

The  
Magazine of the  
Church of England in  
Great Ayton with  
Easby & Newton  
under Roseberry  
Parishes

# Spire

FEBRUARY 2022



## Bargain Hunt Comes to Ayton

Charity Auction of Surplus Christmas Gifts nets a £700 profit for Roseberry School in Darjeeling (School Aid India) and has been the first fundraiser for the charity since Covid struck in 2020.

Lots of bargains and plenty of fun. Look out for it again next year.

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# FEBRUARY

- 1 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church.
- 2 **Wed** 7.30pm Standing Committee
- 6 **Sun** **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **I am Holy Communion at St. Oswald's.**
- 7 **Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion.
- 8 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church.
- 9 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion.
- 11 **Fri** 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors
- 13 **Sun** **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion, Zoom & Facebook; 4pm Cafe Church in Church Hall.
- 15 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church
- 16 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion; 7.30pm PCC Meeting
- 20 **Sun** **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion in Church, Zoom & Facebook; **I am All Age Service at St. Oswald's.**
- 21 **Mon** 3pm Fry Court Service:  
New Church Lighting installed this week. No Services in Church during week, May be finished for Sunday - but be prepared.
- 27 **Sun** **Sunday before Lent** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion, Zoom & Facebook; 4pm Cafe Church in Church Hall.

Unfortunately, due to several rises in paper costs **we have had to raise the price of Spire to 70p.** This just about breaks even and is appreciated by older members and those who like a tangible memento. The electronic edition remains free of charge from [www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk](http://www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk)

**Prayer For The Day** Every Weekday at 8.45am on Zoom  
& Facebook Live. Same link for Sundays too.  
**Daily Morning Worship** ID: 895 1102 4740 **Password: 450872**

## Back to Church Month



The old widower sat alone in front of a large, roaring coal fire. The flames flickered on the chimney and the shadows danced around the room as he felt the wonderful warmth fill his body. He picked up the tongs by the fireside and reached into the red glowing mass, pulling out a red coal and setting it down on the shovel in the hearth. Soon the red coal was turning black, as on its own it lost its heat. He picked it back up again and replaced it in the centre of the fire and soon it was hot again, glowing red with warmth.

We are not built to be alone. We need the warmth that other human beings bring, and that applies to those who have lost loved ones as it also applies to Churches too. We need each other. Genesis says “It is not good for man to be alone” and in the New Testament Saint Paul says “We are the Body of Christ.” We need each other, we need company. Yes, you can survive on your own, but life can be far harder. Just walking into a room on your own can be so much harder than with a partner. Likewise with Church, we can manage on Zoom or Facebook, but who can hear that catch in your voice, who will notice that tear in your eye, who will spot your reluctance to join in? In Church you can have a discrete word in your pew or over coffee, but there’s nothing discrete about Zoom and on Facebook there’s no one listening or looking, for that’s the very nature of it. You are invisible.

Last Sunday we had someone return to the 9.15am for the first time and when I saw them in the Coffee Lounge afterwards they were full of emotion of how special it had been. I know there are still some who are anxious about returning to Church, but it is - and always has been - one of the safest places to be. The high Gothic ceiling contains huge volumes of air and the quartzray heaters beating down create thermals of heat rising to the roof to be replaced by the cool air from above as the air constantly circulates. Believe me, there are also plenty of drafts in the building regardless of whether the door is left open (More chance of catching hypothermia when that happens!) Since Lockdown began I have personally always felt safer in Church than many other places I have been.

Numbers are creeping up with 17 back at 8am and 63 at 9.15am on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January but it would be great to see more. The reduced numbers also mean fewer volunteers for the various rotas, a reduction in offerings and less people bringing along their 2.4 kilowatts of personal heat to help warm the Church. Make a new start in February and get back to Church. Masks and hand-gel will continue to be available.

**Paul**

# To the Saints of the Diocese of York

The Bishop of Hull,  
Alison White,  
writes:

## That gift of thanks

**There are two small words I think could change all kinds of things in this coming year.**

They are two words my grandmother was especially keen on at this time of year when after Christmas and my birthday she encouraged me to write letters (it was the old days) to say thank you.

