



An early Easter, but even earlier Spring flowers this year with daffodils and snowdrops out together.

This was last years Spring welcome to worship at Saint Oswald's Church at Newton under Roseberry

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# MARCH

2	Wed	10.45am York Course at The Friends Meeting House
6	Sun	Lent 4 Mothering Sunday 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Come & Praise; 11am Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's.
7	Mon	2pm Holy Communion at Hollygarth.
10	Thurs	1.30pm York Course at Christ Church Hall
11	Fri	1.45pm Church Visitors in Upper Room
13	Sun	Lent 5 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion: 11am Come & Praise; 1pm Holy Baptism.
14	Mon	1.30pm York Course at Methodist Church
16	Wed	7.30pm Annual Church Meeting in Christ Church Hall
19	Sat	9am Men's Breakfast at Fletchers Farm
20	Sun	Palm Sunday (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service at Saint Oswald's. 12.15pm Holy Baptism at Christ Church
21	Mon	7.30pm Service for Holy Week
22	Tues	7.30pm Service for Holy Week
24	Thurs	7.30pm Commemoration of the Last Supper
25	Fri	GOOD FRIDAY 10 - 12 noon Good Friday Workshops: 1.30pm - 3pm Devotion for Good Friday; 7.30pm Music for Easter with the Angrove Singers in Christ Church.
26	Sat	1pm Wedding at Saint Oswald's
27	Sun	EASTER DAY 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Come & Praise: 11am Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's.

**Regular activities on back page**

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

*My apologies that I have not had time to get a third party to proof read Spire this month. See how many mistakes you can find? Ed*

# Lent Activities

All Lent activities begin on or following Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February

**Mondays  
at 9am**

Start the week with the Vicar! Morning Prayers and Thought for the Day, in Christ Church.

**Wednesdays  
At 10am**

Holy Communion & Address (If you haven't been before, join us for Lent)

**Fridays  
At 7am**

Get Up With God - the ever popular early morning communion followed by breakfast that gives a great start to the day.

## YORK COURSE ON THE PSALMS

Still time to join in the Churches Together Lent Meetings on the Psalms. See below for times and venues for March.

- 3    **Wednesday 2nd March 10.45 - 12 noon Friends Meeting House, High Green**  
*How long, O Lord? (Psalm 13)*
- 4    **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 1.30pm – 3pm Christ Church Hall, Guisborough Road**  
*You spread a table before me (Psalm 23)*
- 5    **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 1.30pm - 3pm Methodist Church, High Street**  
*Unless the Lord builds the house ... (Psalm 127)*

## Stokesley Deanery Lent Services

### PASSION OF CHRIST

A short service followed by an address at 5pm in Stokesley Parish Church

13th March -    Mgr David Hogan, Parish Priest St Bernadette RC Church, Nunthorpe.



## 10 Years On

It was ten years ago last month when we started having our first All Age Service at Saint Oswald's Church, Newton under Roseberry. We knew we were a small, ageing congregation and wondered what we could do to attract younger families into our worship. I didn't want us to simply swap one set of

people for another, so only would proceed with a new idea if the PCC and Congregation gave its backing to the idea and supported it. So the All Age Service was born, complete with puppets and magic, and it was short and to the point. Whilst many loved the Book of Common Prayer Communion Service, they responded very positively and Margaret Sanderson, (*Pictured*) one of the Churchwardens, took it upon herself to drop a line each month to couples who had any connection with us from weddings or Christenings to invite them to the service.

The All Age Service soon became the better attended service of the two services each month with numbers increasing from the mid teens to the late twenties very quickly, and the Christmas Special brought in 40 +.

When Saint Oswald's entered into the wedding scene a few years ago, the All Age Service gave a wonderful introduction to Church to young couples not used to attending, and now if you arrive late you have to look carefully for a seat!

