

The Benefice of the

**LOWER  
SWALE**



**Newsletter**

**April 2019**

He is  
Risen

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# Thoughts for the month

## Dear friends,

**Lent & the Holy Family:** As I write it's March 19<sup>th</sup>, the day we celebrate as St Joseph's Day. Joseph, husband of Mary, earthly father to our Lord Jesus. Then on 25<sup>th</sup> March we'll celebrate the day we call the Annunciation to Mary day (Lady Day), when the angel Gabriel announced to Mary she was to bear the Son of God.

These are two truly important days in our calendar of worship. They fall within Lent, and for me it's always a joy to recall during this season of reflection the earthly family Jesus came to live with, grow up in, to be loved and nurtured before his momentous 3 year public ministry culminating in the events we'll recall and celebrate once more this coming Holy Week and Easter.

**Holy Week & Easter:** We're blessed with two Bishops joining us this year. Bishop Nick leads the Good Friday walk from Kirkby Fleetham and the afternoon service at Scruton. Bishop Helen-Ann leads our Easter Day celebrations at Ainderby Steeple. Do join us!

**Patterns of worship:** Speaking of worship, we held our first of the new **Evensong** services on Ash Wednesday with a most healthy 23 attending. Derek Sharpe and I hope that you'll join us for future Evensong services which become a regular monthly event soon. The 2<sup>nd</sup> of these new services will also be at St. Helen's on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May followed by a special service on Ascension Day, 30<sup>th</sup> May. And if you wonder what our Morning Prayer services using Common Worship are like, well they're much more about joyful worship and so we're restyling them as **Morning Worship** services with a new set of booklets across most of our churches from the end of March (Maunby & Yafforth have a long tradition of the Book of Common Prayer, so respecting that tradition they'll continue to use BCP Morning Prayer).

We hope that having a range of worship services on offer across the Benefice will enable you to join us to worship in a form you find most suits you. You'll see we have **Holy Communion** services every week and most weeks we have the new Morning Worship services or BCP Morning Prayer as well.

**Clergy:** Regrettably there is still no positive news to report on the two vacancies. We pray that the Spirit will move candidates to apply to come to lead worship here with us soon.

It's also not long until our skies will be blessed with those most majestic of birds, the Swifts and the Swallows – now there's a thought to brighten our hearts I'm sure! Wishing you a truly joyful Easter from everybody involved in leading our congregations across the benefice.

Lay Reader Minister  
Paul



# Benefice Notices

## Easter Day

There are six young people and one adult being Confirmed by Bishop Helen-Ann. Please come along and support them and their families.

We are planning to serve tea / coffee and refreshments after the Confirmation Service on Easter Sunday. Contributions of cakes, buns, biscuits etc. will be gratefully received on the day.

## Thank You

Thank you to Julia Barker who has collated the newsletter for three years. She has now relinquished this role and we would like to thank her for all her hard work. Please note the current details for sending copy are on page 7 of this issue.

# Church and Village Notices

## *Ainderby Steeple*

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting** for Ainderby Steeple with Yafforth and Kirby Wiske with Maunby will be held on Monday 15th April at 7.00pm in St. Helen's Church.

## Youth Groups

Trendy Teens meet on 4th April at 6.30pm.

Busy Bees meet on 11th April at 4.00pm

Groovers and Shakers meet on 11th April at 6.15pm.

There will then be a break for the Easter holidays.

## **Ainderby Steeple 100 club winners**

February winners are 1st prize M Glover (62) and 2nd prize B Collins (16)

March winners are 1st prize K Blenkiron (30) and 2nd prize A Potts (70)

## *Kirby Wiske*

### **Church Decoration for Easter**

We shall be decorating the church on Friday 19th April from 9.30 am.

Please come along if you would like to help.

## **Coffee & Chat**

Coffee & chat with an Easter flavour to support our church roof fund, Saturday 6th April 10.00am - 12noon in the village hall. There will be cakes, chocolate and Easter eggs to buy, an opportunity to enter the competition for the best Easter bonnet or cap, a chance to view an exhibition of black and white photographs by David Roffey and of course a raffle.



## **Beetle Drive**

Although numbers were down this year, thanks to those who joined in the fun we raised £150 for the village hall upkeep.

## **Village Hall**

The Village Hall Committee is anxious to swell its ranks. If you could spare a little time to help with ongoing fundraising efforts to maintain the hall for the community please contact Joyce (587402) or Stevie (587738). The next committee meeting is the AGM on Thursday 25th April at 7.00pm in the village hall.

## **Plant Alert**

The village hall committee plans to hold its Plant Fair on Saturday 11th May to raise funds for the village hall upkeep. Donations of plants will be gratefully received.

