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Magazine of the
Church of England in
Great Ayton with
Easby & Newton
under Roseberry
Parishes

Spire

DECEMBER 2015 & JANUARY 2016

The Bradley School of Dance
and Musical Theatre
presents

Cinderella

Traditional Pantomime
Parochial Hall, Great Ayton

8th, 9th, 11th December at 7pm

12th and 13th December at 1.30pm

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**Archbishop of York to
take Midnight Mass at
Christ Church**

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DECEMBER & JANUARY

- 2 Wed** 11am WWI Commemoration of Robert Smith.
- 5 Sat** 7.30pm Saltburn Songsters Christmas Concert in Church.
- 6 Sun** **Advent 2** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's**; 4pm Freemasons Carol Service.
- 2 Mon** 2pm Christmas Carol Service at Hollygarth.
- 13 Sun** **Advent 3** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Come & Praise.
- 20 Advent 4** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am All Age Service at Saint Oswald's**. 6pm Christ Church Christmas Carol Service
- 27 Sun** **Christmas 1 - St John's Day** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion.

January 2016

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

- 3 Sun** **Christmas 2** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's**.
- 4 Mon** 2pm Holy Communion at Hollygarth.
- 6 Wed** **The Epiphany** 10am Holy Communion: 7.30pm Standing Committee.
- 10 Sun** **The Baptism of Christ** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion: 11am Come & Praise.
- 14 Thurs** 7.30pm Ayton Churches Together in the Coffee Lounge.
- 16 Sat** **2pm Charity Auction of Surplus Christmas Gifts**
- 17 Sun** **Epiphany 2** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am All Age Service at Saint Oswald's**.
- 20 Wed** 7.30pm PCC Meeting
- 24 Sun** **Epiphany 3** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 4pm Joint Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Christ Church.
- 27 Thurs** 7.30pm PCC LYSIG Meeting
- 31 Sun** **Epiphany 4** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's**.

activities on back page

Items in Magenta all take place at St Oswald's Church at Newton.

Christmas Services 2015

Sunday 6th December

4.00pm Freemasons Carol Service**



Monday 7th December

2.00pm Hollygarth Carol Service **

Tuesday 15th December

7.30pm *All Saints Carol Service***

Thursday 17th December

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

Friday 18th December

10.30am Marwood & Roseberry Schools' Carol Service**

Sunday 20th December (*Morning Services as normal*)

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

6.00pm Christ Church Christmas Carol Service**

Monday 21st December

7.00pm *Christmas Carols on High Green*



Christmas Eve

2.00pm *Christmas Communion at Hollygarth Hall*

5.00pm Crib Service**

10.00pm *Christmas Communion at St Oswald's, Newton*

11.30pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity with Archbishop Sentamu

Christmas Day

8.30am Christmas Communion (Prayer Book Service)

9.30am Christmas Communion & Carols

Saturday 26th December - St Stephen's Day

9.30am Holy Communion



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

** Denotes that a collection is taken for the Christmas Appeal for School Aid India which runs Roseberry School in Darjeeling, India.

Keeping Christ in Christmas



We are approaching the Christmas Season when we remember the birth of Jesus and the hope he gives to the world by proclaiming the Kingdom of Heaven , God’s kingly rule that stands all our values on their heads.

The winter festival may have pagan roots, but the Christian faith sought to give it a more positive spin than just thinking of ourselves and having a big party. It is a time for thinking of others less fortunate and doing something for them, as we remember what God has done for us. Just over a hundred years ago in the trenches of France on Christmas Eve, it was the remembering of Christ’s message of peace that brought a cease-fire between the armies in the famous Christmas Truce that left to the ordinary soldier could well have continued. Christmas still encourages us with goodwill to others, maybe by our friendly greetings to strangers, or through our Christmas Appeal that will once again help Roseberry School in Darjeeling that suffered damage with the earthquake in the region earlier this year. Giving an education to poor children makes a life changing difference to them that ripples out to their families and communities.

It may be that cinemas won’t show the Church of England advert featuring the Lord’s Prayer - but this should come as little surprise when you remember many DJs refused to play Cliff Richard’s Millennium Prayer 15 years ago. It’s up to us to do something to ensure that Christ is a part of our Christmas, for if you take him out all you are left with is M & S! So what can we do?

