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# Spire

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## Charity Auction

Of Surplus Christmas Gifts



**Saturday 2nd February**  
**from 2pm (Viewing from 1.30pm)**

**Christ Church Hall**

**Great Ayton**

50p entrance - includes refreshments

Supporting Eating Stones

Details inside

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# FEBRUARY

- 2nd Sat** **Charity Auction of Surplus Christmas Gifts** in the Church Hall. Viewing from 1.30pm, Auction 2pm
- 3rd Sun** **SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am Holy Communion at Newton.**
- 4th Mon** **Holy Communion @ Hollygarth** at 2pm. All Welcome  
Deanery Synod meets at St Margaret's, Brookfield at 7.30pm
- 5th Tues** **Little Fishes** at 9.30am in Christ Church
- 6th Wed** **Mothers Union Annual Meeting** in Coffee Lounge at 2pm
- 8th Fri** **Christ Church Visitors** Meet at 1.45pm in the Upper Room
- 10th Sun** **SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Come and Praise:
- 12th Tues** **Little Fishes** at 9.30am in Christ Church  
Wedding at Christ Church at 1.30pm
- 16th Sat** Wedding at St Oswald's at 1pm
- 17th Sun** **LENT 1** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am All Age Service at Newton; 12 Holy Baptism: 2.30pm**  
**Wedding Preparation Meeting at Newton; 5.30pm Evensong & Deanery Lent Address at St Mary's Nunthorpe.**  
**3pm Showtime at Middlesbrough Theatre** by the Bradley School of Dance and Musical Theatre
- 24th Sun** **LENT 2** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 5.30pm Evensong & Deanery Lent Address at St Mary's Nunthorpe.
- 26th Tues** **Little Fishes** at 9.30am in Christ Church:

**Items in Magenta all take place at St Oswald's Church at Newton, and the remainder at Christ Church, unless otherwise stated.**

# Giving God His Money Back



Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft, is a very rich man with a personal fortune estimated at \$65 billion. This fortune was built up with hard work and dedication to the Microsoft firm he founded, pushing it forward with a passion. Now retired from the firm he has a new passion, to give his money away doing God's work in the world.

Bill has set his target on eradicating polio, which still blights many lives in the world today, and yet is preventable. Later this month, Bill Gates will deliver the BBC's Dibleby Lecture, taking as his theme the value of the young human being. Every child, he will say, has the right to a healthy and productive life, and he will explain how technology and innovation can help towards the attainment of that still-distant goal. He has put his money where his mouth is, for he and his wife Melinda have so far given away \$28 billion via their charitable foundation, more than \$8 billion of it to improve global health.

Bill Gates has learnt the important lesson that great wealth brings with it great responsibilities. If we just sit amongst it and enjoy it without helping others, then we will have failed in our humanity, just as the rich man in Luke 16: 9 - 31 failed the beggar Lazarus - not by actively hurting him, but by failing to do anything to help him.

We are called to do our bit too, in showing generosity in supporting God's work in the world, for despite the recession, we are still in the richest 5% of the world's population.

Our Archbishop is calling all of the Churches in the Diocese to look at their generosity as we seek to nurture and grow disciples. A strong Church can do so much good in the world around us, but a weak Church far less. So from next year onwards we are being asked to volunteer what we shall give as Parishes towards the Diocesan budget, trusting in our generosity. This is a great risk, for the money given pays for the clergy in the Parishes, so less money means less clergy. Experience would suggest that when you take the clergy out of Parishes, attendances can fall and income reduces accordingly. Will it work?

Our Archbishop is a great man of faith and always sees the glass half full rather than half empty. He knows that despite the recession that we still have so much to be thankful for. He also realises that there is an anxiety out there that is causing some Churches to hold back on generosity, keeping money in reserve in case of a rainy day. Anxiety is never fertile ground for anything positive to grow, so he is seeking to transform our outlook into a more positive, faithful and joyful one by encouraging us to look at five signs of a healthy Church: Christlikeness, Commitment, Partnership, Influence and Numbers. By looking to these things we will then hopefully begin to look more positively around us.

I know that I am very privileged to be Vicar of two Parishes that constantly show their generosity in reaching out to others in need by supporting many good causes and charities throughout the year, as well as the work that goes on locally. There is often mention of this in Spire, and our Christmas Appeal features this month.

