



What's Bishop Paul getting ready for?

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FEBRUARY

- 4th Sat** 12 noon **Wedding at Saint Oswald's, Newton**
- 5th Sun** **4th SUNDAY BEFORE LENT** 8am Holy Communion;
9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion at Saint
Oswald's.
- 6 Mon** 10 - 1pm **Meditation Group Meet in Coffee Lounge:**
2pm **Coffee Lounge Communion**
- 12 Sun** **3rd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT** 8am Holy Communion;
9.15am Parade Service 11am Come & Praise.
- 14 Tues** 11am WWI Commemoration of Richard Etherington
- 16 Thurs** 1pm **Wedding at Saint Oswald's, Newton**
- 17 Fri** 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors in Upper Room.
- 19 Sun** **2nd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am
Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am **All Age
Service at St Oswald's.** 2pm **Wedding Afternoon at Saint
Oswald's**
- 26 Sun** **SUNDAY BEFORE LENT 4** 8am Holy Communion;
9.15am Parish Communion; 11.15am Holy Baptism;
6pm **Wedding Evening at Christ Church**

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

Wydale Weekend 2017

**Sadly, due to a lack of Bookings,
we have had to cancel the Wydale weekend.**



NEW YEAR - NEW PEOPLE

The frightening thing is if you read this at the beginning of February, there are only 46 weeks left to Christmas! I don't know about you, but the years are flying by for me.

2016 was a wonderful year, in that we saw 23 weddings at Saint Oswald's, 17 at Christ Church and a Blessing at Angrove Park. Being part of such occasions is such a privilege, and we are already seeing many couples who were married here coming back for Christenings. This is the age group we very much need to encourage in our Churches, for now they are settling down and making the commitment of family, it is time to get priorities in life sorted.

This coming year wedding numbers are slightly down with just 27 booked in so far! (I never imagined the day when I would say "down to 27") with 16 at St Oswald's and 11 at Christ Church, This year neither Church has more than one wedding on the same day (On village Fete Day last year I had 3 at Christ Church!), but I am running between Churches on a few dates.

Many of the couples are attending worship regularly for six months to qualify, so if you spy a young couple at Church, please say Hello and make them welcome. No matter how good the singing, how powerful the sermon or how beautiful the flowers, if people aren't friendly, folk won't want to come again. Being a Welcoming Church is all our responsibility. We are fortunate at both Churches that we have good people on the door and Churchwardens who notice who comes in, but we have to keep up the welcome when folk sit in the pews.

Do pass on to visitors what happens in Church, especially the various regular services and activities that are suitable for families, from Little Fishes, Come & Praise, All Age Worship and Sunday School. There can be other seasonal things too, like Good Friday Workshops, St Oswald's Day Service & Picnic or the many special events around Christmas.

Let's make 2017 a year of Welcome, and may it be a good one for you.

Paul

Licensing at Nunthorpe

Saint Mary's Nunthorpe had around 100 people present for my Licensing as Priest in Charge there for one year - or "until a new Vicar is appointed, whichever is the shorter." This is in addition to remaining as Vicar of Great Ayton and Newton under Roseberry.



Pictured above with Archdeacon Sam and Bishop Paul, are their Churchwardens David Young and Mike Arnott, and Parish Staff Revds Pat Harrison and Judy Cook (both Retired) and Licensed Reader Janet Hinton, who are all doing an excellent job in keeping things going. Without their help and support the task would be impossible..

The Service was very moving and it was good to see people there from Christ Church and Saint Oswald's, as well as Deanery Clergy. The Bishop gave a positive message about ensuring all we did in Church could relate to those outside, for that is why we are there. Kevin Leavesley played the organ, and added a lovely selection of hymns during communion as we had more people than expected. I only realised afterwards that this was the first time Karen had seen me licensed anywhere, as she was with our son David in hospital in Newcastle when I became Vicar here.

There are great challenges ahead, but with lots of love and goodwill we hope to get St Mary's into a healthier state to welcome their next Vicar - whenever that may be. Please keep us all in your prayers.

