



**THE BRADLEY SCHOOL OF DANCE
AND MUSICAL THEATRE
PRESENTS**

Sleeping Beauty

Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th, Friday 9th December, curtain up 7pm
Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December, curtain up at 2pm
£7 Adults, £5 Concessions
Christ Church Hall, Great Ayton

BOX OFFICE 07783421730
Bring a donation for Middlesbrough
food bank and receive a Free Mince pie

**WITH SPECIAL GUEST
REV PEV**




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**A Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year to all our Readers**

DECEMBER & JANUARY

- 2 **Fri** 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors meet in Upper Room; 7.30pm Rock Concert at St Oswald's.
- 4 **Sun** **ADVENT 2** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's; 12.45pm Holy Baptism at St Oswald's; 4pm Masons Carol Service.
- 5 **Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Christmas Carols and Cuppa.
- 6 **Tues** Opening Night of Sleeping Beauty featuring Rev Pev.
- 7 **Wed** 1.30pm Marwood School Christmas Production in Church Hall
FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES SEE PANEL OPPOSITE
- 8 **Thurs** 6pm Marwood School Christmas Production in Church Hall.
- 11 **Sun** **ADVENT 3** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion 4.30pm Cafe Church in Christ Church. (Panto in Church Hall)
- 18 **Sun** **ADVENT 4** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Christmas All Age Service at St Oswald's.
- JANUARY 2023**
- 1st **Sun** **CHRISTMAS 1** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's.
- 6 **Fri** 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors in Upper Room.
- 8 **Sun** **EPIPHANY SUNDAY** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion 11am 4.30pm Cafe Church.
- 9 **Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion - moved from Bank Holiday
- 15 **Sun** **EPIPHANY 2** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service at St Oswald's.
- 16 **Mon** 3pm Fry Court Service
- 21 **Sat** 2pm Charity Auction of Surplus Gifts in Church Hall.
- 22 **Sun** **EPIPHANY 3** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion.
- 29 **Sun** **EPIPHANY 4** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's.

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**

Christmas Services 2022

Great Ayton & Newton under Roseberry

Sunday 4th December

4.00pm Freemasons Carol Service**



Monday 5th December

2.00pm Coffee Lounge Carol Service - All Welcome**

Tuesday 13th December

7.30pm *All Saints Carol Service***



Thursday 15th December

7.30pm *Christmas Carol Service at St Oswald's, Newton***

Friday 16th December

10.30am Marwood & Roseberry Schools' Carol Service**

Sunday 18th December (*Morning Services as normal*)

11.00am *All Age Christmas Service at St Oswald's, Newton*

6.00pm Christ Church Christmas Carol Service**

Monday 19th December

7.00pm *Christmas Carols on High Green*



Christmas Eve

2.00pm *Christmas Communion in the Coffee Lounge*

5.00pm Crib Service**

9.00pm *Christmas Communion at St Oswald's, Newton*

11.00pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity

Christmas Day

8.30am Christmas Communion (Prayer Book Service)

9.30am Christmas Communion & Carols



All Services are in Christ Church, unless otherwise stated *in italics*

** Denotes that a collection is taken for the Christmas Appeal for
The Genesis Project in Grove Hill, Middlesbrough.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

It's Christmas!

Yes, its coming up to that time of year again. Do you ever feel like life is like a game of musical chairs and every year they remove another month! Hopefully this year we are back to normal with all our services, so you will see they are all back in place and Christmas concerts are also back.



There have been hardships to ensure over the last two years, not least not seeing family and missing the social interaction that has affected all ages from Pre-school to Seniors. Thankfully things for us are returning more back to normal, except the spectre of rising energy costs looms over our winter. Hopefully the message of love at the heart of the Christmas Season will bring our compassion for others who are finding it tough. So keep a close lookout for your neighbours and people who may be struggling. There are so many needs in our world today it is sometimes difficult to know where to start, but as Jesus entered into a hurting world to show the love and peace of God, so we must do our best to be bearers of love and peace today.

