

# December 2025 & January 2026



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Norton-juxta-Twycross  
Holy Trinity  
Snarestone  
St. Bartholomew's  
Sweepstone & Newton Burgoland  
St. Peter's

**December & January Services in the Appleby Group**  
Services are all at 10am unless another time is indicated

	Appleby	Norton	Snarestone	Sweepstone
Dec 7th			MW & Baptisms	Morning Worship
De c 14th	Communion + Kids' Kingdom		4pm Carol Service	
Dec 21st	Sunday People	Mon 22nd 6.30pm Celebration of Christmas		Holy Communion
C'mas Eve 24th	6pm Carols		11.30pm Holy Communion	4pm Carols
C'mas Day 25th	Holy Communion			
Dec 28th	10am Team Together (Holy Communion) at Measham			
Jan 4th			Communion	Communion
Jan 11th	Communion + Kids' Kingdom			
Jan 18th	Sunday People	Communion		Communion
Jan 25th	Morning Worship + Kids' Kingdom			

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Debbie Kent

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#### Churchwarden: Norton

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#### Churchwarden: Snarestone

Vacancy  
Contact Julie Clamp 01530 272984

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**Appleby Group of Churches: [www.applebygroup.org.uk](http://www.applebygroup.org.uk)**

A digital copy of this Newsline is available on the website

### Other Services Across The Woodfield Team

HC Holy Communion, MW Morning Worship, all 10am unless indicated  
Children, young people and adults of all ages are welcome at all services

**Dec 7th:** Donisthorpe (Toy service), Measham (HC), Normanton (Tree Service),  
Packington 10am Breakfast church & **4pm** Christingle Service

**Tues Dec 9th: 6pm** Measham (Memorial Service)

**Dec 14th:** Measham (Breakfast Church), Packington (Toy service + instant Nativity)  
Donisthorpe 10am (HC), Donisthorpe **6pm** (Carol Service)

**Dec 21st:** Donisthorpe (MW), Measham (Carol service), Normanton (Carol service)  
Packington **6pm** (Carol service)

**C'mas Eve:** Donisthorpe **4pm** (Crib service + Christingles) & **11.30pm** (HC),  
Measham **4pm** (Christingles), Packington **4pm** (Crib Service) & **11.30pm** (HC)

**C'mas Day:** Normanton (Family HC)

**Dec 28th:** Team Together at Measham Church

**Thurs 1st Jan:** Packington **11.30am** (Poems & Prayers) followed by soup + pudding

**Jan 4th:** Donisthorpe (MW), Measham (HC), Packington (Breakfast Church)

**Jan 11th:** Donisthorpe (HC), Measham (Breakfast church), Packington (MW)

**Jan 18th:** Donisthorpe (MW), Measham (MW), Normanton (HC)

**Jan 25th:** Donisthorpe (HC), Measham (MW), Packington (HC)

**Wednesdays 10am** Holy Communion services:

**Dec 3rd:** Appleby, **10th:** - **17th:** Packington (BCP), **24th:** - **31st:** -

**Jan 7th:** Appleby, **14th:** - **21st:** Packington (BCP), **28th:** Donisthorpe

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'But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord ..." ' Luke chapter 2 verses 10,11

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## Parish & Team News

### New Team Administrator

The Team are in the process of agreeing requirements for her replacement. Once formally agreed, the post will be advertised on the Team churches' websites.

### Home Visit / Communion

If you would like to receive Communion at home, or a pastoral visit, or know someone else in the parish to whom this may apply, please contact Judy Selby 01530 273572 . If you are asking for someone else, please check with them first.

#### Halls available to hire

Family Celebrations - Children's parties - Receptions - Meetings

**Appleby Church Hall** - Miriam Butler 01530 273786

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## Appleby Magna



### Christmas Services

Join us in our Christmas Worship. All are welcome to our popular

**Carol Service on Christmas Eve 6pm** or join us at

**10am Christmas Morning.** For our other Services see the front cover.

Do come along, you will be sure of a warm welcome.