ORGAN REDEDICATION SERVICE



Bishop Paul preparing for a short recital during the

On Sunday 15th January, we held a service to rededicate the Church organ after an extensive restoration that saw it completely taken apart and removed for several months.

The project began three years ago when Martin Simmons, our Churchwarden, led a successful bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund to restore our Binns Pipe Organ, and to prove its value to the Community through a series of Concerts and Workshops.

David Wood Organ Builders were appointed to carry out the work and so February 2016 saw the organ dismantled and taken away to workshops in Huddersfield. It was in the nick of time as they discovered woodworm damage that could have caused a complete catastrophic failure.

In September, David Wood and his firm began the painstaking process of reinstating the newly restored organ and attending to any issues as it settled back down. Finally in January we thought it safe to celebrate its return with a service and party.

The choir learnt new anthems, including a newly commissioned piece written by composer Stephen Trahair especially for the occasion. *If you are reading this on an electronic device, click on the choir photo to watch.*



Michael, our organist, drew up a lovely service with well known hymns to celebrate the return of the organ, and we watched the new film made of the restoration by Ithica Films.



Thanks were expressed to David Wood and his team for an excellent job well done. When an organ is settling back in again, things can go suddenly wrong and ciphers develop. Whenever these things happened, David's staff came out straightaway and efficiently sorted the problems, thus minimising any interruption to services and worship.

David is pictured here accepting a gift from the Parish of a wee dram as a token of our thanks.

We then continued with a short recital by Bishop Paul, who explained about the pieces chosen, and then we could watch the intricacies of playing the organ on the new screen installed by Jamie Harvie. This proved to be incredibly engaging, as normally you just hear the organ and can't see what the organist does.



After prayer of blessing, we then celebrated in the Church Hall with a wonderful Bib N'Tucker Tea. (*I need say no more!*)

The new blower was installed for the Dedication, and we are most grateful for three very kind donations towards it totalling £1,500 plus Gift Aid. Thank You.

The work now continues with the Workshops and Concerts and overleaf you can read of an exciting Concert by *The Organist Entertains - Nigel Ogden* from Radio 2. Thanks especially to Martin and Vicki, our Churchwardens, who have worked so hard on this project to make it a reality.

An evening with

Nigel Ogden

The star of BBC Radio
2's *The Organist*
Entertains comes to
Great Ayton, providing
over an hour and a half
of unmissable classics,
demonstrating the
newly refurbished
organ



7: 30 pm, Friday 3rd March 2017

Doors open 7:00 pm

Christ Church, Great Ayton

Tickets £10, light refreshments available

Tickets online from www.ents24.com

Tickets can be purchased from
the Great Ayton Discovery Centre

For other information call

Tel : 01642 724450 or 01642 722501



LOTTERY FUNDED

HOME START TEESSIDE

The PCC have supported Home Start Teesside as part of our Mission Giving. This is a relatively small charity which aims to befriend families with young children in Middlesbrough, Stockton, Redcar and Cleveland who are struggling with issues such as:-



- Isolation and loneliness – living in a community with no family nearby and struggling to make friends
- Sickness – finding it hard to cope with a child's illness
- Disability – that of the parent or child
- Mental health – including post-natal stress
- Domestic abuse or relationship problems
- Multiple births
- Sleepless nights
- “terrible twos”

Home Start offers a volunteer with parenting experience to give individual support to families, usually on a weekly basis. The Charity will recruit and train volunteers to visit families at home and offer them informal, friendly and confidential support. The families have at least one child under five.

The volunteer will usually visit the home for 2-3 hours a week. The volunteer is non-judgmental and can be a shoulder to cry on and can support with medical or other appointments. They can play with children, do the shopping or visit the park etc. Practical help is also available with budgeting, nutrition and meal planning, cooking and making the home safe.

The charity offers outreach and family groups so parents can get out, meet others and become more involved in their own community. They can also offer information and links to other organisations which could help – especially health and education services together with access to parenting advice and parenting skills training.

There are four Charity Shops in the area which would welcome donations of clothes, toys, books, bedding and furniture (large items can be collected).

Rosemary

GETTING READY FOR YOUR WEDDING

Couples being married at Christ Church or Saint Oswald's are invited to a get-together to help make your day even more special, and to pass on helpful information.