Whatever we are going through will pale into insignificance to what the brave people of Ukraine will endure this winter where President Putin's army have deliberately targeted civilian infrastructure to remove energy and water to try and bring the country to its knees. (Don't count on it!) 50% of Ukraine is now without power as winter approaches. What heinous crime have they committed to warrant this? How is this behaviour justified? Both the people of Ukraine and Russia will be paying the price of this for years to come, but sad to say that the bonds that held them together as brothers and sisters have been severely damaged and likely never to be the same again. How very sad.

It's not just Ukraine, for the knock on effect is being felt all over the world, both through fuel costs and shortages of food. East Africa is in desperate plight with famine a reality facing many. Please continue to pray that peace may prevail and that sense and order may return to our world.

With so many needs in our world it is so hard to know what we can do to make it better, but don't ever let that stop you from trying. Small actions do count.

November is the month when our Church Councils decide on what we give to the Church's mission and charities for the year. Yes, we already have given over £30K from wedding, baptism & funeral collections and other appeals, but in November

we seek to give from our Income as a way of appreciating the blessing God has given us.

Elsewhere in Spire you will see the recipients of the giving from both Christ Church and Saint Oswald's Church. We like to keep a balance remembering needs both close to home and in distant lands too where needs are great. We try and support Christians in difficult places who are living out lives of love and service in their communities, often at great cost to themselves personally. If we had 10 times as much to give away, there would still be great needs, but we have made a start.

Our Christmas Appeal this year is to support our good friends in **The Genesis Project** in Grove Hill in Middlesbrough. Over the years they have seen their work grow from a small luncheon club to feeding over 240 people a week, as well as running an Eco Shop and selling many household items & clothes, some of which come from Grace's shed in Great Ayton. Please be generous in your support and help make a difference.

Paul

What Christmas is about

A grandfather went into a bedroom to find his baby grandson jumping up and down in a playpen, crying his eyes out. When he saw his grandfather, he reached out his little hands and cried, "Out Grandpa, out!" But Grandpa knew that the little boy had been put there as a punishment for bad behaviour. So he said, "No, son, in, in ...". But the little child kept crying. His plaintive tears and his outstretched hands reached deep into his heart.

What was he to do? The boy must have the punishment, but the grandfather was desperate to comfort him.

Finally, love found a way. Grandpa couldn't take the boy out of the playpen, so he climbed in with him ...

*From A Stocking Full of Christmas
by J John*



Remembrance Remembered

It was wonderful to see Remembrance Day back to the good attendances it had been Pre-Covid. In 2020 we had one flag, the wreath layers and myself. This year we had all the Parade and a great turnout of villagers once again.

The setting for the Act of Remembrance was enhanced by the very colourful and moving display of poppies, that now include the large coloured poppies representing the Empire Troops, the Animals and Peace (Black, Purple and White) as well as the traditional red poppies.



New this year were the biographies of all the village fallen - 48 from the First World War and 18 from the Second World War. These had been prepared by the History Society and were placed in a line the full length in front of Church depicting very powerfully the huge loss of life from lads of this village. The display has been much admired and appreciated.

Guisborough Road was full of residents to help mark the occasion, and for the first time in 70 years we had the King's Representative at the Service, Mr Peter Scrope DL. It was a very mild day, but just before we started a mist descended bringing with it a powerful silence.

Our thanks to Karen Peverell & the Poppy team, the History Society, North Yorkshire Police for Traffic control, to all who took part, and to Zoom who had planned to install fibre broadband in Guisborough Road the following week and had coned off all the road on both sides. It was much appreciated!



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Anyone wishing to sponsor a Christmas arrangement please contact Marina Charlton Tel. 01642 723087. The suggested amount is £30 and a small laminated card will be placed by the arrangement recalling the memory in which it is given.



Last Box Opening

The members of the Children's Society Committee met for one last time since the group officially finished to count the money in the collection boxes one last time. The final amount counted was £2312.22. Thank you to all who have kindly collected their loose change in the Boxes for many years as it has brought a lot of funds into the Society.



Today less people use loose change and so the money being collected has dropped considerably, so it was decided to collect all the boxes in and empty them one last time before disposing of them all.

Thank you to the committee for all that they have done over many years.

