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DECEMBER 2023 & JANUARY 2024

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CINDERELLA

With Rev Pev in his final outing as a Panto Dame, along with Steve McCluckie. Details inside.



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DECEMBER 2023 & JANUARY 2024

- 3 **Sun** **ADVENT SUNDAY** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion; 4pm Freemasons Carol Service
- 5 **Tues** Cinderella begins today. Vicar appearing as an Ugly Sister!
- 6 **Wed** 1.30pm Marwood Christmas Production in Church Hall
- 7 **Thurs** 6pm Marwood Christmas Production in Church Hall
- FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES SEE PANEL OPPOSITE**
- 10 **Sun** **ADVENT 2** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Come & Praise; 4pm Cafe Church.
- 17 **Sun** **ADVENT 3** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am All Age Christmas Service.
- 24 **Sun** **ADVENT 4 /CHRISTMAS EVE** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion.
- 31 **Sun** **CHRISTMAS I** am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **No Service at Saint Oswald's**

JANUARY 2024

- 7 **Sun** **EPIPHANY** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's.
- 12 **Fri** 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors meet in Upper Room.
- 14 **Sun** **EPIPHANY 2** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Morning Worship - Rev Weir preaching; 10.30am Vicar at Methodist Church; 4.30pm Cafe Church
- 21 **Sun** **EPIPHANY 3** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service at St Oswald's.
- 27 **Sat** 2pm Charity Auction of Surplus Gifts in Church Hall.
- 28 **Sun** **EPIPHANY 4** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion.
- 31 **Wed** 7.30pm PCC Meeting in Upper Room.

Regular activities on back page

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

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**

Christmas Services 2023

Sunday 3rd December - Advent Sunday

4.00pm Masons' Carol Service



Monday 4th December

2.00pm Coffee Lounge Carol Service - All Welcome **

Monday 11th December

2pm WI Carol Service in Christ Church **

Sunday 17th December (*Morning Services as normal*)

11.00am *All Age Christmas Service at St Oswald's, Newton*

6.00pm Christ Church Christmas Carol Service**

Monday 18th December

7.00pm *Christmas Carols on High Green*

Tuesday 19th December

7.30pm *All Saints Carol Service***



Thursday 21st December

7pm *Christmas Carol Service at St Oswald's, Newton**
(Appeal for Leo's Neonatal Charity)

Friday 22nd December

10.30am Marwood & Roseberry Schools' Carol Service**

Christmas Eve

8 am Christmas Communion (Prayer Book Service)

2 pm *Christmas Communion in the Coffee Lounge*

5 pm Crib Service**

9 pm *Christmas Communion at St Oswald's, Newton*

11 pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity

Christmas Day

9.30am Christmas Communion & Carols

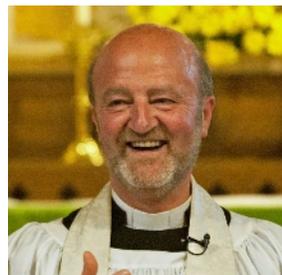


All Services are in Christ Church, unless otherwise stated *in italics*

** Denotes that a collection is taken for the Christmas Appeal for Anglican International Development working in Sudan.

Peace in our Hearts

Families having to leave their homes and travel miles to another part of the country. Young children being brutally murdered by soldiers on the twisted whim of their leader. Lies and deceit from those in charge. Do you think I am talking about Gaza today? Actually I am bringing to mind the Gospel account of the birth of Jesus when Joseph had to take his pregnant wife away from home in order for them to Register for the census in Bethlehem, as decreed by the occupying power - Rome. The jealous and insecure King Herod, on learning of the birth of Jesus from some exotic visitors from the East, tried to deceive them into giving the whereabouts of the child away, and when they didn't he ordered the death of all male children in Bethlehem up to two years of age.



We are rightly shocked that such things are happening today, but the sad reality is that the world hasn't changed. Indeed, it was because it was in a mess 2,000 years ago that God came to earth at Christmas to show us there was another way. Jesus came with a revolutionary message of love and forgiveness. No more an eye for an eye, he told us instead to turn the other cheek and to love our enemies.

