

It's nearly time to elect our Churchwardens for 2018. Churchwardens are an ancient office in the Church and take a lead in assisting the Vicar, and leading the Congregation.

Vicki and Rob were Churchwardens last year. Rob is standing again, and we have someone willing to stand in Vicki's place as she steps down. Come and find out who at our **Annual Church Meeting on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Church Hall**, and hear what has happened last year and hopes for the future.

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**60p**

# MARCH

- 1 **Thurs** 12.30pm Children's Society Lent Lunches in the Church Hall.  
1.30pm Churches Together Lent Course at Methodist Church
- 2 **Fri** 11am WWI Remembrance Thomas Johnson
- 4 **Sun** **LENT 3** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion. 2pm Wedding Afternoon at Saint Oswald's.  
5pm Deanery Lent Talk at Stokesley Parish Church
- 5 **Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion, Tea and Chat
- 7 **Wed** 10.30am Churches Together Lent Course at Friends Meeting House
- 9 **Fri** 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors Meeting; 7.30pm St Chad's College Choir & Organ Concert in Christ Church.
- 11 **Sun** **LENT 4 Mothering Sunday** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parade Service; 11am Come & Praise.
- 12 **Mon** 1.30pm Churches Together Lent Meeting at Christ Church Hall
- 16 **Fri** **CHURCH SPRING CLEAN** - Dusters at the ready from 5.30pm
- 17 **Sat** **Sparkle Saturday** - Polish and Clean Morning from 9am
- 18 **Sun** **LENT 5** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service; 5pm Deanery Lent Service at Stokesley Parish Church. 6pm Wedding Evening at Christ Church.
- 19 **Mon** 6pm Churches Together Meal & Lent Meeting at the Royal Oak
- 21 **Wed** 7.30pm Christ Church Annual Church Meeting in the Hall
- 23 **Fri** 7pm Watermill Concert in Church.
- 25 **Sun** **PALM SUNDAY** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am WWI Remembrance Harry Featherstone
- 26 **Mon** **Monday in Holy Week** - 7.30pm Holy Communion
- 27 **Tues** **Tuesday in Holy Week** - 7.30pm Holy Communion
- 28 **Wed** **Wednesday in Holy Week** - 10am Holy Communion
- 29 **Thurs** **Maundy Thursday** 11am Marwood School Easter Service:  
7.30pm Commemoration of the Last Supper
- 30 **Fri** **Good Friday** 1.30pm - 3pm Devotion - led by Revd Jon Dean:  
7.30pm Angrove Singers Easter Concert
- 31 **Sat** **Holy Saturday** 3.30pm Wedding in Christ Church

*Regular activities on back page*

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



## Life is a Gift

As Easter approaches, so we remember the events leading up to Jesus' arrest and crucifixion at the young age of 33. If I had to take a funeral in the village for someone as young as this whose life had suddenly ended in a violent way, I would find the whole event traumatic and emotionally draining, yet we are so familiar with the Easter story, that we can take it for granted, and not appreciate how the disciples felt when Jesus, their friend and teacher, was ripped away from them.

Life is fragile, and each and every time we switch on the TV we are reminded of it. You don't have to live in war torn Syria, just attend school in America and you can be at the mercy of powerful weapons just the same. (I'm not convinced by President Trump's idea to arm teachers. Can you imagine being in a stroppy class and the teacher cracking? Where will it stop?) You can also be minding your business driving along the road when someone else ploughs into you, or walking through one of our cities or towns and be on the end of an unprovoked and indiscriminate attack. Or, possibly even more likely, the doctor calls you in with a serious face when your recent test results have come back.

Jesus reassures his disciples in the upper room after sharing the Passover and what we call the Last Supper with them, that ultimately all will be alright, and they will all meet again in heaven. They have his assurance that he will prepare the way for them to follow him. That promise is for us today as well, but we don't just want Pie in the Sky when we die, we want Steak on the Plate while we wait. We want to enjoy this life and each other whilst we can.

