

## United Benefice of Steeple Aston with North Aston and Tackley

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026

#### Our services today

9.30am	North Aston	Morning Prayer
11am	Steeple Aston	Family Service <i>and 2.30pm Snowdrop Sunday</i>
5.30pm	Tackley	Holy Communion

#### Collect for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever. Amen

#### Readings

Genesis 1.1—2.3	Psalm 136
Romans 8.18—25	Matthew 6.25—end

#### This week

**Today! Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February Snowdrop Sunday** 2.30–4.30pm at Steeple Aston Churchyard. Tea and cake in the church £2.50. Bookstall.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February** *and every Tuesday* at 12noon: **Midday Prayers**. 30 mins of quiet prayer at St Mary's North Aston.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February** *and every Tuesday* at 7.30pm **The Gathering**: 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 15<sup>th</sup> February

9.30am	North Aston	Holy Communion
11am	Steeple Aston	Holy Communion
5.30pm	Tackley	Evensong

**For your prayers this week** Pray for the BeSpace prayer corners at Dr Radcliffe's School from Monday to Wednesday this week, and for Rachel and the volunteers who will run them.

### **Looking ahead**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February** 2-4pm Shrove Tuesday **Messy Pancake Party** for all the family in Steeple Aston Sports and Recreation Hall.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February** 6pm Benefice **Ash Wednesday Holy Communion** with imposition of ashes at St Nicholas Tackley.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February** 7.15 for 7.30pm **Steeple Talk** in the church. Jackie Watson "Was John a bad King?"

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February** 7pm **Tackley Church Concert** with Nicholas Cleobury (organ & piano), Charmian Bartlett (cello), Rebecca Lewin (mezzo soprano), Holly Viner (violin). A pot-pourri of music from Bach, Sarasate and more, including Saint-Saens "The Swan" and Delibes "Flower" Duet. Free Entry. Retiring collection for church funds.

**Confirmation** There will be a deanery confirmation service on 1<sup>st</sup> June. If you would like to be confirmed this year, please have a word with Harriet.

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