Our generosity is nothing compared to God's generosity to us. We do receive so much in so many ways, and in comparison even our giving could be more than it is.

So as we move through 2013 I am asking all Church members and all who care about our Church, to be generous and committed in your support, be it through the time you give, the talents you employ for the Church's good, and in the generous financial support that you offer to Church, that our witness may grow and move forward and that we may help do more good in the world by giving back to God something of what He has given to us.

**Paul**

## **Advance Notices**

**Christ Church Electoral Roll** has to be completely renewed this year, so everyone who wishes to remain on it needs to fill a form in, available at the back of Church. Being on the roll qualifies you to vote at Annual Meetings, be married in Christ Church if you don't reside here, and determines the representation we have on Synods. It is also a mark of your belonging and commitment. See Alison Lambert with any queries.

**Christ Church Coffee Morning** on Saturday 9th March from 10.30am - 12.30pm in the Parochial Hall. Tickets available soon.

## Marwood School Celebrates Outstanding Inspection Result

As well as the well known Ofsted Inspections that seek to determine the effectiveness of schools, Church School have to undergo another inspection to check on the religious ethos of the school.

The inspection looks at the following areas:

- How well does the school, through its distinctive Christian character, meet the needs of all learners?
- What is the impact of collective worship on the school community?
- How effective is the religious education?
- How effective are the leadership and management of the school as a church school?

The Inspector visits the school, talks to children, teachers, parents, the Governors and Headteacher to ensure all is going well.

Last term Marwood School has its Church Inspection (*called a SIAS Inspection - Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools*) and the report declared Marwood Church of England Infant School to be Outstanding in all areas. We send our congratulations to Mrs Wilson and all the school community for this marvellous result.

## Women's World Day of Prayer



**2pm Friday 1st March**  
come and join us at  
Christ Church, Great Ayton

**I was a stranger and you welcomed me**  
a service prepared by the Christian women of France

# Memories of Christmas Just Past

We had a great Christmas. All three Churches looked wonderful for the season, giving fitting venues for a series of well attended Carol Services preceding the Christmas Eve and Day Services.



At our Carol Services we always hold a special appeal to help in some poorer part of the world, and this year chose to support *Embrace the Middle East* (Formerly the Bible Lands Society) that runs schools, hospitals and community projects amongst the poor on the West Bank, Israel and Egypt. We were delighted to see how well the appeal did.

Mothers Union Carol Service	73
Masonic Carol Service	209
All Saints by Candlelight	384
St Oswald's, Newton	337
Schools Carol Service	148
Christ Church Carol Service	895
Christmas Eve Crib Service	461
Donations	90

**Christmas Appeal Total**      **£2,597**

On top of this fantastic figure, we also sent £1,003 to the Barnabas Fund to support Christians in Syria who had fled their homes due to the fighting. This money came through our Harvest Blessings. A further £102 was also donated at the Memory Tree for Herriot Hospice Homecare.

We had a long week of Carol Services culminating in Christ Church Carol Service on Sunday evening where the choir sang magnificently. The following day was Christmas Eve and the Crib Service was as popular as ever with the



Sunday School children putting on a brilliant retelling of the Christmas story in word and song. Christmas Eve and Day communions dipped slightly compared to last year, but small wonder with all the other attendances we had over such a busy period.

Worship doesn't just happen in Church, but goes around the village, especially in our schools, and this year the puppets played a big role taking part in the Puppet Nativity at both Marwood School and St Oswald's All Age Service.

At Roseberry School and Christ Church Carol Service we performed *The Bethlehemian Rhapsody* to the Queen Classic. Geoff had discovered this on the web and sent it to me as a challenge. Thanks to all the puppeteers who rose to the occasion and brought smiles to many faces.

Carols on High Green were once again very well attended, and our thanks to the Parish Council who organise this as well as Santa's Sleigh visiting the village, and for their encouragement of the festive spirit.



*Marwood School above and St Oswald's All Age below*



*Pupils at Roseberry School performing The Bethlehemian Rhapsody (below)*



## **New Canons of York Minster.**

John Ford, the Rector of Yarm and Rural Dean of Stokesley since 2003 has been made a Canon of York Minster. Given John's many contributions to the life of our Diocese, this is a well deserved and long overdue recognition. He is now Prebend of Wetwang, and is here being collated with Revd Martin Caswell of Clifton Parish in York and Revd Neal Barnes of Holy Trinity, Hull.



