlesbrough Theatre. Come and see Rev Pev as a Bishop. Its the only chance you will ever get :-)
- 28 **Sun** **EASTER 5** Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion. Saint Oswald's; 12.15pm Baptism at St Oswald's



'The vicar's trying to compete with the Sunday-opening supermarkets'

Regular activities on back page

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



The Holiest Day of the Year

Which is the holiest day of the year?

Going by trends in Church attendance, Christmas would appear to be the most important Festival at Christ Church with total attendance at the Christmas Eve/ Day services last year being 563, compared to 276 on Easter Day. Maybe we find the imagery of the Christmas story easier to deal with, and it is more obvious in the rest of society.

For the Christian there is no mistake that Easter Day is the most important day in the Christian Calendar, for without it there would be no faith and no church. Of all the days in the Church's year, it is the one day that the Book of Common Prayer singles out as a day anyone who is serious about being a Christian should be at Church and receive Holy Communion. It is the day above all days when we should make the effort to be at worship. It is this day that gives back hope after the trauma of Good Friday when all seemed finished. It is a day of optimism for the future as we see that God has a hand on his world and has intervened in it for the good. With all the tragedies and sorrows that happen in life, it reminds us that in the fullness of time all will be redeemed, for God has more in store for us. We rightly meet for worship on that day in large numbers, fill our Churches with flowers and sing our Alleluias, as we celebrate the hope God has given us in raising Jesus from the dead. Is this the holiest day of the year?

Several years ago I came across a little book by Rabbi Lionel Blue. He maintained that the most important day in the Christian Year should be Easter Monday. It's fine turning out in large numbers to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, hear the inspiring readings and sing all those wonderful songs, but what do you do with that knowledge the following day? How many people carry the Easter joy and fervour into their everyday lives in the ensuing days and weeks? If Easter is really to be significant, it has to make a difference to us every day of the year and not one.

I hope you will be joining us for worship of Easter Day, but more than that, I pray that you may carry the joy and hope of Easter into each and every Day.

Paul

CHURCH HALL GIFT DAY

on **Saturday 21st April we are having a GIFT DAY from 9am - 4pm** outside the Church Hall on Guisborough Road to raise funds to help bring the Facilities into the 21st Century and are asking for your help.

A leaflet and envelope will be delivered through all doors in the village, and you can return to the Hall or the Discovery Centre, using the Gift Aid envelope if you are a tax payer.

Our Target figure for all the work and equipment is £120,000 and we have managed to get two generous grants so far, but still need around £30,000 to do a good job.

What are we hoping to do?

- New heated toilet block built behind the coffee lounge easily accessible to the Main Hall, thus ending the Siberian experience!
- New kitchen facilities in the main kitchen, including a high speed dishwasher, and glass washed in the Coffee Lounge bar to encourage use of crockery rather than disposable plates and “glasses”. The kitchen will also comply with regulations for hygiene and food preparation.
- Sealing off the stage area, and creating a clear passage through for toilets and kitchen, and moving storage into the former Gents toilet in the Hall, and a spare part of the kitchen area.
- New chairs and new small tables for the hall, and extra light large tables.

PLEASE GIVE US YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



Using the main hall toilets in winter was like walking back in time - in Siberia!



We believe Hall users should have good facilities for activities & occasions

ANNUAL MEETING NEWS



Helen pictured with husband Nick, who was accepted for Reader training last year, and is one of York Diocese's Representatives on General Synod

At our Annual Meeting for Christ Church we elected Rob Pepper and Helen Land to serve as our Churchwardens for the coming year. Churchwardens are an ancient office in the Church and are the Bishop's Officers charged with the responsibility for the goods and fabric of the Church, and to co-operate with the Vicar in the work and witness of the Church. Helen will bring many skills to bear in this role and we look forward to her being part of the team.

The meeting also heard a good report from Treasurer Ken Taylor, that we have once again had a generous year in what we have given and received, but have challenges ahead due to the decline of giving through the loss of so many members of the Church last year. The good news was announced that the Leader Fund have just agreed to give us £48,500 for the Church Hall Renovation Project.

