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- 4 **Sun** **2nd Sunday before LENT** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **I I am Holy Communion.**
- 5 **Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion.
- 6 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church.
- 7 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion; Deanery Synod in the Church Hall.
- 11 **Sun** **Sunday before Lent** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; I I am Come & Praise; 4pm Cafe Church.
- 13 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church.
- 14 **Wed** **Ash Wednesday** 10am Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes.
- 18 **Sun** **LENT 1** (Foodbank Sunday) 10.30am Confirmation & Communion joint with St Oswald's, followed by Faith Lunch.
- 19 **Mon** 3pm Fry Court Service.
- 20 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church.
- 21 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion in Church; 7.30pm PCC Meeting.
- 25 **Sun** **LENT 2** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion.
- 27 **Mon** 7pm Newton PCC.
- 29 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in 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**

Prayers for Peace

In a troubled world Marwood School have taken the initiative in displaying their prayers for peace by the village war memorial. Would you like to add yours to theirs by painting your picture on a stone, covering with varnish, and then add to the display. The lads remembered on the monument fought for peace in the world. Let it not be in vain.

A Personal Note



Dear Friends

My last service as Vicar of Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry will be Sunday 13th October. It will have been my joy and privilege to have been here for thirty one and a half years by then, and the time has flown by. It's now time to get someone with new vision and energy to take you forwards facing the challenges ahead. I have done all that I can do, so if you are looking for something new, then the baton needs to be passed on.

Retirement can be rather scary, but following the deaths of my two male cousins in their 50s, I did wonder whether I would actually reach it. Well, I officially became a pensioner last May - so far so good!

For most people, retirement means giving up your work, but not necessarily your home and you usually stay within your community. For the clergy, the tied house they live in has to be vacated for the successor and you need to find somewhere else to live. It's not a law, but a custom that you don't usually stay in your former Parish but move discretely away. For clergy who have moved around, they will have contacts in various places, but stay somewhere 31 ½ years and your life and friends are mostly in one place, and also for that of your partner.

We took the decision to move out of sight in 2022, purchasing our own bungalow in Nunthorpe at the end of the year. We moved last June once Middlesbrough Council kindly did some adaptations for our son David, who is in a wheelchair and still lives with us. Since then I have been commuting each day - it's only 10 minutes away. We have settled here very well and have some lovely neighbours. The Vicarage was a wonderful house to live in for so long, but you always felt on duty, whereas here I change when I get home from Rev Pev to Paul.

Meantime I am in my last round of the Church's year. I said my farewells to the 48 lads from the village whose names I have read out on 31 Remembrance Sundays and felt very emotional as I drove home. It was my last Panto in December, so many thanks to all who came along to support it over the last 17 years (16 different shows as we missed 2020). It was getting harder to remember things - I just wish I had started earlier.

At Christmas we had some great services with good attendances, but the special joy was having the Schools' Carol Service back after a three year break due to Covid and icy roads. We had over 500 folk in Church - the biggest attendance we

ever get. My sadness was that Mrs Channing had left Roseberry after doing a great job of creating a very happy and caring school, and Mrs Walton was missing from Marwood with the dreaded Covid. Many thanks to all who were there. The Year 6 pupils from the first one I attended are now 42! I was amazed I got through the whole of Christmas without Andrew playing Wham's *Last Christmas* on the organ!

For Karen too, it was emotional coming on Christmas Eve for her last Crib Service, but despite not being well, she was determined to be there and it was great, as usual. Such joy comes from seeing the children perform.

We will very soon be into Lent and Easter, and then to the summer run which includes several weddings, and I am delighted have just taken a booking in for the day before I retire on Harvest weekend, so we can leave at a positive time of Thanksgiving.

Life is full of changes and nothing remains the same for ever for any of us. Life moves on and new challenges and opportunities arise for both people and parishes. Please continue to pray that God's hand will remain on our Churches to guide them into the future.

Paul

CHURCHWARDEN NEEDED

Jonathan Winterschluden has let me know that he won't be standing again this year as Churchwarden due to other commitments. We thank Jonathan for all that he has done in this role over recent years, especially overseeing the new lighting in Church, and for his cheerful presence. The Churchwardens are appointed annually at the Annual Church Meeting, and it is very important that we get someone else to support Helen Land - who is willing to continue - especially as this will be the first time we have had a vacancy since 1992!