Attend a Christmas Service in a local Church. In a time where Christians are being driven out of the Middle East and our politically correct society is becoming intolerant to our message, stand up and be counted and go to a Church Service this Christmas. You will never find a better choice of services to choose from, the churches will all be beautifully decorated, you will sing lots of songs you do know the words to, and you will see people you recognise already there.

Invite someone to go with you. If you already regularly go to a Church, then ask someone who doesn’t normally go to join you. It is so much easier to do things when someone is there to share, and it increases our joy too. Perhaps it’s someone who may need a lift. If you come to Church with empty seats in your car you have missed opportunities to share God’s love. How many people are missing the chance of meeting with God in worship simply because the Christians who go to

Church never bother to ask them to join them. Make a difference to someone else this Christmas.

A Variety of Services and even an Archbishop! In Great Ayton and Newton under Roseberry we have a variety of services listed on page 3 to accommodate most tastes, but in addition this year we have a unique event. On Christmas Eve Archbishop Sentamu will be taking the Midnight Mass Service at Christ Church and preaching at it. This is part of his pilgrimage around the Diocese where he wants to meet and talk with ordinary folk who may not usually go to Church. He is in Stokesley Deanery the days leading up to Christmas, so if you would like to share Christmas Eve with our Archbishop, may I invite you to join us for Midnight Mass that begins at 11.30pm. The Archbishop will be beginning Christmas Eve with prayers in Christ Church at 8am (*time to be confirmed*) then walking up through our village passed the queues at the butchers, and then on to Kildale to meet folk there. He will spend the rest of the day visiting Stokesley Market and attending the Crib Service at Stokesley Parish Church before returning to us in the evening. I am fairly safe in saying that this will be the first time in history that we have had an Archbishop of York take our service on Christmas Eve, so be part of it!



Give to or do something for someone who can't do anything for you. We exchange so much at Christmas, with cards and presents being swapped between us, so remember those not on your Christmas list who need support. We have our Christmas Appeal for School Aid India and also the Foodbank Collection at Christ Church on Sunday 20 December. (you may even like to include a Festive Treat like a selection box or chocolates.) Above all, watch out for your neighbours and especially those on their own. So many people find Christmas a hard time as others retreat into their families leaving them without contact for several days.

Christmas is the most wonderful time of year, when people look beyond themselves and show love to others. We do this because God so loved the world He gave us His son that first Christmas. Let us put Christ back into ours.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Paul

PCC Giving 2015

At November's Meeting of Great Ayton PCC, the members were asked to come with suggestions as to where some of our giving should go to for 2015. We already donate wedding and funeral collections to a charity of the family's choice and have a list of three charities to choose from for Christenings. In addition we also have Lent, Harvest and Christmas Appeals, Charity Auctions, Concerts and respond to any emergency Appeals as well as supporting Middlesbrough Foodbank on a monthly basis. So where has this money gone to.

£750 each to the Anglican Mission Charities - **United Society, Church Mission Society** and **Church Army** who support Mission overseas and at home. Also another **£750** to support the work of the **Children's Society**.

The Following Charities were nominated for **£1,000 each**.

Mary's Meals - which provides meals to schoolchildren in Africa to encourage them to stay on in Education, thus transforming their lives.

Open Doors North East - working with Asylum seekers in the Tees Valley area helping give them a welcome in a practical way.

UCCF - who run Christian Unions at all our Universities, seeking to support students in their Christian faith at a significant time in their lives.

Together Middlesbrough - working with the poor on our own doorstep in Middlesbrough and East Cleveland.

Tees Valley Youth for Christ - that supports the Christian Youth Worker working in Stokesley Secondary School.

Anglican International Development - a small medical charity training clinical officers for work in South Sudan.

In addition, we are holding our Christmas Appeal for *School Aid India* which runs Roseberry School in Darjeeling, and our Charity Auction of Surplus Christmas Gifts will be to support *Children in Distress*.

The Memory Tree



The Memory Tree will appear in Christ Church in the first week of December. It is a way of remembering loved ones who have died, but are still in our hearts, especially at this time of year.

Just come into Church and write a message or simply their name on one of the cards and hang it on the tree.

