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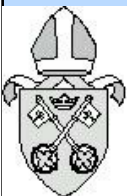
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PCC as at February 2018

Ex Officio: Clergy - Revd Paul Peverell, Revd Geoff Jaques & Revd Jon Dean:
Churchwardens Rob Pepper & Vicki Nath.

Deanery Synod Reps: Rosemary Wheway, Nick Land,

PCC Members: Ken Taylor, Anna Wilson, Mark Stowell, Enid Sedgwick,
Caroline Legg, Anna Wilson, Robin Harmar, John Dickinson, Rob Pepper,
David Oliver, Margaret Lewis & Peter Titchmarsh

A Word from the Vicar



We started the year by employing a new organist, a young man of 18 of great promise who is taking a gap period from education before continuing his musical training at music college or cathedral. As well as bringing great blessing to the Church by his talent and warm character, he also has helped us respond positively to the Heritage Lottery Grant to encourage interest in the organ among the young following its recent restoration.

At the end of February, I handed back the Parish of Nunthorpe (10,000 pop.) which I had also been Priest in Charge of for 14 months between Vicars. It was a very demanding time, but a good time for them to prepare for the next step on their journey. All continued as normal here.

Easter attendance was down to 227 (276) but we had hosted the Churches Together Easter Songs of Praise in 2017 and were elsewhere this year.

Springtime saw the Parish launch its Gift Day Appeal for the much needed renovation of the Church Hall, and the very good response from the Community of £23k+ shows the respect the Church is held in. Work then progressed throughout the summer months, reopening in September.

Alongside the regular outreach activities of Little Fishes, Sunday School, Who Let the Dads Out, we also ran many one off events including Praise and Party, which is directed to the older age group. We also became a Dementia Friendly Church. Regular Prayer and Bible Study, both in Groups and individually, continued last year, and with exciting plans to encourage more groups this year.

Possibly the greatest highlight of 2018 was Remembrance Sunday bringing together the 48 individual acts of Remembrance for those from the village who died in the First World War which have been occurring on the 100th anniversary of each death. The whole community rallied around to make a fantastic display of knitted poppies around the village, and especially around the war memorial outside Christ Church. We have never seen so many people outside Church for Remembrance Sunday in living memory, nor in Church for the service afterwards. We Remembered Them.

A whole round of well attended Christmas Services also helped raise £3,210 for a community project in a very deprived area of Middlesbrough, together with support for several other Church Mission charities from Church Giving. Once again, we have been a very generous Church.

Baptisms rose slightly from 2017 to 22 (19) with over half of these coming in October-November! Church Weddings increased by one to 10. Whilst Funeral were down by 8 to 36, this has been more than made up for in January!

Our average attendance has fallen to 109 (111) adults and 21 (24) children. Given we lost 18 members through death in 2017 and a further 6 last year, it is surprising that it isn't worse. This is testament to the growth with younger families that is also happening through activities and occasional offices.

My thanks to all who have contributed to a very busy and active year.

Paul

PCC Secretary Report 2018



Since the last Annual Church Meeting in March, the PCC and Standing Committee have met on five and four occasions respectively. These meetings were well attended and the effective running of our Church was discussed.

Members of the PCC and its offspring committees work invisibly behind the scenes. Amongst the many tasks of the PCC, (I think everyone will agree) that the most noticeable this year, has been the refurbishment of the Church Hall. It has certainly been worth the many months of planning, hard work and commitment made by everyone involved in this project. A huge thank you to

Robin Harmar and the Church Hall committee for seeing this project through and a special thank you to Sarah Botez for re accommodating all Hall users during the work period. It really is a huge improvement not only for the Church but also for the community.

Another important focus for our Church this year has been the "From Thankfulness to Generosity" Campaign, which has allowed us to acknowledge how blessed we are in our lives and find a way to share that blessing with others. Once again, Paul has shown us how good it is to support one another and how we are able to make a difference within our village, in our area and throughout the Diocese.

I am sure that you will agree that we must thank **all** our PCC members for their enthusiasm and commitment.

Anna Wilson PCC Secretary

The Parish of Great Ayton with Easby

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Wednesday 21st March 2018

Minutes

Present (26): Paul Peverell (Vicar/Chairman), Rosemary Wheway, Ken Taylor, Vicki Nath, Anna Wilson, Rob Pepper, Alison Lambert, Audrey Prunty, Peter Prunty, Angela Jaques, Geoff Jaques, Helen Land, Pauline Titchmarsh, Enid Sedgwick, Margaret Lewis, Elsa Taylor, Nicky Pepper, Martin Simmons, Robin Harmar, Jon Dean, Elaine Brown, Dorothy Wood, Gordon Wood, Jean Mitchell, Betty Manton, Ken Bellamy

Meeting of Parishioners

Election of Churchwardens

- The election of the Churchwardens is open to any parishioner living in Great Ayton and they are eligible to vote even if they are not on the electoral roll.
- Vicki Nath stated that she would not be standing again this year and would therefore be stepping down after 4 years as Churchwarden.
- Churchwardens are elected on an annual basis and we are pleased to say that we have received two nominations for Churchwarden for this year
- Helen Land and Rob Pepper were nominated and the Vicar is delighted to declare that there were no further nominations and they were both duly elected.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Those present, who are on the electoral roll, were invited to stay for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Caroline Legg, David Oliver, Jean Cumbor, Vivienne and Jonathan Wintershladen, John and Helen Dickinson, Ben Lambert, Stephen and Heather Whitehead, Nick Land, Jo Dean, Mary Boyce, Andrew Prunty, Peter Titchmarsh, Doris Huddleston, Malcolm Race.

1. Minutes of the last meeting 15th March 2017

- The minutes of last year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting had been circulated with the Annual Report.
- The minutes were proposed by Ken Taylor, seconded by Gordon Wood. All in agreement.

2. Matters Arising

- There were no matters arising.

3. Electoral Roll Report

- Alison Lambert reported that following the revision of the roll for 2017 which closed on 4th March, the number appearing on the Roll is now 285, a net decrease of 4 for the year.
- This net decrease is due to 11 new applications being accepted and 15 names being removed from the list.
- Unfortunately, there are still a significant number of church members who are not on the Roll, particularly younger members.
- Applications for enrolment can be accepted after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting and throughout the year not just at the Annual Revision.

4. Presentation of Annual Report for 2017

- The Annual report for 2017 has been published and distributed in several formats.
- There is a tremendous amount of work that goes on in the church and thanks were given to all those who have contributed their written words to the Annual Report and for all the work that they carry out voluntarily during the year to make Christ Church such a successful church.
- Formal adoption of the report was proposed by Alison Lambert and seconded by Rosemary Wheway. Agreed by all present.

5. Financial Report and Presentation of Audited Accounts for year ended 31st December 2017

- Ken Taylor presented the financial report for the year ending 31st December 2017 – full details of the income and expenditure are available in the Annual Report.

- Highlights of the year included the Organ restoration project which now runs into the community involvement phase.
- The Church Hall renovation project is now getting underway, Robin Harmar has secured £40,000 so far of the £120,000 required. And reported the excellent news that a further £48,500 has been offered by the Leader Fund.
- County Councilor Heather Moorhouse is donating £2,000 for chairs and there are other fundraising projects in the pipeline.
- A Gift Day has been organized for 21st April 2018 to help generate the remaining funds.
- Income and expenditure in respect of the Church General funds ended with a deficit of £1280.
- Our reserves now stand at £38,000 which equates to approximately 3-4 months operating costs.
- Charitable giving has continued at record levels
- £34,943 was distributed to 50 charities throughout the year.
- The Top Charities were: School Aid India, Christian Aid, Yorkshire Cancer Research, Macmillan, Children's Society, Zoe's Place.
- Planned giving has decreased but this not surprising following the high number of parishioners lost this year.
- The costs of running the Church have been put into a pie chart to make it easier for people to understand where money goes.
- Expenditure works out at £2,615 per week!
- Ken introduced everyone to the new card reader so that card payments can be taken in church.
- Details of the Budget for 2018-2019 were given:
- Income is budgeted as £136,000.
- Expenditure is balanced at £136,000 to include a Freewill Offering to the Diocese of £90,840.
- The PCC agreed at their last meeting that this budget be submitted for approval at this Annual meeting.
- Ken thanked Helen Dickinson, Ynez and John Clarke, Jean Goat, Robin Harmar and all the sidespeople for helping to look after the money.
- The Vicar said a very big thank you to Ken Taylor for all his work on the accounts – he is a very efficient treasurer and carries out his role

in what appears to be an effortless manner! Thanks to Ken and his team who help him.

