

Newsletter February 2026 / March 2026

Benefice of the Lower Swale

Services for February 2026

Sunday, 1st February 2026: Candlemas

Kirby Wiske	9.30am	Morning Worship	Paul
Scruton	9.30am	Holy Communion	Stasi
Ainderby Steeple	11.00am	Holy Communion	Stasi

Sunday, 8th February 2026: 2nd Sunday before Lent

Scruton	9.30am	Morning Worship	Paul
Ainderby Steeple	11.00am	Holy Communion	William Thackray
Kirkby Fleetham	11.00am	Morning Worship	Paul

Sunday, 15th February 2026: Sunday before Lent

Kirby Wiske	9.30am	Holy Communion	Stasi
Scruton	9.30am	Morning Worship	Paul
Ainderby Steeple	11.00am	Holy Communion	Stasi

Wednesday 18th February 2026: Ash Wednesday

Scruton	6.00pm	Evensong	Stasi
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Sunday 22nd February 2026: 1st Sunday of Lent

Scruton	9.30am	Holy Communion	Stasi
Yafforth	9.30am	BCP Morning Prayer	Paul
Ainderby Steeple	11.00am	Holy Communion	Stasi

The next newsletter (April/ May) will have all the Easter Services listed. The last Service listed in this newsletter is for Palm Sunday so we will be straight into the many services taking place in Holy Week.

Youth Groups : February 2026 / March 2026

- 05/02/26** **Little Lambs** 2.00 – 3.30pm
Busy Bees 4.00 – 5.00pm
Groovers and Shakers 6.15 – 8.00pm
- 12/02/26** **Trendy Teens** 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Half Term Week beginning 16/02/26
- 26/02/26** **Little Lambs** 2.00-3.30pm
Busy Bees 4.00 – 5.00pm
Groovers and Shakers 6.15 – 8.00pm
- 05/03/26** **Trendy Teens** 6.30pm – 8.30pm
- 12/03/26** **Little Lambs** 2.00-3.30pm
Busy Bees 4.00-5.00pm
Groovers and Shakers 6.15-8.00pm
- 19/03/26** **Trendy Teens** 6.30 – 8.30pm
- 26/03/26** No Little Lambs – see below
Busy Bees 4.00/5.00pm
Groovers and Shakers 6.15 -8.00pm

2pm Ainderby Steeple C of E School Easter Service

Morton on Swale News

Craft Fairs in Morton Village Hall The first Craft Fair for 2026 is on 21st March at 9.30am and finishing at 2pm. Refreshments will be available. Future Craft Fairs will be on September 26th and November 14th – details will be published in later newsletters.

Morton Village Hall Social Afternoon. The Social Afternoon resumes on Thursday January 29th, 2026, at 2.00 – 4.00pm. £2 per session. After that the next dates are Thurs 26th Feb and Thurs 26th March. All welcome. Come along to play cards, scrabble, darts or dominoes, or bring your knitting/crafts. Tea and coffee provided.

The trustees would like to thank everyone who supported and helped at the **Christmas Quiz**.

Happy New Year and all the best to our hirers and supporters of the village Hall

Yafforth News

Yafforth Hub. Saturday 21st February and Saturday 21st March 10.00am until noon.

Parish News

The Minstrels of the Lower Swale 'The Minstrels of The Lower Swale', meet on Mondays once or twice each month to make music and have fun - all instruments and abilities welcome. If you would like The Minstrels of the Lower Swale to provide some background entertainment music to your local event, please contact Chris 07816 931 681

Kirby Wiske News

Coffee and Chat. This year there will be four 'Coffee and Chat' events held between 10.00am and 12.30pm in Kirby Wiske Village Hall on Saturdays during April, June, September and November. The dates of each event will be published later.

The LCC is not meeting until next week, so details of activities are yet to be confirmed - please keep your eyes and ears open for any details published after the meeting.

Ainderby Steeple News

Angel Festival. We would like to thank all the people who helped to make our Angel Festival and Christingle Service so successful before Christmas.

Church Floodlights. If anyone would like to sponsor the church floodlights at Ainderby Steeple the cost is £10.00 per week (maybe dedicated to a loved one). This helps greatly with the ever-increasing cost of electricity! Please see the treasurer, Doreen Townend, in church or contact her on 01609 761 886.

Services for March 2026

Sunday 1st March 2026 : 2nd Sunday of Lent

Kirby Wiske	9.30am	Morning Worship	Paul
Scruton	9.30am	Holy Communion	Stasi
Kirkby Fleetham	11.00am	Holy Communion	Stasi

Sunday 8th March 2026 : 3rd Sunday of Lent

Scruton	9.30am	Holy Communion	Stasi
Ainderby Steeple	11.00am	Morning Worship	Paul
Kirkby Fleetham	11.00am	Holy Communion	Stasi

Sunday 15th March 2026 : 4th Sunday of Lent

Kirby Wiske	9.30am	Holy Communion	Stasi
Ainderby Steeple	11.00am	Holy Communion	Stasi
Kirkby Fleetham	11.00am	Morning Worship	Paul

18th March Wednesday

Scruton	6.00pm	Evensong	Stasi
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Sunday 22nd March 2026 : 5th Sunday of Lent

Yafforth	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Stasi
Scruton	9.30am	Morning Worship	Paul
Langton	11.00am	Holy Communion	Stasi

Sunday 29th March 2026: Palm Sunday (5th Sunday of the month)

Ainderby Steeple	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Stasi
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Deadline for April / May Newsletter items.

Tue. 17th March 2026. Please forward items to Barbara Tweddle
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