Any donations made will be sent to support Herriott Hospice Homecare who do so much to support the terminally ill in our area.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If anyone wishes to sponsor one of the Christmas arrangements in memory of a loved one or event, please contact either Dulcie Jones 01642 722 013 or Marina Charlton 01642 723 087. The suggested amount is £25 and a small laminated card will be placed by the arrangement recalling the memory in which it is given. There will only be 12 arrangements this year and they will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, so don't delay.



Altar Flowers

If you wish to put flowers by the High Altar in memory or thanksgiving for a loved one or a life event during 2016, please see Marina Charlton, as some weekend in 2016 are available. Tel 01642 723 087. These flowers remain in place throughout the week, but if we have a wedding you may wish to ensure they fit in okay with the colour scheme chosen

Learning From History

On Friday 27th November Karen and I were very proud parents at Middlesbrough Town Hall watching our son David graduate with a BA Degree in History. He has achieved this despite his very hard start to life and a daily battle with cerebral palsy. He has shown us that the future is in our hands, and it can be different from what many assume.



The study of history is important to us for if we don't learn the lessons of history, then we are condemned to repeat them.

The first week of our honeymoon to Yugoslavia to a coastal town in Croatia had to be moved to Lake Bled in Slovenia as tanks were on the streets there. Two weeks after we flew out of Ljubljana airport it too was being shelled by Serbian artillery as the Balkan region went into meltdown. The cause was the death of the Communist leader Marshall Tito and the removal of Communism which had held disparate people together with an iron fist, and once removed their rivalries returned. The following years saw the whole area in conflict. The beautiful medieval city of Dubrovnik was shelled, but far worse was the massacre of 8000 Muslim men and boys in Srebrenica while the world watched on.

What a shame President Bush and Prime Minister Blair didn't remember this before they removed Saddam Hussein from Iraq, accusing him of having weapons of mass destruction that have never been found. His removal brought chaos to the country and made it increasingly hard for Christians to stay there, where they had been welcome under Saddam, and even his deputy was a Christian.

We have also removed Gaddafi in Libya, and you must decide for yourself whether we have made that country or the Middle East any safer as a result.

We are now talking about removing President Assad from Syria. Having wanted to arm his opposition a few years ago, we are now seeking to attack them (ISIS). The Millennium window we put into Christ Church reminds us that just 15 years ago we helped build an extension to an Armenian Evangelical Church in Aleppo through the Barnabas Fund, and the Christians there had photographs taken proudly showing it off. Catholic agencies now reckon that within 10 years Christians will no longer be in the Middle East, having been cleansed from the area - not by the tyrants we have deposed, but by those who replaced them.

Clear out a house and leave it tidy, and the devil returns with seven others even worse. Now where have I heard that before? Please pray for wisdom for our leaders.

YORKSHIRE CANCER RESEARCH

Great Ayton & District Committee



A big thank you to all who came to **"The not a Lunch"**. On a wet day we were pleased to see happy faces eating their meals. The Rev'd Paul Peverell started proceedings with yet another grace. After lunch Leah Simmons from Y.C.R. gave a talk on future aims within Yorkshire to help with prevention and early diagnosis of cancer. We were pleased to welcome Sally and Louise, also from Harrogate, along with Frank and Alan Stephenson representing Petch Butchers who have provided meat since the first event. Thank you to them and to Stephen Sanders for donating the potatoes and salad. A small committee was grateful to all the ladies and gentlemen who on Wednesday worked so hard to help ensure a successful event raising the magnificent £3,101-50. Thank you to all who support Y.C.R. in any way.



*Louise Robinson & Leah Simmons
with the Margarets*

Y.C.R. financial year end is now 31st. March so we will announce how much Great Ayton have sent to Harrogate after that.

The Quiz held at the Conservative Club organised by Mike Myers raised a great £810. Thanks to Mike, Carole, Audrey, Paul and Karen and the Conservative Club.

A date for your diary. A Coffee Morning at Ingleby Greenhow on Saturday 3rd March 2016, 10-12noon. There will be a display by the Bradley School of Dance. The Y.C.R. Committee would like to wish everyone a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year. Thank you for all the support so generously given.

Margaret Stevens

We want to see our Churches **GROW**

In 2016 we want to see the Churches in Great Ayton and Newton under Roseberry Grow.

Grow in Numbers We want to see more people coming, and those who come doing so regularly, for our presence says something powerful to the world about a God who loves us than we can be bothered to come and worship him. We want to be there for each other too, for we don't just come to Church for ourselves but to support and accompany others on their journey of faith.