Wars start in the darkness of the human heart. One of the desperately sad things is seeing the hatred and barbarity that allows human beings to treat each other in such cruel ways. Dropping bombs on people you can't see is bad enough, but to torture, rape and kill people literally stood in front of you when you can see their pleading and suffering, is of another order entirely.

It has been said that the first casualty in any conflict is the Truth, and we have seen many examples of that in both the Ukraine and Gazan conflicts. So much so, its difficult to know what to believe sometimes.

But for me, the first casualty must surely be compassion. If we take compassion and love out of the world, then we are truly living in a jungle. The good news of Christmas is that through Jesus, God showed us another better way. Jesus went out of his way to bring outsiders in to the fold, to break down barriers and to promote Peace between people, which is not simply the absence of violence and war, but right and just relationships between people. It starts in us, in our own hearts.

May I invite you all to make a special effort to join us at one of our Christmas Services as we welcome the Prince of Peace into our lives afresh this year. There are lots of services to choose from - hopefully something for everyone. If you

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struggle with early mornings or evenings, we do have two 2pm services in the Coffee Lounge 4th December Christmas Carol Service and 24th December Christmas Communion with Carols. You are most welcome.

Over Christmas, please also give a thought for those living on their own, especially the recently bereaved. Christmas can be a very hard time when others retreat into their own families.

As well as our Christmas Appeal supporting an Anglican Development Agency supporting mums in Sudan - a very poor country where there is high infant mortality, we shall also be doing things for those nearer home with our **FOODBANK SUNDAY** being **10th December** so they have it in time to give out to needy families.

Every Blessing for Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Paul

Congratulations to The Genesis Project

Our friends at the Genesis Project in Grove Hill have been awarded the Kings Award for Voluntary Service - the Group equivalent of an MBE. This is so well deserved for all the hard work they put in serving the people of Grove Hill.

Other great News from there is that Revd Kath Dean is to be ordained a priest in January. Kath has been a distinctive deacon for several years, but the Church has agreed with her that she is now being called to be ordained Priest.

Details right, of an Angel Festival at Saints Chad's in Middlesbrough. Why not call in and see it.



Angel Festival

ST CHAD'S CHURCH
DECEMBER 2023

COME AND SEE
THE CHRISTMAS ANGELS
(FREE EVENT)

ALL ANGELS IN THE FESTIVAL HAVE BEEN
MADE BY LOCAL SCHOOLS AND CLUBS,
CRAFTED BY RESIDENTS FROM OUR
LOCAL NURSING HOMES
OR DONATED BY MEMBERS OF OUR
CHURCH FAMILY

THE FESTIVAL IS OPEN ON:
FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 3PM - 5PM
SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 3PM - 5PM

THE FESTIVAL WILL CLOSE WITH A
CELEBRATION SERVICE ON
SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER AT 3PM

BRING YOUR CHILDREN,
GRANDCHILDREN, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS
TO SEE THE CHRISTMAS ANGELS.

Mission Giving and Christmas Appeal.

At the November PCC meeting we discuss where our Church can help out with our annual Mission Giving. If we wish people to be generous to us, then we have to be similarly generous to others. Members of the PCC are invited to champion causes, and these are the ones we adopted.

Anglican International Development (AID) Nick had shared information prior to the meeting about two projects in South Sudan by AID, a small Anglican development charity based in Newcastle and working mainly in South Sudan. The first project, familiar to us because it is the one Nick did the sponsored cycle for, is to provide funding to train midwives and clinical officers. The second project is provision of clean water to a particularly poor part of South Sudan.

Toybox Ken Taylor suggested this Christian charity, on behalf of Grace Enderwick, which supports street children around the world. Many of these children don't have a birth certificate which is a huge barrier to them in moving out of poverty. Toybox work to provide birth certificates for children at a cost of £32 per child. In the last year they have dealt with 10,000 cases with 3,000 receiving a birth certificate.

The Genesis Project Helen Land highlighted the work of Genesis which we have supported for a number of years. They have recently received the first ever King's Award for Voluntary Service.

Message Trust and Advance Youth Jonny Winterschladen nominated that we continue to support this worthwhile cause. He had circulated information prior to the meeting provided by his son Joe who is the North East leader. The mission of the charity is evangelism and 'being disciples of Jesus that make disciples.'