### Community Lunch (3rd Wednesday of the month)

We look forward to welcoming you to the Festive Christmas Lunch on **Wednesday 17th December at 12.30** in Appleby Church Hall.

January's Lunch will be **Wednesday 21st January 2026**

They are open to everyone and is an opportunity to meet friends old and new and enjoy a good lunch. To book your place please call Ann Lambert 270040 or Janet Beaman 273367





## **Kids' Kingdom Sunday Club** **Sundays Dec 14th, Jan 11th & 25th**

we gather in St Michael and All Angels Church between 9.45 -10.am as usual and then head off to the Church Hall where we have fun together as we learn about Jesus. Aimed at Primary School age children, all children are welcome. Pre-School children to be accompanied by a parent.

## **Kids' Kingdom Baby & Toddlers** **Thursdays 9.00am - 11.00am term time (Not Dec 25th, Jan 1st)**

Please come & join us on a Thursday morning in Appleby Church Hall. We are a relaxed friendly group always willing to welcome anyone caring for preschool children. It's £2 and includes drinks and toast.

For more information for either group please contact Caroline Hull 07717 222853

## **Coffee and Chat** (4th Wednesday of the month)

There will be NO Coffee and Chat in December, but it will be up and running again on **Wednesday 28th January 2026 10.30 - 12** in Appleby Church Hall.

You will be sure of a warm welcome with a gift stall and raffle.

Proceeds go to Appleby Church.

## **ROTARY SANTA'S visit 18th December**

Christmas will soon be with us. Ashby Rotary SANTA and his Sleigh will be visiting Appleby Magna on **THURSDAY 18th December. We start at 5 pm** on Measham Road, progressing through Appleby Magna and Parva. As always, your kindness will be helping local children's charities, with this year's donations especially helping Home Start children's charity. Ho! Ho! and a Very Merry Christmas

## **Appleby Magna Parish Council**

**\*\* HAPPY & HEALTHY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE  
FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS \*\***

The village Christmas tree will soon be planted and decorated.

Thank you to Councillor Emma Bird and Year 6 for placing poppies around the village to commemorate Remembrance Day

**ARE YOU FLOOD READY?** Please follow link below for useful information:

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**DEFIBRILLATOR CODE FOR THE DEFIB ON TOP STREET IS C159X**, the defib on the rec ground is not locked – please make a note of the code.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **4th December, 7.30pm** sports pavilion



recreation ground – all welcome to attend. Emails to: [clerk@apmagpc.com](mailto:clerk@apmagpc.com)  
Web Site: [www.applebymagnaparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.applebymagnaparishcouncil.co.uk)

### **Mobile Library** (3 weekly) **Tuesdays 9th Dec**

**11.40 - 12.10** Chilcote, Home Farm

**1.50 - 2.35pm** Appleby Magna, Parkfield Crescent

**2.40 - 3.10pm** Appleby Magna, Church Street, near Wren Close

### **Appleby Magna On Twitter**

@ApplebyMagna

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## **Norton juxta Twycross**

Mentions of snow this morning. I don't look forward to driving in those conditions. The village is currently consumed with the worry of the prospect of 10.000 houses being built on our doorstep . We owe a big debt to the group working on our behalf giving up their free time to fight this battle email: [nhprotectionteam@gmail.com](mailto:nhprotectionteam@gmail.com)  
I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year from Norton-Juxta-Twycross.



### **Celebration of Christmas Monday 22nd Dec 6.30pm**

Join us at our popular evening of Christmas songs & Carols led by Sophie and Chris. With warming mulled wine, mince pies and convivial company.

### **Village Hall News**

**Christmas Coffee & Crafts Morning** Our Christmas Coffee & craft Morning, a joint event for the Church and the Village Hall, will be held on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November** in the **Village Hall 10am-1pm**. Stalls & refreshments.