Saint Oswald's Church, Newton under Roseberry



Sunday 19th February at 2pm

Christ Church, Great Ayton

Sunday 26th February at 6pm



Great Ayton Remembers

Next Remembrance

Tuesday 14th February 2017 at 11am

Richard Etherington



Bequest

We are grateful to the late Joan Lithgow who kindly left a bequest of £1,000 in her Will for Christ Church.

Christmas Past

Before we reach Easter, it would be good to look back on Christmas just gone and celebrate the good things that happened.

Over the last 10 years I have enjoyed being part of the Bradley School of Dance Christmas Show or Panto. This year it was Oliver and I got chance to play Fagin once again. It makes for a busy season, but its one of the few non religious things I do - so the wigs and dresses will be out again next Christmas - I hope!



As the show finishes, so we had the Christmas All Age at St Oswald's with the Instant Nativity being a hit, then straight into the Carol Services. Our Churches looked terrific.



Numbers were slightly down at All Saints and Christ Church, but it was standing room only at Saint Oswald's. The Choir sang magnificently and we had another good selection of readers.

The Christmas Appeal for Roseberry School in Darjeeling did extremely well, with donations over £600 going direct to the charity from Carol Service attenders in addition to what is below. Thank you Helen Jones, for telling us about it again.

Service	£
Coffee Lounge Carol Service	22.50
Freemasons Christmas Carol Service	269.74
All Saints Carols by Candlelight	423.19
St Oswald's Newton Carol Service (<i>Including Gift Aid</i>)	559.09
Marwood & Roseberry Schools Carol Service	358.08
Christ Church Carol Service	961.73
Crib Service	524.19
Gift Aid	524.87
Donations	964.90
Grand Total	£4,638.29



The Crib Service was packed with people having to sit in the Sanctuary as we ran out of room, as the Sunday School retold the Christmas Story with word, song and actions in a most lovely way.

Numbers at Christmas Eve Communion at St Oswald's and Christ Church were both up, and at

Newton we had Abi Alton singing for us as well as Andrew playing the organ and bringing singers with him who sang before the service, led the carols and sang a beautiful unaccompanied Silent Night during Communion.

Our two Christmas Morning Services went well, with many visitors. It is good to see new people come to worship and we need to be there to welcome them. Thank you to all those who put themselves out to do duties, for if it wasn't for the birth of Jesus, you may not be on holiday and having a Christmas Lunch with family.

Special thanks to the Churchwardens of both Churches who very much go the extra mile at Christmas, to the Ministers who assist, and to Michael our Organist for all his hard work.



Thanks to all who get our Churches ready for worship and looking so festive and welcoming. In addition to all the decorations, we also have our Memory Tree to remember loved ones who have died. Once again this was very well used and it raised £64 for Herriot Hospice Home Care.

Also Carols on High Green, organised by the Parish Council, had a great turnout and the collection raised £611.58 for the Great North Air Ambulance.

THE FIRM FORMAL



Each year our older teenagers enjoy a Formal Meal together. Its a chance to dress to impress and have a good time. Here they are enjoying a meal with Leaders Claire Sheridan and Julie Bourke and Nick Land as Special Guest.



The New Organ Blower

A new organ blower was installed in January to give our newly restored organ enough puff to play big concert pieces, for following restoration it was discovered that the old blower was underpowered.

The blower was manufactured in Germany and comes highly recommended, although we are experiencing some teething problems, which we hope will soon be sorted.

You can see in the organ loft the hand blowing mechanism and also the pipes that generations wrote their names on.

A Morning with Father Kevin

Father Kevin's previous visits to Great Ayton have been greatly appreciated by all who have been able to take part in them. This year he will come to **Christ Church Coffee Lounge on Monday 6 February from 10.00 am until 1.00 pm** to guide a morning on prayer. He has been to Great Ayton before - his wisdom, sense of humour and insights into prayer have provided much valued



food for thought for all who have spent some time with him on previous occasions at St Margaret's, Great Ayton Methodist church and the Friends Meeting House.

