

Great Ayton & Newton under Roseberry Parishes

Christian Aid Week

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# Spire

7 days, so many ways  
to fund lasting change

MAY 2024 70p




### **Cherry Blossom at the Friends School.**

The cherry trees were gifted to the village by a headmistress 1939-1967 Miss Evelyn Nicholson. Whilst the countryside is looking beautiful with all the blossom out, it hides a deeper concern that constant rain has rotted seed planted for this year, so there may not be a harvest of some crops. When you thank God for the beauty, pray for the farmers who face a difficult year ahead.

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# MAY 2024

- 4 **Sat** 12 noon Wedding at Christ Church.
- 5 **Sun** **EASTER 6** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion.
- 7 **Tues** 7pm Newton PCC at St Oswald's.
- 9 **Thurs** 8am Ascension Day Communion at St Oswald's followed by breakfast at the Kings Head: Organ Recital at Christ Church.
- 12 **Sun** **EASTER 7** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parade Service; 4.30pm Cafe Church.
- 13 **Mon** 9.30am Church Hall Committee; 10.30am Fabric Committee; 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion.
- 14 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church.
- 15 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion.
- 16 **Thurs** 11am Service of Thanksgiving for Eileen Jones.
- 17 **Fri** 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors.
- 19 **Sun** **PENTECOST** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service; 12.30pm Baptism at St Oswald's; 6.30pm Churches Together Service at the Friends Meeting House.
- 20 **Mon** 3pm Fry Court Service.
- 21 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church.
- 22 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion.
- 24 **Fri** 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors.
- 26 **Sun** **TRINITY SUNDAY** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11.15am Baptisms; 4.30pm Cafe Church.
- 31 **Fri** 12 noon Wedding at Christ Church.

## ***Regular activities on back page***

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

## **Prayer For The Day**

Every Weekday at 8.45am on Zoom & Facebook Live.

Same link for Sundays too.

**Daily Morning Worship** ID: 895 1102 4740 **Password: 450872**

## A Rich Legacy

When you arrive as a Vicar in a Parish, you inherit a legacy from what came before, both in the reputation and conduct of the Church and in the physical buildings that help the Church in its ministry.



I am thankful here that I found no skeletons in any closets, and when I do Funeral visits, former vicars are talked about with great warmth.

There have also been many dedicated lay people in the pews who have helped so much to build the life and vitality of the Church through work with Sunday School, Youth Groups, Mothers' Union, Social events like the Bazaar, Study Groups, Choirs and Music, maintaining All Saints Church, looking after the Church Hall and running organisations and bodies connected to the Church that have enriched our life. Check out the Annual Reports for those who do these tasks now, but many others have already gone to glory.

I am thankful to Rev'd Joseph Ibbettson who built Christ Church for the princely sum of £5,000. The growing village needed a bigger Church building and there wasn't room to extend All Saints Church, so they started a new building with Christ Church.

It's reckoned Christ Church could accommodate 300 people seated. Today in the Nave its nearer 220 due to some pews being taken out at the front and also the welcome corner on the South side. The pew seating is often filled to capacity at Remembrance and some Christmas Services. There have been many funerals in my time when it has been standing room only, and Christingles and the schools carol services have allowed the pews to exhibit their elastic qualities to squeeze extra people in.

The wonderful high ceiling, so hard to heat, is wonderful for acoustics, and many who come for Concerts comment on the quality of sound.



It was in Rev'd Withrington's time that the Temple Moor Chancel was added to replace whatever was there before, and the Greek Mnemonic for Jesus (HIS) is a reminder that he is over everything we do.

The Church Hall, also sometimes called the Parochial Hall, was added in 1910, and this provision was enhanced under Revd Ted Appleyard's time with the addition of the Coffee Lounge and the covered link passage from Church. With a stage, two kitchens, Hall, Coffee Lounge, Office and Meeting Room, our Church Hall, has been upgraded twice and is often looked on with envy by colleagues who have to make one building do everything. We are fortunate in having space that can be set out with Teas etc, to await congregations or concert attendees. It's not that we could hire all the buildings out to different people at the same time, for parking is still an issue with far more cars parked on Guisborough Road since I arrived in 1993.