What has been really good is to see how it has encouraged young folk to come along to the Communion Service as well, and last year we saw three of them Confirmed at Christ Church. On the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of January we had 46 people in Church for a Book of Common Prayer Communion Service, and several of these folk were from weddings in previous years who still come. Old style language doesn't have to be a barrier if you have welcome and good relationships.

Margaret died in 2010, but would be thrilled to see the service she helped to found grow so well, and to know that the welcome she extended has very much been carried on. My thanks to all at Newton Church for being generous in sharing their Sundays with others and for being so welcoming.

**Paul**

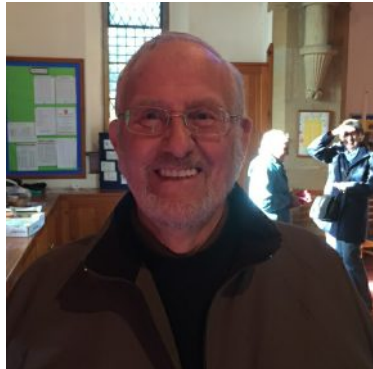
## JUST STROLLING

Walking I see things  
Like the early morning dew  
On a spiders web  
Glistening like the rays  
On a blue sparkled lake  
As it reflects the dormant  
Glory of a butterfly asleep  
On a slender reed  
As it awaits the kiss of warmth  
To renew its life  
And a gentle breeze  
Has it dancing past  
The sweet fragrance of flowers  
In the hedgerow.  
I continue down the  
Twisty lane where the trees  
Form a leafy arch,  
Then suddenly wide open spaces  
Reveal rolling hills  
A welcoming sight to see  
And well trodden paths  
That clamber upward and beyond.  
New horizons to conquer.

## Jean Cumbor



## Ray is Retiring



For many years Ray Huddleston has organised the rota of Guides for All Saints Church on Low Green. This has helped us keep our ancient 12<sup>th</sup> Century Church, once attended by Captain Cook when a lad, open to the public and to make the experience of visiting it an enjoyable and informative one, as the Guides tell visitors about the Church.

It has sometimes been hard to get cover for some days, and more volunteers are always needed. Ray has always done a super job in encouraging people to volunteer in his usual cheerful manner. On a sunny day there can be no more enjoyable experience than enjoying the peace and tranquility of All Saints Church on Low Green.

Well, now has come the time for Ray to hand over the reins to Charles Jeans. I hope to have a photo of him for a future Spire, meantime can we say a very big Thank You to Ray for all that he has done over the years.

## **It's time for the Annual Meeting**

March/April in the Church of England is the time for the Annual Meeting.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting may not be the most exciting event, but it's an important one. People rarely turn up in big numbers for the meeting - in fact, probably vicars worry when people do turn up in big numbers. But important things are done at the APCM.

It is when the churchwardens are elected for the year. They are the Bishop's agents in the parish and represent all parishioners. That's why everyone who lives in the parish is entitled to vote, and not just those who are members of the church.

The accounts are presented at the APCM. You can discover how much it costs to run the parish (you'll probably be surprised how much) and where the money comes from. The Vicar will give a report, saying what has gone on in the past 12 months, and what the plans are for the future. His report should give you a good idea of what the life of the parish is like.

Reports will also probably be given on the condition of the buildings, so you can learn whether the church is about to fall around your ears next time you attend.

Then there are elections for those standing for the Parochial Church Council, which is the body, along with the Vicar, which organises church life in the parish.

If you want to learn what our church does, what it's ministry is all about, and what the various church officers do, come to our APCM. You'll probably be surprised to learn how much goes on. A special feature will be a presentation of our hopes for the development of the Church Hall. Interested?

### **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

Wednesday 16th March at 7.30pm in the Church Hall

Due to retirements we need several new members for PCC and Deanery Synod. Candidates younger than the Vicar especially welcome!

# A Thought for Mothering Sunday

## Even God had trouble with the children

Whenever your children are out of control you can take comfort from the thought that even God's omnipotence did not extend to God's children. After creating heaven and earth, God created Adam and Eve. And the first thing He said to them was: "Don't."

