

St Oswald's News

Newton under Roseberry

October 2010

HARVEST SERVICE & SUPPER



Our Harvest Service is **Friday 22nd October at 7.30pm**. Our visiting Preacher will be the Revd Pam Sanders, Vicar of the Hutton Rudby Group of Parishes, that includes the former Church of St Hilary, Picton, where our replacement lectern came from. Contributions to the supper of finger food and/or a bottle of wine are much appreciated. This is one of the occasions in the year when we can all get together.

HARVEST APPEAL 2010

This year's Harvest Appeal will be to support the Farming charity *Send a Cow* which specialises in helping the poor in several African countries out of poverty by sending a cow of good stock to a poor family. The cow will then produce milk and manure, both essential to giving the family an income and helping the land grow crops. Training and support is given, and when the cow has a calf, they are expected to pass the first one on to another family, so that the gift may be shared.

This charity was started by a group of Devon farmers over 20 years ago. Originally the cows came from their own herds and were transported there. Today the cows are reared in the region to save on transportation. The charity works in Cameroon, Uganda, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Kenya, Rwanda and Zambia. Here is what one family said

"This cow is transforming our family life. She is providing milk for our children, which we could not afford before. We have a surplus to sell, which covers school expenses and family health-care. Her manure fertilises our garden, which yields enough vegetables to eat, share with neighbours, and sell. We are helping our neighbours set up their own vegetable gardens, which is deepening our friendships. This season, we expect good crops of bananas and beans – that will be a real life-changing opportunity."

Please make any cheque payable to *Newton under Roseberry PCC* and Gift Aid if possible.

This month we have undergone £3,000 worth of maintenance work to the outside of the Church, including reattaching the porch to the main building. The stone coffin, discovered under the floor in 1827, has been laid on its back, as it was causing wind erosion by being laid against the Church.



Also we have purchased twenty chairs for the gallery to make life a little more comfortable for those who need to sit up there. We hope to be able to decorate the gallery sometime in the future. All this work has to be funded locally, on top of all other bills we need to pay.

Thank you to those who kindly responded to the appeal for more regular givers earlier this year. I had hoped there may be a few more of you! If you intended to support our village Church, but haven't got around to it yet - or have lost the Bankers Order Forms, we won't be upset if you ask for another!

See you Harvest.

Paul

Christmas Carol Service

Thursday 16th December
at 7.30pm

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