

United Benefice of Steeple Aston with North Aston and Tackley

Sunday 11th January 2026

Our services today

9.30am	North Aston	Morning Prayer
11am	Steeple Aston	Family Service
5.30pm	Tackley	Holy Communion

Collect Epiphany 1 – The Baptism of Christ

Eternal Father,

who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:

grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Readings

Isaiah 42.1–9	Psalms 29
Acts 10.34–43	Matthew 3.13–end

This week

Tuesday 13th January *and every Tuesday* at 12noon: **Midday Prayers**. 30 mins of quiet prayer at St Mary's North Aston.

Tuesday 13th January *and every Tuesday* at 7.30pm **The Gathering**: new informal discussion group in the snug at the Red Lion pub, Steeple Aston: Meals Jesus shared and their relevance to us in 2026. Led by Cliff and Jenny Royal. Open to everyone

Next Sunday 18th January

9.30am	North Aston	Holy Communion
10.30am	Tackley	Covenant Service at the Methodist Church
11am	Steeple Aston	Holy Communion

Looking ahead.

Thursday 22nd January (postponed from the 15th) **7.15 for 7.30pm Steeple talk** in the church. Stuart Cummins: "When design doesn't work – lessons from history." All welcome.

For your prayers this week Pray for the new Gathering group in Steeple Aston (see above) and for all who meet for prayer and Bible study and discussion in our Benefice.

Vacancy in See: appointment of a new Bishop of Oxford. With the forthcoming retirement of Bishop Steven, we are all invited to complete a survey about the challenges and hopes the diocese faces and what we would like in a new Diocesan bishop. The link to the survey is <https://oxford.anglican.org/consultation>, or there will be copies in church. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday 4th February.

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