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# Spire

MAY 2022

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

15 - 21 May 2022

Turning Hunger into Hope

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Churches Together Service for

## Christian Aid Week

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 4pm

Christ Church



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- 2 **Mon** 12 noon Wedding at Saint Oswald's Church.
- 3 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church.
- 4 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion.
- 8 **Sun** **Easter 4** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion, Zoom & Facebook; 11.15 Baptism; 4.30pm Cafe Church in Church Hall.
- 9 **Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion.
- 11 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion
- 15 **Sun** **Easter 5** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion in Church, Zoom & Facebook; **I I am All Age Service: 4pm CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE AT CHRIST CHURCH.**
- 16 **Mon** 3pm Service at Fry Court.
- 17 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes in Church. **I I am Stokesley Chapter Meeting at St Oswald's.**
- 18 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion.
- 22 **Sun** **Easter 6** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion, Zoom & Facebook; 11.15am Baptism, 4.30pm Cafe Church in Church Hall.
- 23 **Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes.
- 25 **Wed** 10am Holy Communion.
- 26 **Thurs** **ASCENSION DAY To Be Confirmed**
- 29 **Sun** **Easter 7** 8am Holy Communion: 9.15am Parish Communion; **I I am Holy Communion at St Oswald's: 12.30pm Baptism.**

**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**



You can support Christ Church with our new **QR CODE.** Have a go.

# CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

War rages on in Ukraine costing billions of pounds. The knock on effects of all this money spent and the inevitable rebuilding when it all eventually stops, as one day it will have to, will have far reaching consequences for us all. One thing we can be sure of with certainty is that it will hit the poor of the world even harder, and there are so many who struggling to survive now. How will they cope?



I wonder how the people of the Horn of Africa feel looking on at Europe when millions of their children face starvation due to the failure of rains for several years, a situation most probably exacerbated by Global Warming - another Western gift. They desperately need our help, but how much help will we be able to give them now when the costs of war are so high and our prices are shooting up daily? What a mess humanity makes of things.



This month sees Christian Aid Week, and it's more important than ever that we remember it.

## Here is Jessica's story

Jessica Mwedzi smiles with love for her children as she stirs a single bowl of porridge for them...

...But she knows they're hungry for more. This one bowl of porridge is all she and her family can eat today: 'My children crave a decent meal, but I can't provide. We often go to bed on an empty stomach. It pains me to send them to bed hungry.'

For Jessica, drought means every day is a struggle for survival. Like many women in rural Zimbabwe - 7 out of 10 rely on farming for income and food - she toils on her farm, but nothing can grow on her ashen, dry land. Drought starves. Intensified by the climate crisis, and the effects of war in Ukraine on global food production, it drives families into hunger.

Jessica recalls that 'One year, we had no rain. The scorching sun burnt my crops just as they were about to bloom. It was so painful and disheartening.' You can help this loving mum turn hunger into hope

It's unjust that drought - exacerbated by the effects of conflict and the global pandemic - robs Jessica of the power to provide for her family. Her husband is unwell, so she's the only breadwinner. Her children look up to her, but she has nothing left to give.

Once before, when things were desperate, Jessica asked her neighbours for food but she came home with nothing. Jessica is anything but helpless. In the face of drought, her love for her family gives her courage to stand strong - and we stand with Jessica.

As the golden sun fades across the sky, Jessica watches her much-loved sons and daughters sing, dance and play outside. Can you imagine how it feels for her to know her children are hungry, but have nothing left to give?



She finds a ray of hope that she will overcome this tough time - and be able to provide her children with good food, and a full life, free from hunger.

Could you give today, and help this loving mum provide food and hope for her family?

**Village Just Giving Link** <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/great-ayton>

**Street Collection** opposite High Green on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 9.30am to 12.30. (Volunteers to help staff this would be welcome. Please contact Ann Davies on 0755 4654 096 or at [martinloyddavies@btopenworld.com](mailto:martinloyddavies@btopenworld.com).)