- Ken Taylor proposed adoption of the signed accounts seconded by Ken Bellamy. All in agreement.

6. The Vicar's comments

- Paul gave thanks for all the hardworking members of the church who we have lost over the last year.
- Nunthorpe – helping out a neighbour in need. It has been a busy year with more meetings than the vicar had ever known! Morale was down to start with but thankfully all is ok now and they are ready to welcome their new vicar.
- Baptisms - **19**. Down again from last year. Thanks were expressed to the team who make them all run so smoothly – clergy, sidespeople and anniversary card distributors.
- Weddings - **9** Down from 17 but due to Nunthorpe commitment, Paul didn't attend any wedding fairs in 2018. Thank you to the team, musicians and sidespeople.
- Funerals - **27** in church and **19** crematorium services. We are lucky to have the multi media facilities to use during the service. A special thank you to the associated businesses ie Funeral Directors, Florist and Caterer, as well as the team here in church, that give Great Ayton great service.
- Fees to the parish are at £8,165 which is an excellent amount.
- Attendance figures have remained steady.
- Thanks was expressed to everyone involved in the different groups associated with church. Little Fishes has celebrated its 7th Birthday. WLTD? Is still going well and Come & Praise is well attended.
- Sunday school – Karen is wishing to step down after many years running it on her own. There will be no Good Friday workshop this year.
- There have been lots of special services during the year including WWI anniversaries, Bishop John's visit, Charity Auction, and a very special Praise and Party!
- Church continues to reach out to those in need with regular donations for the Food bank, the PCC charitable giving, and Special appeals such as School Aid India Christmas appeal.

- Social media also enables the Church to reach a wider audience through Twitter, Facebook, the website and Spire.
- Friends of Music have organised plenty of concerts and workshops in church ie. Nigel Ogden, Stops and Strawberries and Faures Requiem.
- As mentioned in the financial report, the Church Hall is to undergo essential renovation this year. Thank you to the team for all their hard work.
- Thanks were expressed to Vicki Nath who is stepping down as Churchwarden after 4 years. Vicki has worked very hard during her time as Churchwarden and has seen many projects come to fruition such as the Organ restoration project. Vicki was presented with flowers as a Thank you.
- There has been a change in the music department. Michael Aisbitt stepped down as our Organist & Choirmaster at Christmas and we have welcomed Ewan Murray to the role. Ewan has settled in well
- Paul thanked all the Parish Staff, Church Officers and everyone involved in our Church who do so much for our church life.
- Challenges for 2018 – Growth in faith and number, Be our brothers keeper, Develop our own legacy, Keep in the public spaces.

7. Election of Deanery Synod Representatives – 1 vacancy

- The Vicar asked if there was anyone who wished to be nominated for the Deanery Synod, there were none.
- There remains one vacancy on the Deanery Synod.

8. Election of Parochial Church Council members – 7 vacancies

- There are 7 vacancies on the PCC – there had been six vacancies during the year and the term of membership ended for Caroline Legg.
- The following church members were nominated, seconded and accepted as PCC members: Vicki Nath, Caroline Legg, Margaret Lewis & Peter Titchmarsh.

There remains 5 Vacancies on the PCC

9. Appointment of Sidesmen and women

- Martin Bell come has come onto the 8am service to help Betty Manton.
- Thanks were expressed to the Sidespeople who continue to do an excellent job every week and on special occasions.

10. Appointment of independent examiners

- Ken Taylor proposed Jon Gresham of Baldwins be appointed as our independent Examiners. This was Seconded by Peter Prunty.

11. Any questions on church matters for consideration by the PCC

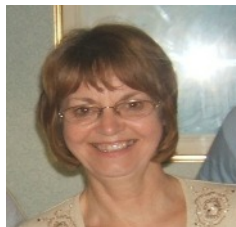
None

The Vicar thanked all present for their contributions to the meeting and asked members of the PCC to stay for a brief meeting following the APCM.

Martin Simmons expressed great thanks to Paul for his enthusiasm, energy and the way he works with people. It was agreed that we are very lucky to have him.

Stokesley Deanery Synod

In 2018 the Parish was represented by Nick Land, John Dickinson and Rosemary Wheway. There is one vacancy. The clergy also attend.



There were three meetings in 2018 held at various venues in the Deanery. Apart from the business of information sharing and financial necessities some meetings begin with an informative talk and any member of the congregation can attend the talk and stay, as an observer, for the business meeting.

In February we began discussions on developing a Deanery Plan focusing on the “Vision for Developing Deaneries” approved by the Diocesan Synod and the strategy needed to implement this. It is an ongoing matter.

In June we had a presentation by Nick Land on the report entitled “Setting God’s People Free”. This was later repeated for a joint PCC with Newton.

In October we had a presentation on Prayer led by Rev’d Andrew De Smet and Synod took part in some exercises on prayer.

Each year the Deanery organises four Lent services. In 2018 these were held in Stokesley Parish Church and had four excellent speakers: Sister Janet Elizabeth of the Order of the Holy Paraclete, Bishop Alison of Hull, Rev’d Robert and Lisa Opala and Father Richard Ffield from Ampleforth Abbey. The theme was Spirituality and Prayer and each session ended with a short act of worship.

Rosemary Wheway

CHURCHWARDENS’ REPORT

The congregation can continue to be reassured that the Church silver and other items of value continue to be kept safely and securely, and records continue to be updated as required.

We have continued general maintenance to the fabric of Christ Church and All Saints Church. May 2018 saw the quinquennial inspection for Christ Church (5 year structural report) with no major works/concerns being identified, however there are a number of items which need attention over the coming 4 years, including a recommendation that various doors are repainted along with some pointing and lead work. A plan has been initiated to action these items as part of general maintenance over the next 4 years, a similar plan is in place for All Saints.

All Saints had a minor roof leak which was promptly repaired with no other damage found.

No new projects have been undertaken this year (as per budget) and there were no major unplanned items of expenditure relating to fabric matters.

There are a large group of people working behind the scenes who enable our church to function as it does, they include the volunteer cleaners, the Sidespeople, the flower arrangers and those who serve coffee, to mention but a few. They keep the church looking beautiful and the services running smoothly, and again we wish to thank them for all their hard work.

Helen Land and Rob Pepper - Churchwardens

Financial Report 2018



After a relatively quiet year in 2017, we returned to a period of intense financial activity this year, dominated by the much-needed project to renovate the Church Hall while at the same time seeking to strengthen our general funds after two years of declining receipts.

Unrestricted income remained static compared to 2017 at £134,035 while unrestricted expenditure rose slightly to £139,108. As a consequence, the balance in our general funds fell from £38,214 to £35,244,. This is equivalent to just 3 months of annual expenditure which places our reserves at

the low end of our target level.

Income suffered from a further reduction in the level of planned giving. In September we launched the “From Thankfulness to Generosity” programme, which, while increasing awareness of the needs of many in the deprived areas of our region, had only a marginal effect on the level of regular giving. To date, the net increase will be around £6,000 in 2019. One highlight however, was that 10 new members joined one of our planned giving schemes.