*Jesus said, I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10* How do we start enjoying and appreciating that fullness of life now? Perhaps the answer is to take each day as a sacred gift and not take it for granted. Live it to the full, and use it to show love to those around you in case it is your last. Be generous in what you do, and in what you say, and don't hold onto any grudges or bitterness. Life is too precious and important for that.

We have the chance now to go around spreading love and blessings to those around us, to help make life better and more enjoyable for others, and as a consequence, for ourselves too. Let us use the opportunities whilst we can, for whether tomorrow comes or not, we will know we have made a difference for the good.

Enjoy the rest of Lent, and may the blessings of Easter be yours.

**Paul**

## CHURCH HALL UPGRADE

Christ Church Hall must rank as one of the versatile and best used buildings in our village. We go there for parties, plays and pantos, functions and fund raisers, to keep fit and to eat charity lunches, to celebrate births at christening teas and remember loved ones at funeral teas, for wedding receptions and anniversary parties, to play badminton and toddler rugby, for school PE or After School Clubs, for Moo Music to Dancing, from Rainbows to Senior Guides, to hear Big Band to Live Bands, as groups to talk or older people for a warm and comfortable service, or maybe even to give blood. (Fingers crossed that we may get them back!)

Our Hall is really well used by our community, but some of the facilities are decidedly lacking, as you will know too well if you have been brave enough to venture into the main hall toilets, or have seen the main kitchen desperate for a refit. These are areas urgently in need of a major upgrade, but this sort of work cannot be funded by rents alone, which hardly cover the day to day maintenance.

We carried out a feasibility study last year as to what we could do from a complete rebuild, a major renovation, and just the desperately needed work. A complete rebuild was out as costs were far too high, so we hoped for a major upgrade with Office and an extra Meeting Room & entrance added downstairs at a cost of £500,000. Unfortunately the Lottery Fund turned us down, so we are now trying to do the really essential work.

- New extended and improved toilet block at the rear of coffee lounge
- Open up the passageway by moving storage in the former gents toilet in the Hall and sealing off the side of the stage.
- New fully equipped kitchen in the main hall
- New chairs for the hall



We have received a quote to do this work for £100,000, but the good news is Robin Harmar, Chairman of the Hall Committee, has already secured us a grant of £40,000 from the *Impetus Environmental Trust*, and we have our fingers and toes crossed that we may also secure another grant from the *Leader Fund*. The Discovery Centre has just received a large grant from the same body, so we are not taking it for granted.

So, on **Saturday 21st April we are having a GIFT DAY** and will be inviting the village to support us in this. The more successful we are, the better facilities we will all enjoy. It's a chance for all of us to be generous and hand on to future generations a place where we want to meet to celebrate.



It's our hope that if we can make a decent upgrade, then we may also be an attractive venue for more reasonably priced wedding receptions - especially over the summer months.

Please pray that people may respond generously, and when your envelope drops through your letterbox, please be generous in what you put in it.

*We would like to see our Church Hall be a good enough venue to host wedding receptions for couples needing a cheaper option. At the moment the toilet and kitchen facilities let us down.*

*It's not just weddings, but ALL Hall users deserve better facilities for their functions - but we need help.*

## HELP NEEDED

### Christ Church Spring Clean

We all appreciate a clean Church for Sundays, and it gives a warm welcome for baptisms, weddings, funerals and concerts too. The sad news is that there are no fairies doing it - just ordinary folk like you. Please could you help us with the Spring Clean or join the regular rota? It would be good to have some younger people join, as our Church is used a lot by the young for weddings and Christenings.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March from  
5pm & Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>  
March from 9am**

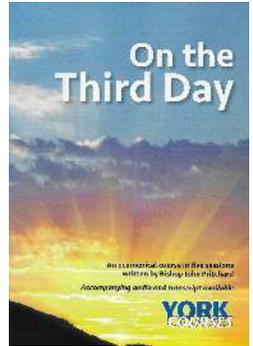
**Contact Jan Thompson**

**01642 723 344 for the rota**



# On the Third Day

You are invited to join us for our Churches Together Lent Course, meeting each week in Lent at a different location and time, so hopefully everyone can make some of them. We are following the York Course entitled On the Third Day prepared by Bishop John Pritchard on the topic of the Resurrection.