Church Mission Society & USPG Rosemary Wheway proposed continuing our support for CMS & USPG Mission Societies which the world church relies on for support.

Christians Against Poverty Ken Taylor highlighted the work of Christians Against Poverty which helped 16,000 people out of poverty last year.

Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland John Dickinson proposed supporting this local charity which carries out work in four areas 1. Children and families (providing food and activities in the school holidays) 2. Loneliness and isolation (providing food and friendship projects, community and dementia friendly churches) 3. Homelessness 4. Food for all (eco shop programme).

School Aid India Robin Harmar suggested supporting School Aid India once again which has a local connection with Helen Jones who founded the school and lives in the village. Roseberry School Darjeeling provides education for disadvantaged children and gives them a great start in life.

Big Kids Geoff Jaques suggested including Big Kids, a creative arts based children's charity working with 7-14 year olds in Middlesbrough. Join the dots is their theme as they work with schools and churches to provide a Christian education in various forms.

All agreed to nominate AID Anglican International Development for the Christmas appeal and donate £1,000 to each of the other charities above (£500 each to CMS and £500 to USPG).

We are sure that all donations received will be much appreciated by the recipients

The PCC were also given some bad news about energy tariffs. Our present deal runs out in April next year, and the replacement deals are far more expensive than before. We are grateful to Simon Calgie who has always found us the best deal possible. We are now opting to commit ourselves to a renewal now to take place in April for a period of two years. With the winter before us and trouble in many parts of the world it is predicted that energy prices are unlikely to fall.

Our new rates for Christ Church, the Church Hall and All Saints will now be double what they had been, so we will be moving from £4k+ a year to £8k+.

You can help by a. Coming to Church with your 2.4kw of personal heat. 2. Wear an extra layer and don't expect tropical temperatures 3. Give a special Heating Donation to Church using this link before the Christmas Carol Services. **Help us be warm in 2024**



Angrove Singers

Christmas Concert

Saturday 2nd December at 7.30pm
(doors open 7pm)

Christ Church. Great Ayton

Musical Director: Jeremy Harbottle
Accompanist: Gillian Ash

Tickets: £10 for adults & £5 for children - available from Thompson's, the Discovery Centre, Choir Members or at the door.

Donations from the proceeds to charities to be chosen by the choir.

Seasonal refreshments included.

Newton PCC News

At the last PCC Meeting it was agreed to give £500 each to **The Genesis Project**, **Children in Distress** and **Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland** to support their Feast of Fun, which supports children over school holidays. £300 will be given to **BCT Aspire** working with needy children in the Billingham/ Stockton area. £200 to be given to **RABI** (Royal Agricultural Farming Institute) supporting needy & isolated members of the UK farming community.

The PCC also agreed that this year's Christmas Appeal go to **Leo's Neonatal Charity** working in our local hospitals that supports families through premature and traumatic births, as we have had several Church families benefit from their support and it has been greatly valued.

Some members of the PCC will be travelling to York on Saturday 25th November to receive the North & East Yorkshire Award for the Best Churchyard Competition 2023

THE BRADLEY SCHOOL OF DANCE
AND MUSICAL THEATRE
PRESENTS

Cinderella



WITH
SPECIAL
GUESTS
REV PEV
AND STE MCLUCKIE
AS THE UGLY SISTERS

CHRIST CHURCH HALL, GREAT AYTON, TS9 6AA

Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th and Friday 8th December, curtain up 7pm

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December, curtain up 1.30pm

£7 Adults, £5 Concessions

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REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE, CASH ONLY VENUE

Please bring a donation for Middlesbrough
food bank and receive a free mince pie



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Many thanks to ... all who helped us remember those lost in the Two Great Wars and conflicts since.



To Karen & the Poppy Display team for a super effort, combined with the History Society's biographies, giving us such a focal point for Remembering.

To all who attended, who laid wreaths outside and read at the service inside.

Especial thanks to Peter Greenwell for

the sound amplification, and Roger Moore our bugler, who has been playing for around 35+ years, having been asked by Laurie Cowley.

Thanks also to Audrey Grainge who has retired from organising the village Poppy Appeal, and welcome to Colin "Oggy" Hodgson who is taking over.

