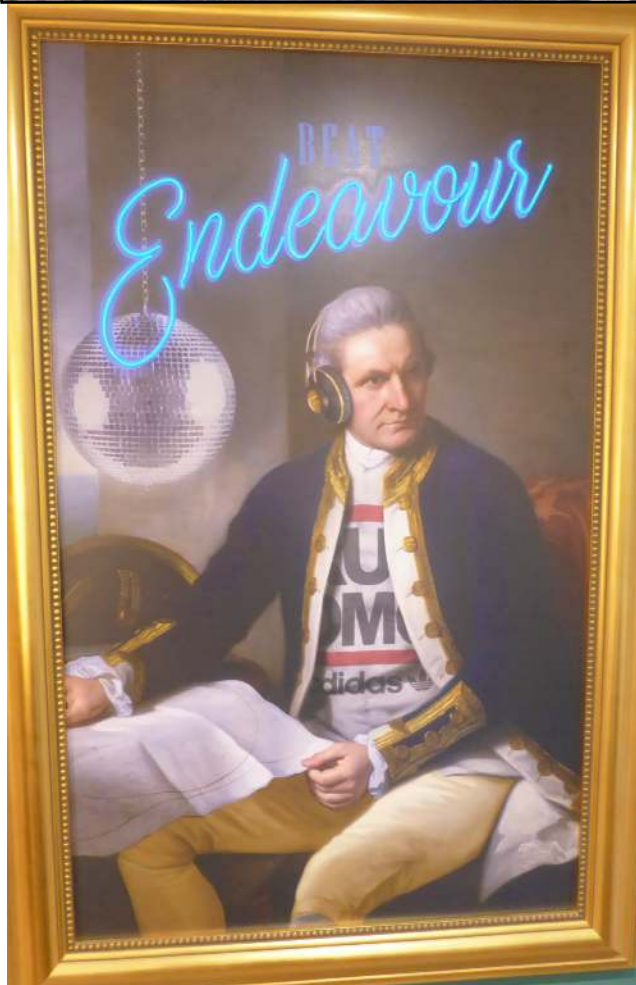


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under Roseberry  
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# Spire

FEBRUARY 2018



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- 3 **Sat** 11am WWI Remembrance - Timothy Crosby
- 4 **Sun** **2nd Sunday before Lent** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am Holy Communion.**
- 5 **Mon** 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion, Tea and Chat
- 7 **Wed** 10.30am Children's Society Coffee Morning in Church Hall
- 9 **Fri** 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors Meeting
- 11 **Sun** **Sunday before Lent** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Come & Praise.
- 12 **Mon** 3pm WWI Poppy Display Meeting at Discovery Centre
- 13 **Tues** **Shrove Tuesday** - I bet you have pancakes today!
- 14 **Wed** **Ash Wednesday** 10am & 7.30pm Holy Communion
- 17 **Sat** 2pm Trefoil Guild Service in Christ Church
- 18 **Sun** **LENT 1** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **11am All Age Service**; 5pm Deanery Lent Service at Stokesley Parish Church.
- 23 **Fri** 1.30pm Ayton Churches Lent Meeting at St Margaret's Church
- 24 **Sun** **LENT 2** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; **4pm Choral Evensong in Christ Church**

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

## DATA PROTECTION & SPIRE ONLINE

New regulations are coming into force in May that may mean that we have to ask you specifically if you wish to continue to receive Spire. Online This has usually been either verbal at the time of booking things like weddings or Christenings, or via an email sent with an initial copy. We now will need to record permission, which will be easy for new subscribers, but a little harder for the 700 + who already receive Spire via pdf. I am looking to see if there is a better way of doing this than 700 people sending me an email all at once!! In the meantime, if you receive Spire electronically and really don't want to, please let me know straightaway and I will remove you from the list, as I also remove any addresses that are returned undelivered.