### **Children's Christmas Party.**

The Children's Christmas Party will be held on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December** in the Village Hall **4-6pm**. All children, Grandchildren and close friends welcome. For tickets please let Thais Benn know on the Village Whats App group or contact me Margaret Greenwood and I will pass on the message.

**100 Club** November Draw: 1<sup>st</sup> Mark Keane 2<sup>nd</sup> Pat Stubbs.

### **Book Club**

On **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** it will be the Christmas Social evening and then on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026** it will be The Crossing Place by Elly Griffiths. Please come along and join in lively discussions over a glass of wine and nibbles.

**Other groups** For details of other group sessions run in the hall (Monday Yoga, Wednesday Boot Camp exercise) please contact the Village Hall Committee.



## Defibrillator

Situated on outside wall of the village hall for public access with full instructions.

## Facebook and Village Hall Information email list

Follow village hall events on our Facebook page, join our emailing list to hear village information and events. Email: [margaret\\_jane1944@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:margaret_jane1944@yahoo.co.uk). A quick and easy way to get news around the village. You could also ask to join the Village WhatsApp group via me Margaret Greenwood 07714 015450 and I will arrange it for you with our administrator. See the village website [www.nortonjuxtatwycross.co.uk](http://www.nortonjuxtatwycross.co.uk)

## Parish Council

Please look on the Council website for the date & location of the next meeting.

## Mobile Library (3 weekly) Tuesdays 9th Dec

Outside number 11 Main Street **12.35 - 1.05pm**



# Snarestone



## Christmas Services

Join us at our village **Carol Service Sunday 14th December 4pm**  
and **Midnight Holy Communion 11.30pm Christmas Eve**

## **Coffee Morning** (on the first Wednesday in the month)

All welcome at the last Snarestone coffee morning of the year at **Lodge Farm**, courtesy of the Davies family. Come and join us on **Wednesday, 3 December between 10.30 and noon** for hot drinks, mince pies, raffle, bring and buy table and the chance to meet up with friends, old and new.

There will not be a coffee morning in January, the next one will be on 4 February

## **Garden Group**

Members are invited to the annual business meeting in Snarestone school on **Thursday 11 December at 7.30pm** followed by the Christmas Social evening. You know what to expect - the usual mix of buffet, quizzes, games and chat. We do need to know how many to cater for, so please contact Chris if you're not already on the list.

On **Thursday, 15 January** a talk about Stoneywell by a speaker from The National Trust, in Snarestone school at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome. Contact Chris on 01530 273098 if you would like to know more.

## Snarestone Tote Committee Annual Christmas Party Dec 6th

Every child and senior citizen (over 60 years of age) should have received an invitation to the Christmas party by now. If you haven't received one yet, please contact



Neil on 07584 260966 or Percy on 07784 893695.



## Sweepstone & Newton Burgoland



### Carol Service

Join us at our popular Carol service **Christmas Eve 4pm.**

**Coffee, Cake & Chat** (on the 3rd Wednesday in the month)

**Wed 17th December 10.30am- noon** Sweepstone Church Hall, all welcome.

### Sweepstone & Newton Ladies' (& friends) Christmas Do

The Christmas Do for the ladies of Sweepstone and Newton Burgoland and their friends will be at the Belper Arms again on **Friday 5th December 2025.** Names and cost should have already been given to Maggie (07881 934982) or Jane (07917 635116).

### Mobile Library (3 weekly) Mondays 1st & 22nd Dec

**9.30am - 10.10** Church Street, Sweepstone;

**10.20am - 10.50** Dames Lane, Newton Burgoland

**10.55am - 11.55** School, Newton Burgoland

### Newton & Sweepstone local website

There is an independent local area website with news, events and support for local churches & charities on the Facebook platform. The title for the search box is <Newton Burgoland and NW Leics>. Looking forward to welcoming you.

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