## **Nick's Moving On**



The Revd Nick Green, presently at St Margaret's Brookfield, has accepted the position of Rector of St Mary's Episcopal Church in Dunblane.

St Mary's, an early Victorian church, is situated on the main road through the cathedral city. Everyone in Dunblane or travelling through it is aware of the church. We are a single charge focused in a single town with a fluid

population that looks south-west to Glasgow, south-east to Edinburgh and north-east to Perth and Dundee. Dunblane is a place of choice and opportunity, talent and ability, and diversity of age and background.

The congregation reflects much of the wide range of Anglican experience and comes from a diversity of Christian backgrounds, all embraced within the broad ethos of the Scottish Episcopal Church. There are two Sunday services; a said Eucharist at 8:30am and Sung Eucharist at 10:30am.

Nick says "I'm delighted to have been asked to be Rector of St Mary's. Andrea and I are really looking forward to going up there and starting the job, but are sad to be leaving so many wonderful friends behind in Teesside which has been our home for nearly 12 years now."

We will miss Nick's energy and enthusiasm in Stokesley Deanery and wish him and Andrea well for their new post. Lang may yer lum reek!



## Mothers' Union News

December saw two Carol Services for the M.U. - the Deanery one at Stokesley and our own with Paul's sermon putting a modern setting to the birth of Jesus and the events afterwards. Thought provoking.

We were joined by other churches for our January Social afternoon with a splendid pooled tea and entertainment by the Wilton Male Voice Choir. The words to one of their repertoire was written by one of their members, Eric Ancell!

Many thanks to Angela for organizing a luncheon at the King's Head, Newton. An Excellent meal and company.

Our A.G.M. will be held on **February 6th, 2:00pm** where we are desperately needing new committee members. Please think about taking on this important role. Without a committee a branch cannot be run properly.

**March 6th** - Elaine Dunning from Zoe's Place is coming to tell us about their work. Items for sale will be brought, also, for their funds.

**April 3rd** - Jennifer Finel - A Cross in My Pocket



## VINTAGE WEDDING FAYRE

Parochial Church Hall & Christ Church

Sunday 14th April 2013

from 12 noon - 4pm

See [www.cloud9eventsuk.com](http://www.cloud9eventsuk.com) for details and booking



# Lent Activities

<b>Sundays at 5.30pm</b>	Deanery Lent Talks with the Archdeacon of Cleveland. 5.30pm at St Mary's, Nunthorpe following Evensong
<b>Mondays at 9am</b>	Start the week with the Vicar! Morning Prayer & Thought for the Day, in Christ Church.
<b>Wednesdays at 10am</b>	Holy Communion & Address (If you haven't been before, join us for Lent)
<b>Fridays at 7am</b>	Get Up With God - the ever popular early morning communion followed by breakfast that gives a great start to the day.

## GLIMPSES OF GLORY

The village Churches will be sharing the latest York Course together which looks to where we can find strength and encouragement as we move through the 21st century. The venues and dates are varied to allow maximum participation. Come to one, come to all.

- 1 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 1.30pm – 3pm St Margaret's Church  
**The God who hears our cry**
- 2 Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm – 9pm Royal Oak Upper Room  
**The shepherd who guards and guides his people**
- 3 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 1.30pm – 3pm Christ Church Hall  
**The Son who is the Way, the Truth and the Life**
- 4 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 10.45am - 12 noon Friends Meeting House  
**The God who Shares our Pain**
- 5 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 1.30pm - 3pm Methodist Church  
**The God who calms our fears**

Stokesley Deanery Lent Evening Worship 2013

# Figures From John's Gospel

Led by the Venerable Paul Ferguson,  
Archdeacon of Cleveland



17th February

The Woman At The Well

24th February

Lazarus

10th March

Peter

7th March

Thomas

Sunday evenings at St Mary's Church, Nunthorpe  
(TS7 0PD) at 5.30pm.

**The collection from each service will be donated to  
Middlesbrough Food Bank**



# WHY MUSLIMS PERSECUTE CHRISTIANS AND WHY THE WEST IGNORES IT

A new report has exposed the West's blindness to the persecution of Christians around the world; it highlights how the "lion's share" of this is done by Muslims, whom the media do not want to criticise over misplaced fears of "racism".