Or you can give via Christ Church QR code between 15 - 21 May



Or come in person to our **Christian Aid Service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm at Christ Church.**

Together we can turn hunger into Hope

**Paul**

# **SAINT OSWALD'S CHURCH ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 at 12 noon**

**Appoint our Churchwardens for 2022**

**Elect Representatives to the Church Council**

**Adopt the Annual Report on Church Life**

**Receive the Church Accounts for 2021**

Annual Report for 2021 is available for download on the Church website  
[www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk](http://www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk)

## **A Good Easter at Saint Oswald's**

Many thanks to all who turned out to Spring Clean Saint Oswald's last month and to all who decorated the Church building so beautifully for the Easter Services. We are fortunate in having a dedicated and talented congregation.

The best decoration of all for services in a Church are the people sitting in the pews and we were thankful to see the biggest Sunday congregation since Christmas 2019 with 36 adults and 7 children.

We opened on Easter Monday for visitors between 10am and 2pm. It was a far colder day than the Sunday but we had around 20 visitors.

On Easter Tuesday we had our first wedding of the year with a beautifully decorated lychgate and a colourful milk churn adding to the super flowers in Church.



## John Retires after 40 years on the Parish Council

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May we will be going to the Polling Stations to elect our local Councillors, but one name will no longer be there for the Parish Council as John Fletcher has decided to retire after 40 years service. Given this huge amount of time and effort dedicated to our village, we didn't want this time to pass without the chance to record our thanks and remember some of what John has done.



Like all who service on the Parish Council, this is a voluntary position but entails a lot of work behind the scenes. We grumble when we don't think things are right, but how often do we say thank you for all the occasions that run so smoothly that we didn't even notice them? Christmas Floats, Carols on the Green and Summer Fetes are the icing on the cake that help bring the community together, but behind all this is care for the cemetery, the village surroundings, the maintenance of the Greens and green spaces, playground and much more.

Hours of work and commitment can go into furthering many projects and arranging village occasions. The Parish Councillors are often the first to arrive and the last to leave, and I thank them for their work.

I asked John what particular projects he was proud of, and after 40 years it was unsurprisingly a very long list, so here are a few edited highlights.

In 1984 sorted the parking on Low Green where the spare soil was then made into a mound to keep cars off and floodwater in, and also proposed and managed the removal of the Alder trees from Low Green to bring the green back to how it used to be,

With volunteers and recycled stone, built the retaining wall upstream of Holly Garth Bridge on the north side of the river. The wall, built of sandstone provided a foundation for the first 25m of the riverside footpath. The pathway then had "grasscrete" installed alongside the river to the Whitbread to give a solid path to walk.

The replacement of the Whitbread Bridge giving better accessibility to Waterfall Park.

Arranged for the planting of many trees and bulbs around the village over the years, enhancing many green spaces.



Pictured here with the Golden Jubilee Tree being planted by Peter Scope DL when High Sheriff of North Yorkshire.

Helped develop flood management schemes around the village with Neal Waters that included the lower playing field as a flood area to protect the village.

Accepted the flag staff and has raised the Union Flag, village flag and St George's flag on many occasions.



John has also served on North Yorkshire County Council and Hambleton District Council, serving as Chairman to the latter before stepping down in 2007.

There are always highs and lows when on committees, so I asked John what funny memory did he have from his time.

*"Cllr June Imeson suggested the village should have a Christmas float. Peter Greenwell had self decorated a farm trailer belonging to Cllr Brian Winn. After a number of years the float was improved with lights and the Parish Councillors dressed up to present a nativity tableaux rode on the trailer. Unfortunately the village ne'er do wells had cottoned on and chased the float causing a nuisance, North Yorkshire Police provided and escort.*

*Turning around in Langbaugh Close there was a communications failure when Peter acting as a banksman told Brian Winn the tractor driver to stop. Brian stopped dead with the result all the tableaux found themselves in a heap on the on the floor of the trailer and the police car one inch from the rear of the float.*

*A shepherd - Cllr Mrs Greenwell at the bottom of the heap declared dire consequences will befall the banksman. The Banksman however was in close contact with the tractor driver as the amplified music played "peace on Earth... to assembled onlookers*



*The whole episode was a bit like "the last of the summer wine"*

Thank You John, for all the service that you have given to our community over so many years, and to Anne for all her support. Well done!