"Don't what?" Adam asked.

"Don't eat the Forbidden Fruit." God replied.

"Forbidden fruit? We got Forbidden Fruit? Hey, Eve, we got Forbidden Fruit!"

"No way!"

"WAY!!"

"Don't eat that fruit!" said God.

"Why?"

"Because I am your Father and I said so!" said God, wondering why He hadn't stopped after making the elephants.

A few minutes later God saw the kids having an apple break and was angry.

"Didn't I just tell you not to eat that fruit?" the First Parent asked.

"Uh huh," Adam replied.

"Then why did you?"

"I dunno," Eve answered.

"She started it!" Adam said.

"Did not!"

"DID so!"

"DID NOT!"

Having had it with the two of them, God's punishment was that Adam and Eve should have children of their own. Thus the pattern was set and it has never changed. But there is reassurance in this story. If you have persistently and lovingly tried to give them wisdom and they haven't taken it, don't be too hard on yourself. If even God had trouble handling his children, what makes you think it would be a piece of cake for you?



## **The Angrove Singers**

*conducted by Jeremy Harbottle & accompanied by Jenny Hesford, will be performing*

## **Music for Easter**

**Christ Church at 7.30 pm on Good Friday, 25th March.**

The programme will include *Mass for 5 Voices*, by William Byrd, and a number of other well-loved items including *All in the April Evening*, and *Ave Verum*.

Tickets are needed to reserve a seat, but there is no charge. They will be available from choir members or by phone from Carol Morgan: 01642 722 897.

Donations on leaving are invited, with the proceeds going to 2 charities to be chosen by the Singers nearer the time.

## **Lunchtime Concerts**

**at Stokesley Methodist Church**



**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 1.30 pm**

**Sid Ramchander on piano**

Drei Klavierstücke D946 - Schubert  
Three Mazurkas Op.59 - Chopin  
Piano Sonata No 8, Op 66 - Scriabin  
Barcarolle Op 60 - Chopin

*Light lunches available beforehand.*

Tickets £7 in advance from Brown's Newsagents, East End Or pay at the door.

More details from <http://sotherans.wix.com/classical-cleveland>



# megson

'Simply Brilliant'  
**The Sunday Express**

'A force in the folk revival'  
**Neil Spencer – The Observer**

'The most original duo on the British folk scene'  
**Robin Denslow – The Guardian**



**Christ Church,  
Great Ayton**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 8.00 p.m.**  
**(doors open 7:30)**

**Tickets £12 from:**

**Great Ayton Discovery Centre**

**Thompsons Hardware**

**John Dickinson 01642 724450**

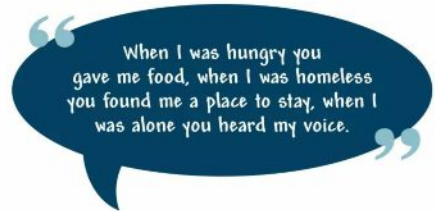
The husband and wife duo bring an infectious mix of heavenly vocals, lush harmonies and driving rhythmic guitars. Comprising Debs Hanna (vocals, whistle, piano accordion) and Stu Hanna (guitar, mandola, banjo) Megson have gained fame on the British Folk scene, not only for their arresting and intelligent songwriting, but for their exquisite musicianship and northern humour.

# Open Door North East

This is one of the charities supported from our church Mission Giving last December. This Middlesbrough charity was birthed out of Jubilee Church Teesside in 2003 out of a desire to help what the bible calls the “stranger” or “Sojourner” in the land, those refugees and asylum seekers who find themselves living on Teesside.

Can you imagine arriving in a foreign country having fled war, persecution and torture, with no friends or family to turn to, and fearing for your life if you had to return to your homeland?

Our Archbishop, himself a refugee from Uganda in 1974, visited Open Door in December during his Pilgrimage of Prayer. The clients couldn't believe that 'the number 2 in the Church of England' had come to see them – as you can see everybody enjoyed meeting him! John Dickinson and I visited them in January to find out more about their work.



