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February 2023

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- 5 Sun 3rd Sunday before Lent** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's**; 6pm Wedding Meeting in the Coffee Lounge.
- 6 Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion and Cuppa.
- 7 Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes; 11.15am Chapter Meeting.
- 8 Wed** 10am Holy Communion; 7.30pm Deanery Synod.
- 12 Sun 2nd Sunday before Lent** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion 4.30pm Cafe Church in Christ Church Hall.
- 13 Mon** 10.30am Eco Church Meeting in the Coffee Lounge.
- 15 Wed** 10am Holy Communion; 7.30pm PCC Meeting in Coffee Lounge
- 19 Sun Sunday before Lent** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am All Age Service at St Oswald's.**
- 20 Mon** 3pm Fry Court Service
- 21 Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes; **7pm Newton PCC**
- 22 Wed Ash Wednesday** 10am Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes
- 24 Fri** 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors in the Upper Room.
- 26 Sun Lent 1** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion, 4.30pm Cafe 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**

20 Years of Spire Online



On a Thursday evening back in 2003, whilst feeling bored with Questiontime, I decided to try out a new Desk Top Publishing program and experimented by doing an electronic version of Spire - the Church Magazine edited by Malcolm Race. It was a way of getting the news out to those who didn't get the paper version - and there were many regulars at Church who didn't bother with it. Would they read one that plopped into their Inbox?

Online Spire took off, originally just supplementing the paper version, but over time they became one of the same.

In the early days I sent it out to anyone with a Church connection, with up to 650 copies a month going out, Some ISPs thought I was a Spammer, so sometimes my emails still go into Spam. When GDPR came out we changed to an opt in system using MailChimp and have around 350 subscribers as well as 220 paper copies each month. You can sign up on the Spire page of the website.

Spire has reached out into the community with a variety of articles to reach those people we don't see in Church. We have some community news too, as well as the Register page and Photos, and always with a little humour. Because of Copyright issues, photos are usually taken by myself or contributors as Churches have been fined for using ones found by Google.

This month we notch up 20 years and 200 editions, and Spire has an international audience going Canada, USA, France as well as the length and breadth of the UK. Also available via the website and Facebook, it travels far and is supported by the paper edition that is still produced for the village. We hope you still enjoy it and find interesting and informative things to read. My especial thanks to Malcolm Race, former Editor and still the most faithful and reliable contributor. Many past issues can be found on the church website www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk

Hope you enjoy this one.

Paul

Christ Church, Great Ayton
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A WELL EARNED RETIREMENT
On Friday 20th December, Great Ayton Lanchester Club met for the final time after over 25 years of making meals each week for many grateful pensioners. It went out in fitting style with a Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings, for a nail packed with pensioners, former helpers and guests. The closure of the Lanchester Club was due to the retirement of its chief organiser, worker, fund-raiser etc, Rose Freshwaterstone. Each week Rose and husband Tom, have given very generosity of their time and skills to arrange the weekly lunch in planning, buying, preparing and cooking. They have been assisted over the years by many faithful helpers, but have shouldered most of the responsibility themselves. Over the years the work has increased with many home cooked meals going out into the village as well as those served in the hall. Also those doing this work have to assess stringent high standards rightly set and checked by the Council.

The time has now come for Rose and Tom to enjoy some of their own retirement. Our thanks go to them for all the huge amount of work they have done just for the joy of doing it. It has been a great blessing to many in our village and will be greatly missed. At the dinner Rose was presented with the highest award the Gushborough and Great Ayton Rotary Club could give, together with a "Rose" bowl from the Parish Council. Rose and Tom, we hope you enjoy many more years of retirement together.

Christmas Appeal 2002
Our Christmas Appeal to support Education in the Volta Region of Ghana raised £1,904.31. For your interest, this is how it was made up:

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| Marwood & Roseberry Schools Carol Service | 153.01 |
| Mothers Union Carol Service | 84.00 |
| Christ Church Carol Service | 443.11 |
| All Saints Church Carol Service | 343.50 |
| Christmas Eve Crib Service | 278.89 |
| St Oswalds, Newton, Carol Service | 200.00 |
| Donations | 400.00 |
| Total | £1,904.31 |

Thank you all for your kind support!