What a gift those two words are.

There are so many good and generous people who are quietly getting on with what they rightly think is normal life – being there for people in need, praying, giving time, finding ways to make a difference. Mostly they go unnoticed because they are what make our communities just go on happening. What a most heart warming, spirit lifting surprise when someone does notice and says 'Thank You'.

For each of us it is a boost when we are seen and valued by that gift of thanks.

I love the psalms, with their moods and modes which give voice to all the cries of our lives. One of those is the giving of thanks.

'O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures

forever' (Psalm 136 verse 1). This refocuses us. We don't have to live under the cosh of blame and complaint. Thanksgiving opens up our spirits, smiles at God and softens our relationships with each other.

I am so full of thanks as I walk into this new year. Thanks to God for the grace of his gift in calling me here to be a Bishop with you. Thanks to you for your prayers which have made that take shape and be possible. So let's give thanks for one another, and as our new year gift, pray for one another – for wisdom, faithfulness, stamina, vision, kindness, courage, - we could all add to those cries as we listen out for what God is calling us to in this year to come.

**Thank you!**

**+Alison**



## SOME THOUGHTS FOR THE NEW YEAR FROM THE TREASURER ...

At the start of a New Year we will all be looking forward and hoping for a healthier time free from the worst effects of Covid – with all the freedoms that will hopefully bring with it such as more travel to friends and family, more trips to theatre or sporting events, or more holidays. However, many of us will also face challenges with higher fuel and energy costs putting a strain on household budgets. And the church is no



different with our budget for the New Year stretched more than for many years. Our income has hardly changed for five years yet our expenditure has continued to rise despite cutting costs in many areas. Several of you have managed to increase your regular giving over the last two years- for which we are extremely grateful- but for many the last time your giving was increased was back in 2015 when we ran our Giving in Grace Campaign.

So, I am appealing to all who are able- please consider an increase in your giving this year. The Diocese is under serious financial strain and we have always been proud of our ability to support the mission of the church especially in poorer inner city areas. For those who are regular givers, could you find a way to add to your envelope or standing order? If we all gave another £5- £10 per month , it would make such a difference! And for those who are not yet regular givers, why not set up a standing order? As Paul has often reminded us, there are so many people even in our area who are much worse off than we are. Any help you are able to give will be much appreciated!

Many thanks

**Ken**

### **An Old Friend is Missing**

Around 26 years ago an owl took us residence in the chimney pot by the car park. Over the years it has had many young and been a familiar sight. We haven't seen it since last summer. Perhaps its moved as we have lost too many trees in the car park. Thank you owl for all the joy you have given us.



## Eco Tip 3 Think BAMBOO

You can get socks made from bamboo, toilet paper, cutlery, toothbrushes and many, many, more things – bamboo isn't just food for pandas!

**Toilet paper** is not a normal topic of conversation; but in the UK we each use [an average of 127 rolls per year](#), meaning millions of trees are felled to keep up with supply. Increasingly people are trying out recycled paper on their loo rolls – it is an environmental improvement on using virgin paper, it doesn't tend to be as soft as bamboo, but it's often made more locally. We've tried a couple of brands of recycled rolls and weren't satisfied – they failed the softness (critical!), absorption and strength tests. However, bamboo toilet paper from Cheeky Panda passed our tests with flying colours! **AND carbon emissions from bamboo rolls are 30% lower than recycled rolls - and 65% lower than normal toilet roll.**



We all have different criteria, Good Housekeeping have checked a whole range of toilet rolls all of which are better for the planet than the standard loo roll – do check out their website by clicking [HERE](#).

They rated the Cheeky Panda bamboo loo roll as their top buy with a score of 84/100. *“Made from 100% bamboo, our winning eco-friendly toilet roll seriously impressed our testers. Everyone said they would buy it again and would recommend it to family and friends. The soft loo roll perforates perfectly and has great tear strength. You can buy it in as little as a pack of four, which is ideal if storage is limited, and up to a batch of 45 rolls if you prefer to bulk buy.*

*It's not made in the UK, but packaging is plastic-free and if you subscribe with the company, you can earn points and donate to charities including the [World Land Trust](#) (WLT). The company also donates to the WLT to offset its carbon, with funds going towards protecting the Khe Nuoc Trong rainforest in Vietnam.”*

If you'd like to try a roll of bamboo from Cheeky Panda do get in touch, we bought a box of 45, so would be happy to let you have one!