Technology has also appeared in Church and Hall with Broadband, large screens and projectors in Church and Hall, and a large TV in the Coffee Lounge. Sunday and daily services have now been streamed for over 4 years, and it would be good to see some permanent provision installed in Church, for we are often asked to stream baptisms, weddings and especially funerals for family members who cannot attend otherwise.

From the modern to the ancient, for Great Ayton is most fortunate in having the 12<sup>th</sup> Century Church of All Saints, that was around 600 years old before the young James Cook attended when his family moved to Great Ayton.



All Saints Church, originally dedicated to Saint Mary before the Reformation, was once the only Church in the village. It remains loved by all and has a wonderful atmosphere for prayer and worship. We are grateful to all the Custodians over the years who have cared for it - Watson Johnston, Maurice Hodgson, Mike Norgan, Roger Arkell and now Robin Hazell. We do indeed have a rich legacy to be thankful for. Let's ensure we hand it on in good shape. **Paul**

# Organ Recital



## **Echoes of Mastery**

'Ewan's journey through organ studies at conservatoire'.

We welcome back Ewan, our former organist,  
for an evening of music at the organ.

**Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm**  
**in Christ Church, Great Ayton**

Refreshments available, and a retiring collection.

Join us for an enjoyable evening.



Christian Aid Week gives us the chance to make a difference on behalf of the poor of the world. Your donation could be live saving, but it will definitely be life changing. You can give in the following ways.

**1. Visit the Village Just Giving page by clicking [HERE](#):**

**2. Use our Christian Aid QR code** with your mobile phone.



**3. Pay Directy into the Christ Church Account.**  
*Great Ayton Parochial Church Council*

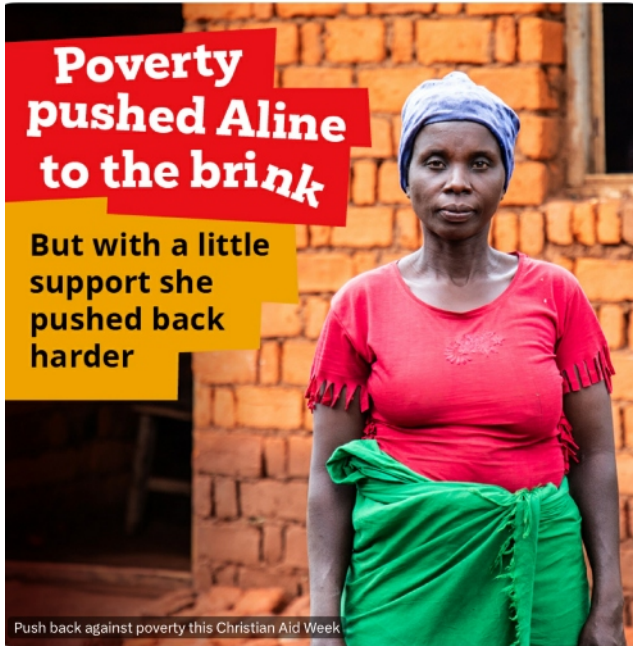
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**4. If you get an envelope through your door**, fill it and return to Thompson's Hardware.

**5. There will be a Street Collection opposite High Green on Saturday 18th May, 9.30 am to 12noon.**

**6. Come to the service at Christ Church on Sunday and give there.**

# Christian Aid Week 2024



**Join us**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 9.15am - 10am**

**Morning Service & Church Parade**

**Christ Church, Guisborough Road**

## An Experience of Christian Aid

*Ann Davies daughter, Sian, worked with Christian Aid 10 years ago, and has sent this first hand report of her experience*

Christian Aid works with some of the poorest people in 29 countries, through partner organisations to end poverty.

In 2014 I visited Mali as a journalist to see the work being done there after Islamic groups in the north began advancing south, resulting in the conflict of 2012/2013.

They began taking over towns and enforcing an extreme version of Sharia law. Both Christians and Muslims were fearful of the rebels.

During the trip I met students forced to flee their homes and had missed months of school, but who wanted to use their education to help their country succeed.

I met a mother-of-three who was scared go to the local market because of public floggings.

I met a local radio presenter who was beaten by the rebels and threatened with death. His town still had bomb craters and landmines when I visited.

But GRAT, one of Christian Aid's main partners in Mali, was working to assist 1,000 displaced families and strengthen productivity in agriculture by providing equipment and training. Another partner organisation APH was giving out millet as part of a food distribution project.

