

The Benefice of the

**LOWER
SWALE**



Newsletter
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#LIVE LENT



**CARE for GOD'S
CREATION**

A 40-Day Challenge

 **THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**

From the Rectory

As I look out of the study window, I am reminded that March has been described as the month that comes in like a lion but leaves like a lamb: the assumption being that by the end of the month named after Mars, the god of war, the quieter spring weather will have taken hold after the storms often seen at the beginning of the month. Given the recent deluge one rather hopes so.

There are many animal-related sayings and folklore associated with the month. For example, we have mad March hares boxing their way through 31 days, and the full moon in March is apparently known as the worm moon, because it encourages the worms to rise to the surface of the soil as spring begins to appear.

Then we have St. Patrick's day – the fifth century monk who supposedly banished snakes from Ireland, and likened the shamrock to the Trinity. He also created the Celtic cross as we know today, intertwining the ancient pagan sun symbol with the Christian cross, not so that the new religion should replace the old, but that the two would become intertwined.

I have a great affinity with Celtic Christianity. It embraces the seasons and the whole of God's wonderful creation. Which leads me onto the material that the Church of England has produced for Lent this year. It has been written to support the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2020, 'Saying Yes to Life' by Ruth Valerio. We are challenged to a 40-day journey to care for God's creation with weekly themes which explore the need for humans to value and protect the abundance God has created. There's also a younger people's challenge. The material is thoughtful and designed to broaden our view.

If you want to know more: www.churchofengland.org/livelent and I will have some copies available.

I shall sign off with the prayer used for the first week and written by Timothy Rees:

*God is love, let heaven adore Him;
God is love, let earth rejoice;
Let creation sing before Him
And exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation:
God is love, eternal love.*

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Benefice Notices

Newsletter: The April newsletter will be the last monthly edition that I put together. We are moving to worship elsewhere, and after discussion with the PCC it has been decided that the newsletter will be bi-monthly. Contributions should be sent to Karen Prudden, the benefice administrator, whose details will be available next month. At present, distribution to the village distributors hasn't been finalised, but you will be notified next month.

Church and Village Notices

Ainderby Steeple

Youth Groups

Busy Bees (age 4 - 7) meet from 4.00pm to 5.00pm on 12th and 26th March

Groovers and Shakers (7 - 11) meet from 6.15pm to 8.00pm, again on 12th and 26th March.

Trendy Teens (age 11 - 16) meet from 6.30pm to 8.30pm on 5th and 19th March.

Kirby Wiske

Coffee & Chat with an Easter Flavour on Saturday 28th March 10am-noon in the village hall. Join us in an Easter Bonnet competition and parade and an Easter cake competition. There will also be a cake and preserves stall and tombola. Enjoy the company and benefit the church roof fund.

Village Hall News. The village hall committee AGM will take place in the hall on Thursday 23rd April at 7.00 pm.

Local History Group. At the next meeting on Tuesday 10th March at 7.00pm in the village hall the group will review the late Mrs Janet Ward's collection of cuttings relating to Kirby Wiske Methodist chapel which she attended until its closure.

Parish Council. Next meeting on Tuesday 3rd February at 7.30 pm.



Northallerton Male Voice Choir: At 7.30pm on Saturday 9th 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.

Church Rota:

Sidesmen: 1st March 9.30am Mrs M Dale
 15th March 9.30am Mrs M Dale
Flowers: Mrs S Rodgers
Cleaning: Mr & Mrs J Hackett

Kirkby Fleetham & Fencotes

In Memoriam:

Reginald Arthur (Reg) Soar (late of Kirkby Fleetham) died January 19th 2020.

Notices

February's coffee morning raised £166 for St Mary's Church. Thanks to all who contributed!

The Coffee Morning on Saturday March 7th 10.30am – 12.30pm is to raise funds for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Do come along & enjoy speciality coffees / teas, bacon butties, home baking, bric-a-brac & book stalls and a raffle. NB: Coffee Morning times are now in line with HUB times.

Church Treasurer Wanted! Our long serving Treasurer at St. Mary's church, Geoff Robinson, would like to stand down - so - we're looking for a volunteer to take his place. You don't have to be a church-goer and you don't have to sign up for the duration - it's all negotiable and it's an unpaid role. If you'd like to know more, please contact our Churchwarden, Derek Garner (07729468227) or Treasurer, Geoff Robinson (748383)

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: Open 10.30am – 12.30pm every Wednesday and every Saturday (except 1st in month). Pop in for a coffee / tea, bacon buttie, toasted teacake, home baking to eat in or take away, buy local fresh eggs, meat products, greetings cards and your tickets for village events, change your library book / jigsaw / DVD and use the free WiFi .

Booklovers' Group: Tuesday 3rd March at 7.00pm in the Library: Everyone welcome to bring along a book they have enjoyed and can recommend.

Gardening Club: Thursday 5th March at 7.00pm. Martin Fish will talk about being an RHS Judge. He's a passionate and highly experienced gardening consultant who regularly features on TV and radio. Members free, visitors £3.00 including refreshments.

Lunchbunch: Thursday 26th March 11.45am for 12.00 noon. On the menu this month is Sweet & Sour Chicken with rice followed by Fruit Crumble & custard, tea / coffee. Tickets (£5.00) on sale from the HUB / Sheila (748066).

Gardeners Get Ready! : The plant stall at The Willows will be back at the beginning of April for its 6th season - this time to raise funds for the development of the courtyard at the back of the Village Hall.