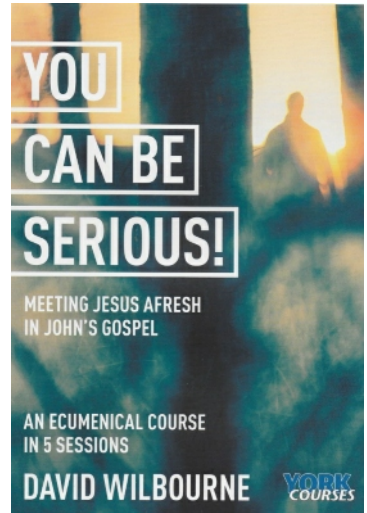
Could it be you? Or do you know someone who would be interested? Have a word with either Churchwarden or the Vicar, and keep this in your prayers. Whoever is appointed will appreciate more support now that the Vicar doesn't live on site, and from October onwards into a vacancy. More hands make light work.

VILLAGE LENT COURSE

This year the village Lent Course will follow the York Course “You Can Be Serious” written and presented by Bishop David Wilbourne, who was once a Curate at Brookfield!

It follows Themes from Saint John’s Gospel and is guaranteed to get people talking.

In 2019 David came to lead a Lent Course in person at Christ Church, and folk will remember how moving it was with laughter and tears.



Mondays at 1.30pm - 3pm - Last one at Royal Oak

- 19th February** **Temptation** - St Margaret’s Church
- 26th February** **Strangers in the Night** - Methodist Church
- 4th March** **The Winner Takes it all** - Friends Meeting House
- 11th March** **I once was blind, but now I see** - Christ Church
- 18th March** **Dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones -**
Royal Oak @ 6pm

For the last of our meetings we meet at The Royal Oak for a meal together at 6pm, and then go upstairs to have our meeting at 7.30pm.

All the meetings are stand alone, so you can come to as many as you wish.

Booklets are for sale in the Churches for £2.50



Kath Dean Ordained Priest



On Saturday 6th January, the Feast of the Epiphany, Rev'd Kath Dean was ordained priest at Saint Chad's Church in Middlesbrough by Paul, Bishop of Whitby. There were several there from Great Ayton in a full Church and with a lively and moving service.

The Church was still decorated with the angel display from Christmas, and the bishop anointed Kath underneath the heavenly host. When the heaters came on, the thermals made the angels dance. They weren't alone.

Kath has served at Grove Hill for many years. In 2009 she became a Reader, in 2019 she was Ordained as a Deacon by Archbishop Sentamu, and now in 2024 her calling to the priesthood

has been recognised. She was ordained along with Jane Empson from Brambles Farm in Middlesbrough.

Kath came to speak to us in 2018 at one of our Giving Campaigns, and the link grew more from that day as she told us about *The Genesis Project* that she spearheads. We have given monetary donations, Graces's Shed that collects many goods, and time given by Church members as volunteers with the Genesis Project or as Trustees.

The King recognised *The Genesis Project* in November with the Kings Award for Voluntary Service.

There will be changes there as Vanessa Kirby is moving as a Pioneer Minister to the Brookfield - Hemlington -Stainton Parish and a new Vicar has been appointed for Grove Hill.

Geoff, Jon and I have been helping with services since October 2014. We wish them all well for the future.



Looking Back...Are Sermons Really Necessary?

This was title of an article, reprinted, from the Egton with Grosmont magazine, which appeared in the Cleveland Churchman in May 1978. It read...

There are many mottoes about preaching and sermons. "Stand up, speak up and then shut up." "If you don't strike oil in ten minutes, stop boring." "What should I preach about?" said the curate to the vicar. "About God and about ten minutes," was the reply!

The priest at his ordination is commanded to be a faithful dispenser of the Word of God. One way he does it is by the sermon. The sermon is not a chance for the preacher to air his own views and prejudices without fear of contradiction. His job is to preach, not his own word, but the Word of God. This is not easy. This is why a priest has to undergo years of training. On the other hand, the preacher does not know it all and he knows how unworthy he is to preach the word of God.

