

United Benefice of Steeple Aston with North Aston and Tackley

Sunday 1st February 2026

Our services today

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

Collect Candlemas

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:

grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Readings

Malachi 3.1-5	Psalm 24. [1-6] 7-end
Hebrews 2.14-end	Luke 2.22-40

This week

Tuesday 3rd February and every Tuesday at 12noon: **Midday Prayers**. 30 mins of quiet prayer at St Mary's North Aston.

Tuesday 3rd 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 8th February

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

For your prayers this week Pray for the preparations for BeSpace prayer corners at Dr Radcliffe's School from 9th February and for the staff there and at Tackley Primary School.

Looking ahead

Sunday 8th February Snowdrop Sunday 2.30-4.30pm at Steeple Aston Churchyard. Tea and cake in the church £2.50. Bookstall.

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

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

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

Saturday 21st 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 1st June. If you would like to be confirmed this year, please have a word with Harriet.

Joan Hensher - following Malcolm's funeral Joan is moving into Seccombe Court at Adderbury. Please do visit her as she settles in. Seccombe Court, Gardner Way, Adderbury, OX17 3FW.

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**.