*(Pictured outside Christ Church for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.)*

## As you sew so shall you reap

Some of you may have noticed these words at the end of the finance bit of the annual report for 2021. Now I think it was a typo, but it got me thinking. You may remember back in the March edition of Spire I told you about A Mark of Faith. The #weathercrossstitch project which I started in January. Each day I have recorded the temperature and weather for that day. Below is how it has progressed in the intervening two months up to 21<sup>st</sup> April .

But I wanted to explore the phrase at the top of the sheet. As I have sewn, so have I reaped. In a few different ways!

Sitting down each day has forced me to relax and take my mind off things I was worrying about. Each daily block has taken 15 to 20 minutes to complete and in that time I've focused on the task in hand. What was the temperature today, so which colour should I use? The excitement of the first really warm days in March which allowed me to use the darker green. Then the surprise of then going back into the pale blue of very cold. Then the weather, and the absolute joy of using white backstitch for snow the very next week. Immersing myself in this has been healing and brought peace.

Also, it has continued to be, as I described it in March, A Mark of Faith. Each block of crosses and backstitch line has represented hope. I may not reap anything good today; I may only encounter difficulty, pain or struggle. But by faithfully putting my cross on



the fabric I am stating that I am trust God that 2022 will be a year worth remembering and he will walk with me day by day, whatever the weather. I am pleased to report that 2022 is turning out to be much better than the previous 3 years. Not necessarily easy, but I have been able to find God's peace and strength in all needed to do.



But thirdly, looking back, as I have sewn so I have reaped. I get great pleasure looking at how the year has changed. The joy of consecutive days with different temperatures so I can change the colour of the thread and make a pretty pattern. For example, the plan means the last block at the end of each line is a Friday or a Saturday. It is fascinating to observe that Fridays and Saturdays on the right hand side have been (until Easter weekend) really cold, whereas the ones on the left have been much more varied. As I look at this richness in variety I consider what has happened and how 2022 has also been rich in variety of emotions, possibilities, difficulties and experiences. And even if they were hard at the time, the pattern they are creating causes thankfulness.

And finally, at Easter I can't ignore the fact that this is a CROSS stitch. Each day I am creating 28 crosses. 28 representations of the sacrifice that Jesus made for me so that I may have life in all its fulness and rich variety. And as I sew them, I affirm my faith and trust in him, and my willingness to continue sewing and sowing. To walk in the paths that he has laid out before me and to continue to weather the weather, with him, day by day.

**Jane Robson**

## **Tree Work at the Church Hall**

Managing three large buildings in the village is a big job, and we rely very much on volunteers. Our Church Hall is a brilliant facility for social events, but we need to ensure all is working and gutters and gullies are regularly cleared.

Last month we called in an arborist to remove some branches overhanging the Hall and to remove a dead branch over the Scout Hut. This work was done with permission received from Hambleton Council after an amazing degree of consultation with neighbours. I realised how thorough they were when I received a letter at the vicarage addressed to the Owner/Occupier of the Cook Family Grave!



The work was to reduce the number of leaves and debris that blocks the gutters leading to leaks in the roof. Thank you to Robin Harmar, our Hall Manager for arranging this - and even more for sending a photo.

## Marwood School Receives Global Neighbours Bronze Award

*Pupils at Marwood Infant school have been presented with a Bronze Award from Christian Aid's Global Neighbours Scheme for their global citizenship work.*



From recycling, saving energy and litter picks to donating food and care packages for local Afghani refugees, pupils and staff at Marwood Infant School have been working hard to take their place as global citizens.