Our last meeting is in the Upper Room at the Royal Oak Hotel and if anyone wishes to join me for a meal together beforehand, please come for 6pm and meet in the restaurant. It would be helpful to let me know first, so enough seats are there, but we won't turn anyone away. Paul

## **SO WHAT? The implications of the resurrection.**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 1.30pm at the Methodist Church, High Street

## **Personal discipleship in the light of the resurrection**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 10.45am Friends Meeting House, High Green

## **Celebrating and Praying Easter**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm Christ Church Coffee Lounge

## **A RISEN CHURCH**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Upper Room, Royal Oak  
*(Preceded by a meal together at 6pm for all who wish to come.)*

## **Stokesley Deanery Lent Services**

**St Peter & St Paul Church, Stokesley at 5pm**

## **Spirituality & Prayer**

4<sup>th</sup> March                      The Revd Robert and Lisa Opala    *It's all about the climb -  
Glimpses of the Carmelite way.*

18<sup>th</sup> March                      Fr Richard Field – Ampleforth Abbey

**Everyone Welcome**

## CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

35 turned out on a cold February morning to give Fr Kevin a warm welcome back to Great Ayton.



He shared something of his life's journey, admitting to losing his faith as a teenager, but rediscovering it and becoming a parish priest. However, it was only on entering Ampleforth that he experienced the profound sense of finally coming home. On the quest to find our true selves, he encouraged us to devote 20 minutes each morning to contemplative prayer – sitting in silence, emptying our minds and allowing God in. Slowly our attitudes change and others may notice. Like the green log on the fire, which initially hisses and crackles, but in the heat of the flames eventually quiets until it starts to glow and radiate heat itself. Fr Kevin recommended that we (and especially our young folk) take time out from social media to reconnect with nature to relieve stress and reduce depression. After contemplative prayer we broke for coffee, before looking at two bible readings and a poem on the same theme. Father Kevin is inspiring. Time flew and we left feeling revitalised and at peace.

We have booked a Quiet Day at Ampleforth, led by Fr Kevin, on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 10am - 4pm. The cost is £30 including lunch and coffee/tea breaks. Places are limited so please let one of us know asap if you want to come.

**Carole Avison, Pip Nel, Enid Sedgwick & Dorothy Sills**

# The Angrove Singers

(Conductor Jeremy Harbottle  
& Accompanist Jenny Hesford)

## Sacred Music for Easter

**Christ Church at 7.30pm  
on Good Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Tickets are needed to reserve a seat, but there is no charge. Tickets will be available from choir members, Thompson's Hardware, the Discovery Centre, or by phone from Carol Morgan: 01642 722 897.

The choir will then make donations from the proceeds to 2 charities to be chosen by the Singers nearer the time and described on the Programme.

★Thinking about religion the other day it occurred to me that not only was Jesus born on a bank holiday, but he also died on a bank holiday.

I wouldn't claim to know what the Good Lord's next move is going to be, but it would seem a fair bet that the Second Coming will also be on a bank holiday

P.G. Johnson  
Long Eaton

## Easter Flowers

If anyone wishes to sponsor one of the Easter Flower arrangements, or donate an offering towards their cost, either in Christ Church or Saint Oswald's Church, please contact the following people.



### Christ Church:

Marina Charlton 01642 722087.

### Saint Oswald's Church:

Maureen Rider 01287 632616

It is a nice way of remembering loved ones or giving thanks for special occasions, and it helps enhance our Easter worship and gives joy to lots of people.

