



Great Ayton &  
Newton under  
Roseberry  
Parishes

# Spire

MARCH 2019



The new bridge is level with the  
road as it is lower.

Hope its stuck down well.



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- 3 Sun** **Sunday before Lent** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion; 2pm Wedding afternoon at Saint Oswald's; 5pm Wedding Evening at Christ Church.
- 4 Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion & Cuppa - all welcome.
- 6 Wed** **ASH WEDNESDAY** 10am & 7pm Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes. Lent begins today.
- 10 Sun** **Lent 1** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Come & Praise. 5pm Deanery Lent Service preceded by refreshments.
- 14 Thurs** Village Churches Lent Meeting at 1.30pm in Saint Margaret's Church
- 17 Sun** **Lent 2** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service; 12.30pm Holy Baptism; 5pm Deanery Lent Service preceded by refreshments.
- 18 Mon** Village Churches Lent Meeting at 1.30pm in Christ Church Coffee Lounge.
- 20 Wed** **Annual Parochial Church Meeting for Great Ayton Parish** in the Church Hall at 7.30pm
- 22 Fri** **SPRING CLEAN WEEKEND** - Dusting down in Christ Church from 5pm.
- 23 Sat** **SPRING CLEANING** From 9am at Christ Church: From 10am at Saint Oswald's
- 24 Sun** **Lent 3** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 5pm Deanery Lent Service preceded by refreshments.
- 27 Wed** Village Churches Lent Meeting at 10.45am at The Friends Meeting House.

*Regular activities on back page*

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



## It's Annual Meeting Time

We are now approaching the time for annual Meetings and this year three out of four of our Churchwardens are stepping down, having given sterling service to our Churches.

Maureen Rider and Paul Carter have been Churchwardens for Newton Parish for the last 10 years, and during that time we have seen new life come to the Church principally through weddings and Christenings - the traditional work of the Church of England. Because of this we will soon have six people on Newton PCC younger than me!



Maureen's work in maintaining the Church and organising us all has been so helpful. Paul has supported the All Age Service faithfully over the years, and has organised a wonderful series of fund raising concerts for the Church that has brought people together. My thanks to them both for these and many other tasks undertaken with warmth, care and enthusiasm.

At Christ Church Rob Pepper is also stepping down from the role. Appointed initially in 2017, Rob has worked well with the maintenance of the Church Fabric and has a great eye for detail so much needed with much legislation coming out that affects Churches. Having people with gifts that complement each other has been a great blessing. We are grateful that we have Helen Land staying on this year to see the new people in.



Our PCC Secretary at Great Ayton, Anna Wilson, is also stepping down after two years due to family and work commitments. Experience shows that people who get involved in Church work are often very busy people in the rest of their lives as well.

As we approach our Annual Meetings - Great Ayton on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March and Newton on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April - so we pray that these positions will be filled with more good people prepared to offer their gifts. Some folk have already been approached and I am hopeful of a smooth transition in both Parishes. With good support from others joining the PCC and rallying round, we can help make these roles more manageable. We have several vacancies at Great Ayton. Could you help in this way? See page 6 for more details.

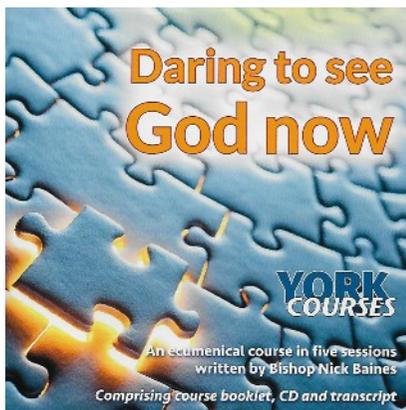
**Paul**

## LENT COURSES

Are you suffering from Spiritual flabbiness? Do you need to get back into shape? Then Lent gives us some opportunities to do something extra for 5 weeks to make us think, learn and grow closer to God.

### VILLAGE YORK COURSES

The Churches in the village jointly run the ecumenical York Courses exploring lively issues with a selection of notable;e speakers from different denominations that we listen to before we discuss amongst ourselves. Meetings take place on different days and different places, so you can make some if not all. Our last meeting at the Royal Oak starts with a meal .



### THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm at St Margaret's RC Church

### THE TIME IS NOW

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm in Christ Church Coffee Lounge

### CHANGE YOUR MIND

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 10.45am Friends Meeting House, High Green

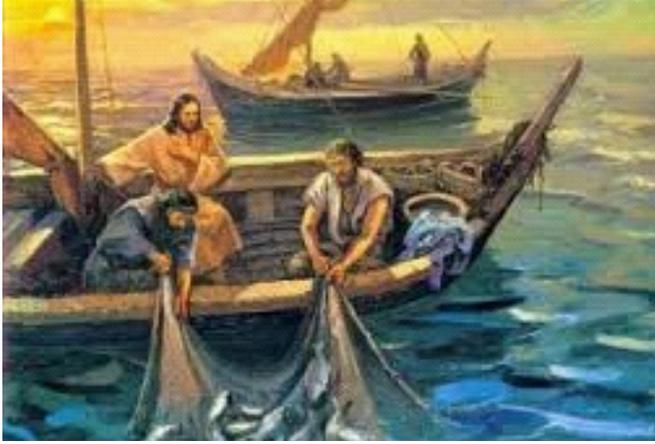
### GOD IS PRESENT

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm at the Methodist Church

### LIVE IT!

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Upper Room, Royal Oak  
*(Preceded by a meal together at 6pm for all who wish to come.)*

# UPPING OUR GAME



## Four tools to help us fish for Christ

Each Talk will be given by Bishop David Wilbourne

Bishop David began his ordained ministry in Stainton, Hemlington and Brookfield,. After several jobs in the Diocese, he went as a Bishop in Wales before retiring. Refreshments served from 4.30pm, Talk starts at 5pm followed by Questions, and ends by 6pm with Compline.

Sunday 10 March  
**Worthy worship**

Sunday 17 March  
**Weeping with those who weep**

Sunday 24 March  
**Ambassadors for resurrection**

Sunday 7 April  
**'I do know the man!'**



# CHRIST CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 2019 at 7.30pm**

**Appoint our Churchwardens for 2019**

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

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

**Receive the Church Accounts for 2018**

**Encourage and Enthuse**



If you would like to read our Annual Report for 2018, click the image to the right, or pick up a paper copy in Church.

- We need people for the Church Council.
- They act as Trustees and help give direction to the Church and discharge our responsibilities appropriately.
- They share with the Churchwardens the tasks of maintaining our three buildings - Christ Church, All Saints Church and the Church Hall.
- PCC Members also share responsibility as to how funds are used, and also that we follow good practice with Safeguarding, Health and Safety and other Statutory responsibilities associated with buildings.
- They help and encourage Church Life, but there are many others not on the PCC who take this forward.
- We have 5 full PCC meetings a year, plus some sub-committee meetings looking after the Hall, All Saints and Christ Church.
- You need to be on the Church Electoral Roll and because we are a Charity working with children and vulnerable adults all PCC members now need DBS checks and training. Could it be you?



## **Wedding Meetings**

For couples getting married in 2019

**Saint Oswald's Church, Newton**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2pm**

**Christ Church Great Ayton**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 5pm**

## **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 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 5pm**

**& Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 9am**

**Contact Jan Thompson**

**01642 723 344 for the rota**

# Yorkshire Cancer Research

Great Ayton and District Committee



There will be a **Coffee Morning** in the Village Hall, Ingleby Greenhow on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 10am - 12noon**, when pupils from *The Bradley School of Dance* will provide entertainment. There will be a raffle, tombola cake and jam stall. Tickets £1.50 or pay on door.

The Committee will miss the help of Millie Kirby who has sadly died. Millie over many years helped on the raffle at events with Nellie Harland and then Carol Myers who used to go and bring her when she moved to Stokesley. A lovely lady whose smile we will miss.

**Margaret Stevens**



## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

There was a good turn-out for the recent Coffee Morning in Christ Church Hall, when greetings cards, cakes & produce were on sale. A profit of £257.90 was made on the morning.

Our next event is the LENT SOUP LUNCH on THURSDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH, from 12.30-1.30 pm in Christ Church Hall. Tickets @ £6.50

are available from committee members or Marina Charlton (01642 723087).