## **Sion Hill Hall Plant Fair**

Please note that this enjoyable event will take place on Sunday 16th June. Sion Hill Hall gardens will be open and by kind invitation of Mr Michael Mallaby, church and village will benefit from funds raised by serving refreshments and from a Book Barn and Tombola.

## **Local History Group**

The group will meet on Tuesday 9th April at 7.00pm in the village hall. There will be feedback from the recent visit to the Record Office and the group will work towards the completion of the village trail.

## **Parish Council Meeting**

Tuesday 2nd April at 7.30pm in the village hall.

## **Church Rotas**

Sidesmen:	7th April	9.30 am	Mrs M Dale
	28th April	9.30 am	Mrs M Dale
Flowers:	Mrs S Rodgers & all arrangers		
Cleaning:	Mr & Mrs M Dale		

## **Northallerton Male Voice Choir**

At 7.30pm on Saturday 11th May the choir will provide a Spring Concert in St John The Baptist Church, Kirby Wiske. Tickets £8, includes refreshments, from Derek Sharpe on 01609 771031. Proceeds for the Church Roof Fund.

## ***Kirkby Fleetham & Fencotes***

### **From the Registers**

Monday March 4<sup>th</sup>: The funeral of Vera Stirk at St Andrew's Church, Great Fencote



## Walk of Witness

On Good Friday (April 19<sup>th</sup>) there is a Walk of Witness led by Bishop Nick Baines. Please meet outside Kirkby Fleetham Primary School at 11.00.a.m. to walk to St Mary's Church where we'll finish with refreshments. Everyone (including 4-legged friends!) welcome.

## Kirkby Fleetham WI

The WI will meet at Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall on Thursday 11th April at 7.15pm. Steve Marsh will be doing a cookery demonstration and telling us about his journey from pot boy at the Black Horse to chef at Middleton Lodge.

## Thank You

The March Coffee morning for Multiple Sclerosis raised £187. A huge 'thank you' from Tracy & Gary Fulligar. The NSPCC collection boxes raised £334. Thank you to everyone who collected.

## Coffee Morning

On Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> from 10.00am – 11.30am there will be a Coffee Morning in the Village Hall in support of the Motor Neurone Disease Association. This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Association. Do come along and enjoy coffee / tea & biscuits / cakes, lots of home baking plus books, DVDs, bric-a-brac and a raffle.

## Soup and scone lunch

Why not come along on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> from 12.00 noon until 2.00pm for a Soup and scone lunch plus tea/coffee (£5.00) and a Raffle at the Village Hall. There will also be a plant stall organised by Kirkby Fleetham Gardening Club.

## Kirkby Fleetham Village events (at the Village Hall unless indicated otherwise) Mobile Post Office

Wednesdays 11.15am – 12.15pm at the Village Hall

## Kirkby Fleetham Village Hub

The Hub is open every Monday from 2.30pm – 4.30pm and Wednesday from 10.30am – 1.00pm. Pop in for a coffee / tea, sample some delicious home baking, buy local fresh eggs, greetings cards and your tickets for village events, change your library book, use the free Wi-Fi and, on Wednesdays, use the Mobile Post Office!

## Booklovers' Group

Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> The Booklovers' Group meets at 7.00pm in the Library. Everyone welcome to bring along a book they have enjoyed and can recommend.

## Lunchbunch

Come along on Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> for Lunchbunch. 11.45am for 12.00noon to enjoy a two Courses plus tea / coffee. Tickets £5.00 from the Village Hub or Sheila (01609 748066)



## **Wirework Workshop**

On Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> there is a Wirework Workshop running from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Would you like an owl perching on a branch in your garden? Join Carol Sterritt, professional sculptor in chicken wire at this workshop in the Village Hall. The cost is £50, all materials and tools are provided, along with light refreshments, but please bring your own lunch. Carol advises wearing closed toe shoes and jeans and you may like to bring a pair of gloves too, for protection. To reserve your place, email or phone Margaret on [mwilson1952@live.co.uk](mailto:mwilson1952@live.co.uk) / 01609 748730.

## **Kirkby Fleetham Gardening Club**

On Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> The Gardening Club meets at 7.00pm.  
*Wack's Wicked Plants* Gold Award winners at Chelsea 2018! (check out the website [www.wackswickedplants.co.uk](http://www.wackswickedplants.co.uk))

## *Maunby*

### **Methodist Church Rota**

7th April at Sowerby  
14th April Mr M Breckon  
21st April at Romanby  
28th April Mrs K Walker

Services start at 10.30am unless otherwise indicated

## *Morton on Swale*

### **Book sale and coffee morning**

Monday 8th April from 11.00am until 12.30pm at the village hall. Choose any 5 books for £1.00 - only 50p entry to include coffee/tea and biscuits

### **Craft and Chat**

Thursday 11th April from 1.30pm until 3.30pm at the village hall.  
Entry £2.00 to include tea/coffee and cake.