# Great Ayton Remembers

**William Johnson**

**On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018**

**at 11am**

**Harry Feathertson**

**On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 11am**

**at 11am**

**in Christ Church**



## CHRIST CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH 2018 at 7.30pm**

**Appoint our Churchwardens for 2018**  
(We have two candidates standing. Phew!)

**Elect Representatives to the Church  
Council & Deanery Synod**

**Adopt the Annual Report on Church  
Life and Organisations**

**Receive the Church Accounts for 2017**

**Encourage and Enthuse**



If you would like to read our Annual Report for 2017, click the image to the right, or pick up a paper copy in Church.

# POPIES FOR REMEMBRANCE

A Group of around 20 folk met in the Discovery Centre to see if Great Ayton was up to doing something special to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War One as the Armistice was signed at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of the 11<sup>th</sup> Month of 1918. At 11am on 11<sup>th</sup> November this year we will be gathered at the village War Memorial to remember the fallen from our village of both World Wars and all who have died in the service of their country - but will be especially remembering the 48 young men from our village and community who died between 1914 and 1918.



There was great enthusiasm that we do a display similar to the one seen at Nunthorpe and the knitters are already busy. Overleaf you will find a pattern if you wish to join then knitting poppies in poppy red wool. Copies of patters (as there are more than one) are available from the Discovery Centre and Christ Church, and finished poppies can be left at the

Discovery Centre with Pam Dutton, or left in Christ Church.

## What ideas did we have?

First and foremost we need something by the War Memorial. We already have 48 ceramic poppies, but would like to make a feature in front of Christ Church and on the bank side along Guisborough Road.

A suggestion was that we could copy the Royal British Legion's idea from last year, when stanzas from John McCrae's famous poem, *In Flanders Fields* could be written in poppies outside Church, by the wicker soldier on High Green, and on the grass outside Langbaugh Close. (*Assuming necessary permissions granted*) thus bringing the village together.

## What do we still need?

- More people knitting - either on their own or in groups. It would be good to have school and community involvement.
- People willing to fix poppies onto sticks
- Funding for sticks, wool or other expenses. Any donations, please send C/o Great Ayton PCC. Any surplus will be forwarded to the Royal British Legion.
- Someone with artistic flair to help plan and folk willing to help arrange.

## **KNITTED POPPIES**

For the best finish, knit with a Double Knit (DK yarn]. The size of needle you choose will determine how big the poppy will be, but we recommend 3,5mm or 3.75mm (UK9). If you have different yarn left in your stash, just use that and the appropriate needle size. If you have any problems with any of the techniques in the poppy patterns, and you have access to the internet, you will find lots of tutorial videos on youtube.

### **1. Easy garter/knit stitch pattern for beginners**

Colour A Red (one ball will make a lot of poppies!)

Colour B Scrap of Black or a black button

#### **Body of Poppy**

Using Col A cast on 120 stitches.

Rows 1-4 Knit

Row 5 Knit 3 stitches together across the row(40 stitches)

Rows 6-9 Knit

Row 10 Knit 2 stitches together across the row(20 stitches)

Rows 11-14 Knit

Row 15 Knit 2 stitches together across the row(10 stitches)

Cut yarn leaving a tail of about 20cm

Thread tail through yarn needle and slip all the remaining live stitches onto the yarn tail and pull tight Pull around into a circle and then mattress stitch (or use whatever stitching you normally use) to seam for an invisible seam. Sew in ends.

#### **Centre of Poppy**

Using B, cast on 16 sts. Cast off. Coil into a tight spiral and sew base to the centre. Or use a black or green button with 4 holes and sew to centre of poppy. Add pin.

### **2. Easy ribbed poppy pattern**

Colour A1 ball red yarn (this will make a lot of poppies)

Colour B Scrap of black yarn or black button

#### **Body of Poppy**

Using Col A Cast on 60 stitches

Row s1 -10: K2, P2 across whole row(for a slightly smaller poppy do 8 rows of rib).

Row 11: Knit 2 stitches together across the row (30 stitches).

Row 12 : Slip 1 stitch, Knit 2 stitches together then pass the slip stitch over... repeat across the whole row (10 stitches).