The Vicar reported that he had felt it a very demanding year, partly due to the loss of so many members of the Church who had been very involved in Church life, and also through taking on the Parish of Nunthorpe for a year. The Good News is that Nunthorpe Parish is now in a far better place and is ready to welcome their new Vicar.

There were 19 baptisms last year, 9 weddings and 46 funerals from Great Ayton (another 13 baptisms, 15 weddings and 1 funeral at Saint Oswald's Church)

Easter 276 and Christmas 563 attendances were slightly up - the latter as Christmas Eve was also a Sunday, so many came on the Sunday morning only, which was also included in the figures.

We face a challenge to grow and involve more younger people in the life of our Church to ensure we hand something good to the next generation.



Vicki Nath, retiring Churchwarden, was presented with flowers as a thank you for all that she has done over the last 4 years. Vicki has now been elected onto the PCC.

Spring Cleaners



Our thanks to our dedicated band of cleaners who spent an evening dusting down the cobwebs and the following morning cleaning, hoovering and polishing, so that we can all enjoy a sparkling clean Church. It would be good to have a few younger folk with more strength and energy next year. We all benefit from a clean Church.

Thanks to Jan Thompson and Irene Reah who organised the clean and also the weekly cleaning rota that keeps up this effort throughout the year. A clean and cared for Church is often commented on in the Visitors book. If you can spare a couple of hours just a few times a year to join the team, Irene and Jan would be delighted to hear from you.

Take Up Thy Cross



Ever wondered who makes our Palm crosses each year that we give out on Palm Sunday?

Over recent years the Vicar has called in to the Guides or Brownies on a Friday evening, and in a trice the girls have turned all the Palm leaves into crosses. It's a skill that remains with you. Thank you girls. Anyone else want to try?

CHORAL EVENINGS

As part of our series of Concerts put on to showcase our recently restored Pipe Organ we have recently enjoyed two super Choral Occasions.



At the end of February three choirs joined together under the expert direction of Richard Bendelow to sing Choral Evensong in Church.

Christ Church Choir was joined by Roseberry Church Music Singers and the choir of St Leonard's Loftus with around 140 people in Church.

Andrew Blair accompanied the singing, and also played organ voluntaries at the beginning and end of the service. It was a very moving service, and you would have to travel to Cathedrals to hear such good singing. Our thanks to all who made it possible.

On Friday 9th March the Saint Chad's College Choir came down from Durham for the evening to sing a selection of music - mostly sacred, but with a few secular offerings, interspersed with music from the organ. A full church enjoyed a wonderful evening of music.

The choir are due to go on a tour to Chicago this summer. I am sure they will be well appreciated for their musical talent.



We have had both the Roseberry Church Music Singers and Saint Chad's Choir before, but we really must not leave it as long before we invite them back again. Both choir had many young members, and it is heartening to think that this musical legacy will continue for years to come.

Our thanks to those who organised and provided refreshments on both occasions, and to all who came and supported both events. It is good for people to hear the restored organ.

POPIES FOR REMEMBRANCE

There will be a further meeting for any Poppy Knitters and especially for folk willing to plan and prepare the displays in **Christ Church Coffee Lounge on Tuesday 17th April at 7.30pm**

We already have a lot of people interested in knitting poppies, and we now need to plan the displays possible. Copies of the pattern were available in March Spire (still downloadable from www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk) and also I Stream. Paper copies are available in the Discovery Centre and Christ Church, where you can also drop off completed poppies



Great Ayton Remembers

Harold Surtees

Leslie Cockerill

On Thursday 12th April at 11am

William Wilks

On Thursday 19th April at 2pm

in Christ Church



David Carter MBE

David and Joan Carter recently went to Buckingham Palace for David to receive his well deserved MBE awarded in the New Years Honours List for his Community work throughout the years.

Many will know his through Apollo Choir, Yarm School or maybe Cricketing Connections, and at St Oswald's we appreciate his

encouragement of music by sponsoring musicians for many of our concerts - thus helping support our Church. He's a brilliant narrator too! Well done David.