Looking Forward

And so the year and the #weathercrossstitch draws to a close. It is a couple of months since I last updated you my progress. But here we are, at the time of writing there are just six weeks until the end of the year and the completion of the project.



It's not quite time yet to look back and see whether my reasons for starting it have been fulfilled. Hold this space in the February Spire when the whole thing will be finished and framed. But what of the next few weeks?

We are now in Advent. A time of looking forward. Yes a time of taking stock, but in order to be ready for the new things which God has for us. When we sit in darkness, acknowledging the death of the old but preparing to receive the light which we are promised in Christ.

I look over the weeks and months and those heat wave days in July and August are long gone. Even the 'red' hot days, which I was just not expecting to enjoy over so many months, are now just a distant memory. We have just had week after boring 'green' weeks (a bit like the interminable Trinity season?) but even these have begun to give way to 'purple' days, just in time for Advent.



The prospect of a harsh winter, with expensive fuel bills and cold hands and feet, doesn't really fill me with joy of expectation. But as the temperature drops then the colours on the #WC

change. So a cold snap may be uncomfortable or even hard, but it also bring enjoyment as I sew the next block of colour. And I'm really excited to know if we will get down to the 'pale blue' temperatures of early January; or if the mild autumn will be followed by a mild winter. And might we have more than just the one day of snow this year? I'd love that for the #WC, even if I won't enjoy driving in it!

Advent is a time of looking forward. A time when we recall the promises of God. Those fulfilled in the coming of Jesus to Bethlehem as a baby and which we will celebrate together at Christmas. But also those promises not yet fulfilled. Promises of Christ's return to restore, purify and perfect in recreation this world that is spoilt and hurting. Promises of his return to call us home. And so we look forward with anticipation and hope. To a good end to 2022. To a better 2023. To God moving in our hearts, in our village, in our nation.

There will be one more posting in February's Spire when you can see the completed project. But if you have been inspired to do something like this next year please do let me know. I'd love to chat to you about why you might do it and what you hope to achieve. Spoiler alert...I will be revealing that I'm really glad I started last year! And I'd love to be part of your journey through 2023. Jane

A New Year's Resolution?

We are still in need of volunteers to help clean Christ Church. A clean Church isn't just for Congregational use, but for Funerals, Baptisms and Weddings which occur all the year round. We host various concerts during the year and School Services, and many of the people attending may never come on a Sunday, but appreciate a clean and welcoming building.



The more volunteers we have, the less often people have to do it. Could you spend a couple of hours a few times a year to help keep our Church clean and welcoming? It belongs to us all. Could you make it part of your New Year's Resolution?

Any offers of help to **Irene Reah Tel 01642 723 804**

What's On

Saturday 3rd December 2022 7.30 pm (Doors open 7pm)
Christ Church (Parish Church), Gt Ayton, TS9 6AA

ANGROVE SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Musical Director: Jeremy Harbottle
Accompanist: Jenny Hesford

Tickets: £10 (Adult) £5 (U18/Student) Cash or Cheque payable to The Angrove Singers
From Gt Ayton's Discovery Centre, Thompson's Hardware, choir members, ring 01642 941 732, or on the door

Seasonal refreshments included
Donations to Charity from the Proceeds

Stokesley Choral Society
invite you to

A Celebration of Christmas Music

**with The Christmas Strings
and Stokesley
Primary Academy
School choir**

**Saturday
10th December
at 7.00pm**



Stokesley Parish Church
Musical Director : Jeremy Harbottle
Accompanist : Lada Khazanovych

Tickets: Adults £12, Under 18s £4 To include wine, juice and mince pies.
Available from: www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-joint-choirs
The Yorkshire Store, Stokesley, choir members or phone 01642 722192
Tickets also available on the door – cash only please.


