



## OPEN DAY AT ST OSWALD'S

Newton under Roseberry

**EASTER MONDAY**

**10am - 2pm**



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# APRIL

- 3 **Sun** **Lent 5** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11.15am Baptism; **11am All Age Service at St. Oswald's.**
- 4 **Mon** 1.30pm Lent Course at the Methodist Church; 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion.
- 5 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church.
- 6 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion.
- 8 **Fri** 11am Marwood Easter Service: 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors.
- 10 **Sun** **Palm Sunday** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion, Zoom & Facebook; 11.15 Baptism; 4.30pm Cafe Church in Church Hall.
- 11 **Mon** 7.30pm Holy Communion for Holy Week.
- 12 **Tues** 7.30pm Holy Communion for Holy Week.
- 13 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion; 7pm Angrove Singers Rehearsal in Church
- 14 **Thurs** 7.30pm Commemoration of the Last Supper in Church.
- 15 **Fri** 1.30pm - 3pm Good Friday Meditation.
- 17 **Sun** **EASTER DAY** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion in Church, Zoom & Facebook; **11am Easter Communion**; 4.15pm Easter Songs of Praise at St Margaret's Church
- 18 **Mon** **10am - 2pm Saint Oswald's Open Day**
- 19 **Tues** **12 noon Wedding at Saint Oswald's**
- 20 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion.
- 22 **Fri** 1pm Wedding at Christ Church
- 24 **Sun** **Easter 2** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion, Zoom & Facebook; 4.30pm Cafe Church in Church Hall; 6pm Memorial Service for the Recently Bereaved.
- 25 **Mon** 3pm Service at Fry Court Service.
- 27 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes.
- 28 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion.

**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**

## The Hope of Easter



When I wrote my last editorial in February (I gave the Archbishop a chance in March) I would never have thought that we would be talking about a Third World War being possible anytime, and that threats of nuclear war would be bandied about without any thought for the long term consequences for all. Do we ever learn from history? If not, then as they say we are condemned to repeat our mistakes.

The Japanese nation were so shocked by what the atom bombs did to their nation that they have turned completely away from them, not willing to contemplate such horror for anyone else. We also know that the effects of the accident at Chernobyl on 26 April 1986 are still having long term health consequences for people living in that area. Surely those living in close proximity must remember this, but they threaten nuclear war and shell nuclear power stations! Best to lick your finger first lads and check which way the wind is blowing as you don't want to be downwind. Trouble is that wind can be so unreliable, blowing where it wants.

The Second World War also saw millions of Russians and Ukrainians being killed by the Nazi war machine, and it wasn't just Jews. The Nazis had no concerns over killing millions of Slavic people as if they were of no account. 14 million Russians and 7 million Ukrainians were killed in WW2. How can they forget?

The Russian people endured the horrors of the siege on Leningrad as the German forces sought to starve the city to death, and yet here we are seeing civilians being deliberately targeted by Russian Troops and the city of Mariupol reduced to rubble with no food, water or electricity as the relief convoys are held outside the city in order to bring it down. Seeing Mariupol now on the news it is just rubble. Will this be true for Kyiv/Kiev as well? And we thought we were living in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century! Mahatma Gandhi was once asked what he thought of Western Civilisation and his reply what that he thought it would be a very good idea. He had it right.

There are already many victims from the War from both Ukraine and Russia with lives lost, homes destroyed and lives irrevocably changed. The Post Traumatic Stress from all of this will take generations to work through.

Casualties will of course go a lot further. We are getting ourselves concerned about the shortage of oil and gas, but there is an even more obvious area for hardship, and that is food. The agriculture of Ukraine provides food for 600 million people and the wheat from Russia and Ukraine is the bread basket of the world. If that harvest fails because it is too dangerous to plant it, then millions of other people

are going to face severe hardship. Egypt is one of the countries dependent on grain imports, and the income of the populace are already struggling to put food on the table. If world grain prices rise, then the poor will be squeezed first, and the likelihood of instability and suffering grows. What an absolute mess.

The one thing we can say today, is that (with the exception of nuclear weapons) the world has been here before. People have suffered great persecution and suffering and come through it.

