

**BENEFICES of SHERBURN in ELMET with BARKSTON ASH & SAXTON, and ABERFORD & MICKLEFIELD
and LEDSHAM with FAIRBURN**

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15 February 2026 – SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT (Year A)

*please remember to keep the last five minutes before the services, and especially the time during the administration of Holy Communion,
for quiet prayer and reflection (a bell will be rung before the main service at Sherburn)*

Welcome to our services today, on this last Sunday before the penitential season of Lent begins.

Lenten Giving (Micklefield): please use your Jar for Change to collect coins throughout Lent to donate to WaterAid.

Morning Prayer, 9.30am: Tues (Aberford)
Evening Prayer, 5.30pm: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri (Sherburn)
Evening Prayer, 6.15pm: Tues (Micklefield)

Day by Day Book (Sherburn): no dates this week.

Your prayers are asked for those who are ill: Fr Nick Plant; **Saxton with Towton:** June Pick. **Aberford:** Lauren Ward. **Micklefield:** Michael Needham, Jennifer Hudson, Maggie Moss, June Kelly; Gabriella van Danley; **Sherburn & Barkston Ash:** Jean Keeling, Dorothy Mills, Greta Wilkinson, Hilary Bower, Emily Barrie, Sandra

Jackson, Jacqui Jolleys, Yvonne Lawton, Peter Thompson, Peter McCleave, Jessie Vause, Mike Barnard, Janet Burgis, June Sams, Doreen, Molly Hoyle, Sue Flaherty, Brenda Laycock, Beryl Walker, Jimmy Newton, Ben Clarke, Paul Shaw, Rosie Fletcher, David Atkinson, Tony Cotter, John Potts, Janine Marshall, Margaret Tighe, Kate Flynn, John Moore, Brian Riddle, Laurie Harwood, John Lightfoot, Avril Evans.
Please tell Angie of any amendments to this list, or tell any of the clergy if anyone wishes to receive communion at home.

We pray for those who have died recently: Jean Lilian Cobb (89); James Barry Woods (82); Fr Ossie Aisbitt (90); Philippe Lavie (89); Phillip Gregory (62) [d 12 Nov 2025]; Melvyn Hicks (82) [d 5 June 2025]; John Stuart Britton (92) [d 18 Nov 2024]; Doris Britton (90) [d 31 July 2023]; Mildred Richardson (92) [d 14 Oct 2025]

Years mind: Hilda Ford, Jean Armitage, Dorothy Hick.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

D I A R Y

Today, 15 February	6.30pm Evensong (Sherburn)
Monday 16	2.00pm Chat-a-Knit (Sherburn Church Hall) 7.00pm Ecumenical Fellowship Group at the Manse (contact Jenny 07738 735061 for address) continuing 2 Timothy, Chapter 3. All are welcome. This will be the last meeting until Monday 13 April.
Tuesday 17 Janani Luwum	7.00pm Bell ringing practice (Sherburn) 7.30pm Local History Society (Sherburn Church Hall) – 'Royal Ordnance Filling Factory No 4 at Thorp Arch'
Wednesday 18 ASH WEDNESDAY - LENT BEGINS	9.30am Said Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes (Micklefield) 3.00pm Interment of ashes of Mildred Richardson (Sherburn) 7.15pm Eucharist with hymns, address and Imposition of Ashes (Sherburn)
Thursday 19	NO 'Sing Joy' children's choir practice (Sherburn) (<i>half term</i>) 7.00pm Choir practice (Sherburn)
Friday 20	
Saturday 21	10.00am-3.30pm Marriage Preparation (Sherburn Church Hall)

Worship next Sunday, 22 February FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9.15am Eucharist (Barkston)
9.15am Eucharist (Saxton)
9.15am Eucharist (Micklefield)
10.45am Morning Prayer (Aberford)
10.45am Eucharist (Ledsham)
10.45am Sung Eucharist (Sherburn)
11.00am Burial of ashes of Phillip Gregory (Micklefield)
12 noon Burial of ashes of Melvyn Hicks (Micklefield)
3.00pm Burial of ashes of John & Doris Britton (Saxton)
6.30pm Healing Eucharist (Sherburn)

Ecumenical Lent Talks (Journeys of Redemption): five Tuesdays from 24 February, 7.30pm, Sherburn Methodist Church. All Saints have been asked to provide and serve the refreshments, so volunteers needed please! Let Angie know if you can help.

Tues 24 Feb Lisa McIntyre, *Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) Secretary of the Anglican Diocese of Leeds*

Tues 3 March The Revd Canon Amos Kasibante, *former incumbent and Racial Justice Officer in the Anglican Diocese of Leeds*

Tues 10 March The Revd Jennifer Potter, *formerly Mission Partner then Assistant Minister at Wesley's Chapel, London*

Tues 17 March The Revd Gill Newton, *past President of the Methodist Conference*

Tues 24 March Bishop Rowan Williams, *poet, writer and former Archbishop of Canterbury*

Lent Lunches start Thursday 26 February for five Thursdays, 12.30pm, Sherburn Church Hall. The theme of the talks is 'Women Saints'. Volunteers to make soup and 'do' the lunch on 19 and 26 March still needed please – again, speak to Angie if you can help.

• **Monday 9 March, 7.00pm, Lenten Discussion/Bible Study Group (Micklefield):** This, the first of two meetings, will focus on a parable of the Kingdom in Matthew 25. Venue *tba*. The second meeting will be on Monday 16 March.

• **Services at the end of March:** the services for the fourth and fifth Sundays of March (22nd and 29th) will be swapped, as the 29th is Palm Sunday: there will therefore be a **Benefices Eucharist on 22 March** (as for a Fifth Sunday) **at Saxton**, and the usual **Palm Sunday services on 29 March**.

• **Selby Food Bank:** please do continue to give your much-needed support. Donation boxes in Sherburn (Vicarage porch & church – thank you for your donations of 81.6kg last week; **the next collection will be on Friday, 20 March, when donations of Easter eggs & chocolates will be much appreciated**) and in Micklefield church (also envelope for used stamps for Martin House), church open 10.00am-4.00pm, Wednesday-Sunday.

• **Next year, from Monday 5 April to Friday 16 April 2027 inclusive** it is proposed to have the pilgrimage to Turkey in the footsteps of St Paul that had to be deferred last year. If you are interested, please let Fr Chris or Angie know as soon as possible.

Flower donor/arranger rota (Sherburn)

15 February Susan Cox (*to pay for aumbry flowers during Lent*)
22 February LENT – no flowers
1 March LENT – no flowers

Flower Coordinator Lizzy Allanson 07738 832445. Flowers **now £25** per week, given to Angie by the end of the preceding month please.