All who took part in the service inside Church did a great job, and all ensured that these lads were remembered in style. Their memories live on.



Seeing the mess the world is in, it is so important that we don't forget the terrible cost of war. We pray for peace in troubled areas today.

What you may not know is that Saint Oswald's at Newton under Roseberry always has a smaller ceremony as the Mayor of Guisborough attends to lay a wreath.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM MARWOOD SCHOOL

It was a pleasure to accompany Headteacher, Mrs Dorothy Walton, to a special presentation in Stokesley Town Hall run by the Co-op.

Because of the way the Co-op is set up, it doesn't seek to give rewards to shareholders, but rather exists for the benefits of members and the community.



Marwood School has been chosen last year to benefit from the Community Awards program, where a proportion of all money spent on Co-op goods is put into a special fund. Some charity groups are chosen to benefit from these funds each year, and members can even choose which one their money goes to.

At the end of the year the charities are invited to a Presentation and Marwood School was delighted to receive a cheque for £6,631.65. This will be spent to improve the outdoor areas, which are now such an important part of our children's learning experience.



Other beneficiaries were Yatton House in Great Ayton and Cruse Bereavement Service based in Middlesbrough and Guisborough, but hoping to reach out more into our community.

Our thanks to the Co-op and to all who shop there for making this possible.

News about Film Night 2024:

Film night at Great Ayton Methodist Church has been running over the winter months for a number of years now. There is no charge, but donations are usually requested towards our church charities and we are thankful for everyone's generosity. To start 2024 we've been asked to support the journey of an award-winning, and BAFTA-nominated writer/director, Shona Auerbach, and her team including the cameraman Graeme Dunn, whose cousin Wendy Wakefield lives in the village and is helping us.

The film is called Rudy (12A) and is being shown at various small venues around the country. They are trying to get a BAFTA nomination, for which they need to have had a number of commercial screenings. We are pleased to be part of that journey by showing the film on **Friday the 5th of January 2024** at the Methodist Church at 7:00 pm. Shona and Graeme are planning to join us.

We will be selling tickets for £2 as we need to charge a small entry fee. There will be refreshments afterwards. Numbers will be limited so please do buy your tickets early. For more details please look out for posters around the village and on Facebook.

A short synopsis of the story is "Set in the heart of rural England, Rudy finds her relationship with her father being tested. Stuck as a proxy parent to her younger siblings and dealing with a recent loss, she feels increasingly pushed out when her home gets opened up to a paying guest. Through a newfound friendship with a boy from Coventry, she discovers fun, freedom, and autonomy, but is it at the sacrifice of unspoken family wounds? Rudy is a poignant insight into love, loss, and moving on."

The few views on IMDB have been very favourable, and are mostly 10/10.

We look forward to seeing you.

Chris Stokeld.(07856 778741)

As we prepare for the arrival of the Prince of Peace we are holding a special Taizé style Evening Prayer on Saturday December 9th at 6 o'clock in Christ Church.



Many of you will have been to our summer season of Taizé style evenings in All Saints Church so will need no introduction to this time of tranquility; for those who were unable to join us you can expect 40 minutes of gentle sung chants, opportunities for quiet reflection, and a few words from scripture - a genuine chance to Be Still.

We have transferred to the warmth of Christ Church for this winter service and will return to All Saints in the summer of 2024.

Charity Auction of Surplus Christmas Gifts



Christ Church Hall, Guisborough Road, Great Ayton.

Saturday 27th January 2024

Viewing from 1.30pm - Auction starts at 2pm

50p admission includes half time cuppa!

Cause to be confirmed next year as things change so quickly

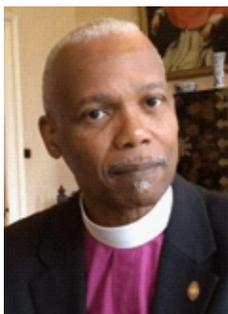
COP28 is the United Nations Climate Change conference happening in the United Arab Emirates, from 30 November to 12 December.



Why & how is the Church of England getting involved?

5 Marks of Mission were adopted by the General Synod of the Church of England in 1996. Some churches abbreviate the five marks to five words: TELL – TEACH – TEND – TRANSFORM – TREASURE

Treasure means - to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth. (think Eco Church!)