*Kamila\* (who was destitute and sleeping in a shop storeroom before receiving help from Open Door North East)*

\* Names have been changed

Asylum seekers become destitute for a number of reasons, but primarily as a result of the withdrawal of Home Office support. Even when a person is refused asylum the Home Office often doesn't deport them, so they are left destitute and aren't allowed to work, so rely on charity to meet their basic needs.



CEO Paul Catterall (pictured in the centre next to Archbishop Sentamu) said, "When we first met Kamila, an asylum seeker from Pakistan, she was a frightened, vulnerable lady, who had become destitute when her Home Office support ended. In order to support herself she was working in a takeaway shop 7 days a week in exchange for a small amount of food and permission to sleep in the shop storeroom each night.

*“We were able to get Kamila out of that exploitative situation, give her a room in one of our shared houses, provide her with a weekly food parcel and give her emotional support and advice. Following our help Kamila was able to re-engage in the asylum system, and was finally granted refugee status. Kamila said this to us*

Maria found herself homeless after the Home Office stopped her support. She went to Open Door for help and they were able to place her with a host family. Maria was initially nervous about going to a stranger’s home but almost immediately felt a sense of relief and peace. This is what she told their project worker. “I was made so welcome and had forgotten what it was like to be in a family setting. I feel so blessed, I feel a real person again, I have grown in confidence and am now gathering the evidence I need to make a fresh claim”.



**The charity provides a wide range of services including a Women's Drop-in Food Parcels / Friendship / Arts & Crafts / Mother and Toddler Group (Little Stars) / Internet Access / Advice, Information and Guidance; Refugee Advice Welfare benefits / Housing advice. They recognise that learning English is one of the most helpful ways for people to integrate and build a life for themselves in the UK so provide ESOL Classes (English for Speakers of Other Languages).**

They have a large team of volunteers helping in their work, if you'd like to explore joining them please call 01642 213 634. John Catterall would live to hear from you!



The FoodFor16 campaign aims to raise £16,000 in 2016 to feed and support those with no recourse to public funding. We'll be supporting this campaign with the profits from our Megson Concert on 1<sup>st</sup> April

**Geoff Jaques**

## New Look to Worthy P's

Great Ayton is seeing many improvements in local stores, and the latest to get a new look is Worthy Pearsons, our village newsagents and Post Office.

The small office has been removed and the whole shop knocked into one with the Post Office Counter now down the side. Barriers have also gone, giving a friendly, relaxed feel to the shop.

There are a few teething problems with some Nat West customers being able to pay in cash, but this is due to their rules and not the Post Office.

Perhaps the most important change of all is Paul's daughter Sophie now joining Paul in the business, thus continuing the family line since the days of Worthy Pearson himself. He would be thrilled to see a new generation carrying on the business. We hope they do well





## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

We had a good attendance at the Box Opening Coffee Morning recently when many boxes were brought to the Parochial Hall. We are very grateful to Jean for organising this morning and for the support of her "counters" for their time. £313.25 was raised from the raffle, cake stall and entry fee. The total of the boxes opened will be announced at a later date. It was good to have Helen Whiteley from the Leeds Office to tell us about the work of the Children's Society in general and also about local projects.



*Old photograph as no one took one with the vicar missing!!*

We are holding **The Soup Lunch on Thursday, 17 March**, (St Patrick's Day), which will be in the Parochial Hall from 12.30 - 1.30 pm; tickets @ £6 are available from committee members or Marina (01642 723087) and there will be a raffle.

**Jancie Brown**



## Yorkshire Cancer Research

Great Ayton and District Committee

### Coffee Morning

Ingleby Greenhow Village Hall

**Saturday 5th. March 10am - 12 noon**

Display by Bradley School of Dance

Cakes, Jams, Tombola, Raffle

**Tickets £1.50**

## Why Punctuation Matters

Dear John

I want a man who knows what love is all about. You are generous, kind and thoughtful. People who are not like you admit to being useless and inferior. You have ruined me for other men. I yearn for you. I have no feelings whatsoever when we are apart. I can be forever happy - will you let me be yours?