**Jancie Brown**

## Christ Church Charitable Giving 2018

Charity	£	Charity	£
Church Mission Society	1000	Zoe's Place	1529
Childrens Society	1807	Cleveland Search & Rescue	247
Children in Distress	1542	Alzheimers Research UK	277
Christians Against Poverty	1000	Cystic Fibrosis Trust	74
Stockton Parish Church (Eden project)	1000	Middlesbrough MS Therapy Centre	110
Church Army	1000	Stokesley Riding for Disabled	80
Motor Neurone Disease Association	383	Teesside Hospice Care Foundation	131
USPG	1000	Heriot Hospice Homecare	1284
St Oswald's (Middlesbrough) PCC	1000	Sir Robert Ogden Macmillan Centre	40
Genesis Project	3211	JCUH Palliative Care Trust	232
Myloma UK	232	Save the Children Fund	63
Thirsk Clock	130	Daisy Chain	65
UCCF	1000	Samaritans Northallerton & Dales	277
British Heart Foundation	477	Mesothelioma UK	74
Yatton House	147	CLIC Sargent	629
Sick Children's Trust	19	School Aid India	268
South Tees Hospitals Charity	189	1st Great Ayton Scouts	87
Yorkshire Cancer Research	1462	Great Ayton Health Centre	1039
Diabetes UK	259	Middlesbrough Food Bank	623
Marie Curie	138	Together M'bro & Cleveland	1000
Stokesley Community Care Association	810	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	1034
Great North Air Ambulance	548	YDBF Clergy Training Fund	479
Macmillan Cancer Support	918	Freeman Hospital Children's Heart Unit	19
St Oswald's Church PCC	787	Park House Care Home Res. Fund	182.26
Dementia UK	517	Mulroy's Nursing Home Res. Fund	147.19
Bloodwise	150	RNLI	138
Alzheimers Society	405	Student Boxes	269.18
Church Hall	500		
Brotton Hospital Trust	(188.50)	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31839.21</b>

## All Saints Church Needs You



- All Saints Church was built by the Normans sometime in the 12<sup>th</sup> Century, replacing an earlier wooden Saxon Church on the same site. At over 900 years old it is doubtless Great Ayton's oldest building.
- Originally a Roman Catholic Church dedicated to the Virgin Mary, it became All Saints following the Reformation and became part of the Church of England. Many of the features from the earlier period will have been removed, but the torso of the statue of the Virgin Mary was found and returned to the niche in Church.
- All Saints is a Grade I Listed building - the highest listing you can get.
- The most famous former worshipper is James Cook, who became the protege of Thomas Skottowe, Lord of the Manor. The latter's support for James started him off with a life of travel and discovery.



- James Cook's mother and siblings are buried in the Churchyard, revealing the very high rate of infant mortality in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century.

- The Cook link still brings many visitors to see the Church and grave, but others come simply to see and experience an ancient Church relatively untouched by time. The peace and tranquility inside is tangible.



- Services still happen in the summer time as there is no electric for heat or light, so winter services are too cold - unless you pack over 100 in as with the popular Christmas Carol Service. Check our Church website June onwards for what's on this summer.

- Unfortunately All Saints isn't licensed for the legal part of weddings, but you still can be Christened there, have your wedding blessed there or celebrate a significant anniversary. It would be fairly small for funerals, but we have had some people received into All Saints the night before their Funerals at Christ church or crematoriums.

- To keep All Saints open to welcome visitors **we do need volunteers Guides to provide security, welcome and information.** The rewards are meeting interesting people and enjoying an afternoon of peace and tranquility. Its like a Radox bath for the soul!

- If you feel you could offer an afternoon weekly, fortnightly or monthly then please contact Custodian Robin Hazell to find out more.



## A Tribute to Two Ladies

Our Church and Community has lost many people of the last year. It is always hard to single any out for special mention, and that is why we rarely do it, but may I just acknowledge the following two ladies who gave much in quiet ways.



**Margaret Herriman** was one of the Churchwardens here when I arrived in 1993. When things went pear shaped for us with the serious illness of our new baby and I had to spend half my time in Newcastle for the first 6 months, Margaret was such a wonderful support, particularly to my mum who house and dog sat when I was away.

Margaret kept me in touch with what was being talked about in the Parish, and she ran the Visitors Group as well as hosting Ecumenical Lent Groups and assisting Dulcie with a fund raising hand craft stall at each bazaar.

Always positive, cheerful and full of faith, she and husband Dennis were great assets to Christ Church for many years.

When health failed and she began to suffer with dementia, Margaret went to live with daughter Anne near Grimsby and died last December. A good and faithful servant.

**Kathleen Parker** was the daughter of Maurice Hodgson, All Saints Custodian and former Churchwarden. Her husband Geoff was also very supportive and active at All Saints Church. Geoff died the Easter when we were in Intensive Care with our son David, not knowing if he would survive, so Ted Appleyard took his funeral.