**Socks** are made from one of 4 materials – wool, cotton, polyester and bamboo. Bamboo is one of the softest, if not the softest sock material you can buy. It is much smoother than cotton, and feels more like a high-quality silk or cashmere, making them very comfortable to wear. Bamboo has incredible moisture wicking capabilities, being able to keep feet dry even if there is excess sweat. Bamboo socks are also very absorbent, due to the micro-gaps in the bamboo fibre.



The main benefit of bamboo socks is their anti-bacterial abilities. Bamboo socks have a natural anti-microbial agent called “[bamboo kun](#)”, which is found in the bamboo fibre. This agent keeps your feet free of bacteria, and smelling fresh.

If you haven't worn bamboo socks yet, ask Angela about hers.

Bamboo is a very earth-friendly material to grow, process and use. You are able to grow the same amount of bamboo as cotton, but use 10% less land. That means [production](#) is not limited, but the damage to the land is.

Considering how precious water is, using less of it is a priority. Bamboo does not need to be watered to grow. Naturally falling rain is more than enough to keep the plants hydrated and growing effectively.

Bamboo is the fastest growing plant on earth. This speed allows for quick and effective production, while keeping damage to the land and the environment at a minimum, as no chemicals or poisons need to be sprayed either.

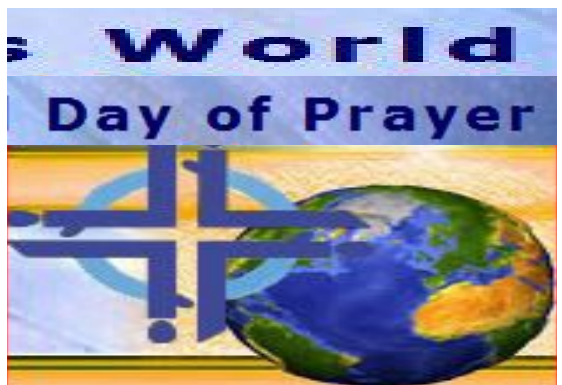
Remember, if you'd like to test a bamboo toilet roll, please ask and we'll be happy to let you have one.



**Geoff and Angela Jaques**

## **Date for your Diary -**

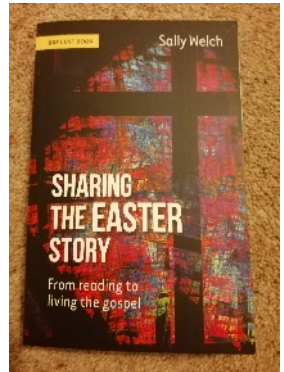
The World Day of Prayer for 2022 will be held on Friday 4th March at 10.30am at Friends Meeting House. The service this year has been prepared by England, Wales and Northern Ireland and the theme is “I know the plans I have for you”. All welcome, do come along and join with people all over the world in prayer, worship and song to observe a common day of celebration.



## BRF – the Bible Reading Fellowship Celebrates “100 years of God’s blessing” this year.

This month marks 100 years since Rev’d Leslie Mannering offered the first monthly leaflet of Bible readings to his congregation at Saint Matthew’s church, Brixton. What began as the Fellowship of Saint Matthew in January 1922 attracted so much support that by 1926 it was re-named the Bible Reading Fellowship. Over the years it has grown as an ecumenical organisation, of all Christian traditions, committed to encouraging and promoting Bible reading and to bringing the Bible alive for everyone. As its journey has continued BRF has used new ideas, new technologies and new ministry opportunities – notably Messy Church, Anna Chaplaincy and Parenting for Faith. Much more detail available at [www.brf.org.uk/centenary](http://www.brf.org.uk/centenary) Do check it out.

35 people at Christ Church currently use BRF’s daily Bible reading notes in booklet form (New Daylight / Guidelines) New Daylight is available online – [www.brfonline.org.uk/apps](http://www.brfonline.org.uk/apps) If you would like a booklet to try let me know.