Marwood Church of England Infant School has achieved Bronze Award status in Christian Aid's [Global Neighbours scheme](#) in recognition of its

wide-ranging steps to love their global neighbour.

The accreditation scheme celebrates schools that are helping pupils learn about global poverty and the Christian responsibility to tackle it, as well as giving them the tools to play a confident part in creating a fairer world.

Headteacher, Dorothy Walton said *"We are thrilled to be recognised for the work we have done as a whole school community to raise awareness of the extreme inequalities across our globe and perhaps more importantly, the steps we can take to address these. The pupils learn about global issues regularly and gain an understanding of injustice in our world. Our recent fundraising effort to support Ukrainian refugees was a wonderful community effort. Our 'Trinity Group' of pupils helps to lead our thinking and action about how we can make a difference in the world such as our 100 Challenge inspired by Captain Tom Moore.*



*"We have a partnership with a school in Sri Lanka which is informing, amongst other things, our pupils' understanding of the impact of climate change. This has*



been reinforced by our participation in Christian Aid's 'Letters for Creation' project. This focusses on climate justice and has led them to write to Rishi Sunak, our local MP, to share their concerns. Pupils have been making personal pledges in response to learning about global issues. This learning challenges the whole school community to think about how each of us can make a difference in

our local community and globally. We took part in Christian Aid's scheme because it gives us a practical way of living out our school value of loving our neighbours.

*"Our world is increasingly connected and our hope is for our children to grow as responsible global citizens who care about issues such as the environment and access to healthcare.*

Alison Brown, Global Neighbours Schools Programme Officer at Christian Aid, said: "The Global Neighbours Scheme was launched in partnership with the Church of England's Education Office with a vision of helping young people understand more about the inequalities in this world and helping them to become courageous advocates for those who have no voice.

It's wonderful to see how staff and pupils at Marwood Infant School have taken this to heart and are seeking to tackle injustice.

**☀ Have you organised your child's reception place for September 2022? Places still available for September starters at Marwood ☀ Apply through NYCC website.**

# Conversation starters



Playlist for Life is a charity that specialises in harnessing the power of music to connect people, and to help those living with dementia and those who care for them. **We want everyone to have their own playlist of music that means something to them.**

The 'soundtrack of your life' is a personal collection of songs that gives you that flashback feeling whenever you hear them. Start building the soundtrack of your life by collecting your musical memories using the prompts below. You can start with any prompt you like. On the next page you can create a playlist for someone else.

**This playlist belongs to:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Your 'Memory Bump' (strong memories formed aged 10-30)

Can you think of songs that remind you of your youth?

Song

Memories



## Party tunes

Which songs always get you dancing and/or singing along?

Song

Memories



## Special moments and milestones

Which songs take you back to a special memory in your life?

Song

Memories



## Hobbies, interests and beliefs

Are there pieces of music that make you think of a group that you belong to?

Song

Memories



## Songs from childhood

Are there nursery rhymes or songs from a children's TV show that you loved?

Song

Memories



## Holidays

Which songs remind you of a favourite holiday?

Song

Memories



## Important places

What songs remind you of your hometown?

Song

Memories



## TV themes

Are there TV shows with theme tunes you'll always remember?

Song

Memories



## Important people

Think of a person who's important to you. What songs remind you of them?

Song

Memories



## Concerts you've been to

Which tunes remind you of the best live music event you've attended?

Song

Memories



To find out more about connecting through music, visit [www.playlistforlife.org.uk](http://www.playlistforlife.org.uk)



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Playlist for Life is a registered charity: SC044072

## Bellringers Report

The restrictions caused by Covid silenced the Tower for some seventeen months. We were delighted it was deemed safe enough for our ringers to pick up the ropes again last October.

During the interim we lost Annabelle Collins, Alex Northey, Hanley Cowley and Pip Earland, who had all fully committed themselves to their other activities. We thank them for the time they spent with us and we wish them well for the future.