ST OSWALD'S CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY 15th APRIL 2018 at 11.45am

**Appoint our Churchwardens for
2018**

**Elect Representatives to the Church
Council Adopt the Annual Report
on Church Life and Organisations**

**Receive the Church Accounts for
2017**

Encourage and Enthuse

If you would like to read our Annual Report for 2017, click the image to the right, or pick up a paper copy in Church.

Saint Oswald's Church
Newton under Roseberry



**Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council**

For the year ended 31st December 2017

Visit Saint Oswald's online at
www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk

Charlie - Champion of the World



Charlie with Medal
Photo © Gary Main

“Surreal to be honest” was Charlie Tanfield’s reply to my question ‘What’s it like to be a World Champion?’

He was on a Training Camp in Portugal when I caught up with him one Sunday evening. ‘So what made you change to Track Cycling from being a Road & Circuit rider?’ I asked. “I enjoy cycling in all its forms, so I just thought I’d give it a go,” Charlie replied.

His mum Clare told me how he got into cycling in the first place, “We were riding around the village, the 3 of us, Harry, Charlie & I, when a elderly guy stopped us and said ‘why don’t you come to Prissick Base, we do lots of skills work on bikes there?’ The boys didn’t seem interested at all until he added, ‘at the end of the evening everybody gets a Mars bar’. ‘Can you take me?’ said Harry. ‘And me,’ said Charlie – who always wanted to do everything his older brother did. So I did.”

Their dad Stewart was always an ‘off-road’ biker, so to some extent bikes were in the blood. In the years that followed, social life for Clare & Stewart became a weekend away with the kids at some cycling event or other (with a bottle of wine!)

Harry led the way becoming Under 12 National Road Champion; in the same race Charlie (who was only 10) finished in the top 6.

After following his brother on the road, Charlie made the switch to Track Cycling 18 months ago and helped Brother NRG become British Team Pursuit Champions in January 2017. He later became the second fastest Brit ever in an individual



pursuit (4 min 14.994 sec), eclipsing the best efforts of Sir Bradley Wiggins & Mark Cavendish.

In January, riding for Team KGF a British Track Team based in Derby, Charlie claimed gold in the 4km Individual Pursuit at the UCI Track World Cup Round V in Minsk, breaking the stadium record with a personal best time of 4:12.253 (only 1.7 seconds off the World Record). "Getting closer that World Record and that makes me happy, I am still only 21 so I have plenty of time," said Charlie.



Charlie Tanfield

Then in February, Charlie with team mates Ed Clancy, Kian Emadi and Ethan Hayter defeated Denmark by nearly two seconds in 3:53.389 for Britain's first men's Team Pursuit world title since 2012. The rainbow jersey & gold medal have pride of place hanging in mum & dad's lounge.

Harry & Charlie (who are both now with Team Canyon Eisberg) have now been selected to ride for England in the Commonwealth Games which run from April 4th to 15th. "We knew they were decent (riders) – we never knew how they got there!" said his parents.



Harry Tanfield

We'll all be following their Commonwealth Games rides on TV, but if you want to see them riding in the flesh (and can't afford the flights to the Gold Coast) watch them on April 29th in the East Cleveland Klondike starting at 12 noon in Westgate, Guisborough.

When asked where God is in all this, Stewart replied, "I pray each time they go away that God will keep them safe." I'm sure we can all join him in that prayer.

We'll leave the final word to Charlie, "Thanks for all the kind messages."

Spire Sports Correspondent **GSJ**

Ed. Charlie and Harry went through Marwood, Roseberry and Stokesley Schools. All three schools can be very proud of their achievements, which are a great inspiration.

Bringing the Bible and faith alive

Last year Christ Church gave £1,000 of its charitable giving to BRF. You may not be aware of the breadth of work BRF funds in order to *Bring the Bible and faith alive*.