### **Young at Heart**

Thursday 25th April from 2.00pm until 4.00 pm. A social afternoon, at the village, hall to relax and play cards, darts, dominoes and scrabble. Entry is £2.00 to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

### **Films at the village hall**

Bohemian Rhapsody is being shown at the village hall on Friday 26th. April starting at 7.30 pm. Entry on the door is £5.00 to include a complimentary glass of wine or orange juice.

### **Village Hall AGM**

The AGM will be held at the village hall on Tuesday May 7th. commencing at 7.30pm.



## **Moron-on-Swale Village Hall Bookings**

To book the hall for your own use please ring Lynne on 01609 779447.

## **Scruton**

### **Parish Council**

On Thursday April 11th the Parish Council (APM) is at 7.30pm at the Coore Memorial Hall.

### **Charity Coffee Morning**

Saturday April 13th from 10.00am - 12.00noon at the Coore Memorial Hall. Scruton Playing Fields Association will be raising money for this year's firework display.

### **Scruton Book Club**

The next Book Club is on Tuesday April 30th at 7.30pm. Contact Janet Crampton (Telephone: 01609 748321) for details.

## **Wensleydale Railway Appeal**

Wensleydale Railway is able to raise much needed funds from recycling items such as unwanted or broken jewellery/watches, currency, gadgets such as sat navs, game consoles, tablets, cameras/video cameras, mobile phones, iPods/MP3 players (all any condition or age), stamps and tinfoil. Items for recycling can be taken to Wensleydale Railway's Leeming Bar Office or via Keith and Joan Walker, 24 The Parklands, Scruton. We can collect items if you contact us on 01609 748458.

## **Yafforth**

### **From the registers**

Funeral and Burial of David Lightfoot.

Burial of Violet Edith Laws.

### **Volunteers needed!**

Any volunteers for grass cutting will be gladly welcomed! Please contact Chris on 01609 773767 or speak to Irene. Any contributions towards the cost of fuel would be appreciated.

### **Yafforth Hub**

The next Yafforth Hub will be on Saturday 20th April, 10.00am - 12.00noon. We are delighted to report that the Hub has been awarded a grant of £500 from NYCC Stronger Communities Fund towards the cost of stacking chairs and folding tables. We hope that once they are purchased more of the villagers will be able to benefit from their Hub. Any suggestions for events or offers of help are always welcome.

## **Deadline for the May Newsletter**

Please send all information to the editor by 5.00pm on **20th April**.

The email address is [anne@cayton.org.uk](mailto:anne@cayton.org.uk)



# Services for April

## 7th April

Kirby Wiske  
Scruton  
Ainderby

## Lent 5

9.30am Holy Communion  
9.30am Holy Communion  
11.00am Holy Communion

## Purple

Rev Rob Stapleton  
William  
William

Readings: Isaiah Ch43 v10-21, John Ch12 v1-8

## 14<sup>th</sup> April

Kirkby Fleetham  
Ainderby

## Palm Sunday

10.00am\*\* United Holy Communion  
\*\* **NOT 11.00am**  
11.00am All Age Worship

## Red

Rev Lesley Ashton  
Shawn

Readings: Isaiah Ch 50 v 4 to 9a, Luke Ch 23 v 1 to 49

## 18<sup>th</sup> April

Ainderby

## Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Holy Communion

## White

William

## 19<sup>th</sup> April

Kirkby Fleetham  
Scruton

## Good Friday

11.00am Good Friday pilgrimage walk from Kirkby Fleetham village center to St Mary's Church led by Bishop Nick Baines  
2.00pm Benefice Devotional Service  
Bishop Nick Baines

## 21<sup>st</sup> April

Ainderby

## Easter Day

11.00am Benefice Confirmation &

## White / Gold

Holy Communion  
Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley

Readings: Acts Ch 10 v 34 to 43, John Ch 20 v 1 to 18

## 28<sup>th</sup> April

Kirby Wiske  
Langton  
Yafforth

## Easter 2

9.30am Morning Prayer  
11.00am Holy Communion  
11.00am\*\* Morning Prayer BCP  
\*\* **NOT 09.30am**

## White

Paul  
Rev Lesley Ashton  
Paul

Readings: Acts Ch 5 v 27 to 32, John Ch 20 v 19 to end

## 5th May

Scruton  
Ainderby

## Easter 3

9.30am Holy Communion  
11.00am Holy Communion

## White

William  
William

