

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

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22 February 2026 – FIRST SUNDAY OF 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, and especially to Julie Geary who is starting a six-week placement with us as a Reader in Training.

Lenten Giving (Micklefield): Once again we are asking you to save your small change throughout Lent to support WaterAid. We have just received a letter from WaterAid thanking us for raising £335 in 2025! The donations enable villages to have clean water – which is life-changing for everyone and lasts for generations.

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): 24 February - lovingly remembering Derek Kilburn, 5.3.1931-24.2.2017; 25 February - in memory of Dot Shaw, died 1998, by Keith Shaw; 28 February - death of Kathleen Beatrice Harding 2007, aged 87.

Your prayers are asked for those who are ill: 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, 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, Heather Garbutt.

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: James Barry Woods (82); Fr Ossie Aisbitt (90); Phillip Gregory (62); Melvyn Hicks (82); John Stuart Britton (92); Doris Britton (90); Mildred Richardson (92), Brenda Laycock.

Years mind: Kathleen Bradley, Ian Witchell, Brenda Hargrave.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory

DIARY

Today, 22 February	11.00am Interment of ashes of Philp Gregory (Micklefield) 12 noon Interment of ashes of Melvyn Hicks (Micklefield) 3.00pm Interment of ashes of John Stuart Britton and Doris Britton (Saxton) 6.30pm Healing Eucharist (Sherburn)
Monday 23 Polycarp	2.00pm Chat-a-Knit (Sherburn Church Hall) <i>No Ecumenical Fellowship Group until after Easter, on Monday 13 April.</i>
Tuesday 24	7.00pm Bell ringing practice (Sherburn) 7.00pm for 7.30pm Selby Deanery Synod (South Milford) 7.30pm Ecumenical Lent Talk (1) (Sherburn Methodist Church) – Lisa McIntyre, Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) Secretary, Anglican Diocese of Leeds
Wednesday 25	9.30am Eucharist (Micklefield) followed by Home Communions 7.15pm Midweek Eucharist (Sherburn)
Thursday 26	12.30pm Lent Lunch (1) (Sherburn Church Hall) – Saint Hild 2.30pm Service at Hilltop Manor 6.15pm 'Sing Joy' children's choir practice (Sherburn) 7.00pm Choir practice (Sherburn)
Friday 27 – George Herbert	
Saturday 28	

**Worship next Sunday, 1 March
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

9.15am Eucharist (Barkston)
9.15am Eucharist (Saxton)
9.30am Eucharist (Micklefield)
10.30am Baptism rehearsal (Micklefield)
10.45am Eucharist (Aberford)
10.45am Eucharist (Ledsham)
10.45am First Sunday Service (Sherburn)
6.30pm Compline (Sherburn)

Ecumenical Lent Talks (Journeys of Redemption): five Tuesdays from this week (see above), Sherburn Methodist Church. All Saints have been asked to provide and serve the refreshments, volunteers still needed please, to assist! Let Angie know if you can help.

Tues 3 March The Revd Canon Amos Kasibante, *former incumbent & Racial Justice Officer, 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 this week (Thurs 26 Feb) for five Thursdays, 12.30pm, Sherburn Church Hall. The theme, 'Women Saints'.

• **Monday 9 March, 7.00pm, Lenten Discussion/Bible Study Group (Micklefield):** The subject for this, the first of two meetings, will be Matthew 25:1-13. For details of venue, please contact 07803 125389. (Second meeting 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 (**next collection 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, Weds-Sun.

• **Next year, from Monday 5 April to Friday 16 April 2027 inclusive** - pilgrimage to Turkey in the footsteps of St Paul. If you are interested, please let Fr Chris or Angie know asap.

Flower donor/arranger rota (Sherburn)

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.