Can I remind all subscribers that the current Spire and back issues are always available at [www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk](http://www.christchurchgreatayton.org.uk) Thanks. Editor



## The End is Near

*And now, the end is near, and so I face the final curtain, sang Frank Sinatra. Well I hope it's not the final curtain, but certainly the end of my time as also Priest in Charge of Nunthorpe is drawing to a close at the end of this month, when I step back and they prepare for the new ministry of Rev'd Tessa Stephens.*

This year has been a very demanding one, but also a very enjoyable and rewarding one. I went into this situation firmly believing that the Parish had had a rough time not of their own making, and needed to be put back on an even keel. What better for them than slipping on that old pair of slippers from next door. I haven't done anything revolutionary in my time there - just tried to love them and show them that God loves them too - and I have received much love in return.

We have also reached out into the community with a welcome that has seen folks flocking back for Christenings and weddings, and hopefully the new Vicar can use some of that to help rebuild the younger end of the Church.

Given the extra demands in time and energy, you can't do everything, and I am aware that there are things left undone that I ought to have done - both in Nunthorpe and back home at Great Ayton and Newton - but I have tried to keep as many plates spinning as possible, so my apologies if it is yours wobbling or fallen.

My experience at Nunthorpe has reinforced the belief in me that we need first and foremost to be a welcoming congregation if we want our Churches to grow, and we have to meet people where they are, for many don't understand where we are coming from. We have many traditions which we treasure, and newcomers may come to value them too over time, but maybe not understand them straightaway - so we need to be flexible, loving and patient.

Most importantly we also need to be there, present in worship, in order that we may be an encouragement to others. This month sees the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, sometimes called Candlemas. An old couple, Simeon and Anna were there and said such wonderful words of encouragement to Mary and Joseph about their son that they were remembered, repeated and written down. How many people come, and then don't come again in our Churches, because we weren't there to be a Simeon or Anna for them, and welcome and encourage them? Last year saw us lose many faithful members of Christ Church who did reach out to others, so lets make sure we pick up where they left off continuing to make our Churches places of welcome and worship.

**Paul**

## Have you decided on your New Year's resolution yet?

Here are some of the messages of thanks we received this Christmas from charities we as a church have supported:

“We continue to work with children across Middlesbrough, in schools, churches and community groups, finding creative ways to explore the Christian faith and encourage children in their journey with God”  
*The 'Big Kids' Project*



“During 2017 we have seen significant growth in many of our programmes including ‘Who Let the Dads Out’ and ‘Messy Church’ – please pass on our thanks to your congregation for supporting our work”  
*BRF (Bible Reading Fellowship)*

“Your support is enabling people to step out in mission, seeking to bring hope to the people and communities they serve”  
*Church Mission Society*

“We are working with churches to support people living with dementia, those who are bereaved and also developing a network of places of hospitality and welcome”  
*Together Middlesbrough & Cleveland*

“Thank you for your partnership with our ministry as we work to make disciples of Jesus Christ in the student world”  
*uccf: thechristianunions*

“Your support is helping us to fund the Church of Tanzania’s ‘Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV’ programme which offers healthcare, anti-retroviral treatment and counselling to expectant mothers who are HIV-positive”  
*USPG*

“Thank you for your generous donation- we rely on the generosity of churches, and Christians like you, who share our passion to bring justice and salvation to those suffering in debt and poverty”  
*CAP (Christians against Poverty)*

Once again the generosity of churches like ours is showing that we can “make a difference”. But we can only support this work with the help of you, our congregation. Many of you actively participated in the **Giving in Grace** campaign back in 2014 by generously increasing your regular giving to the Church.