We were fortunate to receive legacies totalling £3,000 and a donation of £2,000 towards our ministry costs from our sister church at St Oswald’s, Newton, which compensated for much of the shortfall in regular giving.

Maintenance and repair costs remained at a low level but a contribution of £3,032 was made to the Hall renovation project to compensate for a small shortfall in funding. Other operating costs were generally on budget.

The PCC agreed to increase our contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund by the level of inflation to £90,840 but, in the light of our reduced income, it was decided not to offer an increase in 2019. We again donated £10,000 to mission giving from general funds. Our recent practice of encouraging recommendations from members of the congregation was continued, and we again supported a number of mostly local and national Christian-based charities.

During the year we ran two appeals. Our harvest appeal raised £338 for the Middlesbrough Food Bank while the Christmas appeal focussed on the Genesis Project at Saint Oswald's Church in Middlesbrough which provides support to impoverished families in the Grove Hill area of the town. Overall, our mission giving from funerals and weddings, special services, appeals, and donations from general funds reached the excellent total of £31,839 distributed among 56 different charities.

We entered the final stage of the organ restoration project with the Friends of Music group organising a number of successful concerts, tutorials and other activities to encourage people of all ages to take an interest in the organ. Although these were largely funded by the Church, the costs will be covered by the final 10% of the Heritage Lottery Fund grant which will become payable later in 2019.

Restricted funds were dominated by the project to renovate the Church Hall. A successful Gift Day was organised in April followed by several other fundraising events which raised an excellent total of £27,860. Successful applications for grant funding mainly from Impetus Environmental Trust, the North Yorks County Council LEADER Fund, the Garfield Weston Trust and the Jack Brunton Charitable Trust yielded a total of £108,925. With the small contribution from the PCC (mentioned above) the project was completed at a total cost of £139,816. The outcome of a very successful project is that the hall has been brought up to modern standards and has already attracted a wedding reception and a major charity fundraising event.

The finances of All Saints Church continue to give cause for concern and a programme of additional services, concerts and fundraising is being put in place to ensure that the church can remain independently viable.

As always, I am extremely grateful to the efforts of our finance team - John & Ynez Clarke, Helen Dickinson, Jean Goat, Robin Harmar and all the sidespeople – for helping to ensure that the finances of the church are kept in good order!

Ken Taylor
Hon Treasurer



All Saints Church



In some ways All Saints continued in 2018 much as it has done in recent years, opening to the public most afternoons from April to October and hosting a small number of church services. Undoubtedly the most profound moment of the year at All Saints came in August when after the death of my predecessor as Custodian, Roger Arkell, his body was received into the church on the evening prior to his funeral, and it was my privilege to toll the bell in his honour.

There are two deep seated problems affecting All Saints which continued to become more acute, and it is on these which I wish to concentrate in this Report.

Firstly despite two new recruits, the active guide figure is now down to twelve, the lowest I can remember and possibly the lowest figure for thirty years or more. Consequently we decided to close on Mondays (Bank Holidays excepted) meaning that only six days a week needed to be covered and with some guides continuing to do one duty per week or more and most of the remainder able to do one a fortnight, coverage throughout the summer remained high and visitor numbers were largely unaffected. A big thank you goes to all our guides for their involvement and dedication. A recruitment drive for 2019 has already started.

Secondly there is the question of finance. All Saints is expected to be self-funding, separate from Christ Church and without subsidies. Historically this approach has worked fine, with money in the bank from the large fund raising for roof repairs in the 1990's and income from regular church services. However, since the latter ceased in 2013, the bank balance has steadily been eroded and is now at a critical level.

Even small repairs to the fabric of the church can cost several hundred pounds and the annual insurance bill is over £700, meaning that the money raised from donations by visitors and collections from the few church services is inadequate. Therefore we are looking at a whole range of ways to increase revenue which could include relevant notices in the church, more fund raising events, more church services, legacies, inviting interested parties to become 'Supporters of All Saints' etc. Expect to hear or read more about these initiatives and guide recruitment in the coming months.



To conclude with happier news it was very satisfying to see the church open on a regular basis in August for communion services and prayer meetings whilst the new church hall facilities were completed at Christ Church. I believe similar plans are in place for 2019, with possibly the addition of a few more services.

Finally to mark the centenary of the Armistice at the end of the First World War, an event which saw some glorious poppy displays throughout the village, our own modest tribute was placed above and below the memorial outside the vestry, (see photo), commented on favourably by many visitors.

Robin Hazell
Custodian

Safeguarding



2018 has seen us rationalise the safeguarding processes in our church, which are, of course, an essential and vital aspect of our Christian mission with the huge variety of people with whom the PCC and church organisations work.

As such, all member of the PCC and relevant organisations are now DBS checked and the record of this and other training is available in digital form for our records.

PCC members, the vast majority of Church Visitors and the leaders of the other church organisations have undertaken safeguarding training. We have asked that leaders complete the C2 training which is delivered face-to-face by the Diocese. Additionally, PCC members and Church Visitors have been asked to complete the online C0 and C1 courses details of which have been emailed out to individuals. This has gone well in terms of C0 certification and the C1 training is an ongoing process.

In 2019 I aim to raise the profile of safeguarding in Church with an updated visual display at the back of church. I also plan to encourage the leaders of children's activities to complete the C0 and C1 online courses. I will have attended the C2 course myself by the time this report is with the AGM, in order to identify where risk assessments and other areas need pursuing in the next twelve months.

David Fox

Safeguarding Officer, Christ Church Great Ayton

Christ Church Visitors

We are currently a group of 20 who visit 30 people on a regular basis and, we hope, make a difference to their lives and spiritual growth. There are more housebound and/or elderly people in our parish who would benefit from this service so more volunteers are always welcome. Sometimes we visit for a short time, for instance, following a stay in hospital until someone is able to return to Church. Since we began in November 2005 we have made contact with 153 people.

We continue to meet regularly with the clergy so that they can monitor our visits and we review our guidelines annually. Occasionally we undertake some training and have become a registered Dementia Friendly Church in the past year.



Our aim is to visit anyone in the village in need – the housebound, lonely, sick and infirm – but this does not exclusively mean those who were regular churchgoers. We visit people mostly in their own homes but several of those visited eventually move out of the village to Care Homes and our Visitors travel as far as Catterick as well as Stokesley, Middlesbrough, Eaglescliffe, Northallerton and Guisborough to stay in touch. They also visit hospitals if this is appropriate.

The group supports the monthly and Christmas Coffee Lounge services and also transports some of the people who would otherwise be unable to attend. These are open to **anyone** who appreciates a weekday afternoon service.

In 2018 we hosted our seventh *Praise and Party* service followed by tea in the Hall. This attracted many for whom the 9.15am service is just too early. It also coincided with the opening of the refurbished Hall. Everyone appreciated both the “praise” and “party” and we hope to host a similar event in 2019. We took a selection of food after the party to 16 who were unable to attend. This was warmly welcomed.

We continue to deliver cards on the first anniversary of a bereavement and also a Welcome Pack whenever we see a removal van in the village.

These are very rewarding tasks and we would welcome more Visitors so that we can extend our visits to more people. Please tell us if you know someone who would like a visit or you have new neighbours who would like a Welcome Pack but more importantly **join us if you can!**

Rosemary Wheway



The newly renovated Church Hall

Prayer

“Through our lives and by our prayers your kingdom come”



We are fortunate at Christ Church that our church building is open daily from 9am until dusk providing a quiet space for prayer/reflection for all who wish to use it. This year during October/November the poppy displays around the war memorial and on the pillars inside church encouraged large numbers of people to come into church for a time of quiet reflection.

‘Prayers the Sentamu Way’ has continued weekly on Friday mornings in church, with a core group of six who have been pleased to welcome others able to come intermittently and those who pray alongside us from home. This prayer time had a change of venue during August when it moved into All Saints Church, where a Prayer station with a focus of prayers for peace and reconciliation was also available during August.