Does the sermon do any good? Some years ago a long correspondence was started in one of the church newspapers by the following letter:-

Dear Sir, I have been a regular worshipper for over 30 years and on the basis of two per Sunday, I calculate that during that time I must have heard over 3,000 sermons. Looking back over my 30 years of church life, I can honestly say that I cannot now remember a single one of those sermons.

I therefore ask myself whether I should have lost much if those sermons had never been preached? I raise this question in no critical spirit. I know how much labour and effort the clergy spend on the preparation of their sermons. My purpose is simply to suggest that the time so spent might be better employed and with no real loss to the congregation.
Yours faithfully, A Layman.

As might be expected, the letter provoked much correspondence which was finally closed by the editor with the following letter:-

Dear Sir, I have been married for over 30 years. Every night when I reach home, my wife has ready for me a nicely prepared meal. Looking back over my 30 years of married life, I can honestly say that I cannot now remember a single one of those meals. But I am quite sure that if I had not had them, I would not be the happy and healthy man I am today.

Yours faithfully, John Brown.

That surely is the answer.

Organising Christian Aid Week! May 12th to 18th 2024

Last year, we developed the Delivery Only (envelopes) strategy dramatically!

We had used it previously, on one or two streets, as an experiment. Not many envelopes were returned but some of the ones that were, were quite generous. I really didn't think, though, that we would raise very much, even though we were now covering all the streets we had collected from before.

Two ladies from St Margaret's joined me to pack the envelopes for our 37 volunteer deliverers. Envelopes were returned by individuals to Richard Thompson's. We were quite surprised at how many envelopes were returned and the three of us joined together again to empty them and count the contents. To our amazement over £1200 had been donated. We were thrilled and celebrated with tea and cake!!

As some of you are aware, I would like to hand over the organisation of Christian Aid Week fund raising now, and if you would like to join me to organise this year's collection and 'learn the ropes', I would be very pleased!!

Ann Davies martinlloyd Davies@btopenworld.com 07554654096

Newton News

Saint Oswald's Church were delighted to achieve their Silver Eco Church Award at the end of last year. This came on top of winning the North & East Yorkshire Churchyard of the Year Competition.

Our thanks go primarily to John Stinson who has kept the issue on our agendas, and even got a good response from the Congregation who were asked to consider what they did at home. Thank you to all who participated.



Spire - the Future

Spire started back in 1991 as an A4 mag stapled together, with Malcolm Race serving as the Editor until 2009. In that time it changed into the A5 format and in February 2003 I started the first Online edition alongside the paper edition. Over time it grew to be the same, except it was in colour! In 2009 we started the colour paper edition, and I took over as Editor.

Malcolm always sought to provide a newsy magazine, with details of Church happenings and a little humour on the way. I have sought to keep that going, featuring many pages of community interest as well as Church events.

Life has changed with the growth of Social Media, but Spire has continued out there. Over the years the regular contributions have withered with the loss of the Mothers Union, Children's Society Committee, Yorkshire Cancer and dear old Bill Kirby. Some months there's a feast, but often a famine of articles. I have learnt to have a camera in my pocket all the time, as copying from the Internet can get you into serious trouble. Malcolm has remained the most regular and reliable contributor every month.

We will soon come to a watershed as to what to do, for the October issue will be my last. I have asked Malcolm if he wants to take it on again, but at 97 he's wisely decided not too!

It definitely won't be the new Vicar, as not all vicars would have the time or interest - even if one were appointed soon. I suspect Geoff and Jon will have their hands full too. Maybe its time to hand over to new methods. Already Facebook passes on a lot of information to people, and since June Imeson said she relied on Spire to find out who had died from the village, I have posted forthcoming funerals on Facebook too.

Is there anyone in Church interested in keeping it going? We presently have 10 issues a year, but it could go quarterly. The future is likely to be pdf as the number of paper copies declines each month, but the pdf is freely available on the website and via Facebook. It has been a good little magazine, with a taste of Ayton going all over the world - but all good things can come to an end.

Paul



MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS PAST



For many people the first sign of Christmas is the annual Christingle Service. Since the Children's Society Committee retired, this has continued with the help of Marwood School. The Christingle attracts across the generations and it wasn't that long ago when Richard and Jenny Thompson were coming with their children, their places now taken with Grandchildren. It raised £521.48 for the Children's Society. Well done!