We are delighted to welcome Tristan Cowley to our depleted team. Seven young people ring for us on a regular basis, they are:-

Poppy & Matthew Sheridan	Edward & Adam Lambert
Isobel Brown      Katie Hunt	Tristan Cowley

On behalf of the whole congregation I should like to thank them for getting up early on a Sunday morning to do so. This year the bells have rung for 18 regular Sunday Services and Festivals.

They were booked for 3 weddings, earning welcome pocket money for our ringers. We ring until the bride leaves our premises, sometimes photographs can take an hour or more, which means hard work in the tower!

We have an octave of Tubular Bells which are very easy to ring, requiring only one lesson before you are able to join the team. Campanology is an unusual ability, useful for a Duke of Edinburgh new skill, or to put on your UCAS form to help you stand out from the crowd, should you want to study one of the more competitive degrees such as Law or Medicine.

We urgently require, and would warmly welcome new ringers. You probably need to be 10 before you have the stamina to keep going for weddings. If you would like any more information please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Elsa Taylor** 07896 626016 or 01642 722400

## EASTER 2022 - a Sign of New Life

It's over two years now since the first Lockdowns took place and they have had a very disruptive effect on many organisations, Churches included. It is reckoned that if you do anything for 3 months you have then developed a new habit - so what about 2 years?



We have seen a gradual return back to some sort of normality, but there is still some uncertainty as the Virus is still out there, but thankfully it appears to have mutated to a less dangerous form for most people.

Lent Groups met again in person, and as well as the Churches Together York Course, there were also three study groups looking at a book together, and Prayer for the Day picked up the Live Lent theme of Justice.



The Year 2 children of Marwood School enjoyed helping make the Palm Crosses and some of them were expert within minutes, showing their friends what to do.

We had reflective services in Holy Week enjoying some periods of silence instead of constant words.



On Good Friday we used Archbishop Stephen's Lent Book called The Nail, which looked to see who was to blame for the crucifixion by hearing dramatic monologues from various characters. Peter was Peter, Nick was Pontius Pilate, Geoff was Judas Iscariot and Jane was Mary Magdalene. Time didn't allow for the other 3 characters, but folk attending said it was one of the best Devotions that they had been to. Thank you Archbishop Stephen.

Easter came with a beautifully decorated Church that had just been Spring Cleaned two weeks before. Many thanks to all those who put in many hours of work on both occasions as it makes such a difference. Our thanks to Irene & Lynne for organising the Spring clean (and we still need more volunteers during the year) and to Marina and the Flower Guild and all the folk who sponsored the arrangements,



On Easter morning we also baptised Eloise Hallam-Ghost in the service. Not only is Eloise a regular with mum and dad every Sunday, she also stood in for baby Jesus in the Crib Service! The congregation enjoyed seeing a Christening within the service and the singing of the choir with the joyful Easter hymns all contributed to a great service of celebration.



It was heartening to see the biggest congregation in Church since Christmas 2019, with several folk coming back for the first time.

We closed our Ukrainian Appeal at the end of April and we are pleased to report that we have sent off £3064 to the Disaster and Emergency Appeal. We continue to pray for peace every day. It was so sad to see on the Orthodox Easter on 24<sup>th</sup> April that two Orthodox countries of Russia and Ukraine, who share so much history and friendship together in the past were still fighting and killing each other. Pray God that it may end soon.



## NEWS



Thanks to Ben & Alison Lambert who brought the Scouts to help Spring clean Church



Helen & Jonny, newly appointed as Churchwardens for Christ Church.



The Churches & village gathered on High Green to pray for Peace in Ukraine.



Members of St Oswald's gathered to celebrate a special birthday.



Candles are lit to remember the departed at our Memorial Service.



The Paschal candle at the front of Church reminds us that Jesus is Alive



## Introducing M & M ...



**Mary Mason, Safeguarding Officer**

Mary has taken over from David Fox as our Safeguarding Officer. She will be responsible for ensuring we follow proper procedures and checks in Safeguarding and will be the contact person if anyone has any concerns, and will pass people on to the appropriate authority.