Lent provided an opportunity to enrich our prayer lives when a series of excellent talks organised by Stokesley Deanery took place on Sunday evenings. In the week leading up to Pentecost in May, Archbishops Welby and Sentamu once more called for a global wave of prayer for people to come to know Jesus. During that week a mix of prayer times in Christ Church provided opportunities for daily prayer together.

The ecumenical Contemplative Prayer Group continues to meet weekly for prayer on Wednesday afternoons. The February prayer morning they organised with Father Kevin at the Methodist Church and the day guided by him at Ampleforth in May were well attended with new people joining each group. Reverend Nicholas

Buxton, now at St. Antony's Priory, Durham, was the speaker and guide for a morning with a meditation focus at The Friends Meeting House in September.

The group who faithfully lead our Intercessions at 9.15 am throughout the year remains unchanged. We give thanks for them and pray that new people would be encouraged to come forward to be involved in this ministry.

Using themes which follow the church's year, enthusiastic and lively prayer times along with quiet moments continue to be nurtured at Little Fishes and Come and Praise.

Enid Sedgwick

Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF)

BRF's Bible reading notes and other published resources help individuals of all ages to connect with the Bible. Check out www.biblereadingnotes.org.uk for information on these resources and www.brf.org.uk for information on other aspects their work eg. their *Parenting for Faith* vision.



New Daylight continues to be the most popular edition of Bible reading notes used by members of Christ Church, some of whom meet throughout the year to use the notes as a basis for discussions relating to faith and the daily challenges it can bring. Thank you to those who offer to have our meetings in their homes – your warm hospitality is much appreciated.

Thirty-seven people at CC use 'New Daylight', 2 use 'Guidelines' and one person uses 'Day by Day'. There are three editions per year at a cost of £4.50 each. If you would like a copy to try please ask me for one.

Enid Sedgwick

Little Fishes



This year we celebrated our 300th Little Fishes with balloons and cake of course! Most weeks we still welcome around 45 children and adults to our short service and time of fellowship – still popular after 7 years.

Much of this success is due to our loyal band of helpers including sidespeople and refreshment ladies who supplement the leadership team. Special thanks are also due to David Fox and Frank Harrison who are always willing to help set out seating etc in Church and clear away afterwards It is much appreciated.

An important date in our calendar is the lunch usually held at the Royal Oak, which gives all helpers a chance to socialise with each other away from the sometimes

hectic scene in the Coffee Lounge.

This year we “decamped” to the Scout Hut for a few weeks whilst the Coffee Lounge was refurbished. It worked well with all concerned adapting to different surroundings. Many thanks to the Scouts for their help.

In the Autumn term we introduced the theme of “thankfulness” which included a large cut out fish for people to stick notes on about what they felt thankful for, if they wished. Our Advent theme worked well too, concluding with a brilliant Nativity performance from Marwood School.



Don't forget that anyone is welcome to attend at 9.30am on Tuesdays in term time. Just be prepared for a chaotic, noisy but joyful time of worship followed by fellowship with toys, drinks and food. Any offers of support always welcome to help us reach out to pre-schoolers and their carers in the community.

Angela Jaques

Middlesbrough Food Bank



The experience of Middlesbrough Food Bank is one of ever increasing demand to meet the needs of local people who have fallen on very hard times, often through no reasons of their own making.

The implementation of Universal Credit with some resultant payment delays, allied with medical and other social problems have all caused the ever increasing needs. Volunteers in eight distribution centres established across the area now try to donate food parcels to those proven to be in need of help.

The monthly response from Christ Church congregations and the Quaker Meeting has been amazingly generous and consistent. The Christmas giving which included contributions from pantomime audiences meant that we once again had to request the Trust van to collect the food parcels. We regularly receive heartfelt thanks from the Trust especially as requests for help have increased.

A big thank you for your continuing support for this worthy cause. All money contributions are given to our Church Treasurer who sends cheques to the Centre. These facilitate new projects and transport expenses.

Gordon and Dorothy Wood

Christ Church Choir



I have hugely enjoyed my first year at the helm of the choir. It didn't take me long to get settled in as I was warmly received by choir and congregation.

The choir has continued to enhance Sunday morning worship at Christ Church; providing an anthem and leading the hymn-singing at 48 Eucharist Services! This is testament to a group of singers committed to rehearsals week in week out and with a drive to tackle challenging repertoire that many parish church choirs would struggle to pull off.

The anthems have been wide ranging, with approximately a 500 year span between the newest and oldest pieces. Within this, there has been many contrasting moods, styles and characters covered. It is my hope that providing such a varied schedule of music will mean there is something to please everyone in the congregation, satisfying the vastly varied musical tastes. We have continued to alternate between the two mass settings to keep services vibrant and to highlight changes in the church seasons.

There were many highlights in 2018 for the choir; Choral Evensong at Christ Church, Selby Abbey and Leeds Minster; a rehearsal with Andrew Bryden (Ripon Cathedral Director of Music); the choirs' festival at Durham; commemorations

of the 100th anniversary of the Armistice; and carol services at Newton and Great Ayton to name a few. The carol services are always particularly special occasions for the choir as we are joined by returning members.

My thanks to all who contribute to the choir, not only in their singing. In particular: to Alison and Helen for continuing to sort music, keep the Vestry tidy and generally keep everyone (myself included) well organised; to Chris and Michael for always being happy to cover for me whenever required, and finally to Andrew for allowing me to tap into his wealth of knowledge and expertise in all matters musical!

The choir are always on the lookout for new recruits. With another exciting year with plenty of events to look forward to, what better time to join us? There are no entry requirements nor audition, simply turn up for 6pm on a Thursday in church and enjoy singing some fine music with us- you would be most welcome!



Ewan Murray
Organist & Choirmaster

Men's Stuff

Who Let The Dads Out?



This year marked our first (and 2nd) excursions to The Stables – thanks to David and Rachel who opened up their garden and kitchen for us whilst the Church Hall was being renovated.

Each month a number of Church Men make and serve bacon butties and mugs of real coffee – if you'd like to join us, please do. Whilst the bacon buns are primarily for the men, quite a few of the children seem to enjoy them as well.

Up to a dozen men gather to put the world to rights – it also gives Mums the chance for some space of their own! Some of our families also come to Little Fishes, our monthly Come and Praise and a few to other church services. All Church Men are welcome – look out for the banner and drop in for a butty!!

Family Fun Day

The Dads (and granddads) organised the 4th Family Fun Day on Saltburn beach in August where members of their families, Fishes families and a few friends met to play, chat and generally have fun.

Digging (led by David & Paul), kites (featuring Drew) and food (thanks Kate and family!) featured heavily as usual.





Ecumenical Men



We continue to have the occasional ecumenical gathering; our Methodist friends invited us to join them for a day at RAF Leeming. A chance to see the planes, meet the Chaplain, learn about the history of the base and enjoy a good lunch! Ideas for future days out are always welcome.

Geoff Jaques

Bell Ringers Annual Report

Unusually this year, we have not had to say goodbye to any of our older ringers. Neither have we gained any new ringers, so our ten young people continue to ring our bells on a regular basis.

They are :-

Annabelle Collins
Harry Banfield
Alex Northey

Katie Radford
Poppy Sheriden
Hanley Cowley

Matthew Sheridan
Edward Lambert Emily Howard
Pip Earland.

On behalf of the whole congregation I should like to thank them for getting up early on a Sunday morning to do so. This year the bells have rung for 68 regular Sunday services and Festivals.

They were booked for ten weddings, earning welcome pocket money for our more senior ringers, able to keep going for the extra time required.

We have an octave of Tubular bells which are very easy to ring, requiring only one lesson before you are able to join the team. Campanology is an unusual skill to put on your UCAS form, which can be especially useful, to stand out from the crowd, should you wish to study a competitive degree, such as law or medicine.

