THE BENEFICE OF THE LOWER SWALE

United Parish of KIRKBY FLEETHAM with FENCOTE, LANGTON and SCRUTON

NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2016

**SERVICES**

**APRIL 3rd**

10.00 SCRUTON United Holy Communion *Mrs Elmer and Mrs Lawther*

**APRIL 6th (Wednesday) 6.00 pm AINDERBY STEEPLE Licensing of the Reverend Canon Doctor Ann Chapman as House for Duty Priest Bishop James We would all like to welcome Ann to the Benefice.**

**APRIL 10th** 9.30 am SCRUTON Holy Communion *Mrs Crampton and Mrs Green* 11.00 am KIRKBY FLEETHAM Holy Communion *Mrs Garner* 6.30 pm AINDERBY STEEPLE Benefice Evensong (BCP)

**APRIL** **17th** 9.30 am SCRUTON Holy Communion *Mr and Mrs Exelby* 11.00 am FENCOTE Holy Communion *Mrs Kettlewell* 11.00 am LANGTON Holy Communion

**APRIL 24th** 9.30 am SCRUTON Holy Communion *Mrs Calder and Mrs Lawther* 11.00 am KIRKBY FLEETHAM Holy Communion *Mr Peirson*

 **MAY 1st** 10.00 am KIRKBY FLEETHAM United Holy Communion *Mr Garner*

**FROM THE RECTORY 01609 773346**

**Easter Joy and New Beginnings:**

A very happy Easter to everyone! And what an Easter it has been.We have celebrated with regular services and extras throughout Holy Week and rejoiced in the celebration of Easter Day itself across the Benefice. Like the Church throughout the world we have welcomed the Risen Lord once again into our midst and given thanks for the blessings and the joys that his glorious Resurrection has brought to each one of us. Of course at times many in our midst and those further afield will have faced personal tragedy and hardship, and for many joy may not be what they are currently experiencing in life, but if there is one thing that all can indeed be thankful for it is that Jesus has been through all that we go through and in the end offers us a hope that is unending and imperishable, and for that whatever may befall us we remain ever thankful. At this time in our Benefice we have much to be thankful for, I entitled this letter new beginnings because we have great joys in the process of emerging. I speak of course of new members of the Ministry Team here in the Benefice. The Reverend Canon Dr. Ann Chapman is now safely ensconced in the vicarage at Scruton and we look forward greatly to her Licensing Service on Wednesday 6th April at 6pm at St. Helen’s Church in Ainderby. We warmly welcome as many people from across the Benefice to come and share with Ann as she joins our Team and to enjoy our welcome to her afterwards in Church. In addition to Ann we also have a new Curate coming to join us in July. Stephen Hanscombe will be ordained on Saturday 2nd of July in Wakefield Cathedral. We will be welcoming him in style at the celebration of Holy Communion at St Mary’s Church Kirkby Fleetham on Sunday 3rd July at 11am and again I warmly welcome everyone across the Benefice to come and share in this special occasion and enjoy our hospitality as we warmly welcome Stephen as he begins his ministry in our midst. Exciting times lie ahead. May the Risen Lord fill us all full of hope and expectation as we together seek to serve him in the Benefice of the Lower Swale. Alleluia He is Risen! He is Risen indeed Alleluia!

 ***Clive***

**FROM THE REGISTERS**

**Confirmation service** Thursday, 25th February at St Helen’s Ainderby Steeple Confirmed at St Helen’s by the Bishop of Ripon; Ben Jacob Carruthers and Leigh Rebecca Carruthers and Thomas Edward Landells, (who were also baptised on the same day) Abigail Jane Eaton, Frank Taylor Morgan and Rebecca Savage

**Burial Services** Wednesday, 15th March Philip Andrews at Fencote Friday 17th March burial at Scruton Mary Teresa (Maureen) Preston Monday 21st March (after private cremation at Darlington) Memorial Service for Helen Margaret Anne Wood

**Baptisms at Kirkby Fleetham** 13th March; Wesley Andrew Kettlewell, Reece William Nicholson and Charles Robert Nicholson 20th March Poppy Charlotte Florence Lawson

**NOTICES**

**Wednesday, 11th April 7.00 pm in St Andrew’s Church, Great Fencote, PCC AGM** KIRKBY FLEETHAM£280.10p has been sent to the Church of England Children's Society, from the box collections. If you would like to be a box holder please contact Ruth Kettlewell, 9 Forge Lane, 01609 748090

 £133 was raised for church funds at the coffee morning on 5th March in the village hall. Thank you to all who came and those who helped.

 Sat. April 2nd: 10.00-11.30am in the village hall a coffee morning in aid of research into Parkinson's disease. Come and enjoy a chat, home baking, bric-à-brac, books, DVDs and a raffle.

 Sat. April 9th from 12.30 'SOUPER SATURDAY' at the home of Derek and Rosemary Garner, Moorhills K/F. Enjoy soup and a scone and tea/coffee before or after a Spring walk around the grounds. Proceeds in aid of St. Mary's Church. Tickets £5 from Rosemary748335, Ruth 748090 or Audrey 748760 or the village shop.

Tues. April 12th 7pm K/F LCC in village hall

Thursday April 14th 7.15pm in theVillage Hall **WI meeting A Prisoner, a pirate a dog musher and shipwrecks Colin Narramore**

SCRUTON

Wednesday,20th April 12 for 12.30 pm in the Black Horse **Kirkby Fleetham Luncheon Club** Please ring the Black Horse (749010) by 18th if you would like to come.

**S**aturday, April 16th 10-12 noon in the Coore Memorial Hall **Coffee Morning** in aid of Skills Mill. Saturday, April 16th 7.30 pm in the Coore Memorial Hall **Domino Drive** £2 at the door Friday 22nd April at 8pm in the Coore Memorial Hall NEWCOMERS’ WELCOME PARTY Monday 25th April 2016 at 7.30pm at The Manor House, Scruton. Church Council meeting

**FOR YOUR DIARIES** . Saturday, June 11th on the Playing Fields, SCRUTON FETE 9th -10th July from 1-5.00 pm **Open Gardens in Scruton** more details later.

*If you have any notices for the newsletter, please contact Katherine Lawther (748287), or on* *rjlawther@btinternet.com - I usually start typing during the third week of the month*