Kirkby Fleetham W.I. Meeting: Thursday 12th March at 7.15pm at Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall. The Speaker will be Ian Woods of Street Angels.

Wirework workshop: Wirework professional, Carol Sterritt, is returning to lead a workshop on Saturday 25th April, 10.00am - 4.00pm, in Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall. This time the project will be a scampering squirrel. All wire and tools will be provided, just bring a packed lunch and wear closed toe shoes and practical clothes. Tea, coffee and home made refreshments will be provided. Cost is £50 for the day. Please contact Margaret Wilson on 748730 or mwilson1952@live.co.uk to reserve your place.

Vacancy for Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer for Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council. Closing date 9th March 2020 For further details please visit www.kirkbyfleethamwithfencotesparishcouncil.co.uk



Langton on Swale

Coffee Morning: St Wilfrids, Langton on Swale are holding a coffee morning on Wednesday 8th April at Northallerton Town Hall, 9.00am to 1.00pm. There will be a cake stall, bric-a-brac, tombola, book stall and craft stalls. Anyone volunteering to help on the day, or would like to donate to the stalls, please get in touch with Gillian on 07849 720906 or June on 01609 748397.

Maunby

Sideman 8th March 9.30am Mr Noel Quinn

Maunby Methodist Church Rota: Services begin at 10.30 unless indicated

1st March Dr D Warren

8th March Circuit Worship Team

16th March Revd J Sadler (Holy Communion)

22nd March at Romanby

29th March Mr M Breckon

Morton on Swale

Ainderby Steeple WI

Please join us for a coffee morning on Saturday 28th March from 10.00am – 12 noon at Morton on Swale Village Hall. All proceeds are for Roseberry Topping Mountain Rescue. Refreshments, tombola, crafts etc. Admission £3 includes coffee / tea and cake.

Morton Green Association AGM will take place in Morton on Swale Village Hall on Monday March 9th at 7.00pm. All welcome

Craft Fair: Saturday 4th April, 10.00am - 2.00pm in the village hall. Lots of crafts available and refreshments. Free entry

Scruton

St. Radegund's Charity Coffee Morning: Saturday March 21st from 10am until 12 noon at the Coore Memorial Hall. Proceeds this month to Friends of Ainderby Steeple School. Raffle and cake stall.



Lent Lunch: Thursday 26th March from 12 noon until 2.00pm. Come and join us at the Coore Memorial Hall for homemade soup and bread.

Village Fete Committee Meeting: Wednesday March 18th, 7.30pm at the Coore Memorial Hall.

New Villagers Evening: Friday March 27th, 7.30pm at the Coore Memorial Hall. An opportunity for everyone to meet and to welcome newcomers to Scruton. Buffet supper and bar provided.

Scruton Book Club meets on Tuesday 31st March at 7.30pm. Please contact Janet Crampton for details.

Yafforth

100 Club Winners

January Draw

£20 Turner Family £10 J Atkinson

Many thanks to all for the ideas to celebrate 150 years since All Saint's was re - built

Yafforth Hub: Saturday 21st March 10.00am - 12noon. All welcome

Deadline for the April Newsletter

Please send all information to the editor by 5.00pm on 20th March. The email address for copy is anne@cayton.org.uk

Services for March

1st March

Kirkby Wiske

Scruton

Ainderby

Kirkby Fleetham

1st Sunday of Lent

9.30am

9.30am

11.00am

11.00am

Morning Worship

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Morning Worship

Purple

Paul Chubb LLM

Rev Jenni Lane

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Paul Chubb LLM

Readings: Romans Ch 5 v 12 - 19, Matthew Ch 4 v 1 - 11



Services for March

8th March

Maunby	9.30am	BCP Morning Prayer
Scruton	9.30am	Holy Communion
Ainderby	11.00am	Morning Worship
Kirkby Fleetham	11.00am	Holy Communion

Purple

Paul Chubb LLM *
Rev Jenni Lane
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Rev Jenni Lane

Readings: Romans Ch 4 v 1-5, John Ch 3 v 1 - 17

15th March

Kirkby Wiske	9.30am	Holy Communion
Scruton	9.30am	Morning Worship
Ainderby	11.00am	All Age Worship
Langton	11.00am	Holy Communion

Purple

Rev Jenni Lane
Paul Chubb LLM
Shawn / Paul
Rev Jenni Lane

Readings: Romans Ch 5 v 1- 11, John Ch 4 v 5 - 42

Wednesday 18th March

Ainderby	7.00pm	Evensong	Paul Chubb & Derek Sharp
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22nd March

Scruton	10.00am	United Holy Communion	Purple / Rose Rev Lesley Ashton
Yafforth	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Rev Jenni Lane
Ainderby	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Jenni Lane

Readings: Colossians Ch 3 v 12 - 17, Luke Ch 2 v 33 - 35

29th March

Ainderby	10.00am	<u>United Benefice</u> Holy Communion	Purple Jenni & Paul
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Readings: Romans Ch 8 v 6 - 11, John 11 v 1 - 45

5th April

Maunby	9.30am	Holy Communion
Scruton	9.30am	Morning Worship
Ainderby	11.00am	Morning Worship
Kirkby Fleetham	11.00am	Holy Communion

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Rev Jenni Lane
Paul Chubb LLM
Paul Chubb LLM
Rev Jenni Lane

Readings: Philippians Ch 2 v 5 - 11, Matthew Ch 21 v 1 - 11

* LLM denotes Licensed Lay Minister