The Christmas Season is always enjoyed by all ages, and at Saint Oswald's we used a new retelling of the Christmas story in rhyme acted out by our puppeteers. Our team of narrators did an excellent job. The Church, as always, looked terrific.



We have two trees in Christ Church for Christmas, our Christmas tree complete with Angel reminding us of the joy that came into the world with the birth of Jesus. By the Memorial Altar we have our Memory Tree to remember loved ones, and this year 105 prayers were placed on it and people kindly gave donations for Herriot Hospice Homecare of £193.47.



The choir were on top form for the Carol Service with several guests, with others joining us for Midnight Mass too. The lesson readers did well, and all played to a full Church. We had nine carol services in all this year, including Masons, WI, Fry Court, Coffee Lounge, All Saints, St. Oswald's, Schools, Christ Church and of course Carols on High Green.



It has long been our custom to donate collections from the Church based Carol Services and the Crib Service to a nominated Charity. This year £3,062.66 went to Anglican International Development, a North East Charity working in Sudan. See their letter on page 12.

We had one of the best turnouts for Carols on the Green for quite a time. We did miss Peter Greenwell who had organised so many things behind the scene for many years, but well done to all who rallied round to ensure a good evening. The evening raised £732.13 for Action for Children. Sincere thanks to the Parish Council who organise and run this event and all who made our village look so festive.



Well over 100 people packed into All Saints Church for Carols by Candlelight, but apologies as I completely forget to take a photo.



We had standing room only at St Oswald's, as more arrived after I had taken this photo. Christ Church choir sang once more, and we finished with mulled wine and mince pies. St Oswald's Christmas Appeal went to Leo's Neonatal Charity which helps families who have premature births, and it raised £805.



As mentioned earlier, I was particularly pleased to see the Schools' Carol Service return and their music and energy filled the Church. There were as many or more children behind the camera and standing room only for Parents.



We are most fortunate in always having our Churches look so festive for the Christmas period with garlands, trees and flower arrangements that take hours of preparation and then need tidying away afterwards. Thanks to Marina and team at Christ Church and all at St Oswald's.

The Panto with the **Bradley School of Dance & Musical Theatre** also collected a huge trolley of Food for the Foodbank. Well done to all!



Christmas Appeal Thanks

Thank you very much indeed for this really encouraging news. Your donation of £3,062 is enormously helpful both for the Jonglei Health Institute and our water projects.



As it happens, Remijo, who manages our water projects in South Sudan, sent me some pictures yesterday of one more borehole repair completed in recent days in Rokon, about 60 miles outside Juba. They are desperate for clean water and a donation like yours will help them get one more (out of 20 broken pumps/boreholes in their community) up and running again.

I have attached one of Remijo's pics. (Above)

But the support for the JHSI will also really help given the recent funding squeeze Anil and Shalini have been trying to manage.

Please pass on our sincere thanks to your Great Ayton church family.

And if you would ever like me to give a short talk on AID at a prayer meeting or even a Bible talk on Sunday and a very short pitch on AID, I would be delighted to do so.



In Christ's service,

Simon Tustin
Executive Officer AID

CONFIRMATION 2024

The adult confirmation planned for November last year had to be re-arranged due to people not being able to make that date. It is now on Sunday 18th February.

We have three candidates - one who attends the 8am Holy Communion, one who attends the 9.15am Parish Communion and one who attends Saint Oswald's Church. Given this, and it is will also be Bishop Paul's last service with us before he retires in June, it would be good for us all to make a special effort to join together.

The Service of Confirmation and Communion will therefore take place on Sunday 18th February at 10.30am in Christ Church with the hope that we can also share a Faith Lunch in the Church Hall afterwards. (Everyone brings along some food to share. Food you can pick up with fingers is easiest).

Our candidates are Fay Blair, Caroline Ellison & Nicky Distasi.

Please pray for them and make a special effort to support them on their special day.



CHURCH HALL 200 Club

JANUARY 2024 Winners

£20	34 Judith Hunton
£20	40 Enid Sedgwick
£20	54 Linda Banks
£10	39 Dave Sedgwick
£10	36 Mike Nash

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.