Christianophobia, which was published last month, written by journalist Rupert Shortt for Civitas, argues that "Christians are targeted more than any other body of believers." He quotes research by the Pew Forum and the World Evangelical Alliance, which estimates that 200 million Christians (ten per cent of the global total) are socially disadvantaged, harassed or actively oppressed for their faith.

Focusing on the plight of Christians in seven countries (Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan, Nigeria, India, Burma and China), Shortt catalogues some of the most egregious attacks on Christians in recent years.

He states:

In the large area between Morocco and Pakistan ... there is scarcely a country in which church life operates without restrictions.

Syria, he writes, had been "one of the exceptions until now", but the country is currently wracked by civil war, and thousands of Christians have been driven from their homes.



*The scene of an anti-Christian attack by Hindu extremists in Orissa, India*

Quoting the estimates of scholars that between half and two-thirds of Christians in the Middle East have left or been killed over the last century, Shortt states, "There is now a serious risk that Christianity will disappear from its Biblical heartlands."

The report argues that the "lion's share" of anti-Christian persecution happens in Muslim-majority societies, where religious freedom is generally very restricted. But it also rightly stresses that much "Christianophobia" has nothing to do with militant Islam. It is rife under the Communist regimes of China and North Korea and also in mainly Buddhist societies such as Sri Lanka and Burma.

Shortt quotes a revealing study, *Religious Freedom in the World*, by the think-tank Freedom House, which examined the records of many countries. Of the 20

surveyed that were deemed “unfree”, Muslim-majority societies comprised 12, while of the 41 judged “free”, 35 were traditionally Christian. Buddhist countries with Communist governments (China, Tibet, Laos, North Korea and Vietnam) also scored poorly.

Christianophobia raises the issue of why the persecution of Christians is so little known to Western audiences and says that governments and other influential players have a “blind spot” that causes them “to squander a broader opportunity”, adding, “Religious freedom is the canary in the mine for human rights generally.”

Shortt suggests that the subject does not receive much attention for two reasons: first, because “persecuted Christians tend not to respond with terrorist violence”, and second, because “parts of the media have been influenced by the logical error that equates criticism of Muslims with racism, and therefore as wrong by definition”.

The violence against Christians in Muslim-majority contexts cannot be blamed solely on Islam itself. Western governments, especially the US and British, need to be held to account for the way that their foreign policies, particularly in the Middle East, have increased the danger for Christian minorities.

They do not appear to be learning from history either, as they are now backing the opposition to President Bashar al-Assad in Syria. Like Saddam Hussein in Iraq, Assad had afforded the Christian community in Syria a considerable degree of protection and freedom; this has now been shattered by war and seems unlikely to be restored by any new regime, as Islamists have gained influence in the effort to oust the president.

Western support for the Arab Spring, which has promoted the rise of political Islam, has ignored the implications for Christians in the Middle East and North Africa. In Egypt, where the Muslim Brotherhood is in control, violence against Christians has increased markedly since the revolution.

There are concerns about what is going to happen to the sizeable Christian minorities in Syria and Egypt and whether they will be able to remain in these lands, which have had a significant Christian presence since the dawn of the faith and long before Islam existed.

Will Western governments open their eyes to this crisis, which is partly of their own making, before it is too late?

*Taken from the Barnabas Fund, an organisation that supports Christians under persecution. To read more visit [www.barnabasfund.org/uk/news](http://www.barnabasfund.org/uk/news)*

## Charity Auction – Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Our annual Charity Auction this year is to be held on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February in the Parochial Hall at 2.00pm, viewing from 1.30. The proceeds of the Auction this year will go to the 'Eating Stones Fund'. Information about the Fund can be obtained from their website at [www.eatingstones.co.uk](http://www.eatingstones.co.uk).

The Eating Stones Fund UK was established in April 2007 by an international development student from Leeds University, Chris Ferry, after spending time working with a social development group and HIV/AIDS clinic in an area of slum dwelling on the edge of the Kenyan capital, Nairobi.

The people in Kenya's slums are affected by poverty and sickness every day of their lives. As a result, adults are unable to work, children become malnourished and many are orphaned.

By the summer of 2008 the two groups were struggling to care for 37 orphaned or abandoned children. 30 of them were sleeping in one small tin shack, on 3 urine-soaked mattresses. Many had been left behind when family members died as



Raising funds to relieve the suffering of people in Kenya's slums.

a result of HIV/AIDS related complications.