At the start of a New Year, is this not a good time for us all to re-assess our church giving? If we all put another £10 onto our monthly standing order (or £2.50 per week into our envelopes), we would not only continue our support to these and

other worthy causes but help the Diocese to support churches in the poorer areas of our region. So why not make this your New Year's resolution? Because we really can **MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

And to those of you who have not yet joined a giving scheme, how about making a start now? Just contact me for details

Happy New Year

**Ken**

## **HELP NEEDED**

### **Christ Church Spring Clean**

**Friday 16th March  
from 5pm &  
Saturday 17th March  
from 9am**

## **The Dance.**

If I had a hundred days to myself  
I would sow some seeds  
Sit back and watch them grow,

But would that really be so?  
Wouldn't the seeds ask some thing of me?  
Some water some weeding a little love?

Isn't that what friendship is about?  
You can't sit back and watch a friendship grow,

It's called participation,  
And that's what life's about,  
Some call it give and take

But I call it participation as in a dance  
So let the music start,  
I will take part in the dance.

Forget the hundred days,  
I'll take a life time  
A lifetime of participation in the Dance.

**Ann Browne.**

## **Women's World Day of Prayer**

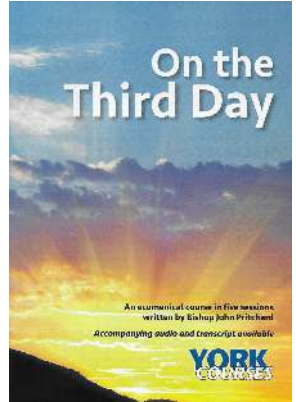


**2pm Friday 2nd March**  
come and join us at  
**Stokesley Methodist Church**

No Service in Great Ayton this year

# On the Third Day

You are invited to join us for our Churches Together Lent Course, meeting each week in Lent at a different location and time, so hopefully everyone can make some of them. We are following the York Course entitled *On the Third Day* prepared by Bishop John Pritchard on the topic of the Resurrection.



Our last meeting is in the Upper Room at the Royal Oak Hotel and if anyone wishes to join me for a meal together beforehand, please come for 6pm and meet in the restaurant. It would be helpful to let me know first, so enough seats are there, but we wont turn anyone away. Paul

## **Have I got news for you!**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 1.30pm at St Margaret's RC Church, Sunnyfield

## **SO WHAT? The implications of the resurrection.**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 1.30pm at the Methodist Church, High Street

## **Personal discipleship in the light of the resurrection**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 10.45am Friends Meeting House, High Green

## **Celebrating and Praying Easter**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm Christ Church Coffee Lounge

## **A RISEN CHURCH**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Upper Room, Royal Oak  
*(Preceded by a meal together at 6pm for all who wish to come.)*

There is a course booklet £3 for participants available from local Churches or at the meetings. We listen to a recorded input from a variety of speakers from different backgrounds before breaking into groups of six to talk about what we have heard, read and experienced.

**Stokesley Deanery Lent Services**  
**St Peter & St Paul Church, Stokesley at 5pm**

**Spirituality & Prayer**

- 18<sup>th</sup> February Sister Janet Elizabeth, Order of the Holy Paraclete  
**WHAT IS SPIRITUALITY**
- 25<sup>th</sup> February Bishop Alison of Hull.
- 4<sup>th</sup> March The Revd Robert and Lisa Opala **It's all about the climb -  
Glimpses of the Carmelite way.**
- 18<sup>th</sup> March Fr Richard Field – Ampleforth Abbey

**Everyone Welcome**

Each Address will be followed by a short service of Compline

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER**

Father Kevin (from Ampleforth) is returning by request to Great Ayton on **Monday 5 February at 10am at the Methodist Church**, where he will once again guide a morning on the topic of prayer. His wisdom and insights have been helpful to many who have joined him on previous occasions in Great Ayton, or who have travelled to Ampleforth, with a group from the village, to spend a day there, with Father Kevin as prayer guide.

The Methodist Church will be open from 9.45 am for a prompt start at 10.00am. Coffee break is about 11.15 am and the morning finishes at 1.00 pm – if you can't stay until that time then just come for as long as you are able to.