This month 80 members of the 200 Club contributed £85 to the Hall Fund.

To Subscribe, contact either Julie Bourke
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Whatever Happens To ...

18 members of the Deanery Environment Network visited the Allerton Waste Recovery Park in January.



As one of our group commented, "I never thought I could learn so much when talking rubbish all the time! The visit was well worth it, thank you."

Opened in 2018 this facility can process up to 320,000 tonnes of waste per year. It handles all of our GREY bin waste, bringing together state-of-the-art technologies to make the most of rubbish from homes in York and North Yorkshire.

Our on site guide, Laura Cooke, made our visit enjoyable as well as informative - we all came away having learnt something!

If you want to know more, ask any of the members you recognise in the photos!

Geoff Jaques



A Happy New Year

Eons ago, actually in the 1950's as the midnight hour approached I at ten or 12 years old was turfed out of the warm family home on the High Green to await the advent of the New Year. Memories of this event not only included carrying a piece of coal and other bits associated with the "first Footing" ceremony (returning to the warm house) but if the night was calm, hearing the sound of ships whistles. The River Tees in those days was a very busy with a significant number of ships in Middlesbrough Dock and other berths.. At the dawn of the New Year every ship sounded its whistle as the clocks chimed midnight. The cacophony of sound could be clearly heard on the High Green.

In the early 1960's I was now an Engineer Apprentice on board a thirty-five thousand ton oil tanker -SS "British Star" After a voyage some 20 days the ship had left the Thames estuary and was now nosing into a vast anchorage to join many more ships near the Island of Bahrain. The telegraph rang finished with engines and I along with with others retreated to the midships accommodation leaving the 4 to 8 watch to look after the engine room. Being New Years eve the bar was opened and the off duty Engineers joined the deck officers for a welcome break whilst the ship awaited orders as to which port in the Persian Gulf was our loading destination.

As the midnight hour approached the memory of the ships whistles in Middlesbrough prompted an idea that our Ships whistle sounding at midnight would be appropriate as surely the dozens of other vessels would be doing the same. I together with two of the navigation cadets made our way to the bridge of the British Star and watched the ships chronometer creep up to midnight. The lever was firmly pulled and the ships whistle filled the night air with a significant, in terms of decibels sound. The Ship was the only one in the entire anchorage which acknowledged the advent of the new year.

The Persian Gulf's geographical position was such that it had two time zones relative to Greenwich time. As the ship had yet to receive "orders" the ships time was not changed until the loading port had been allocated.

At one o clock ships time we were suddenly aware that the whole anchorage was filled with cacophony of sound as dozens of anchored vessels blew their whistles to mark the advent of the New Year. The SS British Star crept out the anchorage next day and quietly altered the ships time appropriate to the loading port

John Fletcher

Getting The Right Attitude

"I'm writing this as I come to the end of a short Retreat in the Friary of Saint Francis at Alnmouth (see photo). I was able to take this as a result of a generous donation from a church family given to mark my 25 years in the priesthood.

It's been a remarkable few days for several reasons:

Entering into the Rhythm of the Franciscan daily life. Rising incredibly early to make Morning Prayer in the Chapel at 7 o'clock (friends on Prayer for the Day know how normally I find 8:45 very early!). Midday Prayer at noon followed by daily Mass - commemorating Antony of Egypt (17th), the Confession of Peter (18th) and Wulfstan (19th). Evening Prayer at 5 o'clock and Compline at 9. A pattern which formed the framework of our retreat.

The company of the handful of Brothers and the 10 other Guests. This was a clergy retreat. I wasn't expecting folk to have travelled from much further afield than myself - Appleby, Aberystwyth, Cromer, London, Stoke and even Eindhoven! I think I was the one who'd travelled the shortest distance. The Brothers were multinational too - Swedish and American and more! Always good to exchange thoughts and experiences with a diverse group of Christians (reminded me of my Ordination Training years with NEOC in the mid 90s).



A beautiful location and we were blessed with glorious sunshine - yes I know it was freezing most of the time and we had a sprinkling of snow; but each of the 3 days was wall to wall sunshine and the bird life was outstanding (I saw a flock of over 100 Curlew land by the river one afternoon)!