During the morning Father Kevin, who comes from Ampleforth Priory, will speak for a while on aspects of prayer, there will be time to ask questions, time for prayer together and of course time for tea/coffee and chat. Newcomers are especially welcome – if you are unable to stay for the whole morning, come for as long as you can. The coffee lounge will be open from 9.45am for a 10.00am start. Contact people are Enid Sedgwick Christ Church /Dorothy Sills, Methodist/ Pip Nel, St Margaret's/ Carol Avison, Friends. No charge for the morning – donation plate for a freewill offering.

Electoral Roll

The annual revision of Christ Church's Electoral Roll is underway, so that anyone not currently on the roll who wishes to be on it should return a completed form by Sunday 26th February. Spare forms are at the back of church. Anyone who is over 16 years of age and a regular attendee should check to see whether they're on the roll or eligible to be. Questions to Alison Lambert 01642 722565.

Yorkshire Cancer Research

Great Ayton and District Committee

There will be a Coffee Morning in Ingleby Greenhow Village Hall on Saturday 11th March 10pm - 12 noon. The Bradley School of Dance will entertain. Tombola, Cakes, Raffle, Fancy Goods. Tickets/pay at the door £1.50.



Best wishes for a Happy 2017.

Margaret Stevens

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Carol Singing before Christmas was well supported by the committee and fellow singers, and £150 was collected on that morning. Our thanks go to John Appleyard & Jamie Harvie for their guitar accompaniments.



The **BOX OPENING COFFEE MORNING** will take place on **WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY**, in the Christ Church Hall between **10.30 - 12 noon**. We look forward to seeing you there, along with your collecting boxes for counting.

In March we will be arranging our Lent Soup Lunch - no date fixed yet, but tickets will be available in February.



Charity Auction a Great Success

Our 18th Charity Auction took place on Saturday 14th January in the Church Hall with lots of surplus Christmas Gifts, guaranteeing both an enjoyable afternoon of Auctioning, and a great result of £834 raised to help Christians in Aleppo through the Barnabas Fund.

Our thanks to all who donated, supported and helped, and to those who came and bid. Its good to see these surplus items be turned into positive help for those who need it.

Two Poems on Dementia

I found these two poems on Dementia in my Spire file that someone gave me a while ago, but I can't remember who. Given the increase of the condition, I thought them worth an airing in Spire.

Do not try to understand me
Do not try to make me understand
Let me rest and know you're with me
Kiss my cheek, hold my hand
I'm confused beyond your concept
I am sad and sick and lost
All I knew is that I need you
To be with me at all cost
Do not lose your patience with me
Do not scold or curse or cry
I can't help the way I'm acting
Can't be different though I try
Just remember that I need you
The best of me is gone
Please don't fail to stand beside me
Love me till my life is done.



The reply

She is gone the girl I loved, but where
I can only hope she is happy there
I'll never know, she can't tell me
There is just an occasional smile
And she is back just for a while
For a moment the gap is bridged
A fleeting glimpse then she's away
I know now she will never stay
Sometimes it gets too much to bear
And then no matter how I try
I finally break down and cry
But like us all I live in hope
That at the end of all the pain
I'll find the girl I love again.

(Author Unknown)

THE BIBLE COURSE - Get the **BIG PICTURE**

Can't see the wood for the trees when you read the Bible? Then this new DVD Bible Course could be the answer. It gives you the Big Picture, and then you can chew over the details you want to, with those sharing the course with you.



We tested a few courses to see which was the best, and THE BIBLE COURSE came out the favourite.

Why not join us and see how the Bible is still so relevant to daily life.

Join us in the Upper Room of the Church Hall for our first two sessions on Wednesday 8th and 25th February, starting at 7.45pm - and there will be cake!

PREPARED FOR ADVENTURE?



scouts.org.uk/join

**Drop into our open evening with your
parents and try Scouting for FREE!**

Tuesday 7th February 2017
5:45pm - 7pm

1st Great Ayton Scout Group,
Christ Church Hall,
Quisborough Road,
Great Ayton,
TS9 9AA

The evening will consist of activities for young people aged 8-11
to try, and further information will be available for parents.