As this is a global conference dealing with a global problem, we will have a global representation at COP28. There will be a delegation which represents the whole Anglican Communion from around the world, led by Archbishop Julio Murray, from Panama.

Archbishop Julio especially wants to share stories from around the Anglican Communion from communities who are already suffering from the impacts of climate change and have been for a long time.

Prayer for the COP28 climate summit

God of blessings,
the universe sings of your glory.
Deepen our gratitude for all you have made
and awaken in us a renewed commitment
to care for the earth and each other.

Inspire world leaders at COP28,
with openness to listen to those most affected by climate change
and with courage to act urgently and wisely,
so that our common home may be healed and restored
and all people, and generations to come, may delight in it. Amen.

In recent years, **Pope Francis** has been vocal about climate issues and has criticised the governments for not doing enough to protect the most vulnerable people. He will be there at COP28 – the first time a pontiff has attended. He will address the participants on Saturday December 2. He will also hold private bilateral meetings, and inaugurate the "Faith Pavilion" at Dubai's Expo City.

Our own **King Charles** will deliver the opening address in his first major speech on the climate crisis since becoming monarch.

How can I get involved?

You can pray

Pray for every country to be willing to make concessions to see the kind of change we need to see to tackle climate change. Pray that those who are on the margins and at the forefront of the changing climate are able to tell their stories, that these stories are heard, and that they move people to action.

Pray for Pope Francis, King Charles and Archbishop Julio and the rest of his Anglican colleagues. Pray that they are heard.

You can write to your MP (who for many of us is also the Prime Minister)

The UK delegation will have a stronger platform to negotiate from if they know that people back in the UK want to see radical change and bold decision making. You could echo the things which the Anglican Communion is calling for:

- Phasing out fossil fuels.
- No new fossil fuel extraction or exploration projects.
- Funds to help countries adapt to the changing climate and commitment to the Loss and Damage fund.

Bill Kirby's Christmas 'Reflections'

The country was just getting pulled together after the 1926 General strike which crippled the country. The wages were low and the main source of employment was the mines or working on the land. Early October the housewife would have to think about planning for Christmas and what she would want for the Christmas cake, the plum pudding and mince pies. So when she submitted her weekly grocery list, one week would add on a half pound of currants and maybe a quarter candied peel. The following week will be the sultanas and almonds. The eggs were already in the house. Most households had a garden or allotment which the man of the house saw to, producing all the vegetables, and often kept a few hens or pigs. With no electrical power in the village, the cake had to be done in the side oven of an open fire range, and took about six hours to bake. After the cake one had to think about the plum pudding and the making of mincemeat for the mince pies – everything home-made, no bought! Then we had to think about Christmas cards and presents. The cards were bought separately, no packs of 20s and 50s, and you couldn't go into the chemist to buy a stamp or a card.



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The festive season started on Saturday nearest 15 December when Father Christmas arrived by horse and cart to take residence in the then *Middlesbrough Co-operative Society*. One night during the run-up to Christmas the family would be sat quietly in the parlour gazing into the fire or reading when a voice was heard drifting down the street chanting *God rest you merry gentlemen*. It was a Vessel Cup singer who came from nearby Stokesley carrying a shoebox with a doll laid in decorated with evergreen holly representing the holy child. It was said it was unlucky to turn away from your home the vessel cup singer.

The traditional Christmas dinner was goose with all the trimmings followed by plum puddings soaked with rum. For the not so well off families the main bird was chicken. Christmas afternoon was spent quietly. Some went out visiting friends or relatives for tea and with no television or computer's, and radio in its infancy, one had to make one's own entertainment. The rest of the day was taken with children playing games in the kitchen and the seniors playing cards. Perhaps if they were a musical family, they may spend a musical evening singing and playing the piano.

This featured back in 2010. Bill was a lovely man and a most faithful contributor to Spire.

O come all ye singers ...

The choir is gearing up for our Christ Church Carol Service on Sunday 17th December at 6pm, the lovely St Oswald's Newton under Roseberry Carol Service on Thursday 21st December at 7.00pm and Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Would you, or someone you know, be interested in joining us over the Christmas period and helping to make the music at our services particularly special? If so, Andrew and the choir would be delighted to hear from you.