Break off yarn with long tail and thread back through remaining stitches and pull tight Join edges with mattress stitch

#### **Centre of Poppy**

Using B, cast on 16 sts. Cast off. Coil into a tight spiral and sew base to the centre. Or use a black or green button with 4 holes and sew to centre of poppy.

## A Giving Church

Giving is a sign of love, and here at Christ Church we see it as part of our calling to try and be as generous as we can.

Many years ago the Church Council agreed that all collections taken at Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals could go to support other charities. Yes, we lose out on the money that may have come to us otherwise, but our generosity in supporting other causes means that far more is given for some very worthy causes. The table of figure shows the recipients last year.

In addition to these collections are our special appeals which usually happen at Easter, Harvest and Christmas, with sometimes extra ones added if tragedies have happened in the world at other times.

Christ Church Council then decide each November where our budgeted giving will go to, and last year we dispersed £10,000 to many Mission Organisations local, National and world-wide. The table overleaf doesn't feature the £5,169 of Charitable Giving from Saint Oswald's PCC at Newton under Roseberry

We also send a "Freewill Offer" of money to the Diocese, and last year this was £88,200, together with £8,165 raised in Fees from weddings and funerals taken in Christ Church. From St Oswald's Newton we sent £30,000 to the Diocese and £3,057 in Fees primarily from weddings taken. Thus the total these Parishes sent to the Diocese last year was £128,422, and the Total to other Charities was £40,112.

We give this as our response to God, who has given us so much. We are in the top 5% of the world population wealth wise, and in Parishes that have been truly blessed. Our generosity ensures that in a poorer part of the Diocese another Church still has a Vicar.

Why am I not surprised at this generosity? Because we belong a very generous community where there are many groups or individuals raising funds for Cancer Research, RNLI, Children's Society , NSPCC etc, and give lots of time and energy too. The other Churches are also generous in what they give away, and we see great support across the community for the Middlesbrough Foodbank with regular collections in the village. An old lady in my previous Parish used to say *Money is made round to go round. If you give it away, it comes back to you.* How very true. Thank you to a very generous community.

## Christ Church Charitable Giving 2017

Charity	£	Charity	£
Christian Aid E Africa Appeal	2815.91	Parkinsons UK	228.33
USPG	1000.00	Stokesley RDA	85.31
Church Mission Society	1000.00	Teesside Hospice	151.7
Bible Reading Fellowship	1000.00	JCUH Urology Dept	188.51
Children's Society	1275.33	Brotton Hospital Fund	188.5
Children in Distress	723.10	Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice	271.67
Christians Against Poverty	1000.00	Daisy Chain	204.39
Tees Valley Youth for Christ	500.00	JCUH Spinal Injuries Unit	162.59
ACTS 435	1000.00	JCUH Chemotherapy Unit	170.9
St Thomas Brambles Farm	500	CLIC Sargent	784.47
Barnabas Fund	832	School Aid India	3400.77
Mission Aviation Fellowship	750.00	RNLI	132.35
Red Cross- London Fire Relief	302.90	Big Kids (St Barnabas)	500
Red Cross- Hurricane Relief	826.76	Middlesbrough Food Bank	315
UCCF	1000.00	Together Middlesbrough & Cleveland	1000
British Heart Foundation	572.59	Royal British Legion	556.45
Yorkshire Cancer Research	2429.53	Yorkshire Air Ambulance	191.20
Motor Neurone Disease Soc.	579.98	Stokesley Deanery Mothers Union	226.60
Marie Curie	524.36	St John of God Hospital	272.32
Spafford Children's Centre	311.41	Great Ayton Health Centre	60.00
Macmillan Cancer Support	1996.44	Student Boxes	281.79
Herriott Hospice Homecare	245.54		
Butterwick Hospice	55.7		
Alzheimer's Society	701.57		
Free from Pain	763.54		
Zoe's Place Childrens Hospice	1104.04		
MPN Research/Voice Fund 580	979.9		
South Cleveland Heart Fund	523.65		
NE Skin Research Fund	255.86	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34942.96</b>

## Yorkshire Cancer Research

Great Ayton and District Committee

There will be a Coffee Morning at Ingleby Greenhow Village Hall on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March from 10 to 12 noon. We are delighted that some pupils of the *Bradley School of Dance* will entertain us. There will be a cake stall, raffle and Tombola. Tickets or pay at the door £1.50.