There is no charge for the morning - donations on the plate, after expenses, are for Ampleforth Priory. A day visit to Ampleforth will take place on Monday 21 May – if interested put the date in your diary now – more detailed information nearer the time.

Contact people at each of the Great Ayton churches: Methodist Dorothy Sills, St Margaret's Pip Nel; Friends Carole Avison, Christ Church Enid Sedgwick





## NEWTON NEWS



First and foremost, we must Congratulate two people with Saint Oswald's connections who received honours at the New Year.

**David Carter** was awarded an **MBE** for Community work. He was one of the founders of Yarm School and a stalwart of many local groups including the Apollo Male Voice Choir, Yarm Cricket Club and encouraging many musical and sporting activities for youngsters.

We know him best from his regular participation at our All Age Services, and he is pictured here at Christmas after narrating the Animals Nativity in a lively style. He has also supported our annual Concerts in a most generous way. Well done David.



**Amanda Skelton**, who is Chief Executive Officer for Redcar & Cleveland Council, but known to us as a neighbour who attends Saint Oswald's on special occasions, was awarded a **CBE** for her services to the Redcar and Tees Valley Economy. We congratulate them both on their awards.

### Christmas at Saint Oswald's

Many thanks to all who contributed to a lovely Christmas Season at Saint Oswald's. Maureen and her team did a wonderful job with the flowers, supplemented by the wonderful wicker angels made by Ruth, and a beautiful Christmas Tree.



The Carol Service was packed as we welcomed Christ Church Choir to sing, but got a double blessing when Andrew Blair played the organ on Christmas Eve and brought singers with him.

In the year ahead we are looking for a new Churchwarden, as Paul is not standing again, and hopefully a new PCC Secretary too. The good news is that we already have a replacement Treasurer.





# Great Ayton Remembers

**Timothy Crosby**

**On SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

**at 11am**

**in Christ Church**

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 100 Years On



Open Meeting for anyone wishing to help mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 with a display of knitted poppies.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm in the Discovery Centre**

## Thank You

We are most grateful for several recent donations given to Christ Church in memory of loved ones who have died. Also to St Oswald's who gave £2,000 to Christ Church towards supporting the Vicar's ministry - on top of their Freewill Offer.

I am also most grateful to a regular Online reader of Spire out of the village who makes an annual £20 donation saying *I continue to enjoy the online edition that I receive every month and just want you to know that I appreciate your efforts.*

# Christmas Remembered



Another busy Christmas has been and gone and thanks go to all who made the season go with a swing. For many people the season starts with the Christingle on Advent Sunday where a full Church celebrated the coming of the Christ-Light, or Christingle. Our service also raised £582.76 for the work of The Children's Society, and many thanks to the local committee for all their work.

Our Churches looked stunning for Christmas worship, thanks to the fantastic efforts of the Flower Guild and those who prepared Trees and Cribs. If we are to maintain anything like the same standard in years to come, then we will need more volunteers to help as we have lost many faithful workers this year. Our sincere thanks to those who put in that extra effort.



In between Aladdin in the Church Hall, we also saw Marwood School take advantage of the stage and lights for their production of an excellent nativity play. The children did so well performing to two packed Halls, and then the Reception Class took the play on tour around the village, calling in at Little Fishes and the Methodist Church.

Carol Services started in abundance with those at St Oswald's, Christ Church and All Saints. I did services for the WI and Nunthorpe Scouts, and Christ Church was bursting at the seams for the joint schools carol service for Roseberry and Marwood schools.



We get such a great selection of Carol Services in Great Ayton, and this year celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Carols on the Green. This annual event is organised by the Parish Council, and Tim Hall brings together a band each year to play. There were several who have been present each year!



Christmas Eve was also a Sunday this year, so we had almost too many services, but the one that was definitely the most popular was the Crib Service where the Sunday School performed the Christmas story for us. Midnight Mass has lost the Sentamu effect from two years ago and continues to slowly decline. The time was when people saw attending this as an

integral part of their Christmas. Today they are more likely to attend the Crib Service.