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CHRISTMAS 2022

After all the problems over the last two years with Covid and Lockdowns, it was good to get back to a Christmas like it used to be.

The Memory Tree heralds the arrival of Christmas, going up for Advent. It is a place to attach our prayers for loved ones who have died. People can also leave a donation for *Herriot Hospice Home Care*. We had lots of prayers and £171.88 went to the charity. Thank you to Flower Guild for arranging the Tree.

Concerts returned to both Christ Church and Saint Oswald's. *The Angrove Singers* returned for a Christmas Concert, and it was Rock all the way at both Saint Oswald's and Christ Church, as a Rock Choir sang at Saint Oswald's and Sam Readman's Community choirs gathered together to give a choir 100 strong to perform to two packed houses at Christ Church.

The enjoyment at all these concerts was most obvious, both with the participants and the audience, and donations went to various charities, including £405 to Zoe's Place from Saint Oswald's, £1,820 went to *My Sister's Place* from the Community Choirs as well as £200 towards Christ Church. The Angrove Singers also gave to charity with a kind donation of £60 to Church. It is good for the Church building to be used in this way.

The Christingle was back up and running this year, and many thanks to children and parents from Marwood School who helped prepare the Christingles the day before. It was a great atmosphere and even the adults enjoyed it.

Good numbers then came to the service itself, which raised £400 for *The Children's Society*.



Last Christmas was the year of puppets at both Saint Oswald's and Christ Church.

They came out for a new retelling of the Christmas Story in Rhyme that I had spied on Facebook, and it went down really well at the Christmas All Age Service at Saint Oswald's Church.

At Christ Church the Confirmation Group performed *The Bethlehemian Rhapsody* to great enjoyment at Christ Church Christmas Carol Service. We practiced in the afternoon, and I was amazed at how proficient the young people were by the service. Well done!

We are fortunate in many ways at Christ Church, for we have a beautifully decorated Church and a very able Choir who can sing Christmas Anthems you would normally hear just in a Cathedral. Many thanks to Andrew Blair, our Organist and Choirmaster, for his excellent leadership.

We followed on at both Saint Oswald's and Christ Church's Carol Services with Mulled Wine and Mince Pies. A big thank you to all involved and to all who washed and cleared up afterwards.

All Saints Carol Service returned after a two year gap with around 100 present. Thank you to all our Readers at all these services, and to our sidespeople too.

In addition to the photos we also had a Freemasons' Carol Service, but sadly the Schools Carol Service had to be cancelled as the icy conditions made it too dangerous to walk the children across from Roseberry Academy, and the cost of transport was prohibitive.

The last Carol Service was on High Green, with an excellent band and great attendance. Thanks to the Parish Council for organising, and Peter Greenwell for stage and sound.





We are grateful to all who sponsor Christmas Flowers at Christ Church, enabling a super display to take place, and **The Flower Guild** for all the hard work they put in. They really do need some new members if this is to be maintained. If you are interested in helping, please contact Marina Charlton on 01642 723087.



Our thanks also to Jackie Ancell who kindly provides and decorates our Christmas Tree, and to Susan Grey who helped her.

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without the Christmas Appeal, now 30 years old. This year it went to support *The Genesis Project* in Middlesbrough. Our Carol Services in Christ Church and All Saints (including Freemasons & Crib Service) raised £2,994 with a further £584 from St Oswald's making a **Grand Total of £3,578.**



We have had a lovely letter of thanks from Rev'd Kath Dean on behalf of the project.



Christmas Eve and Day saw numbers increase. A sudden sore throat saw Rosie Lovell step down from Narrating the Crib Service, so David Fox and Paul Fussey did a most enjoyable double act, as the children acted and sang their way through it. We then blessed the Crib prepared for us by Jean Mitchell and Janet Brown.