Current editor and contributor to New Daylight, Sally Welch, has written **BRF’s Lent Book** this year. “**Sharing the Easter Story**” moves from *reading* to *living* the gospel as it explores what the Easter story is really about and how we share it. If you would like to order a copy for yourself or to use with a group during Lent this year let me or Geoff Jaques know asap. **Enid Sedgwick**

### A Very Sad Loss

We are sorry to report the death of Penny Ferguson, wife to Bishop Paul. Penny was diagnosed with brain cancer just 6 months before she died and sadly it was of a type that wouldn’t respond to treatment. She was lovingly cared for at home by Bishop Paul and his family.

As well as being a supportive wife to her husband and a loving mother, Penny was active in her local Church and also a gifted musician who worked with Tees Valley Music Service sharing her great love of stringed instruments to many children over the years. Many will have had their love of music and the ability to play enhanced by Penny’s efforts, always done gently and cheerfully. We send our love and prayers to all her family at this time.



## Needlework in Grace's Shed



You may have heard of Grace's Shed as being the dropping off point for household goods to be donated to the Genesis Project. Lots of things from Great Ayton have found their way there en route to a new home and useful life in Grove Hill and have been much appreciated.

Well, other things are happening there as well, for rolls of material have been

dropped off and Grace and friends have been making them into bags, shopping bags and other things too. If you need a cloth bag for a particular purpose, or may need some material for curtains or clothing to make yourself, then give Grace a ring on 01642 724477 and see if she has what you need. Any profit made is going to the Lighting Fund.

## Volunteers Needed for Church Cleaning

All who come to Christ Church, be it for Sunday Services, Baptisms, Weddings or Christenings, Concerts, School Assemblies or just to sit in quiet appreciate a welcoming clean and cared for Church.

Since Covid kicked off we have lost lots of people from our cleaning rota. Could you help fill a gap by giving a few hours a few times a year? It is open for anyone with a little time to go on a rota and you don't need to attend services first. It can be your bit for the community.



If you can help in this way  
**please contact Irene Reah 01642 723804**

## Memories of Christmas Past



Christmas 2021 started with the welcome return of the Angrove Singers giving their first Live Concert since Covid kicked off in 2020 - and it was well worth the wait. Congratulations to Jeremy Harbottle and choir members for a super night.



Sadly storm Arwen put paid to the village Christmas Fete - so disappointing to all who had worked hard in planning it. Despite the winds, the Christmas Tree remained upright on High Green, so thanks to the Parish Council for organising this year's Carols, for North Skelton Band & friends who played, Peter Greenwell for sound and a fantastic crowd who turned up - the biggest I remember.



Our Churches were beautifully decorated to add sparkle to the season, and amazingly some of the flowers are still in Church as I write. Many thanks to Marina and the Flower Guild for all their hard work and to those who put up the memory tree and the garlands and to the Newton team too.

Each arrangement was kindly sponsored in memory of a loved one with a card remembering them placed on each one. We couldn't decorate the Church as well without it. These and the Memory Tree helped bring our loved ones back with us for Christmas.

We are most fortunate in having so many Carol Services with one for Freemasons, Saint Oswald's & Christ Church. Sadly we had to cancel All Saints and the Schools Carol Service this year.



At Saint Oswald's the Choir moved to the chancel to sing and there were last minute changes due to illness. The congregation much enjoyed seeing the singers this year and the service went very well. Christ Church Service was excellent too with full choir stalls and a lovely feel.



We make an appeal at our Carol Services to help some of the world's poorest, and this year it went to TEAR Fund helping the suffering folk in Afghanistan. There was £3,900 collected between the services in Christ Church and a further £430 collected at Saint Oswald's = **£4,330**. A further £229 was given to Herriot Hospice Homecare from the Memory Tree, and our Auction in January of Surplus Christmas Gifts raised £700 for Roseberry School in Darjeeling, India.



There was a lot of adapting with the Crib Service as Covid broke out in the local schools before Christmas. We had to recruit an extra King, the heavenly host were just two, and Innkeepers and Shepherds were on a job share, but we had a real baby in the Manger. Thank you to baby Eloise.