For me, one of the most important parts of Christmas is our Christmas Appeal for someone in a far needier state than we are. For the third year running we supported Roseberry School in India, for the work there is so impressive and is transforming

Coffee Lounge Carol Service	17.40
WI Carol Service (A very snowy day!)	75.50
Nunthorpe Scouts Carol Service	130.98
St Oswald's Newton Carol Service	585.63
Christ Church Carol Service	857.21
Carols on High Green (Shared with GN Air Ambulance)	275.25
All Saints Carol Service	441.01
Marwood & Roseberry Schools Carol Service	400.91
Christmas Eve Crib Service	595.29
Donations	796.75
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>4175.13</b>

This was the 25<sup>th</sup> year of our Christmas Appeals, and we were kindly joined this year by Nunthorpe Scouts and the Parish Council's Carols on the Green who donated half their collection. It was a super result, as you can see.

The Memory Tree also raised £66.19 for Herriot Hospice Homecare

## INTRODUCING EWAN



We have been very fortunate in securing the services of a very talented local musician, Ewan Murray, a former trumpeter, who also plays piano and banjo, and is hoping to become a Cathedral organist. He already directs two other local choirs, and is now directing Christ Church Choir.

Ewan is hoping to go to Music College in a couple of years time, but in the meantime we hope he can help and encourage music in Christ Church - and bring more people into it. He has already reduced our average age substantially.

Do you enjoy Church music? Would you be interested in joining Christ Church Choir? Then why not have a chat to Ewan after Sunday morning service, or contact him via email - on the back of Spire.

## Hello and Goodbye

At the Christmas Carol Service in Christ Church we said a big Thank You to **Revd Michael Aisbitt** who was stepping down on Christmas Day as our organist to enjoy his cottage in France and to be more free to visit friends.

Michael has done great work with the choir, introducing a weekly anthem, and passing on a huge amount of knowledge and experience in a relaxed and friendly way.

Being ordained himself, he knew what the Vicar wanted usually before the Vicar did, and has been so reliable and cheerful a presence in Church, together with his wife Rachel. We hope that will continue on the weeks they are not away.

Michael was presented with some appropriate gifts from us at the end of the service, together with our sincere thanks. We had a challenge as to how to follow him.





# CHARITY AUCTION SUCCESS

January saw our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Auction of Surplus Christmas Gifts. A vast array of chocolates, candles, scarves and smellies - and a lot more - were donated to help us raise funds to support Stokesley Community Care Alzheimer's Drop In Centre.

The centre was recently under threat of closure, but has been taken over by Community Care providing a much needed support for families coping with dementia.



Bidders came in all shapes and sizes, and Geoff learnt the cost of bringing grandsons to the Auction! They enjoyed it greatly and went off with lots of bargains, as indeed did everyone else. Pictured right is our youngest bidder.

As well as the donors and bidders, may I also thank the auctioneers & assistants, recorders & runners, and

Doris and Mary who have made refreshments every time since the first one 19 years ago.



The good news is that we raised an incredible £810 in the afternoon. If you want an afternoon of fun and want to support a good cause, why not try it.

*A satisfied customer trying out his new walkie-talkie*



*Sarah reading out the instructions for a most unusual version of Top Trumps called Plop. Rob's face says it all.*

# Yorkshire Cancer Research

Great Ayton and District Committee

## Coffee Morning

At Ingleby Village Hall,  
On Saturday 10th March  
At 10 - 12 noon.  
Raffle, Tombola, Cakes.  
Tickets £1.50.



## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Christingle Service went well and the earlier time of 4 p.m. seemed successful. A total of £582.76 was raised.

Just before Christmas the committee sang carols outside the shops under the guidance of John Appleyard & Jamie Harvie - we thank John for his leadership.