Good numbers at our Communion at Christmas Eve and Day, and a great re-telling of the Christmas story with chocolate bars by Jane on Christmas Morning.

Thank you to all who worked hard up front and behind the scenes to make an enjoyable and moving Christmas. The icing on the cake was seeing numbers increase on last year.

A Letter From Revd Kath Dean



Registered Charity 1194304

Dear All,

Thank you so much for the generous donation to The Genesis Project from your Christmas carol services, this will help tremendously towards buying food and the running costs that we so badly need.

Each week we are providing food and clothes for 250 families which is about 1,000 people in all. We spend £1,000 weekly on food, but have a short fall of approximately £300 for which we rely on donations from generous people like yourselves.

If you would like to know how you can help more please contact me kath.dean@hotmail.com or call 077791 10313 or come along to The Genesis Project for a visit and I would be very pleased to show you around.

Many thanks once again for your generosity,

Revd Kath Dean

Project Manager

The Genesis Project

Charitable Giving 2022

Christ Church maintains the policy of donating all the collections from Baptisms, weddings and funerals to charity. In addition we have special appeals, some Fund Raising events, and give from our Income to support good causes. This is based on the principle “Give and it shall be given unto you.”

| Charity | £ | Charity | £ |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Christian Aid | 777.51 | James Cook Hospital Neonatal Unit | 1234.39 |
| USPG Mission Society | 1000 | James Cook Hospital Haematology Unit | 663.84 |
| Church Mission Society | 1000 | James Cook Hospital ICU | 151.85 |
| Together Middlesbrough & Cleve. | 1000 | Macmillan Cancer Support | 898.96 |
| Genesis Project | 2994.59 | Marie Cure | 190.02 |
| The Children's Society | 400 | Dementia UK | 368.51 |
| Samaritans Northallerton & Dales | 1000 | Alzheimer's Society | 313.51 |
| Children in Distress | 300 | Speak with IT | 234.2 |
| Clergy Support Trust | 1000 | Great Ayton Health Centre | 398.5 |
| The Message Trust (Respect ME) | 1000 | Daisy Chain | 543.03 |
| Big Kids (Brambles Farm) | 1000 | Zoe's Place | 1371.29 |
| DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal | 1389.21 | Teesside Hospice Care Foundation | 118.80 |
| DEC Ukraine Appeal | 3164.74 | Herriot Hospice Homecare | 241.24 |
| School Aid India | 1695.74 | Motor Neuron Disease Association | 234.2 |
| Tear Fund (Afghanistan) | 39.61 | St Oswalds Newton PCC | 608.9 |
| Versus Arthritis | 309.65 | Young Lives v Cancer (CLIC Sargent) | 510.52 |
| Unicorn Centre (RDA) | 309.65 | Dogs Trust | 208.95 |
| British Heart Foundation | 209.00 | Middlesbrough Food Bank | 1769.78 |
| Yorkshire Cancer Research | 635.29 | Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal | 431.77 |
| Cancer Research UK | 410.17 | ABF The Soldiers Charity | 264.14 |
| Stroke Association | 608.90 | Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity | 211.52 |
| Multiple Sclerosis Society | 540.27 | REACH | 204.39 |
| Prostate Cancer UK | 663.83 | | |
| Great North Air Ambulance | 654.55 | | |
| Yorkshire Air Ambulance | 475.78 | | |
| Reuben Manor Amenities Fund | 254.80 | TOTAL FOR YEAR | £34198.26 |
| James Cook A&E Unit | 192.66 | | |

JANUARY 2023 Winners

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| £20 | 48 J Winterschladen |
| £20 | 46 Audrey Prunty |
| £20 | 32 Marion Maidment |
| £10 | 75 Dorothy Moffitt |
| £10 | 35 Mary Miller |

CHURCH HALL 200 Club

If you would like to join the Church Hall 200 Club, and maybe become a lucky winner as well as helping raise funds for improvements and equipment, its only £24 a year.

Contact either Julie Bourke

juliebourke@hotmail.com

or Karen Peverell

karen.peverell@btinternet.com to subscribe.