Moved by their plight, Chris

began this new charity which has grown over the years. After months of hard work and with some fantastic support from UK and US donors, they were able to rent a site and transform it into a new home for the children. Alongside the orphanage, the Robert Henry Academy and Clinic were established. Since then our work in Kenya has grown. We now provide a home to 48 children. In order to comply with regulations a new organisation, The Eating Stones Organisation, was created in Kenya to oversee the orphanage, academy and clinic. All the children's needs are catered for at their new home, which is run and managed by volunteers, or staff paid only a token wage. Most of the children are educated on site by two fully qualified teachers and we have been able to open up the academy to 14 children from the surrounding area who otherwise would not have access to an education.

The Eating Stones Fund was given its name in recognition of the daily plight of children in Kenya's slums who resort to eating stones, desperate for any source of nutrients.

Do come along to our Auction and support this worthwhile charity. The grandmother of the student who established the charity lives in Greenacre Close so we do have a local connection.

## What Else Did the Vicar Do?

By Malcolm Race



When Ken Taylor, treasurer of Great Ayton parish church, set out to put together a history of the church, he found himself with something of a mystery.

It was well known that the Rev. Joseph Ibbetson, who was vicar of Ayton from 1827 to 1878, had been the driving force behind the construction of Christ Church, which was opened in May 1876.

His almost single-handed efforts to raise the necessary £5000, enticing subscriptions from even the Archbishop of York as well as many other individuals locally and throughout the country, were well documented.

Yet little is known about the vicar's other activities within the community during his remarkable 50-year stint in the village. "He must have made quite an impact, as he was a strong character," said Ken. "But we don't know what he was involved in outside of the parish church. If anyone has any information which would help fill in the blank, I would be very pleased to hear from them, although we appreciate it is looking back well over a century."

Mr Ibbetson is known to have had pretty strict views. One of his first decrees was to ban "ale or liquor" from vestry meetings (It is a surprise to find this was necessary!). He instigated the building of a new vicarage (the present one behind Christ Church); the old one, now Winford House, became a temperance hotel, the "Bob and Tanner."

The new Christ Church, built on land on Guisborough Road given by Captain Marwood, was needed because the congregation, swelled by the development of mining in the area, had outgrown the 12th century All Saints, which is now a tourist attraction because of its Captain Cook connection but still used several times a year.

When he retired, shortly after the completion of the new church, Mr Ibbetson went to live at Darlington. But when he died in 1887 he was buried at Great Ayton, as was his much revered wife, Elizabeth (daughter of Thomas and Ann Simpson of Nunthorpe Hall), whose diligent and caring work among the community earned her the soubriquet, "the Faithful Shepherdess" at her death in 1869.

Ken's Church history is a contribution to the much wider grant aided village history project which has been running for several years and has led to the formation of the Great Ayton History Society.

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## Great Ayton & District Committee

Best wishes for a Happy and healthy New Year from the committee.

Mary Clay and Carol James *pictured* have been knitting necklace/scarfs non-stop for the last 3 months. To date they have knit over 120 and raised £500 for Y.C.R. They are still taking orders.



The House to House Collection will commence on February 22nd. If anyone could do a small round please contact Margaret Hopper 722044 or Margaret Stevens 723334.

On Saturday March 9th. there will be a Coffee Morning at Ingleby Greenhow Village Hall from 10:00am till 12 Noon. Cake Stall, Tombola and Raffle. There will be a dancing display from the pupils of the Bradley School of Dance. Tickets £1.50 or pay at the door.

Thank you for all your support.

**Margaret Stevens.**

### Bits and Bobs

The date for the **Annual Church Spring Clean** is Friday 15th March and Saturday 16th March. All help welcome.

**Thank You** to the reader of Spire Online for his thoughtful donation of £15 towards the production costs of the paper edition, in appreciation of receiving the pdf copy each month. A younger member of our congregation now working in France says how much she appreciated keeping in touch with the news from Christ Church and the village through Spire.



## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Christingle service at the beginning of December was well attended and £431 was collected. As well as Zuilmah & Viv Winterschladen's singers, this year Pauline Turner directed members of the Junior Great Ayton Drama group in a mini-play. Scouts put the sweeties on the sticks, which was a great help when we were making the Christingle oranges.