Grow in Service to our Community Following the example of Jesus who reached out to the stranger and washed his disciples feet, we want to grow in service. Already many things happen with our support for many causes and the things we do, but can we do more?

Grow in Love and Commitment Like anyone in love, we want to know more about God so we can improve the quality of our relationships. We have some groups already who are learning more, people who regularly read Bible reading notes, and many who do many tasks to help our witness. But we want to grow more.

In 2016 we shall be looking for some simple ways to help us all pull together to help our Church grow. We have something really good here that we should share with others. You can help by making this your prayer for 2016.

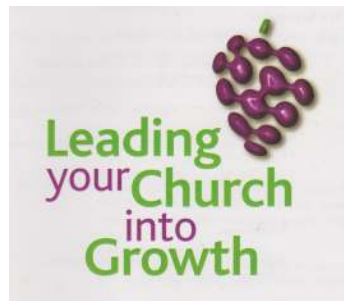
God our Father, the source of life and growth
Grant us vision for all our planning
Your wisdom in our actions,
And your power in our witness
That through the outpouring of your Holy Spirit
Your Church may Grow

In Number

In faithful service to our communities

And in Love and commitment to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

A memory stirred as I wrote of listening as a child to a visiting preacher at St Peter's Redcar. Ted Appleyard was the Vicar of Great Ayton, and told us that someone had said to him that he wouldn't come to Church as it was full of hypocrites. "We can move over and make room for one more!" Was Ted's reply. We don't come because we have got it right, but because without it we know we have got it wrong.



CONFIRMATION 2015



On Sunday 1st November, All Saints Day, we welcomed Paul, Bishop of Whitby, to Christ Church to lead our Confirmation Service.

There were 12 candidates, 8 adults and 4 young people, and of the adults 3 of them were from Saint Oswald's Church who have continued worshipping after getting married there earlier in the year.

Bishop Paul took a moving, relaxed and reverent service in Church, which was relayed by Skype to Craig Sheridan in South Korea so he could watch daughter Poppy being confirmed.

Following the service we moved into the Church Hall for the customary party that Great Ayton always does so well, and for the cutting of the Confirmation Cake.

The candidates were presented with a copy of the English Standard Version of the Bible as a reminder of the commitment made, and we hope they will continue to play an important part in the life of our Churches.

My thanks to all who helped in so many ways in preparing the candidates and for making such an inspiring occasion.

For a list of the candidates please see the Registers Page.



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The recent Quiz was very successful with a full house at the Conservative Club. Mike Myers set challenging questions and it was an enjoyable evening. The total raised was £457.50p which is excellent.



On **Sunday, 29th November**, the annual **Christingle Service** will be held in Christ Church at **5.00 pm**. All are welcome to attend the start of the Advent season. Collecting candles are available at the back of the church.

On **Tuesday, 22nd December**, the committee, accompanied by John Appleyard & Jamie Harvie, will be **singing Carols from 10.30-11.30 am** outside the shops on High Green. Any singers (or otherwise) are welcome to come along and join in.

We wish you a Happy Christmas and a Healthy 2016 - we look forward to seeing you in the spring.

Jancie Brown



Great Ayton Remembers

The next of our WWI Centenary Commemorations will be on **Wednesday 2nd December at 11am** when we shall remember Robert Smith. We shall meet inside Church if wet.

Please note: Where several men fell within a week, we will remember them together. This will happen in July 2016 and will be advertised.

the **SALTBURN SONGSTERS** present

A

Candlelight Christmas

accompanied by **Natalie Taylor**

with **Special Guest**
ANITA ASLIN - Harpist

at **Christ Church, Great Ayton**
on **Saturday 5th December 2015 at 7:15pm**
All tickets **£7** (including refreshments & prize draw entry)
available from **07729 33 22 58, Choir Members and**
from **Thompsons Hardware (1 Park Square, Great Ayton)**

Musically Directed
by



Daniel Matuszak

New Organist & Choirmaster

We are delighted to announce that Michael Aisbitt has been formally appointed as the new organist and choirmaster for Christ Church. Michael has a great many skills and much experience and we are thrilled to welcome him to the team.