Gloria

Dear John

I want a man who knows what love is. All about you are generous, kind and thoughtful people, who are not like you. Admit to being useless and inferior. You have ruined me. For other men I yearn. For you, I have no feelings whatsoever. When we are apart, I can be forever happy. Will you let me be?

Yours, Gloria

**Contemplative Prayer** Father Kevin from Ampleforth Priory will make a welcome return visit to Great Ayton on Monday 18 April to guide us with humour and wisdom through a morning of prayer, reflection and contemplation. The venue for his visit will be the Friends Meeting House the time will be from 10.00 am - 1.00 pm. Reserve the date in your diary now - more details about the morning nearer the time.



## Spire

Would you like a paper copy of Spire delivered to your door in Great Ayton? It's only £6 a year. Please call Jean Goat on 01642 723274.

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We have 683 electronic copies of Spire going out each month, and a further 300 paper copies circulating within the village. My thanks to Quinpublishing who do such a great job printing the latter.



## "Be on Time or Else.....!"

When the Rev. Donald Pateman died aged 83, his obituary described him as "perhaps the most politically incorrect clergyman in the Church of England." He had devoted his ministry to the East End of London and wanted the law changed so that those found guilty of mugging, football hooliganism or robbery with violence could be flogged.



"Choristers were not exempt from corporal punishment if they stepped out of line," the obit continued, "and this was administered by the vicar, who claimed parents thanked him for taking their errant sons in hand.

"The punishment for brides arriving late for weddings was different. In 1992 he introduced a sliding scale, details of which were handed to couples at wedding rehearsals.

"Ten minutes late meant the cutting of one of the hymns, 20 minutes the loss of two hymns, 25 minutes the dropping of all hymns and dismissal of the choir, and 30 minutes late would cause the wedding to be cancelled."

Twenty years earlier, when postmen were on strike, he announced that any seeking marriage in his church would be given a "work to rule" ceremony — no choir, no bells, no heating, no lighting, no music, no photographs, no confetti. He added: "Postmen earn the same money as me. spent three years at university and am expected to live on £21 a week. Why can't they?"

### **History Society Presentations**

**7:30pm on Wednesdays, Friends' Meeting House on High Green**

Wednesday 2 March

***Some Ayton men who gave their lives in the Great War, part 2***

by Dave Taylor, Ernie Taylor and Ian Pearce

Wednesday 9 March

***All Saints' Church: Henry VIII's 'Grand Designs'***

by David W Taylor

Wednesday 16 March

***William Wilson: Great Ayton's other famous navigator***

by Ian Lawrence

**Free admission including refreshments after the presentation**

(but donations welcomed)



# Annual Spring Clean

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> from 5pm & Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March from 9am**

**We need a good team of helpers to spring clean our Church. For some reason the turnout last year was very low. Please can you help this year?  
Its so much easier with more hands to help.**