Kathleen, who was a regular at Evensong, then took over Geoff's Guide duties at All Saints each Saturday, but was not content to sit around so cleaned, polished and dusted everything inside All Saints, and pruned and weeded all that was outside. She washed and ironed the altar linen for many years, and entertained visitors by playing hymns on the Harmonium.



Kathleen stepped down quietly from her duties around 4 years ago and died last month on the same day as her father.

Two lovely ladies who have given us so much. Thank you both. **Paul**

## A Snowy Saturday Brings Success



“Is the Auction still on?” I was asked on a snowy Saturday morning in February. You never know who may be coming, so cancelling is hard, so we went on. A good crowd turned up as we auctioned off 4 trestle tables full of Surplus Gifts.

It was a very busy and fun afternoon which raised £841 for Roseberry School in Darjeeling in India. Helen Jones from the village, who helped found the school, spoke at half time of the great work being done there for poor children who would not otherwise get a good education. She is visiting later this year to see the new buildings following the earthquake damage done.

One family unknown to us arrived. Mum was Indian and had seen the Auction advertised on Facebook, so had driven over on a snowy day from Manchester to take part so to help the school!! She bought around £100 of goods.

My thanks to all who helped in so many ways - donating goods, bidding for them, auctioneers and assistants, tellers, coffee makers etc.

Our Auction ended heralding the final bit of Christmas over for another year.

## Praying with Art



Those who were at church on February 3<sup>rd</sup> will recognise this picture by Giovanni Bellini “The Presentation of Christ”. You’ll also remember that I mentioned Praying with Art as one of the methods of prayer I experienced during my School of Prayer weekend at St Beuno’s Ignatian Retreat Centre.

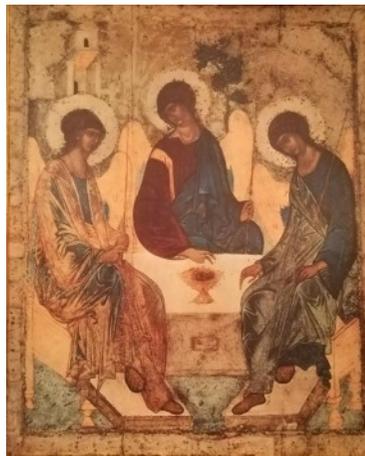
St. Ignatius stresses the importance of the physical senses and feelings—gifts God has given us—in tapping more deeply into our understanding of God and those deeper realities ourselves.

People often talk about prayer as something we read, say, or listen to. But prayer can also be a visual experience. As the saying goes, “a picture is worth 1,000 words.” Images (and all forms of visual arts) can bring another dimension to prayer.

One way to explore this method of prayer is to follow these 5 simple steps:

1. Pick out an image from a website, a photograph, painting, or icon (if you’re not sure which one to start with, try the Rublev icon).

2. Look at the image and let your eyes stay with the very first thing that you see. Keep your attention on that one part of the image that first catches your eye. Try to keep your eyes from wandering to other parts of the picture. Breathe deeply and let yourself gaze at that part of the image for a minute or so.
3. Now, let your eyes survey the whole image. Take your time and look at every part of the photograph. See it all. Reflect on the image for a while. Be drawn in.
4. Consider the following questions:
  - What emotions does this image evoke in you?
  - What does the image bring to mind for you?
  - Does this image lead you into an attitude of prayer?
  - If so, let these prayers take form in you. Write them down if you desire.
5. Now, offer your prayers to God in a final time of silence.



Do explore different ways to pray, give yourself time to practice. Maybe you'd like to try it with a few friends? If Praying with Art helps you grow closer to God then please tell us. If not, maybe try next month's offering **Praying with Creation**.

Geoff Jaques

## Growing Together

An encouraging start with 39 different folk attending either *Parenting for Faith*, *Being Christian* or *Thank God it's Monday*.

Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> sees the last of the Being Christian Series looking at Prayer. You can come to this one even if you have missed the others. Lent Courses take over in March and April. Click on the leaflet to see details of Tony Horsfall's visit in May.

Great Ayton with Easby  
and  
Newton under Roseberry

## Cook Family Memorial Garden

Great Ayton – the boyhood home of Captain James Cook has a wealth of interest appertaining to the great explorer. A museum dedicated to the schooling of the young James, features as one of many attractions in the village linked to Captain James Cook.