Easter reminds us of the disciples seeing their friend and Master be crucified before their eyes. The years of the early Church were ones of great persecution, and whilst we read all the positive bits together in the Acts of the Apostles, the persecution and killing of Christians for their faith was very real. Only one of the 12 disciples died of old age. The other 11 met violent deaths of one description or another and this continued. It wasn't just the Christians for the Temple of Jerusalem was raised to the ground in a siege by the Romans that ended in August 70AD with the result of the Jewish people - and Jewish Christians - being dispersed throughout the world in yet another refugee crisis.

At Easter time the Jews remember the Passover and their deliverance from slavery in Egypt and their journey of deliverance to the Promised Land by Moses. At Passover they remember a history of tyrants throughout the ages culminating in the Holocaust in the Second World War.

Christians too look back to the early years of faith and the many persecutions, which increased their resolve and belief. Such persecutions are still common place today in different parts of the world. Humanity is sinful and gets so many things wrong. Perhaps the most important words from the Easter season come from the cross of Good Friday "Father, Forgive them for they know not what they do."

If the world is to rebuild when all this passes, then the only way will be through Forgiveness and Love, but it will be a very hard road as so much hurt has been done. Too hard for humans to contemplate alone, but Easter tells us that we are not alone, for Jesus is Alive and with us. He travels with us to give us strength to forgive and reach out to others and we have already seen great signs of this with the huge generosity to the millions of Ukrainian refugees.

Easter tells us that love has the final word. May that be true of the troubles in the world today, and may you and yours know that love at this challenging time.

**Paul**

# Churchwardens' Report

*Our Churchwardens, Helen Land and Jonathan Winterschladen, were elected for a further year at the Annual Meeting. I thought Spire Readers may be interested in their report. Many thanks to them both for all they do.*



Since the last AGM, we have continued to meet in person for worship at our regular Sunday Services in church at 8am and 9.15am. Numbers have steadily increased and now fifty to sixty people are attending the 9.15am service. This service also continues to be transmitted by zoom and Facebook. Cafe church re-started in September and meets in the church hall every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 4pm. Weekday services - Holy Communion on Wednesday at 10am, and coffee lounge Communion on the first Monday at 2pm, are also well attended. Prayer for the Day (8.45am via zoom and Facebook) continues to be a blessing to people, both from our own church and other churches near and far.

Finally, our LED lighting project to update and improve the church lighting, and reduce our carbon footprint is going ahead in February. Damp is affecting the southwest corner of the church and this is currently being assessed and resolved. Our new church architect, Alexa Stephens, recently visited to advise about heating /draught proofing and further reducing our carbon footprint. We are continuing with general maintenance and plan to paint the external doors this year.

We have checked that the church silver and other items of value are kept safely.

There is a large group of people working behind the scenes week by week to enable our church to function, and we are very grateful to everybody who helps. This group includes our Sidespeople, volunteer cleaners, flower arrangers, and the coffee team. Since covid, a number of people have been unable to continue in their role. Thank you very much to Pauline Titchmarsh, who organised the coffee team for many years, and thank you to Celia Elliott who has taken on this role. It has been lovely to start having coffee after the 9.15am service again. Thanks also go to Jan Thompson who has stepped down from organising the church cleaning, and thank you to Irene Reah and Lynne Nicholson who are taking over from her.

New people have joined these teams, serving God and our church community. We all have a role to play in the functioning of our church but fewer people are involved now than were before covid. Please consider carefully what you could contribute.

We thank God for His continued blessings, enabling us to fulfil His ministry here in Great Ayton.

**Helen Land & Jonny Winterschladen**

# **SAINT OSWALD'S CHURCH ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 at 12 noon**

**Appoint our Churchwardens for 2022**

**Elect Representatives to the Church Council**

**Adopt the Annual Report on Church Life**

**Receive the Church Accounts for 2021**

**Encourage and Enthuse**

**Annual Report for 2021 will soon be available for download on the  
Church website [www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk](http://www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk)**

## **Christ Church Annual Meeting**

We are delighted to report that at Christ Church's Annual Meeting on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March both Churchwardens were duly re-elected for a further year.

