



## SPRING CLEAN WEEKEND

Friday 17 - Saturday 18 March

Do you appreciate a clean Church  
when you attend Services, weddings,  
funerals, Christenings or Concerts?

It only stays that way because people help.

Can You?

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# MARCH 2023

- 5 Sun Lent 2** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am Holy Communion at Saint Oswald's.
- 6 Mon** 1.30pm A Place For Us Lent Course at St Margaret's Church; 2pm Coffee Lounge Communion and Cuppa.
- 7 Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes.
- 8 Wed** 10am Holy Communion.
- 12 Sun Lent 3** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11.15am Baptisms; 4.30pm Cafe Church in Christ Church Hall.
- 13 Mon** 1.30pm A Place For Us Lent Course at the Friends Meeting House.
- 15 Wed** 10am Holy Communion; 7.30pm Annual Church Meeting in Church Hall.
- 17 Fri** 5pm Spring Clean Weekend - Spiders Beware!
- 18 Sat** 9am Spring Clean weekend - Polish Off Day.
- 19 Sun Lent 4 Mothering Sunday** (Foodbank Sunday) 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 11am All Age Service at St Oswald's.
- 20 Mon** 1.30pm A Place For Us Lent Course at the Methodist Church; 3pm Fry Court Service.
- 21 Tues** 9.45am Little Fishes.
- 22 Wed** 10am Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes.
- 24 Fri** 1.45pm Christ Church Visitors in the Upper Room.
- 26 Sun Lent 5** 8am Holy Communion; 9.15am Parish Communion; 4.30pm Cafe Church.
- 27 Mon** 7.30pm A Place For Us Lent Course at The Royal Oak.

**Prayer For The Day**  
Every Weekday at 8.45am on  
Zoom & Facebook Live.

Same link for Sundays too.

**Daily Morning Worship** ID: 895  
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## Almost a Resident after 30 Years

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 1993, Karen and I formally became residents of Great Ayton when we moved into the Vicarage, I having been vicar of St Martin's in Middlesbrough since 1985. On the first evening we had been invited for a meal with Nancy and Tom McClellan who lived in Crown Cottage. As we opened the front door to go, we saw the West Church window lit up as choir practice was on. It looked lovely. The following morning I couldn't work out what the noise was in the bedroom. It was the hum of the electric clock that we had never heard living on Acklam Road with its constant traffic. Every time I have come into the village since and seen the Spire standing up against Roseberry Topping and Captain Cook's Monument, I still regard myself as being most fortunate being here.



To say that our start here was uneventful would be a huge understatement, for our first child due at the end of May came early on the 29<sup>th</sup> March when medics couldn't hold him back after 10 days of trying. Born at 11.45pm, David had one normal day in SCBU before complications set in and we were whisked with Police escort to the RVI, Newcastle, where he and Karen stayed for the next 6 months. He not only knocked on death's door, but on several occasions it stood ajar to welcome him. He managed to pull through surviving the initial problem that nearly claimed him, but was then diagnosed with cerebral palsy, a condition that has made every day a challenge for him since.

This wonderful house we moved into was a godsend. It had been on the replacement list before we arrived, but the space in a Victorian vicarage was brilliant for a wheelchair to navigate, and David eventually moved into the study downstairs whilst I went to his bedroom - the former servant's quarters, as sadly they weren't provided any more! The house was adapted for David,

Some people wonder why I have been here so long. Clergy used to stay long times in the past as Joseph Ibbetson was Vicar at All Saints then Christ Church for 50 years 1827 -1877 and Richard Withington managed 32 years here 1883-1915. After that comes Rev Pev! There's no way of beating the former, but second place is still a possibility!

Moving in our early years was too much to consider - changing job, moving house, possibly also changing Health Authorities with Consultants we knew, and Education Authorities and schools, was simply too much. Besides, we had a house that worked for us and I hadn't seen another Vicarage that would have been as good. The means of appointing Vicars then changed, and instead of being head-hunted by the Bishop, you had to apply and be interviewed with others. It's possible that magic & puppets may have impressed another Parish, but I will never know.