Altar Flower Rota

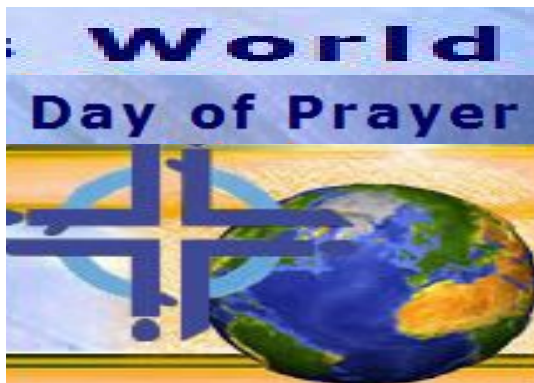
Altar flowers time to make a new Rota, there are several free dates this year, if anyone would like to take one. The Rota is at the back of Church on the left by the Font. Please contact Marina Charlton on 01642 723087 .I am pretty flexible you can either arrange them yourself donate to buy and I will arrange them or get 2 bunches of flowers and put them in the brass vases.

They are normally to cover 2 weeks.

Date for your Diary

The Annual World Day of Prayer service in Great Ayton will be held on Friday 3rd March at 10.30am at the Methodist Church. The theme is "I have heard about your faith" and the service has been prepared by the women of Taiwan.

All welcome, please come and bring your friends to join in with countries all over the world to celebrate with songs, meditation, prayers and dialogues. Refreshments available afterwards.



Save Trees

Trees give us oxygen, store carbon, stabilise the soil and give life to the world's wildlife. Mature trees protect communities against flash floods and landslides by stabilizing soil and absorbing water. Find out more here:

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2017/12/why-do-we-need-trees/>

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As well as the obvious – Kitchen rolls and Toilet rolls

Tyres

Sports equipment like skis and wetsuits

Clothing and shoes

Furniture and home décor

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Timber

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Lay Ministries Renewal

The Diocese of York is breathing new life into Lay Ministry, as part of Living Christ's Story and following the successful completion of the Lay Ministries review.

Julia Robertson, Start of Lay Ministry Adviser said, "Our deepest wish is to see the whole people of God in our Diocese engaged in the whole mission of God across the whole of life. We have put a strong theology of lay vocation at the heart of these changes reflecting the fact that everyone has a part to play."

A great deal of research has been done, drawing on the wisdom of those in our Diocese both lay and clergy. To this end, the Lifelong Learning team is engaging in a three-fold renewal process. This will offer formation and resourcing focused on growing three key types of Lay Ministries in the Diocese of York; Licensed Lay Ministry, Authorised Lay Ministry and Informal Lay Ministry. These three will sit alongside the Mustard Seed and Multiply projects in a rich diet of formation for those lay people who are called to minister in our Diocese.

Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell said, "It is fantastic to see the deep listening and re-envisioning of the Lay Ministry review bearing fruit in these significant changes to the way we develop lay ministry in the Diocese of York. I pray that this will help empower all of us to live Christ's story and for there to be a huge flourishing of lay ministry in our diocese."

To download and read the documents go to the Diocese of York Lay Ministries Renewal web page: www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/developing-ministry/lay-ministriesrenewal If you have any questions, please email the Start of Lay Ministry Adviser, Julia Robertson:

Julia.robertson@yorkdiocese.org or telephone Mobile: 07354409605 | Switchboard: 01904 699 500.



"How to Pray"

A Simple Guide for Normal People" by Pete Greig.

How to Pray is a back to basics book. It assumes no knowledge and uses absolutely no jargon in explaining just what prayer is. It's straightforward, practical and inspiring. Perfect for helping Christians at whatever stage we are in our journey. It's a book that makes prayer, above all else, doable.

The book / course comes highly recommended having been used very successfully by a couple of other local church groups.

Geoff, Jane, Jon & Margaret will guide 2 groups meeting weekly - Wednesdays in the Coffee Lounge at 3 o'clock and Thursdays at GADC at 7 o'clock beginning on 22nd & 23rd February. We may well start another



group if there is more interest, so even if these times don't work for you please get in touch.