To confirm your place at the event please contact
Alan Bennett on 07951 137451
or e-mail alan.bennett@scouts.org.uk

The Scout Association Registered Charity number 306101 (England and Wales) and SC038437 (Scotland)



Stokesley School Youthworker Update

Thank you for your prayers and support over my first year as the Christian Youth Worker at Stokesley School. It has been so good to be accepted into the school with our new service level agreement and feel fully part of the RE department.



My General Activities

Lessons (every week)

The bulk of my work in School is within RE lessons. This is such a privilege as I get to share my beliefs and gain an understanding of how this generation feels about faith and religion. It's brilliant to see the young people thinking through and exploring where we all come from, and what we might be here for. Many of whom are still forming what they think about God as they look ahead to begin their adult lives.

Please pray for next year as we look to hold events at the Town Hall aimed at sharing in the goodness of God and providing positive community for young people. This is something really exciting that I want to see happen.

Lunch Group (once a week)

We have really seen numbers increase within the lunch group. This is a place where young people can come, have their lunch, share in faith and hear a message each week explaining a little of what God is like. It's been really positive over last few weeks to see some of our church youth invite some of the other pupils along to some of the local church youth groups.

Cafe Church

Since I have been leading Cafe Church we have been sharing with young people more of who the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is. This has been really exciting as we have invited in new Speakers to share their experiences of God. Beth Thirlwall a radical young woman of God shared in how God is her Heavenly Father, who is always present and listening.

Presence is Everything

Jesus carried such a powerful, positive and affirming presence. He had authority but he was full of mercy and kind. We have the power to affect our situations by how we act, what we say and how we express ourselves - whether we bring life or negativity. Let's be hope givers. Please pray that I would be this within Stokesley School.

Matty Cross

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

4 December

Joshua Jack Parker

Christian Burial and Cremation

16 December

21 December

21 December

22 December

23 December

29 December

12 January

16 January

George Wilson

Joan Coidan

Gail Ashcroft

Lawrie Cameron

Barbara Allison

Kathleen Litchfield

Trevor Harland

Irene Hastings

Entries in Magenta took place at St Oswald's Church, Newton

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A Church Near You	www.acny.org.uk

Malcolm's Bits and Bobs



Advert in a vintage sports car magazine; "Daimler Straight 8 Hearse, complete with body in need of attention."

Some years ago the superintendent of a crematorium in Hertfordshire commented on the items people wanted to put in coffins. Telephone directories were popular: "relatives say their relations will be able to call them up." Crash helmets, leather jackets, full bottles of whiskey, pots of paint for DIY enthusiasts, coconuts for Hindus, had also been inserted. New regulations had put a stop to the practice.

Asked on his deathbed whether he would like a visit from Queen Victoria, Disraeli is said to have replied: "It is better not. She would only ask me to take a message to Albert."

A cemetery in Key West, Florida, has a reputation for headstones with quirky epitaphs, for example "I told them I was sick" - and another, for a philandering husband: "At least I know where he is sleeping tonight." A councillor at Bridport complained that the entrance to a local cemetery was "a death trap." An official agreed: "It's a shocking place to come out of."

A notice issued by a church in Hampshire some years ago observed: "Churchyard maintenance is becoming increasingly difficult and it would be appreciated if parishioners would cut the grass round their own graves."

An advertisement for a trainee funeral director said "any similar experience would be a definite advantage." Such as ?

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The Parishes of Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry

Services

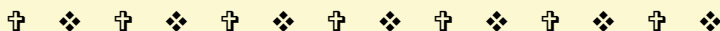
Christ Church, Great Ayton

Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion
	9.15am Parish Communion with Sunday School
	11.00am Come & Praise (<i>2nd Sunday of month</i>)
	Evening Worship - as announced in the Diary
Tuesday	9.30am Little Fishes Carer & Toddler Group
Wednesday	10.00am Holy Communion

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

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



Vicar	Rev'd Paul Peverell	The Vicarage	01642 722333
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For **Church Hall bookings**, please contact the Church Office **Tel 01642 722 665** on **Monday, Thursday or Friday 9 am - 12 noon, or leave a message.**

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