Being in a Parish so long has many challenges and blessings. The challenges include keeping fresh and how to preach something new on your 29<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival or Christmas. Thankfully a good staff team have alleviated such issues. In November 1994 I started weekly assemblies at Marwood C of E Infant School following the illness of the Headteacher, and so for 29 years I have done a weekly assembly there, as well as visiting Roseberry Academy and Ingleby Greenhow School still, and several other schools during this time as well. Coming up with fresh ideas is a challenge - hence the magic & puppets.



*David & Abigail with son Lucas, and parents  
David & Alison*

The blessings very much are people centred, for you have the privilege of serving and getting to know the population. The Vicar isn't just there for Churchgoers, but for the whole community. We are fortunate here that so many people still come to the Church at the significant moments of life for Baptism, Weddings and Funerals. Last year I had the wonderful experience of officiating at a wedding where I had also married the bride's

parents, had Christened the bride, had taken the funerals of both her Grandparents, and in the wedding we also baptised the couple's son. The first wedding of this year is of a former member of Sunday School who attended when Karen took over 20 years ago and there are others with similar long standing connections. It's a joy.

How we welcome people to baptisms, weddings and funerals has a huge effect on the community and the ministry in a place. To be less than welcoming, which sadly some are, can cause hurts that last for generations in a family, and can bounce back very hard. I have always seen these occasions as Primary evangelism, of turning the ground over so it may be receptive to the love of God. I have never regretted any generosity I have shown, and would always want to go the extra mile.

After 30 years in a place, being asked to take a funeral is not only a blessing, but a challenge too, for often these days I am not just the Vicar of Great Ayton taking a service, but also Paul Peverell mourning a friend I have known for many years, both from Church and the community. My desk where I write the addresses, is often a place of tears where my emotions can come out, so that on the day I can keep my wits about me and do the job well, and today there's so much more involved.

Thirty years here, and its still such a privilege to be Vicar. Whilst we will be moving to a smaller home in Nunthorpe soon once it is adapted for David, I will remain the Vicar of Great Ayton. It will be a lot quicker to get here than walk down the village!

**Paul**

## **Archdeacon of Cleveland, Dr Amanda Bloor, writes:**

### **Recalibrating our Lives**



Every year, as we enter Lent, I promise myself that I'm not going to get caught up in the race to prove how good a Christian I am by giving up something.

The question, 'what are you giving up for Lent?' can often lead to pressure to go on a diet, cut out some (admittedly unnecessary) food groups such as chocolate or alcohol, and feel better about ourselves by losing a few pounds. And every year, when I hear that question, I try to ask myself why I would be doing this. If the answer is, to prove that I have more willpower than others around me, then it's a pretty self centred action. Even though a bit of prodding to follow a more healthy lifestyle is probably a good reminder for most of us.

The age-old practice of prayer and fasting throughout Lent is intended to do two things: to encourage the individual to consciously draw closer to God, and to sweep away distractions that get in the way. By eating more simply, we learn to acknowledge what we have; by setting aside the things we don't need, we focus on God rather than our more selfish desires. It's a sort of mental re-calibration and something that's often important after the feasting and celebration of Christmas. And of course, at the end of Lent, after the solemnity and sorrow of Holy Week, we'll feast again as we celebrate Christ's victory over death.

Yet I know from visits to food banks, refugee welcome centres and community shops around my archdeaconry that food, for many, is not a commodity to be given up at will.

For far too many, hunger is an ever present reality. When I see church groups reaching out to the needy in their communities, offering food, welcome, support and hospitality, then I see love in action. I think of Jesus sharing food and company with those who came to him, regardless of their back story, and how he described a place being made ready in heaven for those who did the same.

"Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Perhaps, as we work through Lent, we could all pray to follow his example.

**Amanda Bloor**

## A Place For Us

For many years the Churches in Great Ayton have shared a Lent Course together, originally meeting in homes, and over recent years we have met in the four Churches and then ended with a final meal and meeting at the Royal Oak.



This year we are trying a course from a different Publisher, as York Courses are very hard to get in time from their new home at SPCK.