Geoff has copies of the book for £10 each (normal retail £13.99). Some of you may prefer to download on kindle for 99p. LARGE PRINT is also available from the Torch Trust.

Please let us know which version you would like, either by email, phone or when we meet in person. We look forward to an exciting journey together.

Geoff Jaques

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AND ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE @GUISCHOIR

The Whitbread Bridge

The original bridge across the River Leven The bronze memorial plaque is supported by a length of Monument mine railway track.

The bridge after 100 years was showing its age and required replacement. The 100 year old foot bridge was replaced by Great Ayton Parish Council in 2021.

The two panels reflecting the monument mine origin of the old bridge was made and donated by S M Thompson steel from a design by Daniel van den Toorn and constructed by Beaver Bridges.



The original bridge was presented to the village by the Monument Mine under manager George Whitbread as a memorial to fellow colleagues who did not return from the Great War.

The new bridge funded by the Parish Council with donations from Impetus and Hambleton District Council provides access for all to Waterfall Park. Our thanks to John Fletcher and all involved in the project.



**THIS BRIDGE
WAS PRESENTED BY
GEORGE WHITBREAD
UNDER MANAGER OF
AYTON MINES
AS A MEMORIAL TO**

Private Lawrence Johnson

Private Earnest Pearson

Private Robert Theobald

Private Arthur Wilks

Private Charles Wildman

**WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES
IN THE WAR FOR TRUTH AND
JUSTICE
1914 – 1918**

**IT WAS ERECTED BY
THEIR FELLOW WORKMEN IN
JUNE 1919**

The Best of the Carpenters

John Bird's word about the secret of changing things (Big Issue 15 -41, November 28) are dead right. We are no better than the people we criticise. We must stop whingeing from the sidelines while we watch the wrong people trying to sort out the world on our behalf.

My guru, whom I have been trying to follow for a long time now, was totally involved in the affairs of his day. He was utterly committed to the underdog, the poor, the sick, those despised and rejected by respectable Society. He made himself so unpopular exposing the hypocrisy of the leaders that finally they had him brutally executed on trumped up charges. His challenge to a life of service is best summed up in what is usually called the Sermon on the Mount. His name is Jesus, and he is still around today, to teach us how to get involved and live for others.

David Cole

(Spotted by Ann Davies in the Big Issue over Christmas and sent in to Spire)

T.M.C. T.Y.C.

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ENDS AND BEGINNINGS

Last January I was facing the year with trepidation. What would it hold? Would I cope? I didn't have much sense of hope or optimism. The new year didn't appear to hold any prospect of opportunity or possibility, rather it was a black hole full of fear and hopelessness.



But many of you have walked through the year with me and know that those worries and concerns were unfounded. 2022 has been a good year! My initial step of faith in starting this #Weathercrossstitch was just right and I've learnt much through it.

A visible step of faith

Sometimes there does not seem to be any future. Or at least not one worth looking forward to. But by taking a step of faith then we often find that we have the strength to hold on.

I could have started by making a New Year's resolution or I written positive thoughts in my journal. Helpful as these might have been I'm sure I would have given up or forgotten. I would have fallen back into despair. But by having something physical, a tangible reminder that I was going to face the year with courage and walk through the fear, made it easier.

Not easy though! There were days at the start of the year when I sat to stitch that day's rectangle and I felt that it was a waste of time. How could I face the rest of the year? The rest of the week even?! But by bringing myself back to the present I could rejoice that I had actually survived another day. And remember the good things which meant that there might actually be a reason to hope for 2022.

Don't worry about finishing

The reason I'd never done anything like this before was a fear of failure. I couldn't possibly keep it up and then the guilt and shame of not finishing would be worse than the feelings of dread. But I started anyway.

And as you can see from the picture I did finish!. I'm proud of what I achieved. But finishing was not the reason for doing it. If it got too much to do or became a burden instead of a joy then ditching it would have been the right thing to do. Or if I had found 2022 so exciting that I didn't need to do it, then stopping would have been completely fine.