Tel: 0778 864 3930

Email: [ccgasafeguarding@gmail.com](mailto:ccgasafeguarding@gmail.com)



**Mandy Johnson, Office Secretary**

Mandy joined our team last October and looks after Hall bookings and day to day running as well as doing secretarial work for the Vicar. If you have anything for the weekly service sheet or want to book the hall you can call in Mondays, Thursdays or Fridays 9am - 12 noon or call

Tel 01642 722665

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### CHURCH HALL 200 Club

<b>APRIL 2022 Winners</b>	
<b>£20</b>	36 Mike Nash
<b>£20</b>	8 John Dickinson
<b>£20</b>	56 Peter Titchmarsh
<b>£10</b>	28 Sheila Levett
<b>£10</b>	90 Ben Johnson

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.

This month 80 members of the 200 Club contributed £80 to the Hall Fund.

To Subscribe, contact either Julie Bourke [juliebourke@hotmail.com](mailto:juliebourke@hotmail.com) or Karen Peverell [karen.peverell@btinternet.com](mailto:karen.peverell@btinternet.com)

# From the Registers

## Holy Baptism

10 April	Isabel Fay Helene Collingwood
10 April	Grady Roland Keen
10 April	Arthur Frederick Hebdon
17 April	Eloise Alice Hallam-Ghost

## Weddings & Blessings



Sheran Bray & Lee Sanvitale married at St Oswald's on 19<sup>th</sup> April.



Charlotte Thompson & Andrew Sibly married at Christ Church on 22<sup>nd</sup> April

## Funerals & Memorial Services

1 April	Sheila Bocock
11 April	Hazel Race
20 April	Phil Sample
21 April	Vera Sutton
25 April	Joan Rowland
25 April	Eleanor Fairest

*Services in Magenta took place at Saint Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry,  
Blue service at Stokesley*

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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



The recent obituary of Diana Lady Farnham (90), Lady of the Bedchamber to the Queen, recalled that when she was in hospital, she said to a young priest from the Chapel Royal: "Pop out and buy me a bottle of whisky", pressing a £20 note into his hand. "I am an hour closer to eternity and it may not be available there."

Serendipity is when you go down to the library to take out a book and end up taking out the librarian.

A new army recruit went to collect his first week's pay and was asked to sign on an acquittance roll with several carbon copies. The recruit signed so lightly that his signature did not go through. The colour sergeant urged him: "Go on man, put your weight on it." Whereupon the recruit signed: "T. Jones 10 stone."

Court clerk to defendant: "Do you plead guilty or not guilty?" Defendant: "I don't know. I haven't heard the evidence yet." A second prisoner, asked the same question, replied: "Not very guilty."

Yet more school reports.... Primary school report: "Sings well, but not in tune." A 1960s report said simply "Generally speaking, Evelyn is generally speaking."

A letter writer in a national newspaper said when he was at school in the 1940s, he could not understand why the local milk tasted so foul. "It was fetched each day in an enamel jug from a nearby farm. When I became milk monitor I noticed a greasy thumb print inside the jug's rim. It turned out that the farmer's wife used the same jug to fill all the paraffin lamps."

A minister at a women's meeting asked (not expecting a reply): "Why does the Bible say Eve tempted Adam?" A voice responded: "Because the book was written by a man."

"A council has backtracked over a plan to remove ornaments from a cemetery's graves after complaints from residents" - *Newspaper report*.

**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 (BCP)
	9.15am	Parish Communion <i>Live on Zoom &amp; Facebook.</i>
	4.30pm	Cafe Church (2nd & 4th Sundays of month)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.45am	Little Fishes Toddler Service (School Term time only)
<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)
		Contact the Vicar for Baptisms & Weddings

**Baptisms, Banns and Weddings** can be arranged  
by emailing the Vicar, Paul Peverell at [revpev@btinternet.com](mailto:revpev@btinternet.com)

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