**A Place For Us** follows the themes in **West Side Story**, and we shall watch the whole film on Friday 24 February at 10.20am in Christ Church Coffee Lounge. There will then be excerpts each week as refreshers as we examine Fear, Love, Betrayal, Death and Reconciliation, with a bit of racial tension thrown in.

Books can be bought from Amazon at £6.46 or for your Kindle at just £2.99. All meetings are on Mondays at 1.30pm - 3pm with the last one starting at 6pm.

27 February	Belonging	Christ Church Hall
6 March	Otherness & Difference	St Margaret's Church
13 March	The Gift of Love	The Friends Meeting House
20 March	Promise of a Place for Us	Methodist Church
27 March	The Tragedy of Betrayal	The Royal Oak

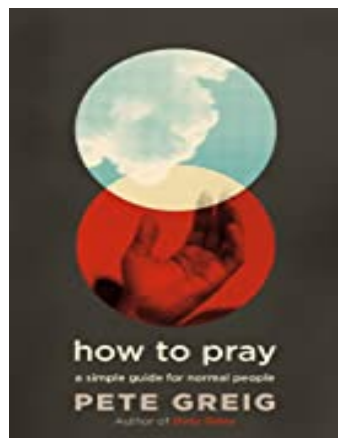
The original West Side Story came out in 1957 and was remade in 2021, so we shall be watching the new version - but with all the familiar songs.

**Join us - There's a Place for You!**

## **"How to Pray"**

***A Simple Guide for Normal People" by Pete Greig.***

How to Pray is a back to basics book. It assumes no knowledge and uses absolutely no jargon in explaining just what prayer is. It's straightforward, practical and inspiring. Perfect for helping Christians at whatever stage we are in our journey. It's a book that makes prayer, above all else, doable.





The book / course comes highly recommended having been used very successfully by a couple of other local church groups.

Geoff, Jane, Jon & Margaret will guide 2 groups meeting weekly - Wednesdays in the Coffee Lounge at 3 o'clock and Thursdays at GADC at 7 o'clock beginning on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> February. We may well start another group if there is more interest, so even if these times don't work for you please get in touch.

Geoff has copies of the book for £10 each (normal retail £13.99). Some of you may prefer to download on kindle for 99p. LARGE PRINT is also available from the Torch Trust.

Please let us know which version you would like, either by email, phone or when we meet in person. We look forward to an exciting journey together.

### **Geoff Jaques**

**Steve Chalke**  @SteveChalke · 29 Jan

'If you always criticise your children they may choose to stop loving you, but the tragedy is they will definitely stop loving themselves.'

If this rhymes with the way you understand the world, check out [oasisrestore.org](https://oasisrestore.org) We're building a team to bring children hope again.



# **CHRIST CHURCH ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING**

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**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 5pm**

High Dusting - Come & see Ken's big  
pole at work.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March from 9am**

Cleaning, Hoovering & Polishing.

**All Welcome**





## FEBRUARY 2023 Winners

£20	5 Jancie Brown
£20	53 Marilyn Walker
£20	28 Sheila Levett
£10	72 Maureen Hudson
£10	38 Karen Peverell

## CHURCH HALL 200 Club

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

Contact either Julie Bourke

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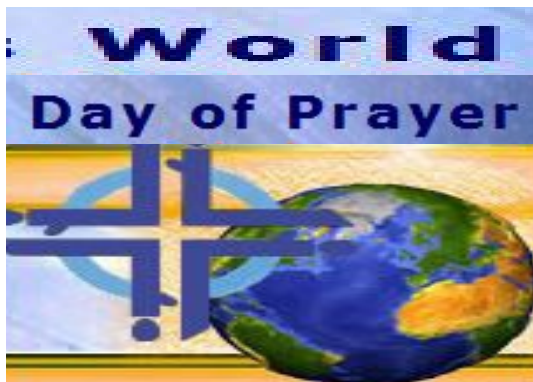
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As British Gas rake in £3.3bn in profits, 82 yr old Barry Seckerson has to raid his funeral fund to pay his £1,117 gas bill after it has quadrupled. Perhaps the final judgement of whether a society is civilised is the level of care it offers to its most vulnerable members.