Christian Aid works with partners on the ground to get the help straight to the people who need it.

A teacher told me: "Traditionally Mali is a country of togetherness and we never had religious problems. I'm Muslim and work in a Catholic school no problem. Through the help of national and international partners we're trying to rebuild ourselves."

Sian



## SAINT OSWALD'S CHURCH ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

We said Thank You to members of the Church who were stepping down from roles at the APCM.

Jancie Brown has retired as Electoral Roll Officer, having taken on the position when she retired as Treasurer. Jancie has verged at many weddings and baptisms, arranges flowers on the altar, and has been brilliant at selling raffle tickets at concerts, as well as being a regular worshipper and always volunteering when she can.



Matt Hulbert has been one of our Churchwardens since 2019, but has not stood again this year due to increased commitments at work and with his family. Also one of our team of verger and a great welcomer at the All Age Service, Matt has also taken care of the mulled wine at the Carol Service -sometimes with hilarious results!

We thank them both for all that they have done, and both assure us that they will continue to be part of Saint Oswald's Church.

We were pleased to appoint two Churchwardens, as Chris Stinson stood again, and has been joined by Steve Fellowes. Steve and Barbara moved to the area in retirement to be near to family, and they were both very much involved in the last Church with Steve being Churchwarden there. Photo to follow.

# GIFT DAY 2024

Great Ayton is blessed with 2 fine churches- One, All Saints, tucked away by the Low Green has been welcoming worshippers and visitors alike for over 1000 years; the other, Christ Church, a few hundred yards away on Guisborough Road is a more majestic neo-gothic building built by the Victorians to accommodate the big increase in population after the opening of the ironstone mines.



Both have their admirers in the village. All Saints offers a place for calm reflection surrounded by the peace and tranquillity of the ancient church yard. Christ Church offers a larger space for major gatherings at Christmas, Easter and for funerals and weddings and has a fine acoustic admired by many visiting choirs and performers.

But both of these churches are in need of some TLC- they have recently had their quinquennial inspections which have revealed that attention to the fabric is required. All Saints needs roof repairs, some of the stonework needs repointing and the woodwork should be repainted- as there is no regular congregation, routine maintenance and other operating costs (such as insurance) must be paid for by donation. The church needs £2000 per year just to stay open and visitor numbers have not yet returned to pre-covid levels.

Christ Church has a different set of problems! It is a large church so is expensive to heat and the insurance costs are correspondingly high! It has a tall spire which now needs repointing of the stonework near the top! And inside there is a need to upgrade the sound system both for worshippers inside the church and for the growing number who worship from home or attend funerals and weddings of friends and family living far away- streaming of services is now providing a valuable service to many people but we need

the equipment to do this effectively! Church parishioners are already generously supporting the church but more is needed!

So that is why we are organising a Gift Day on **22<sup>nd</sup> June** to enable all of those for whom All Saints or Christ Church have a special meaning to contribute to a fund to carry out the necessary improvements and repairs. Many people will have been baptised or married in Christ Church or bid farewell to a loved one at their funeral- equally many may have attended a packed Carol Service in All Saints or have enjoyed a peaceful visit in historic surroundings. Whatever your connection with these churches, please come



along on the day when our Vicar, Paul Peverell, myself and other church members will be in attendance to receive your donation. And if you can't attend in person you can always use our QR code – just choose which church you wish to support (or maybe both!)

We will publish more details nearer the time- but in the meantime, keep this date free in your diaries! We look forward to seeing you on 22<sup>nd</sup> June!

Many thanks

**Ken Taylor Parish Treasurer**

**Paul Peverell Vicar**

## World Day Of Prayer

The service this year took place on Friday 1st March at St. Margaret's church in Great Ayton, with over 40 people attending.

The theme was "I beg you bear with one another in love", composed by the women of Palestine, a poignant reminder of the current troubles.



Participants from all churches in the village took part in an uplifting service of readings, songs, contemplation, reflections, testimonies, and prayers. Extra prayers for peace and an end to hostilities were also included. Overall a time to be joyful and hope for the future whilst still mindful of the ongoing desperate situation in Palestine.