Amazingly the 4 PCC Vacancies were also filled with Andrew Prunty, Linda King, Iain Wilson and Rodney Wildsmith, with Robin Harmar also standing again. Mary Mason has now taken over as Safeguarding Officer from David Fox.

Ken Taylor, our Treasurer, reported on a challenging year financially, but with much still accomplished. Due to a reduction in Income we have reduced our Freewill Offer to the Diocese by £3k to £91,440 and our PCC Mission Giving by £2k to £8,000 for the year, but will see how things go. The reduction of the FWO was mitigated in a change in Fees where a proportion of the Fees for cremation services formerly came to Church and now 100% goes to the Diocese. This amounts to almost £1,000 pa in our Parish with the number of services taken.

The PCC will be reviewing what we do as a Church to see how we can make more mission opportunities in what we do.



## Little Fishes

For those of you who don't know me, I'm Rosie Lovell, and I took over the running of Little Fishes in 2021, with lots of support from Lucie Swales, Jane Robson and Geoff and Angela Jaques. I want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to them and to Ali Prunty for pitching in with story telling.

We have been fortunate enough to welcome back a lot of volunteers to the tea and coffee rota who have been a huge help in the smooth running of the group. A massive thank you to them.



We started meeting face to face in September (Tuesdays 9.45am). We have a short service, with a story and singing and dancing. We then move on to play with a craft linking to the story. For example, at Epiphany during story time we found all the things the Wise Men would need on their journey. We then had a craft to make crowns for the kings.

We have had the same lovely families joining us each week and have welcomed new faces too. It is amazing to see the children and parents/carers spending time together, learning about Christ in a fun, relaxed environment.



I have been sharing our adventures on a closed Facebook group, and have been advertising the group using social media to encourage new members. Our numbers have been healthy even with COVID, which is fantastic!

It has been a wonderful experience taking over the day to day running of the group. Little Fishes has a brilliant history and I feel blessed to lead it forwards.

**Rosie Lovell**

## Café Church

After a long Covid-19 induced break Café Church restarted in September 2021 and Revd Jane joined the team with Nick and Helen Land.

Café Church usually happens on the second and fourth Sunday of every month and starts with LOTS of cakes, coffee and chat. Then we have informal worship, followed by bible teaching and discussion for the adults, and nibbles and a video for the children. We have met in the hall rather than the coffee lounge to maintain social distancing.

We hope to resume live music in the summer, but meanwhile we have enjoyed singing along to recordings of worship songs, with optional dancing, actions and noisy instruments! In the bible studies we started with the sermon on the mount, a series that began pre-Covid! After some seasonal themed sessions we held a special service for The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We have had some really good discussions and grappled with some meaty issues which has helped many of us grow in our faith.

Attendance is growing and it has been great to welcome people of all ages including those from other churches in Great Ayton and Stokesley.

Thank you to Helen for the cakes, of which there have been a wide variety, even some healthy and gluten free ones! And a special thank you to those who have helped Helen to look after the children whilst the adults played!

### Jane Robson & Nick Land

**Saint Oswald's Open Day**

**Easter Monday**

**The Vicar will be there for  
wedding & Christening  
enquiries too.**





## The Children's Society

Following on from last month's news in Spire we have been told by our Fundraising Manager, Gill Dean, that since 1991 Head Office records show that Great Ayton has raised £147,776. 01. This figure shows monies that have been paid through the Great Ayton committee account, but some monies have been paid directly to the Head Office account and are not included in this figure.

There has been fund-raising of various kinds in Ayton since the fifties so obviously we've raised more money than that. But, well done to our loyal supporters over the years and to the many committee members.

Pauline & Peter Titchmarsh are continuing to recycle cards as before, but please contact them directly if you wish to select any. Pauline does a remarkable job with the cards and they are very professional-looking and well worth keeping to hand.

We will be in touch with you in the autumn to collect your house box, so please keep popping in loose change!

**Marina Charlton & Jancie Brown**



# Food, Farming and the Environment

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm

Stokesley Town Hall

Getting the balance right between our need for reasonably priced food and caring for the environment continues to be a challenge. As we increasingly become aware, food production is a global as well as a local business – what happens in the Ukraine and other parts of the world affects everybody's table, in more ways than one.

