

# Spire Newsletter

*The Parishes of Great Ayton and Newton under Roseberry*

**No.1 : NOVEMBER 2024**

Dear Friends (we hope we may call you so)

You will know that we have now said our farewells and thank you to Paul and Karen and, in his uplifting, if nostalgic, final service, celebrated their 30 years of dedicated service to our parishes and wider community.

You will also be aware that Paul's monthly *Spire* magazine has drawn to an end (at least for the present). HOWEVER, our churches are still functioning as before (almost), and we continue to meet to worship and to seek to serve our parishes. Do, please, join us at any of our services – whether on Sundays or weekdays – or in any of our activities which may attract you. But, you may be wondering in the meantime, what is happening now that we have a vacancy for a minister?

That is why we are producing this newsletter (and, if you think it worthwhile, others from time to time in the future): so that you may be kept as up-to-date as is feasible and know that you are still part of our living and lively churches. And Christmas is coming....

## OUR VACANCY

(This is the name given nowadays to what some of us knew as an *interregnum* – the period after one vicar has left a parish and the next arrives.)

The two Parochial Church Councils (PCC) are in the process of drawing up a 'Parish Profile' in order to inform potential applicants to the post of what they might find here and what parishioners might be hoping for; in recent weeks, parishioners have been invited to give our views about this and hopefully the Profile will be finished soon to enable advertisement early in the New Year. Eventually short-listed applicants will be invited to look round our parishes before an appointment is made by a small interviewing panel which will likely include our Bishop and parish representatives. During the vacancy, responsibility for our churches resides firmly with our Churchwardens but we are very fortunate to have a great team of people who can lead our worship: Rev'd Jon Dean, Rev'd Geoff Jaques, and Lay Ministers Dr Nick Land, Margaret Lewis, and Peter Titchmarsh.

The former vicarage next to Christ Church is currently being rented by the Diocese and a new home purchased at 118 Newton Road (beside the roundabout at the junction with Guisborough Road); some internal work will be undertaken before anyone takes up residence.

## WORSHIP

On Sundays we continue to meet at Christ Church for formal services every week at 9.15 am and (on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of every month) 8.00 am and, informally, 4 o'clock for our *Café Church*. Christmas, of course, is special so you will find details for *December services* below, including our very popular *Christingle*.

But we don't meet only on Sundays. Perhaps you would be interested in joining us on Mondays monthly at 2pm for *Coffee Lounge Communion* with tea and chat, or every week on Tuesday mornings at 9.45 am with your youngest children for *Little Fishes*, or on Wednesdays at 10.00 am for *BCP Communion or Morning Prayer*.

We meet for worship at St Oswald's at 11:00 for Holy Communion with hymns on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month and for an All Age Service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.

We have also hosted the community Service of Remembrance, several funerals and 2 baptisms during the past few weeks and are looking forward to our many Carol Services in December.

We would like to keep you up to date with future editions of this Newsletter. *Should you not want to receive this new-look Spire Newsletter by email in future, do please let us know and we will remove your name from our list.*

Best wishes on behalf of all at Christ Church and St Oswald's and we look forward to seeing you in the near future,

Helen Land & Rosemary Wheway  
Churchwardens Christ Church & All Saints

Chris Stinson & Steve Fellows  
Churchwardens St Oswald's

### DECEMBER SERVICES for Advent and Christmas

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| 1  | Sun | <b>Advent Sunday</b><br>9:15 Parish Communion at Christ Church<br>11:00 Holy Communion at St Oswald's, Newton<br><b>4 pm Christingle at Christ Church</b>   |
| 2  | Mon | 2 pm Coffee Lounge Carol Service  |
| 3  | Tue | 9:45 Little Fishes at Christ Church   |
| 4  | Wed | 10:00 Holy Communion at Christ Church   |
| 8  | Sun | <b>Advent 2 (Foodbank Sunday)</b><br>8:00 Holy Communion at Christ Church<br>9:15 Parish Communion at Christ Church<br>4 pm Café Church in the Methodist Church   |
| 10 | Tue | 9:45 Little Fishes at Christ Church   |
| 11 | Wed | 10:00 Holy Communion at Christ Church   |
| 15 | Sun | <b>Advent 3</b><br>9:15 Holy Communion at Christ Church<br><b>11:00 All Age Christmas Service at St Oswald's, Newton</b><br><b>6 pm Taizé Evening Prayer for Advent in Christ Church</b>                        |
| 16 | Mon | 7 pm Christmas Carols on High Green   |
| 17 | Tue | 9:45 Little Fishes at Christ Church<br><b>7:30 pm All Saints Carol Service</b>  |
| 18 | Wed | 10:00 Morning Prayer at Christ Church   |
| 19 | Thu | <b>7 pm Christmas Carol Service at St Oswald's, Newton</b>  |
| 20 | Fri | <b>10:00 Schools Carol Service at Christ Church</b>   |
| 22 | Sun | <b>Advent 4</b><br>8:00 Holy Communion at Christ Church<br>9:15 Parish Communion at Christ Church<br><b>6 pm Christ Church Christmas Carol Service</b>  |
| 24 | Tue | <b>Christmas Eve</b><br>2 pm Coffee Lounge Christmas Communion<br>5 pm Crib Service at Christ Church<br>9 pm Christmas Communion at St Oswald's, Newton<br>11 pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity at Christ Church |
| 25 | Wed | <b>Christmas Day</b><br>8:30 Christmas Communion at Christ Church<br>9:30 Christmas Communion with Carols at Christ Church  |
| 29 | Sun | <b>Christmas 1</b><br>9:15 Parish Communion at Christ Church  |

**SERVICES in 2025** will follow the usual pattern, please see the website for details

<https://christchurchgreatayton.org.uk/>