If anyone is interested in joining Christ Church Choir there couldn't be a better time. Do see Michael after the Parish Communion Service any Sunday morning.

The choir are also welcoming visitors to join them for Christmas to sing at both the Christmas Carol Service and Midnight Mass. If you read this early and are interested, get in touch.





DO I LOOK MAD TO YOU?

Well, I just volunteered to spend a December night in the open air!

During Advent, Church Urban Fund's Together Network in the Diocese of York - Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland - has joined forces with DePaul UK for an Advent Sleepout Challenge in Holy Trinity Church, Middlesbrough on the night of Friday 4th December, to raise funds.

We already support TM&C through foodbank and other activities, but the poverty situation in our neighbouring Tees Valley is getting ever more critical. The additional impact of the closure of SSI is expected to peak in January when the redundancy payments and credit cards run out.

I am asking for your help to make this event a success so that together we can help transform more lives and communities. **Please sponsor me, by signing up at the back of Christ Church, or by contacting me directly at jgdickinson@outlook.com , or through the web site by clicking [here](#)**



ARE YOU MAD TOO? Why not take part yourself. You can join the team for the night or just come along for the evening. There are activities for everyone to get involved in before the 'sleepers' get (un)comfortable for the night, so you

don't even have to spend the whole night to attend. Beginning at **8.30pm** with an exciting illuminative art project and live music from buskers, we'll also have a time of reflection with inspirational stories to think about homelessness and poverty in the North East. See what is being achieved and where your money will go.

Please spread the word by email or on facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1019393671451880/>

One night can make a lot of difference – things will be a bit better in the morning.

Love in a Box Service

This years Love in a Box Appeal at Christ Church topped all previous records, so many thanks to all who supported it so well.



Stokesley Secondary School kindly invited me in to take an assembly - the first time since 1993 and I had to return home to meet the Vet to put Remus to sleep! Do invite me again when I feel more like fun! Regardless of how I was on the day, they collected an incredible 147 boxes that filled my car to capacity. I drove home feeling like Santa!

I always look forward to my annual trip to Ingleby Greenhow school. I went in weekly for 2 years in the last vacancy and its lovely to see old friends, and they are always welcoming and supportive. Other schools supported too, like Marwood, Roseberry, Kirkby and Great Broughton.



Other Churches also contributed, and as well as Christ Church we had Great Ayton Methodist, St Margaret's and other local RC Churches, St Martin's Kirklevington, and this year St Oswald's at Newton turned up trumps with 35 boxes. A very good effort indeed, and amidst all the

sadness we have managed to put some more love back into the world.

Charity Auction of Surplus Christmas Gifts

in aid of Children in Distress

Christ Church Hall, Guisborough Road, Great Ayton.

Saturday 16th January 2016

Viewing from 1.30pm - Auction starts at 2pm

50p admission includes half time cuppa!



HUNGRY 4 GOD



Margaret Lewis and I recently took part in a Renewal Day at Wydale Hall. After coffee on arrival, we gathered in the chapel for music worship led by one of the team from Saint Michael-le-Belfrey, York. The fact that we didn't know the songs didn't matter - as everyone else did - and we were carried along on a wave of joy and a definite feeling of God being amongst us.

Then there was a talk by Jackie Cray asking:-
"Do we hunger and thirst enough for God?"

This was followed by a time for personal prayer either in the hall or the lovely, sunny grounds. At 12:45 pm we were given a packed lunch and it was good to have the opportunity to talk to other people about their church. Music worship followed and Jackie Cray rounded up her talk. Bishop Cray celebrated a short, very moving communion.

Yes, the day was "Happy Clappy" but taking part was a moving experience. Next year's dates are, 5th March, 13th July and 25th October - booking is essential. So go along with an open heart, prepared to move out of your comfort zone and let God speak to you in a different way.

Christine Smailes

A Morning of Meditation

Fr. Nicholas the vicar of St. John The Baptist Newcastle, was invited to talk about meditation by The Contemplative Group of Great Ayton. He practices meditation, teach it and leads meditation retreats. He also, once a month takes space in an office block in the centre of Newcastle to teach meditation to all comers.

In the first part Fr. Nicholas talked about meditation, for me personally he opened up meditation to anyone at all.

In the second part we practiced meditation, I think most of us found this a very good and helpful experience.