Christmas Communion at Newton & Ayton went well, but the photographer had another job that night. Christmas morning had one of the best, and lively crowds we have had in recent years, so many thanks to all who made the Christmas Services go so well.

## What went on at Diocesan Synod

The Diocese is facing huge challenges, for the way we have been doing things is no longer working as it used to. For years now we have seen a pattern of decline in attendance, and therefore income too, and the demographics of Church attendance are getting older.

We need to find a better way to live Christ's Story that engages more with people today and restructure the Church accordingly. The Covid outbreak has exacerbated this situation.

The Diocese have been undergoing a consultation to establish the way forward and at Diocesan Synod Archdeacon Sam Rushton, Interim Diocesan Director for Strategic Transformation, gave Diocesan Synod a preliminary presentation as to how we could develop a strategy to revitalise growth over the next five years. This will be discussed in Deaneries and parishes as we look for a new way ahead.

Whilst change can be unsettling, we live in an ever changing society and it really shouldn't come as a surprise that a system set up before the Industrial Revolution is not best suited for today. Many other institutions and organisations are well down the road of drastic change before us. Take heart that God's hand is upon us and will lead us. These are some of the preliminary findings

### LCS – Revitalised growth

DIocese OF  
YORK

#### **Revitalised Growth – a 10 year transformation of the whole diocese.**

##### **What we will do:**

1. Become more like Christ – deepen prayer, grow commitment, nurture generosity
2. Acknowledge that some places will grow, missionally and financially, and some will continue to reduce – overall growth will outstrip decline
3. Have a balanced DBF budget by 2031 – funding 10 years of deficit budgets will incur a cost of up to £7.3m from diocesan reserves, to be met from existing reserves and the sale of diocesan property
4. Invest Common Fund resources and encourage the development of self-supporting ministries in places where there is evidence of growth and/or strategic possibilities exist
5. Ensure we can maintain ministry (but probably a changed pattern) in every community, primarily through a significant growth in self-supporting ministry, lay and ordained
6. Invest in all of our ministers, lay and ordained, paid or unpaid
7. Expand our understanding of vocation to be both church- and world-focused
8. Grow younger, invest in new ways of reaching people we currently don't
9. Review diocesan structures to be more effective in offering support to parishes

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### How we will do it:

1. Lead prayerfully and discern wisely
2. Give deaneries permission to plan creatively and strategically, re-shaping mission & ministry to encourage healthy and growing churches, within the finances available to achieve a balanced budget by 2031.
3. Reduce the overall number of parochial posts paid for through Common Fund by around 6% over 5 years but increase variety of paid posts:
  - a) a net reduction in parish posts of c.5% (8 posts) - 30 posts 'out' but up to 22 'new' posts added in
  - b) a reduction in the number of stipendiary curates in post at any one time from 25 to 14, by maintaining an average number of new appointees per year at 5 (2018/19 levels) but reducing the average length of curacy through increasing flexibility of IME2 / 'Start of Ministry'
  - c) fund 6 of the existing Multiply posts from the Common Fund from 2026
4. Plan to work strategically with at least 60 of the least sustainable Ministry Units over the first 5 years.
5. Invest in and reshape Mission and Ministry team: Vocations, Start of Ministry, Lifelong Learning, Growing Healthy Churches, Growing Younger, Discipleship
6. Actively encourage and enable vocations to, and support for, self-supporting ministry, lay and ordained
7. Continue to invest in Generous Giving strategy
8. Reduce institutional burden
9. Review diocesan support – what we do and how we do it
10. Review the strategy in 2025 to ensure we are on track for growth in numbers of people actively engaged in church life and in a consequential growth in FWO of 3.5% pa; if not change direction, reducing paid for posts more quickly and significantly by 2031
11. Consider seeking Strategic Capacity / Transformation Funding from the national church to support an ambitious programme of transformation

The Church is the one institution that exists for those outside it.

*William Tyndale*

## When you've lost the one you love

Written by a grieving husband

There are moments in life when you miss someone so much that you want to pick them from your dreams and hug them. So dream what you want to dream; go where you want to go; be what you want to be, because you have only this one life and one chance to do all the things you want to do.

May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, enough hope to make you happy.