We were joined by other singers, making a total of 28. £212.34 was collected on the morning which was excellent.

2018 starts with our **COFFEE MORNING** on **WEDNESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY**, at **10.30 a.m. in Christ Church Hall**. Admittance is £1.50 at the door, and there will be a cake/produce stall and a raffle.

On **THURSDAY, 1 MARCH**, we are holding our **LENT SOUP LUNCH**, at **12.30pm in Christ Church Hall**. Tickets at £6.50 are available from committee members.

We wish you a healthy 2018.

**Jancie Brown**  
Tel 01642 723873



## **St Chad's College Chapel Choir Durham University**

*(Director Roger Muttitt, Organists Peter Swift, Karen Christianson and Anita Datta)*

### **MUSIC FOR THE SEASON**

A concert of European choral and organ music  
**on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**

After their previous visit in 2013, St Chad's are returning to Christ Church for the evening to perform works by Pergolesi, Haydn, Britten and Durufle. Tickets at £5 are available from The Discovery Centre, Vicki Nath 01642 722501 and John Dickinson 01642724450

### **CHORAL EVENSONG**

With the Roseberry Church Music Singers, together with the Choirs of Christ Church Great Ayton and St Leonard's, Loftus

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm in Christ Church.**

Come and enjoy a Cathedral style Evensong in both quality and style  
in our own village

### **New Appointment for Nunthorpe**

The Rev'd Tessa Stephens has been appointed to be the next Vicar of Nunthorpe and will be Inducted and Collated at a service on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

It will be Tessa's first Parish of her own, having served her curacy in Hipswell, which covered the civilian areas of Catterick Garrison, and then moving on 2015 to be Chaplain of Teesside University and Associate Minister at St Barnabas, Linthorpe.



Tessa is married with three young children, so will be well placed to make contacts with young families. We wish her well, and hope she enjoys Christenings and weddings!



## A New Name in the High Street

Great excitement gripped the village at the beginning of the year when Watkins-Wright moved their Hair & Beauty Salon into the cottages by the Captain Cook Schoolroom Museum.

A special open afternoon allowed customers and nosy editors to have a good look around the bright and spacious premises, upstairs and down.

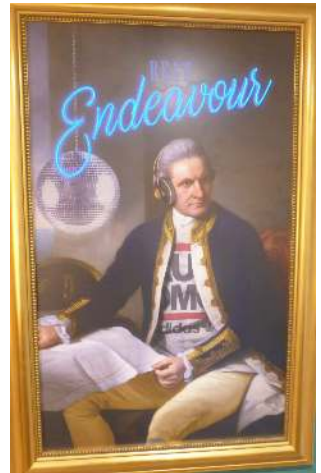


They must be congratulated on the wonderful transformation inside, whilst keeping the character outside.

We wish Amelia and her talented and welcoming team every success in their new premises, and hope this helps bring more life and visitors into our village.



The cottage formerly belonged to Miss Margaret Jones who died in March 2013, and was a familiar figure with Whisky - her Jack Russell. It has stood empty since. I am sure she would be delighted at the change, and would have a lovely chuckle at the portrait of Captain Cook adorning the wall.



## Watermill Music

**Watermill Sessions Live**, brings together some of the finest acoustic based performers the country has to offer. Hosted and curated by country/folk singer Elaine Palmer who grew up in a beautiful old Watermill on the North Yorkshire Moors, restored lovingly by her father into fully working order. Esk Mill is the setting for a series of music films featuring various other singer songwriters showcasing their work. At the end of each season of filming the artists get together to perform at these special events, bringing the more earthier elements of music together in such historical and culturally significant buildings. Each performer has a unique, distinctive voice and each venue a rich history with wondrous tales to tell.