GUISBOROUGH
CHORAL SOCIETY

O Holy Night

An Evening of Choral Music for Christmas

with
Guisborough Choral Society
and
Guisborough Salvation Army Citadel Band



**SAT
DEC.
2022** **10**
Methodist Church
Westgate
Guisborough
7.30pm

TICKETS: £10 (UNDER 19'S £1)

AVAILABLE FROM:
Guisborough Bookshop and Choir Members
On the Door (Subject to Availability) and Online at
www.wgottickets.com/event/561956/

GuisboroughChoralSociety.org.uk
Facebook.com/guischoir
Registered Charity 508845

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Newton News

At the November meeting of St Oswald's PCC we voted to give the following to good causes as our Mission Giving. £1,000 each went to **UNICEF in Ukraine** supporting children who will have a very challenging Christmas; **Barnabas Fund** for their work supporting persecuted Christians; **CMS** to support the world Church and especially in Nigeria; **Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland** who work with poor communities in our own area; £500 each to **St John's South Bank** and **Revd Jane Emson in St Thomas' Parish Middlesbrough working at the Thorntree Hub** running an Eco Shop and a warm drop in place for youngsters. The Christmas Appeal will join Christ Church with **The Genesis Project**.

A New Handrail has been installed on the steps to the cellar for safety reasons. Many thanks to John Stinson.

Eco Church - plans are being made for hedgehog boxes for next winter, to add to our bird and bat boxes.

Charity Auction of Surplus Christmas Gifts



Christ Church Hall, Guisborough Road, Great Ayton.

Saturday 21st January 2023

Viewing from 1.30pm - Auction starts at 2pm

50p admission includes half time cuppa!

Supporting TEAR Funds in East Africa Famine Relief

Shoebox Appeal 2022

Since I arrived in 1993 we have supported Children in Distress and their annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal. I began supporting its predecessor *Romanian Children's Aid* when Eastern Europe opened up after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. Anneka Rice and others discovered huge needs in Romania with children left in "homes" as their parents were terrified of AIDS that they had caught from contaminated blood products. RCA stepped in to build a Children's Hospice in Cernavoda - and Gwen and David Henley were amongst those who travelled over to help.



It soon became apparent that the needs were greater, as so many children had so little, so *Love in a Box* was started in the early 1990s with the Charity changing their name to Children in Distress as they were also going into neighbouring countries.

I brought *Love in a Box* with me when I became Vicar in 1993, and apart from a couple of years when we supported Samaritan's Purse as the Foot and Mouth Disease prohibited lorries travelling from the UK, we have done it every year since.

Roy Wheeler, shortly to be 89, has been the organiser of LIAB since it began, but is standing down this year. Thank You Roy for all you have done and the happiness you have given to so many children who have both given and received the boxes. Roy has travelled to Romania over 30 times to hand out the boxes (26 of them driving there!) We are not sure yet as to whether *Love in a Box* will continue next year.



We thank all who have participated over the years. Many local Churches and schools have taken part, as well as the Royal Oak and many others. I will miss my annual visit to Ingleby Greenhow School (pictured above left) for my LIAB Assembly.



This is our last load setting off after this year's *Love in a Box* Service at Christ Church for Prestons of Potto who have hosted the collection for many years without any charge. Well done to all.

Comings and Goings in the Deanery

News announced in October. Our own **Ken Taylor** has been appointed the Deanery Financial Advisor for a period of three years. Ken takes over from Martin Bailey who has moved to become the DFA for Middlesbrough Deanery. Ken will be working closely with Treasurers to help co-ordinate a positive response to Living Christ's Story.



The **Rev'd Claire Todd**, Vicar of Brookfield, and of Stainton with Hemlington and Hilton, has resigned with effect from Tuesday, 3rd January 2022 to be Rector of The Annunciation, Paarl, in the Diocese of Saldanha Bay, Southern Africa. Her final service will be on Sunday 1st January 2023. Claire has visited our Link Diocese on several occasions over recent years and has fallen in love with it. We wish her well, as also the people of her parishes here who will miss her.



Alcoholics Anonymous

'The Great Ayton Alcoholics Anonymous Group meet in St Margaret's church hall every Thursday from 6.30 - 7.30pm.

'We are a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.

If you would like to know more please come along to the meeting or contact us; email greataytonaa@ttn.net Tel 07376 499555

Co-op Supporting Marwood School

November saw a great event at Stokesley Town Hall where some brilliant causes in the Stokesley and Great Ayton area were presented with cheques representing money raised for them by Co-op members. The local causes included Crash Bang Wallop Youth Theatre, and Sunnyfield Kindergarten. Kirkby and Great Broughton Primary School also received a cheque the day before.