## World Day Of Prayer

The Annual World Day of Prayer service in Great Ayton will be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10.30am at the Methodist Church. The theme is “I have heard about your faith” and the service has been prepared by the women of Taiwan.

All welcome, please come and bring your friends to join in with countries all over the world to celebrate with songs, meditation, prayers and dialogues. Refreshments available afterwards.



## John Huddleston

*In 2010 this article appeared in the March Spire regarding a special man who did so much for Christ Church and All Saints, but never sought the limelight,. John has recently died, so a good time to remember his contribution.*



This month, I am sure to his great embarrassment, we recognise the huge amount of work done quietly in both Christ Church and All Saints Church by **John Huddleston**.

It is John who faithfully banks the Church collections each week, as those also in the queue will verify. He renews the Church candles, tidies Church and vestry, and generally deals with any little job he sees needs doing without having to be asked. When Christ Church had slightly too many Church mice, it was John who took on the not very popular task of dealing with them. When the gulley between Spire and Church needed cleaning out before we had the doorway installed, it was often John, who with others, climbed over the roof to do this job. When a relief or extra vergers were needed, John was always the man to rely on. To all that could be added many more tasks with Church Fayres and Functions when John works quietly in the background just getting on with what needs to be done.

Go over to All Saints Church, and John faithfully tends that Church too, helping oversee its maintenance, and doing lots of hands on work himself. Need a Clerk of Works to oversee restoration work? - John's the man, with common sense and an eye for detail. At big services, as sidesman, John is the first to arrive and the last to leave.

For someone who does so much at both Churches, I am astonished that the only reasonable photograph I can find is from 1993 when we took all the PCCs pictures - but that says it all. Not in it for fuss, recognition or financial reward, John does all he does, faithfully and diligently, as an expression of his Christian Discipleship for the benefit of all of us who value our Churches.

To one of the hardest working and faithful men in our Church - Thank you John, for all that you do.

## Looking Back... With Malcolm Race

Funeral customs in Ayton were touched on by J. Fairfax-Blakeborough in his contribution to the Rev. Robert Kettlewell's book, "Cleveland Village."

"Ayton funerals were at one time attended by a gathering of the clans from over a very wide area and, within the memory of some people still living, there were hanging in the old church the white garlands which had been carried in front of, or placed on the coffins of, virgins and young children.



"At the commencement of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, women and girls dressed in white acted as bearers for spinsters, and mourners in the procession at most funerals sang a long hymn as they wended their way to the churchyard. The huge sycamore tree which stood at the entrance to the churchyard must have witnessed many generations of villagers carried to their last resting places

"It was the custom until comparatively recent times for a black silk scarf to be given to each bearer and mourner. This was attached to their hats. A pair of black kid gloves was also given to all those 'bidden'.

"The bidding was often 'bi wo'd o' mouth,' though occasionally it took the form of a large printed 'death card' with embossed edges. In my time there were several of these framed and adorning the walls of most farmhouse bedrooms in the Ayton district. Not to attend a funeral after being 'bidden' was considered an unpardonable insult, not so much to the departed as to the family in mourning.

"Indeed, funerals were competitive in regard to the expense incurred, the hospitality offered and the number in attendance.....

"Half a century ago it was a recognised duty to 'tell' the bees of a death in the family of their owner and at Ayton I have seen hives — though not recently — draped in black.

"Until the 1890s it was possible at Ayton to buy, at a small grocer's shop, 'funeral biscuits' wrapped in a paper on which was printed a skull and crossbones and the words: *'Time is short, eternity at hand, Happy are they who ready stand,*

"These packages were handed to those who had been 'bidden' as they were leaving for their homeward journey.....They usually parted, after a good deal of port wine drinking, with the consolation to the bereaved: 'Well ! Nobody can say but what you've given him (or her) a beautiful funeral."



