

# **A Guide To Your Wedding at Great Ayton & Newton under Roseberry**



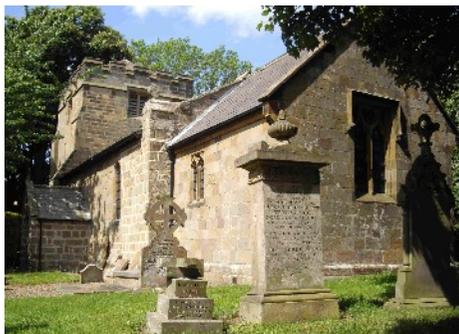
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**Christ Church  
Great Ayton**

**St Oswald's Church  
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I am delighted that you have chosen to get married in either Christ Church, Great Ayton or Saint Oswald's Church, Newton under Roseberry. It is always our hope that the Service in Church is one of the most memorable and enjoyable parts of your special day, and we do what we can to make it so. The Church has been involved in weddings for hundreds of years and I have been doing them for the last 34! I started early :-)

There are various choices that you can add to your day to make it special to you, and this little booklet explains some of the choices available. Not everything is exactly the same at both Churches, so please check what applies to each.

We like to have details in for the wedding around six weeks beforehand, just to make sure we are organised.

If you have any queries, please do contact me by email any time.

With every good wish.

***Paul Peverell***

**Vicar**

## Banns of Marriage



According to English Law we are allowed to marry people in a Church providing either Bride or Bridegroom: live in the Parish, are on the Church Electoral Roll, or have a qualifying connection.

If you live in a Parish other than where you are getting married, then **you are responsible** for insuring that your Banns of Marriage are also read out in that Church before your Wedding. You need to collect a Banns Certificate to say that no impediment was alleged. There is a charge for this. It is advisable to go to the other Church around three months prior to your Wedding to ensure that everything goes alright. Foreign nationals and any living outside of England need to be married by License.

## Choices within the Service

Do you want the old traditional vows, like the Royal wedding? What about promising to Obey? These options will be discussed at your rehearsal.

You can also include other suitable readings in addition to the Bible reading and invite family or friends to do these.

We also include the wedding candles as an option, inviting your mums to light the tall candles on your behalf, before you light the central one after your vows.



## Music For Your Wedding



**Chris Thompson**  
Organist at Newton

The traditional tunes played on the organ remain very popular at weddings, but other tunes are also possible. In 2016 the pipe organ at Christ Church was completely restored and sounds terrific

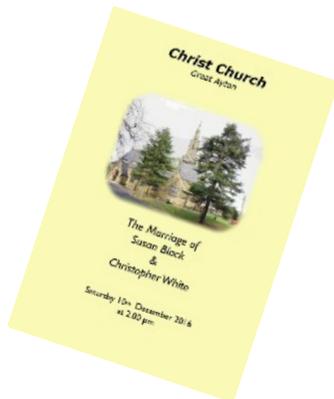
We can also play recorded music, but please check with us as to its suitability for the occasion and building.



**Michael Aisbitt**  
Organist at Christ  
Church

**Hymns** There are usually three congregational hymns during the service: one at the beginning, one after the Vows, and one during the signing of the Registers before the prayers. The hymns are there to help involve the congregation and to cover us when we are doing something. Here are some popular choices, but you may have other ones you like.

Praise my soul the King of heaven  
Love divine, all loves excelling  
Amazing grace  
Morning has broken  
All things bright and beautiful  
Be still for the presence of the Lord  
O worship the king  
Father I place into your hands  
Father, hear the prayer we offer  
Guide me, O thou great redeemer  
Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
Lord of all hopefulness  
Make me a channel of your peace  
Dear Lord and Father of mankind  
To God be the glory  
O Jesus I have promised  
Give me joy in my heart



There are also some new hymns written especially for weddings that go to very well known tunes like Jerusalem, I Vow to Thee my country and Morning has broken.

Visit <http://www.yourchurchwedding.org/hymns-media-player.aspx> to listen to some

### Service Sheets

These help make the occasion more personal, but you don't need to go to huge expense, as they can be produced fairly easily on a PC. They also allow for a greater variety of hymns. If you have any problems in this area, please see the Vicar as we can produce them for you at a very reasonable cost.

Please check out the wedding section of our Church Website for further tips and advice  
[www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk](http://www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk)



## Church Flowers

**Christ Church** A beautiful flower arrangement can enhance your special occasion, and you don't need to go over the top. Unfortunately we are not able to offer this service, but always suggest that if we have weddings close to each other, that couples agree on the flowers and share the cost, appreciating that not all budgets are the same.