Always put yourself in others' shoes. If you feel that it hurts you, it probably hurts the other person, too.

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way.

Happiness lives for those who cry, those who hurt, those who have searched, and those who tried, for only they can appreciate the importance of people who have touched their lives.

Love begins with a smile, grows with a kiss and ends with a tear. The brightest future will always be based on a forgotten past. You can't go on well in life until you let go of your past failures and heartaches.

When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so that when you die, you're the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying and smiling.

### JANUARY 2022 Winners

£20	17 Peter Bagshaw
£20	67 Margaret Kenward
£20	16 Jan Thompson
£10	92 Colin Johnson
£10	57 Jean Robinson

### CHURCH HALL 200 Club

If you would like to join the Church Hall 200 Club, and maybe become a lucky winner as well as helping raise funds for improvements and equipment, its only £24 a year.

Contact either Julie Bourke

[juliebourke@hotmail.com](mailto:juliebourke@hotmail.com)

or Karen Peverell

[karen.peverell@btinternet.com](mailto:karen.peverell@btinternet.com) to subscribe.

## Recycle, Rewild, Rejoice!

Saint Oswald's Church in Newton under Roseberry has a new residential development adjacent to the building. It is not the multi million pound executive homes of brick and mortar but a small eco friendly collection of timber residences constructed from recycled timber! Following the introduction of a water supply to Saint Oswald's, after nearly a thousand years, it was decided that the vestry needed to be upgraded. As you may probably know this was completed for Christmas. The timber of the former fixtures and fittings were stored and on January 8<sup>th</sup> were used to build seven bird boxes for the church grounds. Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> of January between 10am and 3pm was Bird box Saturday. John Stinson and Rob Myers managed to make a range of boxes to attract various species of birds that have been spotted in the grounds, from nuthatch and tree creepers to blue tits and tree sparrows.



Members of the St. Oswald's congregation popped in during the day to give their support, as well as providing refreshments. Geoff Jaques gave a helping hand during the afternoon session and Rev Pev and Curate Jane gave their blessing to the handiwork. Sunday morning was spent climbing ladders and positioning the boxes in favourable positions to attract the birds. It was a very rewarding weekend, the icing on the cake was when the referee blew the final whistle to say that the Boro had won their third round cup tie, being an Eco Church can be very rewarding and highly entertaining!

**John Stinson.**

*(Stop Press - one of the boxes is now occupied)*

## Saint Oswald's Kitchen/Vestry

What a transformation at Saint Oswald's with the new kitchen in the vestry almost completed. Paul Thurlow has done an excellent job in fitting it, as too has Simon Greenwell who brought the water pipe up from the road and also installed the pathway lighting as well as new lights in the vestry. Chris and John Stinson have painted the walls and Tony Broder is now going to paint the remaining cupboards.



Our sincere thanks to all who kindly made donations to make this project possible and giving us more useful facilities. I have now been able to invite the Chapter of Clergy to Saint Oswald's for their meeting in May.



As well as sorting the vestry, John has also turned the cellar into a useful store for the Church. This had been flooded a couple of years ago, but is now drying out well. Here is John working there making bird boxes. You can read more on this elsewhere.



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# SONG FEST

The **Postlethwaite** Music Foundation



Dedicated to the memory of Naomi Haigh



Methodist Asylum Project  
Middlesbrough



MUSIC HELPING CHILDREN



Sounds Fun!  
music for children



Teesside Music Society



Chamber Concerts  
2013-2014  
This Season

Including **daytime vocal sessions and workshops** (details overleaf)

February 4-6 • Stokesley Methodist Church

## DAYTIME WORKSHOPS & VOCAL SESSIONS

come and try something new!