Many of us felt we would like him to come again and tell us about the time he spends in the office block and how he teach meditation there or if he just practices it. I think it was very good of him to come all way from Newcastle.

Ann Browne.

Wedding Gallery



Toni Bell & Andrew Wilson
married on 30 October at Saint
Oswald's Church, Newton



Kathryn Cail & Robert Coleman
married on 7 November at Saint
Oswald's Church, Newton.

PCC News From Great Ayton & Newton under Roseberry

Child Protection. Mrs Gail Jukes gave a report to the PCC telling us of the various tasks involved in keeping up to date with Child Protection issues. All who work with young people and others who fall into certain categories are put through full DBS checks on a regular basis. The organisations also keep consent forms giving permission to attend events and old ones are stored in the office.

Recognised Parish Assistants We unanimously agreed to support a further three people to participate in the next Recognised Parish Assistant Course. A further three as Rosemary completed the course earlier this year, and Rob Pepper was sponsored at the previous PCC Meeting and is awaiting the next course to start in the New Year. He will be joined by Enid Sedgwick, Lesley Miller and Nicky Pepper.

At Newton PCC we donated £150 each to United Society, Church Mission Society, Church Army and the Children's Society, as well as agreeing to support Roseberry School in Darjeeling again with our Christmas Appeal. As well as wedding and funeral collections going to charities nominated by the couples or families, from January we are extending this to Christenings as well, giving the same choice as at Christ Church of Zoe's Place Children's Hospice, Clic Sargeant or Daisy Chain to support. The Love in a Box Appeal at Newton brought in 35 boxes.

Work is to be done in the New Year to enhance the cremated remains area in the Memorial Gardens and 4 new convector heaters purchased for Church.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

14 November

Olivia Rose Wheldon

15 November

Edwin James Vickers

Confirmation

By the Bishop of Whitby, 1st November 2015

Holly Bradley

Katie Radford

Poppy Sheridan

Simon Reeve

Stephanie Brown

Joanne Hopper

Helen Hunter

Gemma Neesham

Lois Neesham-How

Nicky Pepper

Emma Stowell

Tony Dawson

Weddings

30 October

Toni Bell & Andrew Wilson

7 November

Kathryn Cail & Robert Coleman

Christian Burial and Cremation

7 October

Heather Johnson

29 October

David Hodgson

9 November

Ros Fletcher

12 November

Ken Charlton

12 November

Elsa Tinsley

25 November

Betty Rowland

Services or people in Magenta from St Oswald's Church, Newton

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Stokesley Deanery	www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk
A Church Near You	www.acny.org.uk

Out of the Mouths of Babes



"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Devon'

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from e-mail"

"What's the metal picture with names on ?" asked a little boy. "It's a memorial to all those who died in service." "Did they die in the morning service or the evening service ?"

One Christmas the Sunday School group heard the story of the shepherds visiting Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus in the stable, then they all drew pictures. One little boy included a dog in his nativity picture. When asked why, he explained it was a German Shepherd.

One Sunday there was no-one to run the crèche, so the children had to stay in church with their parents. When it came to communion, the minister was placing the wine and orange juice on the table when four-year-old Maddie said: "Oh, look, Dad, it's a mini-bar."

From Religious Studies exam papers.....

David was a Hebrew king skilled in playing the liar.

When Mary heard she was to be the mother of Jesus she sang the Magna Carta.

The epistles were the wives of the apostles.

Salome, a wicked girl, danced before Hanods

The first book of the Bible is called Guinnessis

(extracted from "You're Only Young Once," by Anna Caddy and Judittt Menell, published by TMS Trading Ltd. forthe Leprosy Mission).

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The Parishes of Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry

Services

Christ Church, Great Ayton

Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am Parish Communion with Sunday School
11.00am Come & Praise (2nd Sunday of month)
Evening Worship - as announced in the Diary

Tuesday 9.30am Little Fishes Carer & Toddler Group

Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion - in Christ Church

Baptisms, Banns and Weddings can be arranged in person at Christ Church

At St Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry

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

*Vestry on **Fridays from 6pm - 7pm** where the clergy are present. Or make an initial contact by emailing the Vicar, Paul Peverell at revpev@btinternet.com*



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Church Hall Office

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Email. gapo1876@outlook.com (For services or pastoral matters, please contact the vicar as this phone isn't manned every day)

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