On **Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup>** The Silverwood Band are performing a concert in Christ Church. Margaret Norgan's daughter Sue is organising it for YCR in memory of her Mum. Margaret was a long standing member of the committee and many people will have aprons and other crafts she and Chris have made over the years. The concert will start at 7:30pm. Tickets are £6 available from Sue, Allison Lambert or YCR. Committee. There will be light refreshments served in the interval

## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The recent coffee morning was well attended - we thank all the counters who opened the boxes again this year.

The total raised was £213.96 for the morning. There are still some boxes which have not yet been collected, but we'll announce the total in a later edition of Spire.



On **THURSDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH**, our **LENT SOUP LUNCH** will take place in Christ Church Hall from 12.30-1.30pm. Tickets @ £6.50 can be obtained from committee members.

**Jancie Brown**  
Tel 01642 723873

## Wedding Meetings

Wedding Preparation Meetings for couples getting married this year

**Saint Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm in St Oswald's**

**Christ Church, Great Ayton**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm in Christ Church**



*A chance to find out more things to make your service even more special.*

### The Tator Family

#### Spec Tators

Lazy folk who watch others work.

#### Comment Tators

People who stand and find fault with others.

#### Dic Tators

Bossy People who tell others what to do.

#### Agie Tators

People who always cause trouble

#### Hezzie Tators

People who daren't take that first step.

#### Sweet Po Tators

People who are kind and help others.

Which one are you?

## ST CHAD'S COLLEGE CHAPEL CHOIR DURHAM UNIVERSITY

DIRECTED BY ROGER MUTTITT

### Music for the season

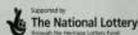
*A concert of European choral and organ music*

*to include music by: Pergolesi, Haydn, Britten and Duruffé*

ORGANISTS: PETE SWIFT, KAREN CHRISTIANSON ANITA DATTA

*Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm  
Christ Church Great Ayton*

*Tickets £5 from Great Ayton Discovery Centre  
Vicki Nath 722501 John Dickinson 724450*



## Parking Along Guisborough Road

The Parish Council have contacted me, as they in turn have been approached by residents about congestion along Guisborough Road when services are on, and have asked me to make a plea for sensible parking along the road keeping just to one side, so that traffic can flow.

I am happy to do that, but it is not simply the Church attenders causing the issue, as I have been around long enough to remember when the only neighbours' vehicle parked on Guisborough Road opposite the Church was a van belonging the Water Board. Back then an even bigger congregation parked on the Church side of Guisborough Road without any problem, as the neighbours presumably parked their cars in their garages at the rear.

Households are now likely to have more than one car, so Guisborough Road can now be full of cars parked opposite the Church that belong to the neighbours. We allow many neighbours to use the Church Car Park through the week to help clear the road, on the understanding that on Sundays and for any services that the car park is cleared. If they just move their cars back onto Guisborough Road, you can see there will be a problem with people coming to Church.

This year I had to leaflet cars in the Church car park as one Sunday morning there were 7 cars filling the car park before the congregation arrived, and I hadn't a clue who many belonged to as some just appear without a word being said. They don't always belong neighbours on Guisborough Road. We also have people attending functions on Saturday evenings in the Hall and leaving their cars as they have had a drink and can't drive them home, forgetting that the Church Car Park on Sundays is for worshippers at Church. So the traffic issue is not just down to Church attenders.



*7.30am on a weekday morning*

A few weeks ago on taking my dogs out at 6am I noticed a car double parked on our side of the road outside the Church Hall. When I returned at 12.30pm after taking the service at Saint Oswald's, the car was still there, but it had nothing to do with Church - and maybe not even the neighbours either.