As a church we're familiar with its Bible Reading Notes (over 40 of us use them daily) and Who Let the Dads Out? (we're one of over 200 churches in the country to be part of this valuable ministry).



You've also probably heard of Messy Church. Over 3,000 churches are supported in this way by BRF. I'm sure we'd all echo these words from BRF's Lucy Moore (Messy Church Team Leader) (we want people to be able to say) 'This is our church. This is our God. This is our story. This is our family. This is where we feel at home, accepted, known by name and free to take risks because we know that here we are most deeply loved.'

Seeds were sown in a parish magazine in 1921 written by Revd Leslie Mannering, which ultimately grew into the flourishing Bible Reading Fellowship of today:

We are so apt to be immersed in organisations, committees and plans, that we become entangled in our own machinery. Even if the machinery is running smoothly and well, there is a danger of it being - just machinery. It is the dynamic of personal religion that really moves men and things. We need to get back to the fundamentals of our faith.

Individual Christian growth

Through their Bible reading notes (like New Daylight), books (including 'Living the Prayer') and events (including Quiet Days); BRF helps people in their own spiritual journey.

Church outreach in the local community

BRF have offered [Messy Church](#), [Who Let The Dads Out?](#) and [The Gift of Years](#) to local churches wanting to engage with their local communities and transform lives.

Transforming the spiritual lives of older people

The Gift of Years is part of what they offer to support churches for outreach in the local community and has been developed by BRF since 2014. Interest in The Gift of Years is growing steadily across denominations and in all parts of the UK as Debbie Thrower and Alex Burn help more and more people to explore the Anna Chaplain model of chaplaincy to older people, which Debbie pioneered originally as a grassroots ecumenical project in Alton, Hampshire.

Teaching Christianity in primary schools

BRF is a professional education provider working with primary children and their teachers, enabling them to explore Christianity creatively and confidently.

Children's and family ministry

They're working with churches and families through their websites and published resources, helping under 11s and adults, working with them to bring the Bible alive.

BRF and discipleship

We're passionate about helping people grow in faith and become more like Jesus Christ, so are BRF.



Ceilidh Evening

with the Cleveland Bays

Friday 11th May

7.30 pm -10.30pm

WI Hall, Great Ayton

Pie and Pea Supper

Tickets £9 (£7 18 & under)

From Chris Stokeld (01642 723573)

In aid of Stokesley School Youth Work.

Over the years they've worked in different ways to help individual Christians in their discipleship. They're continuing to work to address the challenge that discipleship poses to the church today. What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ today? What effect might this have on our workplaces, our homes, our churches, our communities?

We are all wrestling with these questions, so please pray for BRF as they develop this work.

Geoff Jaques

Yorkshire Cancer Research

Great Ayton and District Committee

We had an excellent Coffee Morning at Ingleby Greenhow Village Hall organised for Yorkshire Cancer Research by Ann, Debbie and their helpers. Margaret Connelly brought some pupils from *The Bradley School of Dance* to entertain us brilliantly. Many thanks to everyone who helped make the morning a huge success raising £1041.45.



On Saturday 12th May in Christ Church, the **Silverwood Band** will perform a concert starting at 7pm. Light refreshments will be served in the interval. Tickets £6 are available from Alison Lambert, or any YCR Committee member. Tel. 01642 722044 or 01642 723334.

Margaret Stevens

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

We now have a final total for Box Opening, and we are pleased to announce that you have collected £1,900.55 over the last year. Well done!

The Lent Soup Lunch this week was well attended and seemed a happy event. The total raised was £725, which is really good. We were helped by non-committee members and we are very grateful for their presence - thank you very much.



On **WEDNESDAY, 25th APRIL at 7.30pm**, we are holding a **FASHION SHOW** presented by **YORKSHIRE STORE, STOKESLEY** in Christ Church Hall. Tickets are available from committee members, and also from Yorkshire Store - these are priced at £7.50, including light bites. Summer clothes for the warmer season seem a good idea!