A table displaying citrus fruit, an olive plant (sign of everlasting and abundant life), jasmine for making tea to soothe and bring people together, and poppies as reminders of loved ones. Also an olive wood carving of Christ and his mother, symbolising family life. During the exchange of peace bookmarks with olive leaves depicted were exchanged.

Refreshments were enjoyed afterwards, many thanks to all involved in the service, kind hospitality and providing music.

A total of £260 was collected for the work of World Day of Prayer and projects run by Christian charities at home and abroad.

Do join us next year on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at Christ Church at 10.30am when the women of the Cook Islands will be compiling the service which will take place on that day all over the world.

All welcome!

**Angela Jaques**

## Memorial to Queen Elizabeth II



On attending a recent service at York Minster, I was delighted to see her looking out from the West End in a lovely sculpture that has been added in her memory.

To be fair, I think this was there last year, but I'm obviously not that observant.

The statue is so high up, its not easy to see the detail, so I was delighted to find a replica in the South Transept.

The Queen had been so much part of our lives for so long, and gave to our country a great sense of stability and identity.

She was also very much a Christian Lady and her Christian faith played a very important role in all that she did.

Her Christmas broadcasts were peppered with references to the Faith and she got across her message in a positive way with an economy of words.

We will all remember her exploits with James Bond and Paddington Bear which showed her sense of fun, so how good that at York Minster we can remember her great Faith too.



## Notes and News

**Bible Reading Fellowship** An informal discussion meeting with refreshments based on the Bible Reading Fellowship New Daylight Notes January to April 2024 has been arranged for Wednesday 8th May at 2pm at the home of Chris Robertson, The Cottage, Bridge Street, Great Ayton. All welcome. Please let Angela Jaques know if you are coming. Mobile no. 07884486396, e-mail [angjaques@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:angjaques@yahoo.co.uk).

**Thank You** Lynda Walker, who was recently diagnosed with cancer and underwent surgery writes ...

Thank you all so much for your support over the last six months. I have had the all clear given. Brilliant! Lynda.

**Farewell Services** There will be an Archdeaconry Farewell Service at Northallerton Parish Church on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm for Bishop Paul and a joint Service of Farewell with Bishop John of Selby in York Minster on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm in Evensong

## Churchwardens for Christ Church



At our recent Annual Meeting we were delighted welcome back a former Churchwarden, Rosemary Wheway, to serve with Helen Land who was re-elected. It is good that we have two Churchwardens as we approach the first vacancy in 32 years. They both will bring considerable experience to the role. We thanked Jonny Winterschlade for all that he had done, and presented him with a “spiritual gift” to mark our thanks.

## Sunday School Leader(s) Needed

After 23 years at the helm, Karen will be stepping down from running Sunday School at the end of the summer term as she and Paul retire in October.



It has been a great time and peaked with over 40 children on the Register, but numbers are less than this now, but there were 20 children in the Crib Service.

The Sunday School have done countless crafts over the years as they have heard the Bible stories of our faith, and have come into the 9.15am service to share them with us.

They visited the Emmaus Centre at Wydale for several weekends; have led the prayers at Christingle Services over the years; attended Good Friday Workshops, and of course put on some terrific Crib Services.

The Sunday School also fed into the Confirmation Classes and gave Elsa Taylor many bell ringers.



Now the time has come when Karen really will be stepping down. We need someone - maybe a small team - to come forward and take up the baton? Our church will be a lot poorer without the Sunday School. If you wish to know more, please catch Karen and ask her about it.

## Thy Kingdom Come 2024 Prayer Walk

We will be walking and praying around the village on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May.  
Please join us for all or part of the journey.

To join the Prayer walk, Meet at Methodist Church Community Hub morning at 10 am for refreshments, gather on the Church patio at 10:15am, following a blessing please pick up a prayer ribbon to take and tie on the railings outside Suggitts when we will have the first reading and prayer.

- 10:30 am Second Reading at Waterfall Park
  - 10:40 am Third Reading at High Green
  - 10:55am Fourth reading at Quaker burial ground for silent prayer, then walk up station road and turn right to walk round the far side of Leven Court past the Bowling Green
  - 11:10am Fifth reading in the woods near the river
  - 11:20am Sixth reading at the top of the football pitch
  - 11:30am Seventh reading at St. Margaret's Catholic Church
  - 11:50 am End at All Saints in time for noon prayers (toilets open at Christ Church)
- Bring your own picnic for lunch in the grounds of All Saints church afterwards



## Thy Kingdom Come 2024

Begins on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 8am**  
with **Holy Communion in Saint Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry**  
taken by Bishop Paul followed by a  
fellowship breakfast at the King's Head.