Our main speaker is **Howard Petch** CBE former Principal of Bishop Burton College who will give an overview - global, national & local – including the ramifications of wars in other parts of the world.

Howard will be joined by local farmer **Robert Campbell** MBE who is Chairman of the national organisation LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming) and **David Hugill** County Councillor and chicken farmer.



Following their talks we will have opportunity for discussion, followed by a Question & Answer with a Panel consisting of the 3 speakers who will be joined by **Margaret Price** Chair of the Diocese of York 'Rural Faith and Life Group', soil scientist and chair of a thriving community owned village shop and Post Office.

This evening is jointly organised by

**Climate Action Stokesley and Villages**

&

**Stokesley Deanery Environment Network**

## The Firewalker's Challenge

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March four brave members of Christ Church joined others at Stokesley Sports Club in walking over fire to raise funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

The fire had been heated to 700c and the trick was not to hang about. The walkers received an “inspirational” talk before hand and then it was time to go.



Pictured right with a determined face is Ken Taylor, whose wife Elsa organises fund raising for Marie Curie in the area.

For any who needed a little assistance across, Christine Wildsmith discovered there was always a helping hand. David Fox and John Clarke completed our team and I am told that the evening raised a fantastic £15,000 for Marie Curie.

All participants were still walking the next day!



## World Day of Prayer

On Friday 4th March over 40 people came to the Friends' Meeting House to celebrate the annual Day of Prayer. This year the service was prepared by women in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The theme was "I know the plans I have for you". Packets of seeds were handed out, representing a sign of potential and hope.



After a prayer for the people of Ukraine was read, five minutes silence was held to hold all involved in conflict in our hearts. Women from all churches in the village took part in bible readings, prayers and a time of reflection, including Lucie Swales from our church.

Olwen Cameron provided the music for hymns and songs of praise which everyone could join in in person this year. Many thanks to her for this contribution.



During the service Seven candles were lit, showing light as a beacon of hope in the world. A bright, colourful collage depicting symbols and pictures of England, Wales and Northern Ireland together with a globe and maps remind us that on this day many people around the world come together to pray for hope for the future according to God's plans.

Refreshments followed a time of thanksgiving, reflection, prayer and praise. It was really good to be back together in fellowship again.

Please Do free free to join us next year on Friday 3rd March 2023 for an inspiring World Day of Prayer.

**Angela Jaques**



## Marwood School Headteacher writes ...

We were delighted to be chosen by Christian Aid to participate in a national art project about Climate Justice and on Friday we welcomed artist Lydia Virgin who worked with our Year 2 children on a piece of collective artwork. We are awaiting the final image which we plan to display in our playground for all to see and reflect on. Photos of her visit with the children are on our website.

Today, we received a wonderful email from Lydia.

*“What a privilege and pleasure to work with the year 2 children of Marwood Primary!*

*It was wonderful to engage in discussion about the challenging issues surrounding Climate Justice – and to hear from their astute sharing that they have a grasp of these issues beyond their years.*

*I heard about the pollution of oceans, about fuel consumption, rainforest destruction, littering, waste, industrial pollutants – and I watched as they grasped the concept that we are ALL connected – connected with the natural world around us, and with ALL humans – from our immediate families, to our local communities, to our country and out to all the humans around the globe. I saw such compassion within the children as we reminded each other that our actions always affect others – good and bad - that they ripple out beyond our immediate environment to the world at large; that the way we choose to live in this part of the world has a dramatic impact on others far across the globe who might be less equipped to cope with the changes we create.*

*The children showed their care for those less fortunate than us – and those the most impacted by the accelerated climate change caused by our luxurious lifestyles. They showed kindness, they showed love.*

*As their art work began to emerge – their feelings were expressed with clear and direct messages. Stop the waste and the overconsumption. Stop the destruction of nature. Stop the pollution of all the different kinds. Care for this planet and its’ humans. To them it is simple. They have clarity and wisdom uncluttered by the complications of our adult minds.*