I did nearly pack in: the 2 weeks in March when I left it at a friend's house was a decision time. Do I stop it and refuse to feel guilty? Or spend a little longer each day for a week until I'd caught up? I was enjoying it and still benefiting from it, so I chose the latter. But I am sure that I will face new projects with more optimism that I am capable of the will power and ability to see them through.

Take others with you

This probably would have been a worthwhile activity if I had done it privately. But sharing it with others, especially with you, has added something special to the experience. It was a way of being able to share that things weren't perfect without having to explain why. It added a little accountability so I was less likely to give up. It also allowed me to encourage others to do something similar. Not to mention just sharing a love of cross stitch.

So this is the end. It's been both a challenge and a blessing. I have completed much more than the physical #Weathercrossstitch. But this is also a new beginning. I am facing 2023 with much more hope. In fact I'm excited at what the year will bring. But there is still a place for a #Weathercrossstitch. But I probably won't give you a progress report each month!

Jane Robson

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

4 December

Lily Hazel Peirson

Funerals & Memorial Services

6 December

Ruth Linney

8 December

Pauline Hodgson

13 December

Wilf Parker

16 December

Jim Wilson

20 December

Dave Runec

21 December

Clem Bezemer

23 December

Brian Aspery

30 December

Roy Leonard

11 January

Tony Thompson

16 January

Louie Nicholson

23 January

Eric Ancell

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



Diamond Wedding Anniversary

Our Congratulations to Marilyn & Keith Walker who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 22nd December last year. Here they are pictured with their card from the King and Queen - the first I have seen.

They made their vows in Saint Augustine's Church, Kirkby in Cleveland. How lovely to celebrate such a milestone. Our Best Wishes go with them.

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| Parish website | www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk |
| Church Office e-mail | gapo1876@outlook.com |
| Diocese of York | www.dioceseofyork.org.uk |
| Stokesley Deanery | www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk |
| A Church Near You | www.acny.org.uk |

Malcolm's Musings

The former head teacher of a London school which had a number of Korean pupils wrote that she was very pleased with the reception to her welcoming talk to parents. Then she found out that the interpreter translated her last sentence as "She has finished. All stand and clap enthusiastically."



In similar vein a vicar was addressing a congregation with the aid of a signing interpreter who did not know that the vicar also understood sign language. When the vicar glanced over he found the interpreter signing "I will tell you when he says something interesting."

Schoolboy howler: Geography question: "Name 3 factors that would cause a warm front to develop." Boy's answer: " A jumper, a hot water bottle or being embarrassed."

The obituary for Sir Simon Towneley, a prominent Lancashire landowner, Catholic and long serving Lord Lieutenant, who died recently aged 100, recalled that at his funeral, his son ended his eulogy with: "He died fortified by the rights of the Holy Church, a partridge and a bottle of champagne."

A letter to a newspaper said: "At traffic lights in Bradford, a large van drew alongside. The sign on the side read ' Khan and Khan Builders.' Underneath was the slogan: 'You've tried the cowboys - now try the Indians'."

Another letter writer recalled: "On the ship on which I served, a rating, for a wager, dived from the top of the mast and then swam back to the ship. He was charged with two offences- first, leaving the ship without permission and second, boarding the ship without permission."

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The Parishes of Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry

Services

Christ Church, Great Ayton

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| Sunday | 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| | 9.15am | Parish Communion <i>Live on Zoom & Facebook.</i> |
| | 4.30pm | Cafe Church (<i>2nd & 4th Sundays of month</i>) |
| Tuesday | 9.45am | Little Fishes Toddler Service (<i>School Term time only</i>) |
| Wednesday | 10.00am | Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer - every week |

At Saint Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry

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| Sunday | 11.00am | Holy Communion on 1 st & 5 th Sundays of the month |
| | | All Age Service on 3 rd Sunday of the month |
| | | (No Service on 2 nd & 4 th Sunday of the month) |
| Contact the Vicar for Baptisms & Weddings | | |

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