Time for reading and reflection. I spent some time delving into St John's Gospel which was fruitful for me and hopefully will be for others as well.

The Brothers live a very simple way of life, some might even say austere, with no comforts or luxuries. The absence of bacon butties and cake was particularly disappointing and the ambient temperature in the centre made my own home seem

tropical. Yet they are incredibly friendly, positive and generous.

Plenty of food for thought.

My 'one word' distillation from my experience is Attitude.

Everything can come down to my Attitude - whether that be towards a pattern & style of worship (eg the Angelus), living conditions, people's personal views and so much more. Is my attitude open or closed? Positive or negative? Will I try to enter into an experience or close it off? Is silence Golden or....

Geoff Jaques

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer 2024 is on Friday 1st March at St. Margaret's Catholic Church, Great Ayton at 10.30am. A lively service is planned with readings, songs, meditation and much more! Refreshments afterwards.

This year it is written by the Christian women of Palestine so is particularly relevant at the present time. The theme is:- "I beg you, bear with one another in love".

Please come along and bring friends to join in on this special day of Prayer all over the world. All welcome.

Angela Jaques



From the Registers

Funerals & Memorial Services

11 December	Peter Greenwell
4 January	Helen Wadlow
5 January	Richard Daniel
10 January	Kath Gawthorpe

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

Peter Greenwell - A Hidden Hero



Some people do many things in their communities without fuss or awards. Let me share some things Peter did for many years.

Sorting the village Christmas Tree & Lights

Providing a platform for the Band for carols on the Green, lights, and radio microphones for the clergy.

Preparing and driving Santa's sleigh around the village.

Sorting the PA system for village Fetes & other occasions on High Green, like the Tour de Yorkshire.

Wading in the river Leven with the Parade of Sail for the Captain Cook celebrations each October.

Lighting beacons on Easby Moor for significant occasions ie

The Platinum Jubilee.

Providing PA for Remembrance Sunday so we hear all the names read out.

Fundraising for Cleveland Mountain Rescue.

Looked after the cricket pitch at The Grange for many years.

All of these things needed preparation beforehand as well as tidying up afterwards, and Peter just got on with it. Although he never got an award, he was delighted when Frances got her BEM last year and accompanied her to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party. Peter was in a wheelchair with Frances pushing, and various Royals assumed Peter must be the guest with Frances accompanying, so stopped to speak to him! Well done Peter, for all that you did for our community.

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A Church Near You

www.acny.org.uk

Malcolm's Musings

In a letter to a newspaper the writer told how his aunt went to a musical in Brighton with a friend, having booked seats in the centre of the front row of the stalls. After the overture, the aunt stood up, tapped the conductor on the shoulder and said: "Would you sit down please? You're blocking my view."



Making a phone call, a man called Carr spelled out his name using the phone alphabet. Subsequently, he received correspondence addressed to "Mr Charlie Alpha Romeo Romeo."

The head of a Saint John the Baptist primary school used to answer the phone with: "This is the head of John the Baptist."

It was a tough school. The teacher in an English language lesson asked: "What comes after a sentence? Prompt reply from a pupil: "An appeal."

A correspondent told a paper some time ago. "A flight manual for a Lancaster bomber from 1943 was approximately 20 pages long, with minimal text. My family saloon handbook from 2009, has more than 300 pages. I cannot figure out how to programme the radio let alone get it to fly."

The witness kept answering questions with: "Well I think...."

"Don't think," Interrupted the barrister. "Tell us what you know, not what you think."

"Well, I'm not a lawyer," the witness shot back. "I can't talk without thinking."

From an advertisement in a West Yorkshire paper: "H Registered Nissan Micra in red, one Reverend owner from new, never missed a service."

Guests at a constructional associations golden jubilee dinner were surprised by the grace said before the meal. After beginning conventionally enough, it went: "For good fellowship, good food, fair competition and full order books - Good Lord we thank you."

Malcolm Race

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The Parishes of Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry

Services

Christ Church, Great Ayton

Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.15am	Parish Communion <i>Live on Zoom & Facebook.</i>
	4.30pm	Cafe Church (2nd & 4th Sundays of month)
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

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

Baptisms, Banns and Weddings can be arranged
by emailing the Vicar, Paul Peverell at revpev@btinternet.com

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