**Sign up on the list in Church**



## Great Ayton Remembers



**It's all quiet on the Western Front.**

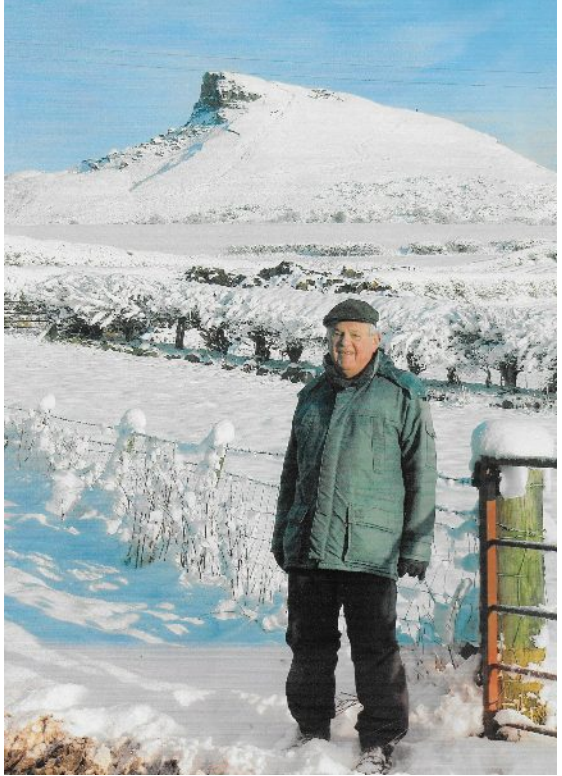
**There are no more  
WWI 100<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversaries until July**

# An Incredible Feet

The funeral took place in February of Keith Heaviside, an Aytonian born and bred. Keith had achieved what I think is quite an incredible achievement, but being a quiet and unassuming man, never wanted any attention in life. Perhaps in Spire we may rectify this now.

When Keith retired from ICI in his late fifties, he set himself a target to climb Roseberry Topping right to the top every day of the week, except Saturday.

By 8.50am each morning he would be stood on the corner of his road waiting for any more of his friends who made up the Last of the Summer Wine group to join him. Hail, rain or shine, Keith climbed the topping, proving the old adage that there's no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing!



Keith celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday on top of Roseberry Topping with Whiskey and sandwiches. He managed an incredible 6,100 climbs up Roseberry Topping before ill health stopped him from doing so in latter months. His friends worked out that over the years he walked 24,400 miles and made a total climb of 5,490,000 feet.

When he achieved his 6,000 climb, his friends sent an article into the D & S all about it with strict instructions not to contact Keith. Unfortunately they phoned to ask for a photograph and Keith wouldn't let them run the story. I hope this small article makes up in acknowledging an incredible feet that I don't suspect many others have done.

# From the Registers

## Holy Baptism

20 February

Ava Rose Austick

28 February

Pippa Amily Rowan

## Christian Burial and Cremation

29 January

Mary Pepper

2 February

Joan Lithgow

15 February

Keith Heaviside

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

## A Wonderful Life

Last month we said our farewells to the oldest member of our Congregation and possibly even the oldest resident of Great Ayton, as Joan Lithgow passed away in her 102<sup>nd</sup> year.



Joan's 100th Birthday

Joan had always been a regular at the 8am Communion Service on Sundays, sat with her dear friend Molly Turnbull. When Molly died, Joan continued coming and swapped a few years ago to Wednesday morning as 10am was easier to make. Incredibly Joan came every week until November, after which I went along to her. Such a lovely, faithful and cheerful lady. She is pictured here opening her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Card from Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth.

May she Rest in Peace.

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

*Singers of the 60's are revising their hits with new lyrics to accommodate those of us that were fans. New Releases Include:*

**Herman's Hermits ---**

**Mrs Brown, You've Got A Lovely Walker**

**Ringo Starr ---**

**I Get By With A Little Help From Depends**

**The Bee Gees -- -**

**How Can You Mend A Broken Hip?**

**Roberta Flack---**

**The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face**

**Johnny Nash ---**

**I CAN'T See Clearly Now.**

**The Commodores ---**

**Once, Twice, 3 Times To The Bathroom**

**Procol Harum---**

**A Whiter Shade Of Hair**

**Helen Reddy --**

**I Am Woman, Hear Me Snore**

**Lesley Gore---**

**It's My Hormones & I'll Cry If I Want To**

**Leo Sayer ---**

**You Make Me Feel Like Napping**

**The Temptations ---**

**Papa's Got A Kidney Stone**

**Willie Nelson ---**

**On the Commode Again**

**Abba--**

**Denture Queen**

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Thank you Stan

# 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 ( <i>2nd Sunday of month</i> ) 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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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)