Captain James Cook`s Father after retiring from farm work in 1755, built a pair of cottages in the village. James Cook senior left the village in 1772 and the cottages were acquired by a local family. One of the cottages was demolished in 1928 to widen the adjacent Easby lane carriageway with the remaining building advertised as “the home of Captain Cook “and auctioned for sale in 1930. It was eventually sold for £800 to the State of Victoria, Australia. There was much local speculation at the time that the Australians had been sold a “pup” as there was no evidence that James Cook the explorer had ever lived there.

Notwithstanding architects from York surveyed the building and each stone and brick marked before dismantling for transport to Hull for shipping to Australia. The cottage was rebuilt in Fitzroy gardens Melbourne (photo above) and installed with antique furniture procured from a York shop.

The site of the cottage in Great Ayton was made into a Memorial Garden and an Obelisk erected to mark the site. The obelisk, a gift from Australia, is made from granite hewn from rock at Point Hicks – the land fall of the new continent sighted by Lieutenant Zachary Hicks of the HMS Endeavour. An identical obelisk stands at Point Hicks Australia. Great Ayton Parish Council took over stewardship from Middlesbrough Council of the memorial garden in 2004.

The Parish Council was awarded in 2018 a grant from the European Union LEADER fund to refurbish the site. The refurbishment included marking the actual cottage footprint, an exercise which revealed the remains of the original foundations. Interpretation panels inform visitors of the history and by extending the siting of information panels to other “cook locations” village, Great Ayton intends to create an enhanced visitor experience.

The village of Great Ayton enjoys a significant local economy founded on visitor numbers. The Garden restoration Project which includes the construction of a new web site( “Captain Cook`s Great Ayton “) is intended to increase visitor footfall – many from overseas, and enhance the attractions offered by Welcome to Yorkshire

Great Ayton CP Group

Quiet Morning

Friends Meeting House, High Green

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 10am to 1pm

'Where only love can go'

led by Mel King

(N.Yorks Contemplative Outreach leader)

All are welcome

Mid morning Coffee Break

No charge – donations to cover expenses

Local contacts: C.Avison, M.Lewis P.Nel, E.Sedgwick & D.Sills



# From the Registers

## Holy Baptism

17 March

Charlie Muir

## Christian Burial and Cremation

6 February

Kathleen Johnston

7 February

Millie Kirby

13 February

Alex Heaviside

14 February

Jack Macdonald

15 February

Pam Wade

18 February

Kathleen Parker

22 February

Dot Andrews

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

**Thank You** to the late Margery Finch who very kindly remembered Christ Church in her Will and left us £1,000 to Christ Church. A kind thought from a lovely lady.

### School Holidays

Some may be wondering why our village schools are out of sync with some school holidays this year. Marwood Church of England Infant School is still under North Yorkshire Education Authority so they have to abide by the County dates. Roseberry Primary and Stokesley Secondary are both Academies and have freedom to choose, so have opted to stay the same with Redcar & Cleveland (Who may even be the same as Middlesbrough this year.) Because of the late Easter, Roman Catholic Schools have different dates to these, as they like pupils in school for Holy Week.

Isn't it time we had a fixed Spring break and just gave Good Friday and Easter Monday off?

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<b>A Church Near You</b>	<a href="http://www.acny.org.uk">www.acny.org.uk</a>

## Malcolm's Musings

A World War II grenade was found in a sack of potatoes in Belgium. Telegraph headline : "Bombe de Terre "

A motorcyclist was reported injured when he crashed into a Warrior tank. The report added, somewhat unnecessarily, "The tank driver was unhurt."



"Old age is like everything else. To make a success of it you have to start young."  
- Fred Astaire

"At my age I don't even buy green bananas" - 87-year-old US Congressman

Visiting a pub in Yorkshire some years ago, a visitor spotted a sign saying: "A pint, a pie and a friendly word." Ordering a pint and a pie, he asked the rather surly landlord: "What about the friendly word? " The landlord replied: "Don't eat the pie."

A thief was jailed for five years after CCTV caught him sitting on the doorstep of a house he was about to burgle, eating an ice cream.

"The grandchildren thought we were posh because we had red carpet" - Letter in a newspaper.

A row broke out over a 7ft. model of a gorilla used as an obstacle on a crazy golf course in Dawlish, Devon, after residents complained the statue stared into their homes,, invading their privacy. So the course owner turned the gorilla round to face the sea. Residents then complained that they were left looking out at the ape's bottom.

A woman called 999 to report a bus driver who would not stop whistling.

"Four hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets" - Napoleon Bonaparte.

**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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Gift Aid Sec.	Mrs Ynez Clarke		01642 723181

## Church Hall Office

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