The problem is we have far too many cars these days, so please, if you are coming to Church - share cars with neighbours or friends, don't double park, and do as many do, and use Low Green or over the bridge. Neighbours and Function attenders, please support us by leaving the car park or Guisborough Road as free as you can, and together we may make a difference. Many thanks. **Paul.**

## WATERMILL MUSIC

**Live Acoustic Music**

**in Christ Church**

Join us for it on

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm.**

**Tickets £10**

Click below to buy your ticket  
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Teesside Musical Theatre Company  
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**ANYTHING GOES**  
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director  
ALISON DAI F.

choreographer  
NIC JENKINS

Middlesbrough Theatre

musical director  
STEPHEN SILD  
show master  
SARKE HARRISHER

docking at

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> to Fri 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
at 7.15pm  
Sat 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at  
11.15pm & 6.15pm

Adults £15 (eve) £12 (matinee)  
Under 18's £10 every performance  
available from 01642 81 51 81,  
01287 63 52 99 or 01642 27 59 70

Music by Cole Porter, Lyrics by Cole Porter, Book by Guiseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa, Lyrics by Howard Lindsay & Russel Crouse  
Original Lyrics by Cole Porter and Cole Porter's Music by Cole Porter

## ANYTHING GOES

Living up to the title of the Show, Teesside Musical Theatre Company have invited Rev Pev to play the part of the Bishop. Don't worry, he wont sing! It's also the nearest he will ever be to being a Bishop too!

Join us in Middlesbrough Theatre for a wonderful evening of song and entertainment with Cole Porter's classic musical.

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> to Fri 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.15pm, Sat 28<sup>th</sup>  
at 1.15pm & 6.15pm

Adults £15 (Eve) £12 (Matinee) Under 18 £10.  
From 01642 81 51 81

# From the Registers

## Holy Baptism

18 February  
18 February

Holly Georgina Dunn  
Perdi Delilah Swales  
Claudia Eve Swales

## Christian Burial and Cremation

9 February  
12 February

Bill Harbottle  
Denny Wynn

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

In Your Embrace.  
Chaos and darkness  
Rages around me  
And yet in the depths  
I am at peace.

Like the ocean in a great storm  
Where the surface is whipped  
To a frenzy  
The deep remains still.

So am I in the chaos of my life,  
At peace with you  
In my depths  
Where I remain in you embrace.

**Ann Browne.**

## Women's World Day of Prayer



**2pm Friday 2nd March**  
come and join us at  
**Stokesley Methodist Church**

No Service in Great Ayton this year

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## MALCOLM'S MUSINGS

"Never believe anything in politics until it has been officially denied" - Bismarck, German statesman.

Standing in the middle of the road is very dangerous; you get knocked down by the traffic from both sides" - Margaret Thatcher



In a recent rather corny TV film, an American doctor left this message on his answerphone: "If you are violently ill, get yourself over to the hospital. They can't do you any more harm than I would."

When a young mother began to make a hasty exit from church with her squalling baby, the priest tried to reassure her. "Don't worry," he said. "He isn't bothering me." "No, Father, she replied,,"you are bothering him."

"The midfielder was booked in Saturday's 2-1 draw." - Newspaper report

The head chef for the Norwegian team at the Winter Olympics ordered 1,500 eggs from a Pyeongchang grocery store but due to an error in translation received 15,000. "Now there will be omelettes, boiled and fried eggs, smoked salmon with scrambled eggs...." He commented.

Award winning one-liner from the Edinburgh Fringe Festival: "I just deleted all the German names from my phone. Now it is Hans-free."

"Blessed are the young, for they shall inherit the national debt." - US President Hoover

A police officer stopped a car driven by an oriental gentleman for passing a traffic light at red. "When red light showee, you no goee," the officer informed him. In perfect English the driver replied: "Officer, I am the Chinese ambassador to the Court of St. James" What followed is not recorded.

**Malcolm Race**

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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

**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](mailto:revpev@btinternet.com)

### 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

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