*We used a collection of reclaimed materials for the structure of the piece – a reclaimed table top which they decided was our planet, some laminated plastic for the background of our galaxy, and wood for the bunting which symbolised the celebration of life in all its forms. We decided we would not negatively impact this planet with this art piece. They*



*each drew themselves holding hands around the planet – like their school logo – to show their care for one another and that we are all connected.*

*Along with their direct messages urging us to stop the negative impact on our planet, came messages of love, of hope, of peace. We saw rainbows and hearts, trees and animals, people caring for each other and playing games – images and reminders of beauty.*

*One child wrote, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself’ – Climate Justice beautifully encapsulated and understood.*

*Our result is the combination of all the thoughts and creativity of the afternoon – collated in a piece which, I feel, expresses the passion and wisdom of the children – and communicates clearly that which they desire. Justice for all. Beauty for all. Peace for all. All life on this planet – in harmony. The children believe we can achieve this – that if enough people choose it – it will happen.*

*I stand with them – in prayer, trust and love.”*

## Lighting our Darkness

The installation of the new LED lighting in Christ Church has now been done, and now there’s no hiding place for cobwebs, dead flies or sleeping parishioners!



The lights are easily controlled and the options of Up, Down, Sides and Spots give ample variations for events and services. We decided against dimmers to keep things simple.

Many thanks to Ian Robinson and team from Knaresborough who did a most efficient job at a very reasonable price. There are a few tweaks to angles now that we have had chance to get used to them, and an additional light for the main altar as the two spots originally for it had been trained on the cross and the effect was too good to lose. Thank you to all who supported the project.



# TORCH TRUST THE CHRISTIAN SIGHT LOSS CHARITY



The people involved in the work of Torch Trust are always eager to find new ways to share God's love with blind and partially sighted people. The Bible can provide an amazing source of comfort and encouragement in the struggles of life, but is not always accessible to everyone with sight loss. Braille takes quite a lot of learning and large print relies on a degree of sight remaining. OPERATION PATHWAY is a unique initiative now being launched by Torch Trust.

Pathway MegaVoice players, which will contain NIV New Testament and Psalms, read by David Suchet, along with an introduction and several songs by Marilyn Baker, are being offered as a gift to anyone who is losing their sight and lives in the UK. The player itself is small and easy to use – about the size of an Amazon Firestick or a packet of Polo Mints. It has large, easy to find buttons allowing play, pause, forwards, backwards and volume control. The batteries in the device are rechargeable and the charging cable is provided.

If you or someone you know could benefit from a Pathway player there is a form to complete at [www.torchtrust.org/pathway](http://www.torchtrust.org/pathway) or you can call **01858 438260**.

## Pomegranate Persian Tea Room

Do you fancy something different? Then check out the Pomegranate Persian Tea Room in Park Square for a very warm welcome and lovely food. You can try the tasty Persian dishes or just pop in for a cheese scone and coffee.

Hope this new venture does well, adding even more reasons to visit Great Ayton.



# **The Angrove Singers**

## *'An Evening of Sacred Music'*

**Good Friday 15 April 2022 7.30pm (Doors open 7pm)  
Christ Church (Parish Church), Great Ayton, TS96AA**

### **Mozart's Requiem**

**& other items by  
Bruckner, Stanford  
and Tavener**



**Musical Director:**

**Jeremy Harbottle**

**Soloists:**

**Rohan Hill, Lucy Appleyard**

**Peter Condry, Richard Gooding**

**No tickets needed. Donations, for UKRAINE and choir running costs,  
requested on leaving after the Music by cash, cheque or BACS.**

**Enquiries to Carol Morgan (01642 722 897)**

## All Saints Church, Great Ayton

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



Becoming a guide does not require any detailed prior knowledge or expertise, just some interest in local history and a willingness to be a friendly face welcoming visitors. If you can spare one afternoon or more per month (a duty lasts from 1pm to 3pm) to find out more please contact the Custodian, Robin Hazell - Tel: 01642 722975, email [robin.hazell@btinternet.com](mailto:robin.hazell@btinternet.com) or Jennifer Roberts [jennifer.cavell@virgin.net](mailto:jennifer.cavell@virgin.net)

### Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate an arrangement for Easter in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a blessing received, please contact Marina Charlton 01642 723087 to book an arrangement. Suggested £30 donation.



### Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has been our Queen for seven decades- and we have seven windows in Church. It is proposed that we make displays of memorabilia with Royal connections for each of the seven decades from the 50s until present. Royal Visits, MBEs, Trips to the Palace etc. Contact Marina with interest - details above.



# From the Registers

## Holy Baptism

6 March	Jayden Anthony Doyle
13 March	Freya Sue Wilson
20 March	Florence Ophelia May Turner
26 March	Jack Richard Wheldon
26 March	Rose Louise Lackenby

## Funerals & Memorial Services

4 March	Wally Wilson
9 March	Trix Sanderson
9 March	Greta Reynolds
30 March	Ronnie Humphrey

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

## 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.

### MARCH 2022 Winners

£20	38 Karen Peverell
£20	63 Lesley Miller
£20	64 Vicki Nath
£10	21 Elsa Taylor
£10	42 Claire Sheridan

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

To Subscribe, contact either Julie Bourke [juliebourke@hotmail.com](mailto:juliebourke@hotmail.com) or Karen Peverell [karen.peverell@btinternet.com](mailto:karen.peverell@btinternet.com)

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<b>Church Office e-mail</b>	<a href="mailto:gapo1876@outlook.com">gapo1876@outlook.com</a>
<b>Diocese of York</b>	<a href="http://www.dioceseofyork.org.uk">www.dioceseofyork.org.uk</a>
<b>Stokesley Deanery</b>	<a href="http://www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk">www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk</a>
<b>A Church Near You</b>	<a href="http://www.acny.org.uk">www.acny.org.uk</a>

## Malcolm's Musings



The recent obituary of Diana Lady Farnham (90), Lady of the Bedchamber to the Queen, recalled that when she was in hospital, she said to a young priest from the Chapel Royal: "Pop out and buy me a bottle of whisky", pressing a £20 note into his hand. "I am an hour closer to eternity and it may not be available there."

Serendipity is when you go down to the library to take out a book and end up taking out the librarian.

A new army recruit went to collect his first week's pay and was asked to sign on an acquittance roll with several carbon copies. The recruit signed so lightly that his signature did not go through. The colour sergeant urged him: "Go on man, put your weight on it." Whereupon the recruit signed: "T. Jones 10 stone."

Court clerk to defendant: "Do you plead guilty or not guilty?" Defendant: "I don't know. I haven't heard the evidence yet." A second prisoner, asked the same question, replied: "Not very guilty."

Yet more school reports.... Primary school report: "Sings well, but not in tune." A 1960s report said simply "Generally speaking, Evelyn is generally speaking."

A letter writer in a national newspaper said when he was at school in the 1940s, he could not understand why the local milk tasted so foul. "It was fetched each day in an enamel jug from a nearby farm. When I became milk monitor I noticed a greasy thumb print inside the jug's rim. It turned out that the farmer's wife used the same jug to fill all the paraffin lamps."

A minister at a women's meeting asked (not expecting a reply): "Why does the Bible say Eve tempted Adam?" A voice responded: "Because the book was written by a man."

"A council has backtracked over a plan to remove ornaments from a cemetery's graves after complaints from residents" - *Newspaper report.*

**Malcolm Race**

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# The Parishes of Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry

## Services

### Christ Church, Great Ayton

<b>Sunday</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.15am	Parish Communion <i>Live on Zoom &amp; Facebook.</i>
	4.00pm	Cafe Church ( <i>2nd &amp; 4th Sundays of month</i> )
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.45am	Little Fishes Toddler Service ( <i>School Term time only</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer - every week!

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

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

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

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	Peter Titchmarsh		01642 724153
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Churchwardens	Dr Helen Land		01642 778076
	Jonathan Winterschladen		01642 723576
PCC Treasurer	Ken Taylor		01642 722400
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Gift Aid Sec.	Ynez Clarke		01642 723181

## Church Hall Office

For **Church Hall bookings**, please contact the Church Office  
Email: [gapo1876@outlook.com](mailto:gapo1876@outlook.com) Tel 01642 722 665  
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(For services or pastoral matters, please contact the vicar)