The new local causes which have been selected for the year going forward are Yatton House in Great Ayton, which supports adults with learning difficulties, Marwood C of E Infant School and Cruse Bereavement Services in the TS9 area.

Ceri Tate from Sunnyfield Kindergarten in Great Ayton commented "the funding has been invaluable for improving our outside garden area. This means that the children can play safely in the fresh air in a stimulating environment which is so beneficial for development at this age."

Marwood C of E Infant School also hope to use funding received after the next round to improve their outside space and enable children to grow different types of vegetables, while Cruse Bereavement Service will now have more funding to support those suffering with loss and grief in the TS9 area.

In the last year Co-op members have raised £117 million across the country for local community causes and out of this £19,800 in the Stokesley and Great Ayton area. Kathryn Wilson has recently taken over the role as Member Pioneer with the Co-op for Stokesley and Great Ayton and said that she is delighted to be able to work with Co-op members and colleagues together with different local organisations to bring the community together. She said that during the current economic climate it's such an important time to consider the roles that local charities and organisations play in our communities

as there is a real risk we may lose many of them if they don't receive enough funding, this would then undoubtedly have a knock on effect with the health and mental wellbeing across many different sectors during an already difficult time.

You can help raise funds for these local causes if you have a membership card and purchase Co-op products. You can choose to split the funds between the three local causes or select one cause. You can do this by either ringing the telephone number on the back of your membership card or by logging onto your account on the Co-op website, or if you download the app it's under the community tab. Then every time you swip your card at least 1p in every £1 spent on Co-op items will go to the local cause with an additional 1p in every £1 going to the national pot to support charities and groups across the country.

Applying for a School Place

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, they are due to start school in September 2023 and you must apply for a primary school place for them to start in Reception.

If you would like to come and visit our lovely school, you would be most welcome. Please contact the school office on 01642 722389 or email admin@marwood.n-yorks.sch.uk to book an appointment.

If your child is in Year 2 now, then you will need to apply for their next school for Year 3. The deadline to submit your application is 15 January 2023

You must apply for a school place even if your child has an older sibling at the school you would like them to go to or they are attending a nursery attached to the school.

This information is for families living in North Yorkshire. Families living outside North Yorkshire will need to contact their home authority to obtain their information regarding school admissions.

The information you need to apply for a primary school place is available at www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions



Mission Giving 2022

Great Ayton PCC met on Wednesday 16th November to decide on the recipients of this year's Mission Giving to Christian causes & charities. Members of the PCC are asked to champion a cause.

The following were chosen to receive £1,000 each

[Rosemary Wheway](#) proposed continued support for the Church overseas by supporting the two main Anglican overseas mission societies - **CMS** Church Mission Society) and **USPG** (United Society Partners in the Gospel). Both of these societies work with the world Church and have been supported by Christ Church for many years.

[John Dickinson](#) proposed **Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland** who do great work in deprived areas of Middlesbrough and East Cleveland. Their holiday clubs for poor children are especially appreciated.

[Jonny Winterschladen](#) once again proposed **Message Trust** that takes the Christian Message into Secondary Schools in the North of England. His son Joe works for the Advance Youth Section. We have supported Joe before and we often hear of the good work being done.

[Jane Robson](#) proposed the **Clergy Support Trust** who are there to support ordinands and clergy who are struggling financially. Whilst never having been a recipient herself, she said she knew many people who have been helped by this charity.

[Helen Land](#) proposed **Big Kids**, a Middlesbrough based children/youth team who work in Churches and schools including the Vicar's old patch at Whinney Banks and St Oswald and St Chad's. They began in 2017 and have been doing great work.

[Ken Taylor](#), having declared an interest, suggested **Northallerton Branch** of the Samaritans. Their workload had already risen due to Covid, and the financial pressures affecting many will put more pressure on them.

