

# Newsletter February 2026 / March 2026

## Benefice of the Lower Swale

### Services for February 2026

#### ***Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026: Candlemas***

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

#### ***Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 15<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026: Ash Wednesday***

Scruton	6.00pm	Evensong	Stasi
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#### ***Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026: 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

<b>05/02/26</b>	<b>Little Lambs 2.00 – 3.30pm</b> <b>Busy Bees 4.00 – 5.00pm</b> <b>Groovers and Shakers 6.15 – 8.00pm</b>
<b>12/02/26</b>	<b>Trendy Teens 6.30pm – 8.30pm</b>
Half Term Week beginning 16/02/26	
<b>26/02/26</b>	<b>Little Lambs 2.00-3.30pm</b> <b>Busy Bees 4.00 – 5.00pm</b> <b>Groovers and Shakers 6.15 – 8.00pm</b>
<b>05/03/26</b>	<b>Trendy Teens 6.30pm – 8.30pm</b>
<b>12/03/26</b>	<b>Little Lambs 2.00-3.30pm</b> <b>Busy Bees 4.00-5.00pm</b> <b>Groovers and Shakers 6.15-8.00pm</b>
<b>19/03/26</b>	<b>Trendy Teens 6.30 – 8.30pm</b>
<b>26/03/26</b>	<b>No Little Lambs – see below</b> <b>Busy Bees 4.00/5.00pm</b> <b>Groovers and Shakers 6.15 -8.00pm</b>
<b>2pm Ainderby Steeple C of E School Easter Service</b>	

## **Morton on Swale News**

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

**Morton Village Hall Social Afternoon.** The Social Afternoon resumes on Thursday January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 2.00 – 4.00pm. £2 per session. After that the next dates are Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Feb and Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> February and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026 : 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent***

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

### ***Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026 : 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent***

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

### ***Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026 : 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent***

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

### ***18<sup>th</sup> March Wednesday***

Scruton	6.00pm	Evensong	Stasi
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### ***Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 : 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent***

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

### ***Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026: Palm Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month)***

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

**Tue. 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026.** Please forward items to Barbara Tweddle

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