**St Oswald's Church** At St Oswald's couples are responsible for their own decorations. Space is limited, but there is the recess opposite the Church door and the window ledges. Couples often put candles along either side of the chancel arch. Please consult our Churchwarden beforehand.



We can recommend local florist, Leven Flowers from Great Ayton 07816 458 311 or email [jackie@levenflowers.co.uk](mailto:jackie@levenflowers.co.uk) If you choose to bring in your own flower arrangers, please remember the courtesy of contacting us first so we know what is going on. Our Churches are very well used for a whole host of services, not just for weddings, and there may be other occasions that need to be taken account of.

Depending on the time of year, there may already be flowers in Church at either Church and you may wish to make a donation in appreciation.

## Musical Items

Have you a friend or relations with a good voice? What about inviting them to sing for you at your wedding?

Sometimes people have brought string quartets, harpists and classical guitarists to their wedding. If you have an idea, why not discuss it with us and we can advise whether it will work or not.

Please remember that space is limited at Saint Oswald's Church and that the front of Church is needed for the wedding party and ceremony.

## Videos and Photographs

Photographs provide a wonderful record of your special day, and we have excellent relations with local photographers, who are most welcome to come to the rehearsal to see the Church first so they know how to fit in. We prefer to keep the flow of the service going, and pose for some shots after the service.



We also allow an official video of the ceremony in Church as long as this is done unobtrusively. The photographer has seniority on the day.

There will be a nominal additional fee of £20 for the organist if a video is taken.



## Bells

The sound of Church bells ringing as you leave the Church lets everyone know the celebration that is happening. Both Christ Church and Saint Oswald's Church are fortunate to have a peel of Tubular Bells.

The current charge to have them rung in celebration as you leave Church is £35

## Wedding Collection

It has become a custom at Weddings here to donate the Retiring Collection to a Charity nominated by the Bride and Groom beforehand. This is a lovely way of sharing your happiness with others and is been much appreciated by those who have received the collections. If you need any guidance or suggestions, please see the Vicar.



## The Cost

To be married in a historic listed building, with a traditional Church wedding service, with hymns, organ and bells will cost you a lot less than a civil wedding at a venue. Our services take around 45 minutes and we hope provide memories for a lifetime. Much of the fee is set centrally for the whole Church of England with local variations for organ, bells etc. Please see the separate sheet for up to date details.



We want your special day to be as happy and joyful as possible, and to run smoothly without any last minute hitches to worry about. If you have any queries at all, please email me on [revpev@btinternet.com](mailto:revpev@btinternet.com), call on 01642 722 333 or call in person on a Friday evening between 6pm and 7pm at Christ Church vestry, Great Ayton.

## Parking at your Wedding

Whereas Christ Church has its own car park, Saint Oswald's Church doesn't and guests have to park where they can. In summertime, with many trippers parking to go up Roseberry Topping, this can often prove difficult.

If your Reception is at Whinstone View, we strongly recommend booking a shuttle bus to pick up your guests there, where this is ample parking, and bring them to Church - and vice versa. This enables all your guests to really enjoy the day without any worry.

We recommend Middlesbrough based Monarch Coaches [www.monarchcoaches.com](http://www.monarchcoaches.com) who have worked with us last year for being reasonably priced and efficient. Last year they charged £80/90 depending on number of journeys. Contact [john@monarchcoaches.co.uk](mailto:john@monarchcoaches.co.uk) Tel 01642 862 623

## Cancellation / Postponement

If for any reason you decide to either cancel your Wedding or postpone it, please could you notify us in writing as soon as possible to free the time for other couples and those involved. Thank You.

# Sunday Services

Here are the details of our Sunday Services, which you will definitely need if you are establishing a connection by attending Church, but will also prove invaluable for those who wish to get to know the Church, the people involved in their wedding and the vicar, even better.

Come along and join us. Experience says that many couples find this a very positive experience. For more details, contact the Vicar.

## Saint Oswald's Church, Newton under Roseberry



**There is an 11.00 am Service on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month only.**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Holy Communion with hymns

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday All Age Worship

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Holy Communion with hymns

## Christ Church, Great Ayton

**8.00am Holy Communion** according to the old Prayer Book of 1662 with no music.

**9.15am The Parish Communion.** A service with choir, hymns and Sunday School present. The main service of the day and banns of marriage are always read at the end of this service.

**11.00am Come & Praise Family Service** only happens on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month, and not every week, as other services, but specially designed for the young and young at heart.

See regular details in Spire, the monthly Church Mag