[Robin Harmar](#) was impressed by the work of **School Aid India** who run Roseberry School in India, whom we have had links with for many years. We know the money is well spent and makes a great difference as it was founded by Helen Jones in our village who runs the Trustees. This completed our eight choices for 2022.

Christmas Appeal 2022

It was unanimously decided that **The Genesis Project** in Grove Hill, Middlesbrough, run by Rev'd Kath Dean and her team, be the recipient of this year's Christmas Appeal.

We have known Kath for many years as the clergy helped cover services at St Chad's & St Oswald's when Kath was a Reader. In 2018 we asked Kath to come to talk to us one evening when we were running our *From Thankfulness to Generosity Stewardship Campaign*, and she so impressed us with what she told us that we have supported them since.



They have been a recipient of our Christmas Appeal in 2018, and as the work they do has grown considerably over the years, so members of Christ Church - Rosemary, Helen and John - have become Trustees to help them, not to mention Grace's Shed which collects all sorts of household items to be sent to them.

Now ordained as a Permanent Deacon, the Rev'd Kath Dean has been in the media many times raising the profile of their work. The Luncheon Club has grown into an Eco Shop and meals for over 240 people a week, together with Children's Clubs. Many of their volunteers also participate in Prayer for the Day.

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Our Christmas Appeal will include the collections taken at all our Carol Services and the Crib Service. Please be generous.

Give and it Shall be Given unto You

That was Jesus' promise, and it is true. At the PCC meeting we also acknowledged receipt of a £10,000 bequest to Christ Church from the late Terry Robinson that had just been received before the meeting.

Terry was a lovely man who ran the vegetable and fruit warehouse by the stone bridge with his father. A trust fund is being set up in Terry's memory to support a gardening or agricultural student each year at Askham Bryan College in Guisborough. How wonderful to do such a thing.



From the Registers

Holy Baptism

6 November

Laurie William Jackson

19 November

Lottie Grace Bee

Confirmation



The following were Confirmed in Faith by the Bishop of Whitby on
Christ the King Sunday, 20th November 2022

Joe Howard

Hannah Dawson

Hannah Brown

Debbie Pattinson

Robert Myers

Harry Fox

Robert Lambert

Charlotte Dawson

Hannah Adams



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 mother and her 10 year old son were standing in front of Tintoretto's painting of the nativity. The boy commented "I can never understand why he was not born in a proper bed. After all, his father was God". His mother explained that Mary and Joseph were on a journey at a busy holiday time and they were also very poor. Retorted her son: "They can't have been all that poor to get themselves painted by Tintoretto."



A school class was studying the various nativity paintings when one boy piped up: "It must have been very crowded in there, Miss, with all those painters in."

The old ones are the best- like the story of the school nativity play in which Joseph knocks on the inn door and asks if they have any rooms, adding "my wife is pregnant". The inn keeper replies "No - and its not my fault your wife is pregnant". To which Joseph responded: "No - and if you read the Bible you will find it's not my fault either".

"The society will begin rehearsals on Monday September 9th at 8pm in the church hall. The evening will take the form of a sinalong." - *Newspaper report*

A survey of 400 clergy some years ago found that four times as many sets of false teeth were left in pews than any other item- apparently because some elderly people preferred to take out their teeth to sing the hymns.

Former Richmond MP William Hague told the Darlington and Stockton Times how one day when he knocked at a lady's door to introduce himself as the MP, she immediately asked: "Can you do anything about my hip?" "Well," I said, "I can write to the health authority but I am not a doctor you know." "Oh yes you are", she exclaimed. "Of course you are a doctor. You are the one who advertises your surgery in the D&S Times every week."

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Malcolm Race

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 (<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

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		

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

Contacts

Vicar	Rev'd Paul Peverell	The Vicarage	01642 722333
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	Peter Titchmarsh		01642 724153
	Dr Nick Land		01642 778076
Organist	Andrew Blair		blair37@btinternet.com
Pastoral Ass't	Rosemary Wheway		01642 722451
Churchwardens	Dr Helen Land		01642 778076
	Jonathan Winterschladen		01642 723576
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Safeguarding	Mary Mason		01642 724316
Gift Aid Sec.	Ynez Clarke		01642 723181

Church Hall Office

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