

**BENEFICES of SHERBURN in ELMET with BARKSTON ASH & SAXTON, and ABERFORD & MICKLEFIELD
and LEDSHAM with FAIRBURN**
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8 February 2026 – SECOND SUNDAY 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, in this brief period of 'Ordinary Time' before Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 18 February.

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): 9 February - birth of Josef Bernhard Kretschmer 1926; 11 February - birthday of Ronald Frederick Fletcher (1918-1999).

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: Bernice Blackburn (85); Jean Lilian Cobb (89); Patricia Sylvia (Pat) Kett (87); James Barry Woods (82); Fr Ossie Aisbitt (90); Philippe Lavie (89);

Years mind: Susan Avis, Brian Greenwood

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

D I A R Y

Today, 8 February	3.00pm Messy Church (Sherburn Methodist Church) – 'The Temptation of Jesus' 6.30pm Evensong (Sherburn)
Monday 9	2.00pm Chat-a-Knit (Sherburn Church Hall) 7.00pm Ecumenical Fellowship Group at Janet & John Claydon's (contact Jenny 07738 735061 for address), on 2 Timothy, beginning at Chapter 1. All are welcome.
Tuesday 10 <i>Scholastica</i>	3.00pm Graveside funeral of James Barry Woods (Sherburn) (<i>The Revd Christine Gillespie officiating</i>) 7.00pm Bell ringing practice (Sherburn)
Wednesday 11	NO Midweek Eucharist (Micklefield) 7.15pm Midweek Eucharist (Sherburn)
Thursday 12	6.15pm 'Sing Joy' children's choir practice (Sherburn) 7.00pm Choir practice (Sherburn)
Friday 13	
Saturday 14 - Cyril & Methodius; <i>Valentine</i>	

Worship next Sunday, 15 February SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

9.15am Eucharist (Barkston)
 9.15am Eucharist (Saxton)
 10.30am All-Age Worship (Micklefield)
 10.45am Eucharist (Aberford) *followed by refreshments and crafts*
 10.45am Eucharist (Ledsham)
 10.45am Eucharist (Sherburn)
 6.30pm Evensong (Sherburn)

• LENT begins, Ash Wednesday, 18 February:

9.30am Micklefield - Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes;
7.15pm Sherburn - Eucharist with hymns, address and Imposition of Ashes.

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, *former 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.

• 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 - **next collection Friday, 20 March, when we will be particularly asking for donations of Easter eggs & chocolates**) 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)

1 February	Rosemary Garton
8 February	Bruce & Emily Scriven
15 February	Susan Cox (<i>to pay for aumbry flowers during Lent</i>)
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.