We always welcome new ringers, and we shall definitely be losing Harry and Matthew to University next September, so if you would like any more information please do not hesitate to contact me. Elsa Taylor 01642 722400 .



Elsa Taylor

Servers Report



I am pleased to say that we are blessed at Christ Church with such a loyal team of servers who support our clergy at our Eucharist services throughout the year. I know this is very much appreciated by them as it allows them time to greet members of the congregation instead of having to prepare the altar.

In September two of our 9.15am servers moved on; Gina to university and Francesca to college and part time work. We wish them every success for their future careers.

Thanks to Oliver for joining Adrian, Jo, Frances, Matthew and me as part of the 9.15am team.

It would be good to have two more names on the rota so that everyone serves once a month. Adrian is also serving along with Lynda, Richard and Jim as part of our dedicated 8 am team.

If you would like to join us, please come and talk to me.

Lesley Miller

FLOWER GUILD REPORT



We have had a good year decorating the church for Easter, Harvest and Christmas. The arrangements for Easter and Christmas being sponsored. Easter flowers were white and green, harvest, the arrangements were made to look like a basket of flowers in all the rich autumn shades with scarecrows, berries and nuts to complete.

Christmas colours this year were red and green with tiny white lights draped through the arrangements. These were lit for all services. The choir boys joined us again this year. Suzanne Tanfield made a lovely display over the link door, the garlands around the pillars had a revamp this year thanks to Mr and Mrs D Monaghan (picks), thank you to David and Enid Sedgwick for hanging them and Enid and Cath Collins for decorating them. ++The medallino sticks used in the arrangements were donated by Jan Faulkner. The Memory Tree – went up for the beginning of December, thank you to John and Helen Dickinson for helping assemble



and decorating it. Thank you to Paul for the service when we dismantled it, we hope it gave comfort to many with 107 cards removed and the donations collected sent to Herriot Hospice Homecare. We have welcomed Marion Maidment and Karen Peverell to the team this year and help from Val Clark again. We gratefully received a legacy from Dulcie Jones in her Will. Thanks to the team for all their hard work and hope the arrangements brought comfort and joy to everyone.

Marina Charlton

Sunday Morning Coffee



Sunday Morning Coffee is a way of welcoming newcomers and visitors to our congregation as well as being a social gathering.



Many thanks to our team of ladies who make the event possible week after week. It was most commendable that the ladies continued to serve coffee in Church during the refurbishment of the Hall and all would agree that it worked very well indeed.

We managed to fit in a visit to Fletcher's Farm Café in November. It was an enjoyable morning and an opportunity for us to have a natter together.

Pauline Titchmarsh

Marwood Church of England Voluntary Controlled Infant School

Marwood is proud to be part of the church community and the broader community. During the Summer Term we had a Partnership School Review which was very positive, they recommended that a Self Evaluation grade of **OUTSTANDING** was appropriate following the review in the areas of:

- Leadership and Management Teaching
- Learning and Assessment
- Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare
- Outcomes for pupils
- Effectiveness of early years' provision

They made comments such as “a rich and vibrant curriculum with exciting learning activities both at school and at home was observed”, “the school has strong relationships with families”, “pupils displayed very strong behaviours for learning” and “pupils’ behaviour in lessons and around school is outstanding”.

Years One and Two took part in Organ workshops, learning about the organ and how it works, playing individual organ pipes to make a tune involving the full class, listening to it being played and having the opportunity to sing with the organ accompanying them, learning some songs in four parts. It was a great opportunity that the children made the most of, so thanks to Vicki Nath and Martin Simmons for organising the workshops alongside David Baker and Caius Lee.



This last year has also seen more changes within the school as Celia Wilson moved on at the end of the Summer term and is now working as a Schools’ Advisor for the Diocese. We’d like to take this opportunity to thank her for her work in school over the last 11 years.

In the Autumn every child in the school sewed a poppy to be attached to the banner displayed in church for Remembrance. The children

2017		CHURCH HALL ACCOUNTS	2018
£		Receipts	£
1,728.79	Opening balance		2,805.30
0.00	Grant from PCC		500.00
1,819.00	200 Club		1258.00
250.00	Sunday Morning Coffee		94.00
0.00	Guides Brownies Rainbows		375.00
160.00	Scouts		80.00
911.25	Badminton		0.00
1,284.00	Bradley Dancing		1,378.30
66.00	Children's Society		22.5
220.00	NHSBT (Blood)		0.00
600.00	Dramatic Society		600.00
740.00	Flower Club		495.00
2,446.00	Marwood School		1,334.50
680.00	Funeral Teas		585.00
705.00	Scottish Dancing		541.00
724.50	Strictly FiTT		759.00
2,390.50	Sundry Rents		1,218.00
221.23	TRF/Bank Interest/refunds		543.61
1,605.00	NY Horizons		1987.50
247.5	SMART		352.5
464.50	Rugrats		391.00
881.25	Moo Music		656.25
105.00	Sundries		50.00
17,263.27	Total Receipts		16,026.46
1,800.00	Electricity		1,800.00
2,736.00	Gas		2,736.00
330	Water Rates		287.52
5,119.90	Wages		5,376.30
2,480.46	Repairs/maintenance		1,920.00
1,248.48	Equipment		1,794.59
324.23	Telephone		334.34
20	Licences		20
28.8	Sundries		115.98
324	Waste Disposal		330.6
221.23	Council Tax		0
0	Refunds		61.75
0	Post/Stationery		71.95
2,805.30	Closing balance		1177.43
17,438.27	Total Payments		16,026.46

Bank Reconciliation:	
Bank balance as at 1 January 2018	£2805.30
Add receipts	£13221.16
Deduct payments	£14849.03
Bank balance at 31 December 2018	£1177.43
Reserves at 31 December 2018	£1177.43

Church Hall Report

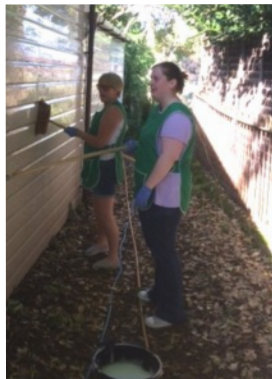
It's hard to believe that when writing this report a year ago the 'Church Hall Renovation Project' had not even been started. Yes we had some plans drawn up by our very able architects, SPA Architects of Stokesley, planning permission had been granted and we had appointed a builder, Adam Robinson from Nunthorpe. The missing link was finance, we had very little, a very generous donation of £1000 started the ball rolling. A year later we have a fully renovated hall.

Most sincere thanks must be given to all those organisations that helped us along the way to meet the costs. The Leader Fund, part of the Rural Development Programme for England (2014-2020); Impetus Environmental Trust; The Garfield Weston Foundation; The Jack Brunton Trust; North Yorkshire County Council's 'Locality Budget' from Heather Moorhouse and Hambleton District Council's 'Making a Difference Fund', sponsored by Ron Kirk were all instrumental in helping us.

The 21st of April was a very special day. Superbly led by Paul and supported by so many others, either in preparation or on the day, a most successful 'Gift Day' was held to raise funds for the project. We are immensely grateful to all those in the village and from further afield for helping us. Over 400 households supported the project, showing tremendous support from the community. Unforeseen spin offs from that day were a hugely successful Coffee Morning organised by the Reah family, a very enjoyable Quiz held by the Royal Oak and a sponsored walk on Roseberry Topping organised by the Brownies and Rainbows. Thank you all so much.



A special thanks must be given to Adam for agreeing to undertake the project and commit a time slot in his diary, knowing full well that we still had to raise all the necessary finance. He and his team were a great asset to us. Very grateful thanks to the Weschenfelder family for having the courage to book the hall for their wedding reception in the same month that we planned to complete the project. They were our 'Backstop' keeping our minds firmly on the project!