**"THE SINGER AS STORYTELLER"**  
Anna Huntley (*mezzo soprano*)

**SOUNDS FUN**  
Julia Haigh  
Music for children

**LISTEN OVER LUNCH**  
Refreshments available

**Community Groups**  
Ukeleles, 'OneAChord' Guitars

**"AN OPERA IN AN HOUR"**  
Emily Smith & David Pisaro  
(*Opera North, Streetwise Opera*)

**COME & SING:**  
• Choral Music with Organ  
• Madrigals  
• Musicals  
• Hymns

**Georgia Williams**  
**Rosie Metcalfe**  
**Joe Holtaway**

**COMMUNITY SING**  
**WORLD MUSIC** Emily Smith

**CIRCLE PEACE SONGS**  
**MINDFULNESS WITH SONG**  
**REMEMBERING NAOMI**  
Joe Holtaway (*singer, songwriter*)



**FAMILY CEILIDH**  
Haigh family & friends

**MAP SINGERS**  
*'A World of Songs'*  
Asylum seekers led by Emily & Dave



**MOIRA CLARKE**  
and friends  
Friday 4th February  
7.00 - 8.30pm  
Stokesley Methodist Church

**MEGSON**

Saturday  
5th February  
7.00pm



Stokesley Methodist Church

**ANNA HUNTLEY**  
mezzo soprano & piano



**Myths, Tales & Legends**  
*A journey in song including Haydn, Schumann, Dvorak, Gershwin, Cole Porter, Noel Coward & more...*  
Sunday 6th February 7.15pm  
Stokesley Methodist Church

Naomi was so welcoming to Hannah and other young musicians who went to Stokesley school. Her life ended far too soon. We wish the Songfest in her memory every success.

# From the Registers

## Holy Baptism

5 December

Nancy Noon Davies

5 December

Luca Davies

5 December

Molly Rose Shelton

## Weddings & Blessings



28 December

Helen Toward & Joshua Watson

## Funerals & Memorial Services

13 December

Ken Maggs

16 December

Hazel Brown

30 December

Gordon Lamplugh

12 January

Brenda Clemmit

19 January

Peter Lawson

27 January

Teddy Cumbor

Entries in Black from Great Ayton

Entries in Magenta from Newton under Roseberry

<b>Parish website</b>	<a href="http://www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk">www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk</a>
<b>Church Office e-mail</b>	<a href="mailto:gapo1876@outlook.com">gapo1876@outlook.com</a>
<b>Diocese of York</b>	<a href="http://www.dioceseofyork.org.uk">www.dioceseofyork.org.uk</a>
<b>Stokesley Deanery</b>	<a href="http://www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk">www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk</a>
<b>A Church Near You</b>	<a href="http://www.acny.org.uk">www.acny.org.uk</a>

## Malcolm's Musings



The Sunday School teacher held up a picture of Jesus riding a donkey into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday. A small voice at the back of the class commented, "Hasn't he grown a lot since Christmas?"

The recent obituary of Eileen Ash, a former England Test cricketer, who died at the age of 110, said she put her longevity down to her Christian Faith, yoga - and two glasses of red wine a day.

A woman sued her husband for divorce on the grounds that he was careless about his appearance. She had not seen him for five years.

A clergyman was preparing his sermon, watched by his young son, who piped up: "Dad, does God tell you what to say?" His father replied, "Of course, child." Son, "Then why do you scratch so much of it out?"

A newspaper correspondent recalled that he once knew a woman who married a man with the surname Banks. Her first name was Robin. Another contributor had the surname Churchard. He said receptionists and others frequently committed the grave error of inserting a "y."

A schoolgirl's school report on geography in the 1960s commented, "Does well to find her way home." A boy's PE report observed, "When Marc gets the ball and runs with it, he is dynamic but the two events rarely occur simultaneously."

Some years ago, a man informed British Gas of his uncle's death. The company responded by writing to his uncle, care of him, saying, "We are sorry to see you go. If you ever want to come back, simply let us know."

A couple about to be wed went to see the vicar about the arrangements and asked if the organist could play "Sheep May Safely Graze" while they were signing the register. Asked the significance, they explained, "We are vegetarians."

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## Services

### Christ Church, Great Ayton

<b>Sunday</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.15am	Parish Communion <i>Live on Zoom &amp; Facebook.</i>
	4.00pm	Cafe Church ( <i>2nd &amp; 4th Sundays of month</i> )
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.45am	Little Fishes Toddler Service ( <i>School Term time only</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer - every week!

### At Saint Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry

<b>Sunday</b>	11.00am	Holy Communion on 1 <sup>st</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month
		All Age Service on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month
		(No Service on 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month)
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