The Carol Singing took place just before Christmas on a wet morning, but people were generous and we collected £132. John Appleyard and Jamie Harvie accompanied the singers - we thank everyone for turning out.

On **Wednesday, 6th February**, we are holding our **Box Opening Coffee Morning at 10.30 am in the Parochial Hall** and we look forward to seeing you then.

**Jancie Brown**

### CRUEL NATURE

Weather it is or 'Weather' it isn't  
Its hardly flaming June  
At Easter we were blessed  
With weather at its best  
Now its typical of a monsoon.

Weather for wellies  
Macs and a gamp  
Typical Bank Holidays  
Gone are the sun's rays  
Its cold depressing & damp.

Weather it is or Weather it isn't  
Someone predicted a heatwave  
But it didn't ring true  
And we're all feeling blue  
Just where is that sunshine we crave.

Weather it is or Weather it isn't  
Gales 100 miles an hour  
Destroys everything in it's path  
A wrecked aftermath  
The weather's really turned sour.

Weather causes chaos & heartbreak  
Still more rain is forecast  
Floods everywhere  
Homes beyond repair  
How long will this depression last ?

Weather it is or Weather it isn't  
Not much to look forward to  
A blizzard of snow storms  
Yes, weather of all forms  
Lets talk about something new.

**Jean Cumbor**  
Written June 2007.

# From the Registers

## Holy Baptism

25th November	Tyler Lee Morgan
9th December	Joshua Ancell
16th December	Kaitlin Darcy Tate
30th December	Myah Elizabeth Wilson

## Holy Matrimony

30th November      Lauren Parry & Richard Mills

*Married by our Vicar at Wynyard Hall,  
and accompanied by Christ Church Choir*



## Christian Burial and Cremation

28th November	Annie Atkinson
29th November	Betty Atkinson
10th December	Jean Hewines
4th January	Marjorie Lowe
10th January	Joyce Rolfe
21st January	Keith Pigg

\* Denotes service has taken place at St Oswald's Church, Newton

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<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>

## Political Aphorisms

If God wanted us to vote, he would have given us candidates. ~Jay Leno~

The problem with political jokes is they get elected. ~Henry Cate, VII~

We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office ~Aesop~

If we got one-tenth of what was promised to us in these State of the Union speeches, there wouldn't be any inducement to go to heaven. ~Will Rogers~

Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river. ~Nikita Khrushchev~

When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it. ~Clarence Darrow~

Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you. ~Author unknown~

Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel. ~John Quinton~

Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other. ~Oscar Ameringer~

I offer my opponents a bargain: if they will stop telling lies about us, I will stop telling the truth about them. ~Adlai Stevenson, campaign speech, 1952~

A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country. ~Tex Guinan~

I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians. ~Charles de Gaulle~

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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 9.15am Parish Communion with Sunday School 11.00am Come & Praise (2nd Sunday of month) Evening Worship - as announced in the Diary
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am Little Fishes Carer & Toddler Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00am Holy Communion - in Christ Church

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

**Sunday** 11.00am Services on 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month only  
1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion; 3<sup>rd</sup> All Age Worship

For enquiries about Baptisms, Banns and Marriages, please come to  
Christ Church Vestry on **Fridays** from 6pm - 7pm



Vicar	Rev'd Paul Peverell Rev'd Geoff Jaques Rev'd Jon Dean	The Vicarage, Low Green 132 Roseberry Crescent White House, Dikes Lane	722333 722979 722649
Readers	Mrs Margaret Lewis Mr Peter Titchmarsh	97 Wheatlands 3 Greenacre Close	722628 724153
Churchwardens	Mrs Rosemary Wheway Mr Eric Boyce	Southbrook, Dikes Lane 74 Marwood Drive	722451 722552
Organist	Mr Craig Cartwright		07554422779
PCC Secretary	Mrs Julie Bourke	12 Yarm Lane	724508
PCC Treasurer	Mr Ken Taylor	The Recess, Newton Rd.	722400
Electoral Roll	Mrs Alison Lambert	54 Roseberry Crescent	722565
Child Protection	Mrs Gail Luckett	69a High Street	723504
Gift Aid Sec.	Mrs Sheila Levett	34 Wainstones Close	723034

### Church Hall Office

For **Church Hall bookings**, please contact the Church Office **Tel 722665** on **Monday or Friday 9 am - 12 noon, and Thursdays 10 - 12 noon or leave a message.**

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