**Daily in All Saints Church**

**12.00 Midday Prayers with Music**  
(20 to 30 minutes)  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**8:45 am Prayer for the Day**  
(15 minutes) on Zoom & Facebook  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**





## Thy Kingdom Come Prayer

*Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom: inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*



The season closes with a  
**Taize Style Pentecost Service**  
**6.30pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May**  
**The Friends Meeting House, High Green.**

**PRAY by name for 5** of your family and friends that they may come to know Jesus.

## Prayer Ribbons & Thy Kingdom Come

Once again we invite you to tie a ribbon on Suggitts' railings which are available from all the churches, Suggitts, the Discovery Centre and Thompsons.

We will ask the churches to bless the ribbons at their services on the Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> of May and they can be put on the railings from then until Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of June.. They will also be part of Thy Kingdom Come, the global prayer initiative.

In tying a ribbon we pray together to remember a loved one or for a situation at home or abroad.



# From the Registers

## Holy Baptism

14 April

Chloe Rose Ashley

14 April

Arthur David Wordsworth

21 April

Abel Theodore Shaw

21 April

Ezra James Shaw

21 April

Aylish Louise Stephen



## Funerals & Memorial Services

3 April

George Hing

5 April

Randall Hall

8 April

Dorina Tanfield

18 April

Don Spenceley

19 April

Audrey Clarkson

26 April

Lionel Gibson

*Services in Magenta took place at Saint Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry.*

<b>Parish website</b>	<a href="http://www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk">www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk</a>
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<b>Diocese of York</b>	<a href="http://www.dioceseofyork.org.uk">www.dioceseofyork.org.uk</a>
<b>Stokesley Deanery</b>	<a href="http://www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk">www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk</a>
<b>A Church Near You</b>	<a href="http://www.acny.org.uk">www.acny.org.uk</a>

## Malcolm's Musings

Bagshot Park was once used by the Royal Army Chaplains' Department, both for its headquarters and to accommodate courses to assist the spiritual and social welfare of the Army. A pond in the grounds had a notice alongside it saying: "Please do not walk on the water."



At the end of morning prayers at a village church, the congregation stood in silence while the vicar solemnly blew out the altar candles. After a short pause, a two-year old girl in the congregation started singing: "Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you." The whole church burst into laughter – and the girl burst into tears.

*Newspaper report:* "The annual children's painting competition will be judged by the mayor on December 12<sup>th</sup> in the Guildhall. The theme this year is a Christmas card idea and the pictures, as well as the winners, will be hung in the library."

A writer to a newspaper recalled a former colleague in Ethiopia who was a generous host, but about 10pm, after a dinner party, he would leave his assembled guests and start to run a bath. "We always said hasty farewells before it could overflow."

A notice outside a Windsor church read: "Open legally on Sundays." Someone could not resist adding underneath: "From the people who brought you Christmas."

Visiting a friend in America who had a mynah bird, a woman expressed surprise at how many phrases it knew when the bird interrupted, looked at her scornfully, and said: "Birds don't talk."

"You can't beat Scarborough," said the elderly Yorkshire woman as she strolled arm in arm along the prom with her husband. "I always think that when one of us kicks the bucket, I'll come and live here."

The Sunday school teacher held up a picture of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday – and a little voice came from the back: "Hasn't he grown a lot since Christmas?"

**Malcolm Race**

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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 (BCP)
	9.15am	Parish Communion <i>Live on Zoom &amp; Facebook.</i>
	4.30pm	Cafe Church (2nd & 4th Sundays of month)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.45am	Little Fishes Toddler Service (School Term time only)
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer - every week

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

<b>Sunday</b>	11.00am	Holy Communion on 1 <sup>st</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month
		All Age Service on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month
		(No Service on 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month)
		<i>Contact the Vicar for Baptisms &amp; Weddings</i>

**Baptisms, Banns and Weddings** can be arranged  
by emailing the Vicar, Paul Peverell at [revpev@btinternet.com](mailto:revpev@btinternet.com)

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(For services or pastoral matters, please contact the vicar)