Jancie Brown
Tel 01642 723873



Silverwood Band

Teesside's Longest Established Wind Band

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Stuart Shields



ON SATURDAY 12TH MAY 2018

AT 7.30PM IN CHRIST CHURCH, GREAT AYTON

ALL TICKETS £6

AVAILABLE FROM YORKSHIRE CANCER RESEARCH COMMITTEE

AND ALISON LAMBERT ON 01642 722 565

PRICE INCLUDES LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

All Saints Church, Great Ayton

All Saints 12th century church, the only Grade I listed building in Great Ayton, desperately needs more volunteer guides if it is to remain open seven afternoons per week during the summer months. The church is an important historical monument in its own right but particularly as part of the Cook Trail receives visitors from all over the world - over a thousand per year.



Becoming a guide does not require any detailed prior knowledge or expertise, just some interest in local history and a willingness to be a friendly face welcoming visitors. If you can spare one afternoon or more per month (a duty lasts from 2pm to 4.30pm) to find out more please contact the Custodian, Robin Hazell - Tel: 01642 722975, Mobile 07582 210731, email robin.hazell@btinternet.com

SPIRE & DATA PROTECTION

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We shall also post details of how to get Spire on Facebook pages Christ Church Great Ayton or @stoswaldsnewton, On Twitter at @revpevl and @christchurchTS9, and will post it on the front page of the website each month



Teesside Musical Theatre Company

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Wed 25th to Fri 27th April 2018
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Sat 28th April 2018 at
1:15pm & 6:15pm

choreographer
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by arrangement with MusicScope and Stage Musicals Limited of New York

Join us in Middlesbrough Theatre for a wonderful evening of song and entertainment with Cole Porter's classic musical.

Wed 25th to Fri 27th April at 7.15pm, Sat 28th at 1.15pm & 6.15pm
Adults £15 (Eve) £12 (Matinee) Under 18 £10. From 01642 81 51 81

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

18 March

Ralphie Alan Douglas Thompson

Christian Burial and Cremation

28 February

Howard Dunning

7 March

Jeannette Alderson

8 March

Janet Franks

14 March

Allan Gawthorpe

16 March

Charlotte Holmes (*At St Mary's Nunthorpe*)

20 March

Peggy Bland

23 March

Frank Wise

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

Equal Rights for Saint George



I'm sure none of us like discrimination, so please can someone explain why the Welsh get a Bank Holiday on 1st March for Saint David, the Irish get one on 17th March for Saint Patrick and the Scots get one on Saint Andrew's Day on 30th November, but when 23rd April comes around the English Patron Saint George, they get no day off at all. Wave the Welsh, Irish or Scottish Flags and you are considered patriotic. Wave the English Flag and you are being narrowly Nationalistic.

Wear something red & white for St George's Day

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Stokesley Deanery	www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk
A Church Near You	www.acny.org.uk

MALCOLM'S MUSINGS

Radio 4's listeners were asked to say who they would pray to when their Internet connection was bad. One said: "Mary ; my Internet provider is Virgin."



A canon wrote to the Daily Telegraph stating that the number of currants or raisins in a hot cross bun should be five. "This corresponds to the number of wounds on the Lord's body."

A vicar in Kent, fed up with brides turning up late for their wedding, imposes a fee of £100 if they are more than ten minutes late. The "fine," built into the cost of the ceremony, is refunded if the couple make it to the church on time.

Instructions with a new vacuum cleaner: "If you are anything less than delighted with this item for any reason, you can return it unopened and in its original packaging within 21 days for a full refund."

"I have orders to be awakened at any time in case of a national emergency - even if I am in a Cabinet meeting" - Ronald Reagan

"A deficit is what you have when you haven't as much as you had when you had nothing" - Anon.

Asked what he would do differently if he could have his life over again, Woody Allen replied: "Not read Moby Dick."

"The best thing before sliced bread was a breadknife." - letter in a newspaper.

Unusual funerals reported by the Co-op included one with the funeral director dressed as Darth Vader in a Hallowe'en themed event; mourners dressed as Superman, Batman and Robin; and everyone wearing a leopard-print item of clothing.

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Malcolm Race

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