Throughout the year Sarah and her team of Anne, Tabby and Phil have worked tirelessly to keep the hall running smoothly. Sarah did a particularly good job in relocating all the regular hall users during the building works. Our very grateful thanks to all the hall users for their cooperation during this time, it's good to report that they all came back on completion of the work!

Finally sincere thanks to all those that have helped in so many ways, the PCC for backing the project, Vicki and Pauline for their work on the project, Helen for running the '200 Club',



Ken for his invaluable financial support on the project, Ynes and John for coping with the huge increase in Gift Aid work resulting from the project, Martin and John for giving invaluable advice when it came completing application forms for financial assistance and finally to my wife Val for being so understanding during the project.

Robin Harmar - Church Hall Manager

Church Cleaning

We would like to thank the very special people who give up their time to help keep the Church clean and tidy and the brasses polished. You all do a fantastic job and we really appreciate it. Without your help the Church would not look so clean, fresh and inviting to visitors and our congregations.

The weekly cleaning is usually done in pairs and it only takes about an hour and a half to dust and Hoover. The more Volunteers we have on the rota the less times each couple have to do the cleaning throughout the year. At the moment each couple clean the Church four times a year, but if we were to get just two more Volunteers to go on the list, it would mean each couple would only need to do it three times a year. and so on and so on. We could possibly get it down to just twice a year if a few more people Volunteered.

However, if the opposite happens and two people retire during this year and we can't replace them it will mean the Volunteers on the list at present will have to clean the Church five times a year. So if anyone knows anybody who can spare an hour and a half three or four times a year can they please get in touch with Jan (01642 723344). I do hope we can work together on this to maintain the high standard of cleaning work done at the moment.

The brasses are cleaned monthly and because we have lost a few Volunteers in this department too, one couple are having to do them 6 times out of the 12 this year. Is there anyone who can help us out please?

The annual spring clean in March last year was very well supported and a great job was done by all. The fresh smell of polish mixed with beeswax was very rewarding when it was all finished. A big thank you to all those people who worked together as a team to achieve this.

The Annual Spring Clean for 2019 will take place on:

Friday night, 22nd March, from 5.00pm and
Saturday morning, 23rd March, from 9.00am.
Coffee and biscuits will be provided.
Please come along even if it's just for half an hour.

To all our hardworking Volunteers can we just say again, your work is very much appreciated and we hope you will continue to support us. Thank You.

Jan Thompson..... 01642 723344 (with regard to cleaning)
Irene Reah 01642 723804 (for alterations to the details on the rotas}

Irene Reah & Jan Thompson

Worship

Come & Praise

Between twenty and forty folk of all ages meet on the 2nd Sunday each month (except November) plus specials - on Mothering Sunday & Easter Day – for this relaxed style of worship. Wherever possible we encourage our younger members to take an active part – reading, praying, playing & singing.

We explore different ways to pray, hear dramatic dialogues between Jesus & Peter (often known as David, Frank or Paul) as well as enjoy great storytelling (as seen here from Margaret ‘When the Magi Came to Town’).



A new song to the tune of Auld Lang Syne “All Glory be to Christ” proved a popular addition to songs used by Little Fishes - “Great Big God” & our favourite building song “Wise Man”.

This year saw the addition of a second banjo player, Ewan Murray who joined Paul Fussey and others playing real instruments on occasion – musical volunteers always welcome!

Geoff Jaques

8am Holy Communion Numbers have understandably fallen at our early morning communion as we have lost so many members in the last two years. Nevertheless the ones who remain are extremely faithful and loyal and attendances still can top twenty for a lovely way to start Sunday with this timeless worship.

9.15am Parish Communion Our Parish Communion remains the main act of worship still attracting around a hundred worshippers each Sunday, and we also welcome in our Sunday School during term time. The Choir are there every week to lead singing and sing anthems, and we enjoy a variety of preachers. When the Church Parade joins us we now go to a non Eucharistic Format to make the service inclusive and shorter so the young people can attend before all the Sunday morning activities begin. Our service always concludes with Coffee and during the Hall renovation this took place in Church.

Sunday Evening Specials Although not having a regular Sunday evening service any more, we do enjoy many specials throughout the year including Memorial Services, Songs of Praise, Love in a Box, Christingles and several Carol Services. One of our highlights was Choral Evensong to celebrate Peter's 50th Year as a Reader.



Christenings/ Baptisms Christenings increased from nineteen to twenty-two last year with as many in October- November as the rest of the year put together!



Weddings We had ten weddings last year, including two who used our Church Hall for their Wedding Receptions. We are trying to encourage couples to have their weddings and receptions with us.

Funerals We had thirty-eight funerals from Great Ayton with twenty-seven of them coming into Christ Church as well. The Church gives a good meeting place for the community and we offer slideshows, music and Skype links as well as the use of the Church Hall or Coffee Lounge for refreshments. Many families choose to have the committal first so everyone is together at the end of the service for refreshments - often in Church Hall or coffee lounge.

Paul

Sunday School Report

Always the highlight of the year 'The Crib Service'. This year we had sixteen children taking part singing some lovely songs and telling the Christmas Story accompanied by Mrs Winterschladen on the piano.



We meet every Sunday during term time school except for the 2nd Sunday

of the month when it is Family Service at 11am. We have twenty-two children on the register. At Christmas we said goodbye to Julie Ford who has been helping in Sunday school for 25 years. Thank you Julie for all your loyal support.

Activities are available from 9am for early arrivals. We start with a service. The children take turns lighting the altar candles, we change the colour of the cloth as in Church to teach the children about Church colours and seasons. The service continues with our weekly story, prayers, the peace and singing. We finish with a craft activity linked to the story we have told. The children go into Church for the end of the service and show their crafts and tell the congregation what they have learnt.

We have followed the Lectionary with our stories at Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Harvest. We have studied many other bible stories too. On Good Friday we had around sixty children attend the craft workshops. I would like to thank Peter Lofthouse once again whose support has enabled us to give the children treats at Easter and Christmas.

I would thank the PCC for their continued financial support which allows us to do interesting crafts and run special events for the children.

I am hoping to find someone to share the leader's role with so if anyone is interested please let me know.

Karen Peverell

Social Media

Social Media is an important way of reaching out into the community to the 'silver surfers' as well as adults in the twenties to forties age group. We are currently active on Facebook and Twitter. Our audiences continue to grow far and wide.



Our Facebook posts regularly reach over 1,000 people. The project to refurbish the hall caught people's imagination with several of the top viewing posts. 2291 saw the announcement of the completion of the hall refurbishment (in September) just beating the 2003 people who saw the actual 'formal re-opening of the Church Hall' photo in October. Of the non-hall photos, 1628 saw the Who Let The Dads Out banner outside The Stables

(fortunately they didn't all turn up!) and 1591 people saw our Memory Tree photo in Advent. 1925 folk saw the photo of Kate Williams delicious cakes (advertising the Coffee Morning for the Hall Project!) 1742 picked out the Saint George's Day Parade.

Sharing and Liking by individuals has a big impact on the number of people who see a post. We have two 'closed' Facebook Groups – i.e. you need to be a member to see posts and contribute - are increasing in activity. The Little Fishes group has grown to 91 members in 2018; enabling us to keep in touch with one another about matters relating to Christ Church in general and Fishes, WLTD0? and "Come & Praise" in particular. Our Adult Discipleship Group with forty members is used to share more explicitly theological comment and links. Any member of Christ Church may join to view or enter the debate.

Christ Church Choir also has an active Facebook page with 130 followers; one of the most popular posts (which reached 247 folk) was of Thomas Attwood's - Come, Holy Ghost, recorded at the Pentecost Praise service on May 20th featuring soloist: Alison Lambert.

Our Twitter accounts are used to let the world know our news about past and forthcoming events and forward links of national & international interest; at the latest count our vicar @revpevl has 259 followers and the church account @ChristChurchTS9 has 137 followers.