Details of rehearsals to follow but there will be practices on the same day as each of the two Carol Services and singers are also warmly invited to join us at our usual choir practices at Christ Church each Thursday evening as we get to know the music. The choir is a friendly group and rehearsals are intended to be enjoyable and fun, as well as productive. Please catch Andrew or a member of the choir after the service (or contact Andrew at blair37@btinternet.com) for further details.

CHURCH HALL 200 Club

NOVEMBER 2023 Winners

£20	61 Ann Whittaker
£20	29 Karen Hallam
£20	79 Jean Mitchell
£10	48 Ricky Hallam
£10	2 Liz Kirkpatrick

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 or Karen Peverell karen.peverell@btinternet.com

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

29 October	Olivia Robson-Wight
5 November	Oliver Alan Duncan Coleman
11 November	Wilfred Paul Herbert Lines
26 November	Amalie Charlotte Rae Brown

Funerals & Memorial Services

13 November	Janise Mallinder
17 November	Anne Chetwynd-Stapylton
20 November	Tina Atkins
24 November	Colin Brown
24 November	Malcolm Barker
30 November	Sylvia Thubron

News From America

We were saddened to hear the news of Eileen Jones death in October. Stan and Eileen have been very much part of the Christ Church family, staying in Great Ayton for 3 months a year until Covid struck. Eileen's funeral has taken place at home, but we will be having a Service of Thanksgiving early next year at Christ Church.

Services in Magenta took place at Saint Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry.

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Stokesley Deanery

www.stokesleydeanery.org.uk

A Church Near You

www.acny.org.uk

Malcolm's Musings



The doting father asked his small daughter what she would like for Christmas. Shyly she announced that she would like a baby brother. To everyone's surprise and delight her mother returned from hospital on Christmas Eve with the baby in her arms. Her father repeated the question the next year. There was no hesitation. "If it wouldn't be too uncomfortable for mummy, I'd like a pony."

In similar vein a boy wrote to Santa: "Last year I asked for a tractor and we a got baby sister. We have kept the sister but I would still like a tractor."

During World War II the French underground had the opportunity when things looked particularly grim to send a brief message by telegraph to supporters in England. They wired two words - "God reigns." The message became garbled in transit, however and emerged as "God resigns." A reply went back: "Regret decision. British policy remains the same."

The correspondence columns of the Daily Telegraph recently featured quotes from letters sent home by young children from boarding/prep schools. They included: "They told me to write a letter home. This is it" ... "Dear Mum & Dad, I like it here. Today we went to the lake. I fell in the lake. I am banned from the lake. Your loving son, Richard." ... "The good news is I was not sick on the coach. The bad news is I was sick on the boat. Love, Andy."

Perhaps the gem was this one: "Dear M&D, I hope you are well because I am. M, it is your birthday; if you go upstairs to my room, on the bedside table you will find a old yellow comb which I don't want anymore. That is your present. Love, Charles."

Overheard: "I love working from home. I'm never going to back to work again."

Researching her family history, a woman found a family in Norfolk in the 19 century called Pleasants. They had named their son, "Christmas."

"Most people who can remember when we were a great club are dead."

Football club manager

Malcolm Race

Editor of Spire

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The Parishes of Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry

Services

Christ Church, Great Ayton

Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.15am	Parish Communion <i>Live on Zoom & Facebook.</i>
	4.30pm	Cafe Church (<i>2nd & 4th Sundays of month</i>)
Tuesday	9.45am	Little Fishes Toddler Service (<i>School Term time only</i>)
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer - every week

At Saint Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry

Sunday	11.00am	Holy Communion on 1 st & 5 th Sundays of the month
		All Age Service on 3 rd Sunday of the month
		(No Service on 2 nd & 4 th Sunday of the month)
		<i>Contact the Vicar for Baptisms & Weddings</i>

Baptisms, Banns and Weddings can be arranged
by emailing the Vicar, Paul Peverell at revpev@btinternet.com

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	Jonathan Winterschladen	01642 723576
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Gift Aid Sec.	Ynez Clarke	01642 723181

Church Hall Office

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Secretary available on *Monday, Thursday & Fridays 9am - 12 noon*
(For services or pastoral matters, please contact the vicar)