Join us at Christ Church on Friday 23rd March at 7pm. Tickets £10 from [www.visitgreatayton.com/watermill-sessions-live](http://www.visitgreatayton.com/watermill-sessions-live)

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REVISED

director  
ALISON DAI F.

choreographer  
NIC JENKINS

Middlesbrough Theatre

Wed 25th to Fri 27th April 2018 at 7.15pm  
Sat 28th April 2018 at 1.15pm & 6.15pm

musical director  
STEPHEN SILD  
show master  
MIKE HARRISHER

Adults £15 (eve) £12 (matinee)  
Under 18's £10 every performance  
available from 01642 81 51 81,  
01287 63 52 59 or 01642 27 59 70

Book by Guis Sclater, T.C. Woodman. Presenting a revised edition  
Original libretto by Merton Parkes and Hugh Woodson. © 1950, 1958

## Anything Goes

Living up to the title of the Show, Teesside Musical Theatre Company have invited Rev Pev to play the part of the Bishop. Don't worry, he wont sing! It's also the nearest he will ever be to being a Bishop too!

Join us in Middlesbrough Theatre for a wonderful evening of song and entertainment with Cole Porter's classic musical.

Wed 25th to Fri 27th April at 7.15pm, Sat 28th at 1.15pm & 6.15pm

Adults £15 (Eve) £12 (Matinee) Under 18 £10.  
From 01642 81 51 81

# From the Registers

## Holy Baptism

3 December

Hudson Devan Bowes

## Holy Matrimony

16 December

Phil Brown & Amber Thompson



## Christian Burial and Cremation

4 December

Peggy Stonehouse

28 December

Nancy Lawson

3 January

Isobel Baker

5 January

Dorothy Tanfield

5 January

Marion Suggett

11 January

Joan Barron

12 January

Leslie Tyreman

17 January

John Roberts

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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



“Don’t grow old; you’ll live to regret it” - quote from a John Wayne Western

“A fool and his money are soon elected” - Will Rogers

Among the items left behind by patrons of Middlesbrough’s Travelodge hotel were a bouncy castle, a sitcom script, a brand new computer, an antique urn containing the ashes of a family pet, and a 4ft wedding cake. Presumably the wedding guests had to eat bread ?

A vicar in Kent who became fed up with brides turning up late devised a £100 fine for those who left the congregation waiting. The fee, which was built into the cost of the wedding, was returned to the couple if they made the church on time.

Tim Bowles was elected Mayor of West of England Metropolitan Area. A letter in the Daily Telegraph suggested the title be shortened to “Weston-Super-Mayor.”

Overheard in a supermarket queue and reported in a letter to a newspaper:

“My daughter’s ;avin a babby. She’s callin’ him Isaac.”

“How nice. Is she having the Biblical spelling ?”

“No mi duck, she’s ‘avin the proper ‘un.”

The Church of Sweden is encouraging its clergy to use the gender-neutral term “God” instead of referring to “He or “the Lord.”

William, the 11<sup>th</sup> Baronet Hereward Wake, purchased a human skeleton but was unable to pay for it and was clapped in a debtors’ prison. He escaped by ordering a piano and then sending it back, having first concealed himself in the packing case.

Fewer children than ever are writing letters to Father Christmas - with many instead sending e-mails. The tradition of sending letters to Santa apparently can be traced back to the 1200s when a girl wrote a letter to the real Saint Nicholas.

**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
	9.15am	Parish Communion with Sunday School
	11.00am	Come & Praise (2nd Sunday of month) Evening Worship - as announced in the Diary
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	Little Fishes Carer & Toddler Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion

**Baptisms, Banns and Weddings** can be arranged in person at Christ Church Vestry on **Fridays from 6pm - 7pm** where the clergy are present. Or make an initial contact by emailing the Vicar, Paul Peverell at [revpev@btinternet.com](mailto:revpev@btinternet.com)

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

**Sunday** 11.00am Services on 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month only  
1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion; 3<sup>rd</sup> All Age Worship

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## Church Hall Office

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