Geoff Jaques

Spire - the Church Mag that goes places



Since Spire began back in 1992 it has changed several times to keep up with changing circumstances. Originally an A4 format, it changed to the present A5 booklet in 1993, edited by Malcolm Race with the Vicar and others handing in copy that were physically cut and pasted ready for duplication.

In February 2002 during an uninspiring edition of Question Time, the Vicar tried out new software to make an electronic pdf edition that could be sent via email. This ran alongside the printed version for many years with pages added to the black and white paper version produced on our copy printer.

Malcolm retired as Editor in May 2009 and the Vicar took over as Editor. Quoin Publishing then approached us in 2011 about printing in colour, so in February the new colour printed edition came out that is circulated around all the coffee shops and public places in the village as well as being distributed to many in the community. My thanks to Jean Goat who has sorted all the distribution since Spire started.

Last year, to comply with GDPR we changed the system of receiving the electronic copies of Spire to an opt in system using MailChimp and 320 recipients so far have signed up to get it delivered each month. Links also go out on the Facebook Pages of both Christ Church and Saint Oswald's Church.

We try and keep Spire topical and interesting with community news as well as Church News. A benefit of moving to MailChimp was the large number of appreciative comments received (We usually just hear about mistakes and misprints!)

When Great Ayton entered the Village of the Year Competition in 2017 And was on TV, a member of another Church in the village commented that she thought Spire should have been mentioned as it brings the village together.

My thanks to all who send contributions in to Spire, and especially to our former Editor, Malcolm Race, who always ends our issues with a smile.

Our website and A Church Near You add to our presence on the Internet, and you can find back issues of Spire, Annual Reports, Policies and photos of wedding couples at www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk . Amongst the most popular pages are the Diary, Sunday Bible Readings, Weddings Pages and the Church Hall. Our website has visitors from all over the world and is part of our Online Shop Window.

Paul Peverell
Editor

The Children's Society

We have had a good year with all our events being well supported. As we did not have a treasurer the future was very uncertain, I'm pleased to say that Janice Brown stepped into the position. We seemed to have teething troubles from the bank but no doubt these will eventually be sorted.

The committee decided not to sell Society Christmas cards as fewer people are sending through the post. We also stopped the cake bake and the October coffee morning.

The box opening in February with supporters bring their boxes to be opened raised £1,900.55.

The Soup Lunch in March continues to be a popular event the weather was unkind this year and we had to cancel it because of snow. Many thanks to our helpers on the day it finally took place.

In April we had a Fashion Show by Yorkshire Store. Rachel organised a wonderful night for us with all tickets sold. The Bridge Night organised by Janice with ten tables was enjoyed by all.

Mike Myers set another good quiz for us in November.

To Pauline & Peter Titchmarsh for the recycled birthday cards sold at our events with Peter obtaining matched funding again

The Christingle service led by Paul our vicar was well attended with all the oranges given out.



Our thanks to Jamie Harvie for accompanying us at our carols on a lovely sunny morning we had twenty-five singers. Thank you for the funeral donations. Also we had a donation from Christ Church.

Ann Whittaker, who has been on the committee for many years, stepped down this year due to other commitments. We thank her for her support and hope to see her at some of our forthcoming events.

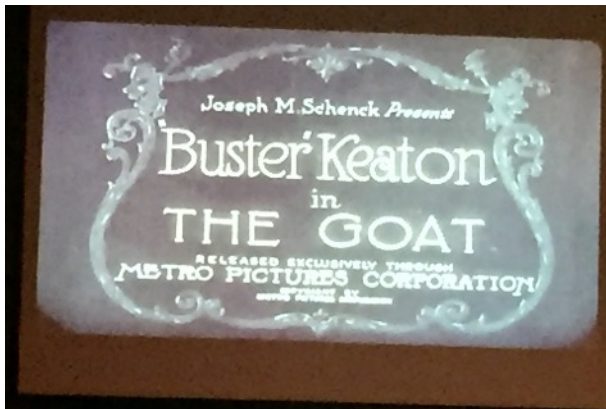
The amount raised during 2018 was £7,345.26 well done to our committee and to all our many supporters.

Marina Charlton - Chairperson

Friends of Music

2018 was the second year of our three year term to complete the HLF organ restoration project. We have continued our remit of staging concerts and organ workshops for both children and adults.

Concerts this year have reached a wide audience, not only from our church congregation and village but from the wider area of North Yorkshire and Teesside. We were superbly entertained by St Chads College Durham and heard a beautiful evensong by Roseberry Singers early in the year followed by a lovely concert by the Michelmas singers in June. In September we staged



a Silent Movie Night with organ accompaniment by Leeds Cathedral organist Darius Battiwalla and rounded off the year with a joint concert of organ, flute ensemble and choir for the Angrove concert.

Both Marwood and Roseberry schools attended our workshops this year and we hope they

work with us again in 2019 towards a performance at a planned 'Hymns and Pimms' in the summer. The adult workshop in September was very well attended with excellent feedback. Robin Harrison (from Yarm) again joined David Baker for the adult sessions and Caius Lee (from Leeds Cathedral) joined David for the children's ones.

Our small group continue to meet quarterly to mastermind these activities. Members are: Vicki Nath, David Baker, John Dickinson, Alison Lambert, Ewan Murray, Mike Nash, Martin Simmons and Viv Winterschladen.

Note for your diaries: We have booked Nigel Ogden on September 20th for "The Organist Entertains" part 2.

Vicki Nath

Facts and Figures for 2018

	2017	2018
Baptisms	19	22
Weddings & Blessings	9	10
Funerals in Church	27	27
Funerals at Crematorium	19	11
Easter Communicants	181	160
Easter Attendance	276	227
Christmas Communicants	210	191
Christmas Attendance (Eve & Day)	563	475
Average Attendance - Adult	111	1096
Average attendance - Child (term time)	21	21

Added to these figures are those from Saint Oswald's Newton under Roseberry.



Guiding in Great Ayton



Great Ayton has active units for girls 5-7 (Rainbows), 7-10 (Brownies), 10-14 (Guides) and 14-18 (Rangers).

You may have seen in the media that the programme has been updated recently and we all very excited about the changes it offers to

help our girls and young women have fun with new experiences, working as teams and developing new skills. It is divided into 6 themes:

- **Know Myself** Girls explore emotions and learn about themselves. They'll look at what they enjoy, build confidence and discover how feelings affect behaviour. Example activity: Explore your cultural background
- **Express Myself** Girls develop their creativity in all sorts of ways. They'll make up stories and create inventions to solve problems and start thinking laterally and teaching creative skills to friends.

Example activity: Using digital tools to communicate ideas in creative ways.

- **Be Well** Girls learn how to stay healthy and how to help others when they're hurt. Example activity: Learn first aid skills.
- **Have Adventures** Girls have the chance to overcome fears, try new activities and learn survival skills. Getting outside and having adventures has always been an important part of guiding. Example activity: Geocaching and orienteering.
- **Take Action** Girls build skills to make a positive difference, whether in their community, the wider world or with the people they know
Example activity: Volunteering or fundraising for a local cause.
- **Skills For My Future** Girls investigate what they might like to do in the future and how they can grow their life skills. Example activity: Exploring different career paths.

They will complete interest badges, skills builder badges and take part in unit meeting activities. If they do a certain number of each they can obtain a section Gold Award. We will still go on trips, pack holidays and camps, and take part in church parades and other village activities.

Eleanor Albrecht
District Commissioner

2nd Great Ayton Rainbows



The unit has been very busy, following the closure of the 3rd Gt Ayton unit, we had twenty-seven girls. Rebecca Storey has now joined us as an extra leader.

In the Spring, the girls went on a sponsored walk through the bluebells at Newton to raise funds for the new church hall, between the two units (rainbows & Brownies) we raised £450 which was amazing.