## Jenny Nash - An Appreciation

It's often at the end of a life when you look back that you see just what a person has done. This is so true for Jenny Nash who died unexpectedly last month. Since her stroke 16 years ago at just 60, she hasn't been able to do as much as before, but she packed a phenomenal amount into her life, and much of it was for the Churches she belonged to. We have been privileged to have her in Christ Church since 1985.

Originally from Leeds, Jenny and Mike met at St Peter's Bramley at 16 and 15 respectively. These childhood sweethearts married on 16<sup>th</sup> August 1969, starting their married life in Pudsey. Jenny had trained as a Teacher.

Mike's job in banking took them to various different places as their family grew with sons Robert and Matthew, so when they arrived in Great Ayton it was all four together, and a great boon for our choir when Mike, Rob and Matthew joined.

Jenny became Secretary to the Scouts and helped deliver Meals on Wheels, but it was Christ Church that particularly made her mark.

Here are some of the things she did here:

Helped with the Thursday night Open Youth Club.

Ran *The Firm* Church Youth Fellowship for many years.

Helped run Confirmation Classes.

Helped run the Sunday evening Youth Club for several years.

Helped with Deanery Youth events for many years.

Took trips to the Emmaus Centre at Wydale and other places.

Started the Good Friday Workshops and ran them for several years.

Organised the Autumn Bazaar.



Did the breakfasts at *Get Up With God* early morning Lent Communion for several years when it first started.

Did weekly Lent Lunches for several years.

Planned Burns Night Suppers and Passover Celebrations.

Organised the young people to perform David the Shepherd King Musical.



*Jenny & Mike on their Golden wedding day at the scene of their first kiss.*

Helped support many choir events with lots of baking.

Was on the PCC and also served as a Churchwarden for several years.

Was the Hall Manager and organised the first major renovation of the Hall in the 90's when it was clad outside, plaster-boarded inside, ceiling lowered with new lighting, new heating installed in the hall, new kitchen installed, coffee lounge easy chairs reupholstered, new higher smaller tables & chairs, new curtains, office created and equipped in upper room...

On a more personal note she was incredibly supportive to us as a family after our difficult start. Together with Karen, she planned a surprise 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for me by contacting all on the Electoral Roll - and took the flack from all the regulars who never bothered to join the roll, so were missed out. It was a great night of entertainment and fun. Jenny, together with Win Fife, were David's much loved Godmothers.

Sixteen years ago Jenny had a stroke that left a weakness down her right side, so stepped back from the previous frenetic involvement. She has also battled cancer.

If any one joined Christ Church in the last ten years, they may never have realised just how much we owe to Jenny. Let's hope they are reading this. Thank you Jenny, for all that you did without any fuss.

Our thoughts and prayers go with Mike, Robert and Matthew and all the family at this time. Jenny's death came quite unexpected.

At her funeral service in Christ Church, we had a 30 strong choir with the Church choir supplemented by friends from the Roseberry Church Music Singers and the Michelmas Singers, joined by Jenny's sons and grandsons, and who sang the Nunc Dimittis, and Psalm 150 to Stanford at the end of the service, as it was also sung as she entered St Peter's Church, Bramley, on her wedding day.

## **The Freewill Offering Scheme.**

This will be restarted this month and it is hoped that many more will become members. Every small offering will help.

The Vicar hopes that many Poultry-keepers will make the sporting agreement of giving the price of all Sunday-laid eggs to the scheme: he offers to do so himself. Allotment Holders! will you give the price of a row of potatoes to the Church? Farmers and Miners, you are having a difficult time. Will you give what you can?

Boys and Girls! Won't you give 1d. per week?

If we love our Church we will all do our best and not our least.

Ken has come across this article from the Church Magazine in January 1922. That we are still here 100 years later is a good sign that they responded positively.

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

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# Captain Cook Schoolroom Museum

Drum roll please... we'll be dusting off and reopening the doors in April, with opening times to be confirmed shortly.

The museum is backed by volunteers who open up and man the shop through the warmer months, and we are very lucky to have a team of existing volunteers who very kindly help us out... but we are always in need of more help!