We were out and about in the summer as the hall was out of action. There was a princess picnic in Pauline's garden to celebrate the Royal Wedding, a great sports night at the football fields – thanks to Rob & Annabel Lacy for coordinating a fun night. The girls visited Pets at Home where they were able to hold rabbits, guinea pigs and learn about pet care. There was a joint evening at the beach in Redcar with Brownies, Guides and Senior Section – we were lucky with the weather this year.

Once the hall reopened, we made use of the new kitchen – making pizzas in the new oven. One of the highlights of the term was the visit to the unit from Nicky, the PCSO from Stokesley. She talked to the girls about Halloween and Bonfire night safety and then allowed them to go and sit in the car – they did wake up Rev Pev up with the sirens blaring in the Church car park!!



We had a very messy night making chocolate logs for Christmas and ended the term watching the pantomime in the Church Hall.

Christine Kenyon - Rainbow & Brownie Leader

1st Great Ayton Brownies



Girlguiding has recently introduced a new program for all sections so the Brownies started the year trying out some of the taster cards that we had received. A very fun evening having a junk fashion show complete with 'catwalk'

promise.

The Brownies walked right to the top of Roseberry Topping for their sponsored walk in May.

They too took part in the sports evening, and visiting Pets at Home.

PCSO Nicky was joined by her colleague Gina who then did the Crime Prevention badge with the girls. Both PCSO's had been Brownies when they were younger so we made them join in our promise circle.



The girls had a very busy and productive evening helping glue the knitted poppies to the sticks, there was immense competition as to who could do the most and by home time all the poppies had been stuck on sticks – over eight hundred.



We had an excellent turnout for Remembrance Parade, at the girls request they all made headbands with a felt poppy attached to it - Maisie made her promise on the 16th November near the Poppy display next to one of the "There but not There silhouettes". The unit were lucky enough to receive a grant for 10 of the silhouettes that you will have seen around the village.

We are now all looking forward to starting work on the new program activities which will keep us busy and most of the unit are getting excited for a sleep over at The Deep in Hull in March.

Christine Kenyon - Rainbow & Brownie Leader

1st Great Ayton Guides



First Great Ayton Guides have done lots of different things within the last year from crafts, wide games, food - lots of food.

In September a lot of the girls had there first experience of staying away from home when we went to the Girl Guiding house in Esk Valley Holme House. We went on the Friday and came home Sunday afternoon, the girls got to experience lots of new things as well as cooking

for themselves as well as a lot of traditional guiding activities including a campfire on Saturday night.

Since we came back in September we have made a start on our new programme as well as some new challenge badges.

Leven Division Senior Section Report 2018

Once again the girls have enjoyed a varied programme throughout the year. We try to provide a mix of life skills, outdoor activity and opportunities to just 'hang out'!

We started the year with some DIY lessons, drilling and sawing etc leading on to building bird boxes. We tried out some new crafts and had a games night.

To add to the useful skills theme we have done some car maintenance – changing wheels, checking tyre pressures and oil levels. The girls also did a session on money management.

Some of the girls completed a First Aid qualification undertaking two session course. We ended the summer term with some lawn bowls and an evening on the beach. In September we started to look at the new programme and how we will use it. A session at Buttercups Pottery painting was thoroughly enjoyed as was an evening of learning to make stained glass Christmas decorations.

Alison Selby
Senior Section Guider

Scouting in Great Ayton

Jennifer Scott writes, “Over the last year sadly we lost one of our Beaver Colonies (Moor Beaver Colony) due to having no volunteers to run the colony. The remaining River Beaver Colony offered places to all Moor Colony Beavers who wanted a place. This has resulted in a large waiting list for Beavers. If any parents are interested in running a Colony, please let us know. There is lots of support available from River Colony e.g. sharing programmes and resources and it’s an extremely rewarding experience.



River Beavers have had a very busy year! We have been geocaching, building sandcastles, playing crazy golf, having a go at archery, making mini bug hotels, Christmas lanterns and completing several challenges e.g. learning to tie our shoelaces, lighting a candle and shopping for the food-bank. All that’s before we even mention our amazing time at our camp last June . All these activities have been great fun and go towards our challenge badges helping us become confident, kind, helpful individuals able to work as part of a team. We are looking forward to this year where we will be experimenting with science and attending the County Beaver Sleep Over in York! Can’t wait!”

Ben Lambert writes, “Over the last year, Monument Cubs have had a great time. We went for a NERF war last February; sent a small, but great, group of Cubs to the County Cub Camp at Pateley Bridge; and took part in the District five-a-side tournament and swimming gala. We gave several top awards out, and are working towards lots more this year, in a way which is both informative and (more importantly) fun.”

Steve Laskey writes, “In the past year Endeavour Cubs have had a great time. Our numbers are steadily increasing. We have done a wide range of activities both in and out of the hut. Outside we enjoyed our annual train ride to Kildale and hike back. We also had a great family BBQ at Marske beach (at least until the rainstorm as we were packing up!). We are looking forward to the District five-a-side tournament and the swimming gala. At the moment we are doing badge work in the hut and looking forward to the light nights when we can get out and about again.”

Mark Gawthorpe writes, “The Scouts have a new leadership team of Jayne Sims and Mark Gawthorpe, who organise the weekly activities with the help of parents. Since September the Scouts have been working on their skills and creative challenge badges as well as a doing night hike and paying their respects on Remembrance Day. We had a Christmas treat at the Nerf arena and in January ten scouts



attended winter camp where they took part in over 50 activities. We will be presenting a number of chief scout gold awards in the coming months.”

Andrew Swallow writes, “ The Explorers are a district group that provides exciting opportunities for boys and girls aged 14-18 years old. The numbers have been increasing with Explorers from Great Ayton, Stokesley and Hutton Rudby. There is an emphasis on helping others and giving to the community but we do a lot of fun activities including camps, which provide an amazing array of physical and mental challenges. The section organises the Young Leaders’ Scheme, where young people are able to take on a leadership role in one of the younger sections.”



If any parent wants a place for their boy or girl aged 6 to 18 please contact our membership coordinator on adrian.thorogood@epsukltd.com If anybody would like to help with any of the groups we run, please contact our chair, on saell55@hotmail.com

Christ Church Charitable Giving 2018										
Charity	Tax refund	Donations	Spec Serv	Fundraising	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Gen Funds	Total	
Church Mission Society								1000	1000	
Childrens Society			353.69				454	1000	1807	
Children in Distress			542.2					1000	1542	
Christians Against Poverty								1000	1000	
Stockton Parish Church (Eden project)								1000	1000	
Church Army								1000	1000	
Motor Neurone Disease Association							383		383	
USPG								1000	1000	
St Oswald's (Middlesbrough) PCC								1000	1000	
Genesis Project	324.99		2885.85						3211	
Myloma UK							232		232	
Thirsk Clock								130	130	
UCCF								1000	1000	
British Heart Foundation							477		477	
Yatton House						146.53			147	
Sick Children's Trust				18.65					19	
South Tees Hospitals Charity							189		189	
Yorkshire Cancer Research						319	1143		1462	
Diabetes UK							259		259	
Marie Curie							138		138	
Stokesley Community Care Association				810					810	
Great North Air Ambulance							548		548	
Macmillan Cancer Support						160.31	758		918	
St Oswald's Church PCC							787		787	
Dementia UK							517		517	
Bloodwise						150.12			150	
Alzheimers Society							405		405	
Church Hall								500	500	

The Parish of Great Ayton with Easby

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Wednesday 20th March 2019 at 7.30pm in the Church Hall

Meeting of Parishioners

1. Election of Churchwardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting 21st March 2018
3. Matters arising
4. Electoral Roll Report
5. Presentation of Annual Report for 2018
6. Financial Report and Presentation of Audited Accounts for year ended 31st December 2018
7. The Vicar's Comments
8. Election of Deanery Synod Representatives
9. Election of Parochial Church Council members
10. Appointment of Sidesmen and women
11. Appointment of Independent Examiners
12. Any Questions on Church matters for consideration by the PCC