Volunteering at the museum shop is a really interesting but relatively undemanding role, with lots of visitors from far and wide, including overseas. No



prior experience or knowledge of the museum is required.

Perhaps you are at a loose end and in need of something interesting to do, and to get you out and about more? Perhaps you just have a bit of free time you'd like to donate, no matter how small in amount, to help us out? Perhaps you have an interest in the village's history or Captain Cook himself and are curious to find

out more? Perhaps you know someone else who would enjoy getting involved?

If so, we'd like to hear from you. We are having a coffee morning in the Royal Oak on Thursday 16th March at 10 30am if you would like to come along to find put more and meet some current volunteers.

For more information please contact Liz Scovell 07935486006.





# The fun starts here



**Rainbows** learn by doing – they get their hands dirty, do sports, arts and crafts, and play games.

For girls aged 4 to 7  
(5 year olds in some areas)



*'I got to do activities and things I wouldn't normally do and meet new people.'*

Lauren, Guide



**At Guides** you can explore new places, get involved in leadership opportunities and learn a huge range of new skills.

For girls aged 10 to 14



**Brownies** offers girls exciting opportunities take on new challenges, make brilliant friends and discover the world around them.

For girls aged 7 to 10



**In Rangers** you'll have exciting opportunities to travel the world, get your voice heard, support your community, and build skills for the future.

For young women aged 14 to 18



## Join us today

[girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](http://girlguiding.org.uk/joinus)  
or call **0800 169 5901**



# **The Silverwood Band and**

# **The Band of The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers**

**7.30pm Saturday 25th March  
The Kings Academy, Coulby Newham**

**Tickets Adults £10- Children £5**

**available from band members  
and [wegottickets.com](http://wegottickets.com)**

**FUSILIERS  
BAND**



# From the Registers

## Holy Baptism

29 January

Isaac Max Calgie

## Funerals & Memorial Services

6 February

14 February

17 February

23 February

1 March

Mary Brown

Ray Booty

Jenny Nash

Iris Webber

John Huddleston

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

## Obituaries

I don't often do Obituaries in Spire, for I deal with so many interesting lives in the village so who would you include or leave out?

This month I have broken with tradition, having taken - or about to take - the funerals of two people who were so unassuming and never sought the limelight, yet did so much for Christ Church.

Jenny Nash and John Huddleston were both very faithful and hardworking members of Church and contributed a great deal, often unseen. Like all of us, they aged and health declined, so stepped back from activities and couldn't attend as often. People joining the Church in recent years may have just seen an older person and not realised just how much we owe to them. I hope you enjoy their stories and I thank them both for their efforts .

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

## Malcolm's Musings

*Letter to paper:* "Invited to dinner at the Savoy Grill Room in the 1980s I rang for advice to ask if my husband could wear his then fashionable white silk roll collar shirt with his dinner suit. The answer was prompt. 'Any guest of our hosts were welcome and my husband could always sit behind a pillar.'"



Reporting the marriage of two former colleagues, now retired, the staff magazine of a York company added: "We wish them good luck and hope they will be spared many years together."

Schoolboy howler: "Francis Drake circumcised the world with a 60 foot cutter."

A Whitehall rhyme from World War II:

"And so while the great ones depart to their dinner  
the secretary stops, growing thinner and thinner  
racking the brain to record and report  
what he thinks that they think that they ought to have thought."

*From a Gloucestershire newspaper:* "Yesterday seven cars were stolen in Cheltenham and there were three attempts to steal vehicles. It brings the total of cars stolen for the past three days to one."

A burglar was caught out during a police interview when his girlfriend visited him wearing some of the jewellery he was alleged to have stolen.

Commenting on a complaint from a Mr Arthur Purdey about a large gas bill, a spokesman for North West Gas said: "We agree it was rather high for the time of year. It is possible Mr Purdey has been charged for the gas used up during the explosion that destroyed his house."

Solicitor to witness: "Which of you collided with the other first?"

### Editor of Spire

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If you would like a paper copy of Spire delivering to your door, please contact Jean Goat on 01642 723274.

# 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 ( <i>School Term time only</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer - every week

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

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