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P A R I S H N E W S L I N E

March Services in the Appleby Group

Services are all at 10am unless another time is indicated

	Appleby	Norton	Snarestone	Swepstone
March 1st			Holy Communion	Morning Worship
March 8th	Holy communion + Kids' Kingdom			
March 15th	Family Worship Mothering Sunday	Holy Communion (BCP)		Holy Communion
March 22nd	Holy communion + Kids' Kingdom			
March 29th	Team Together at Packington, Palm Sunday Holy Communion			

Children, young people and adults of all ages are welcome at all services

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Keep up to date with what we're doing by checking our website

Appleby Group of Churches: www.applebygroup.org.uk

A digital copy of this Newsline is available on the website

Other Services Across The Woodfield Team

all 10am unless indicated HC Holy Communion, MW Morning Worship,
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Mar 1st: Donisthorpe (MW), Measham (HC), Packington (Breakfast church)

Mar 8th: Donisthorpe (HC), Measham (Breakfast Church), Packington (MW)

Mar 15th Mothering Sunday:

Donisthorpe (MW), Measham (MW), Normanton (HC),
Packington (Family Worship)

Mar 22nd: Donisthorpe (HC), Measham (MW),

Mar 29th: Team Together at Packington (Palm Sunday HC)

Wednesdays 10am Holy Communion services:

Mar 4th: Appleby, **11th:** - **18th:** Packington, **25th:** Donisthorpe

Halls available to hire

Family Celebrations - Children's parties - Receptions - Meetings

Appleby Church Hall - Miriam Butler 01530 273786

Swebstone Church Hall - Mary Woodward 07974 226531

Norton-juxta-Twycross Village Hall - Simone Bassi 07388 933004

Snarestone Pavilion - Debbie Evans 01530 272633 or
email Snarestonepavillion@gmail.com

“Let the wicked leave their way of life and change their way of thinking. Let them turn to the Lord, our God; he is merciful and quick to forgive.” Isaiah chapt. 55 verse 7



Parish & Team News

Lent Course

As we approach Easter, the 6-week Lent Course continues at St. John's Donisthorpe on **Thursdays at 10.30 am**. Open to all. The theme is 'Faithful or Traitor?'

Open The Book The Open the Book team visit our schools' assemblies across the Woodfield Team area, to actively tell stories from the Bible. They need more volunteers. Would you like to help bring the bible alive to children? For more information please contact Norma Morris-Chapman by email: rayandnormamorrischapman@gmail.com (this is a volunteer role, subject to a satisfactory DBS safeguarding check).

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.



Appleby Magna

Services For services please see the front cover. Do come along, you will be sure of a warm welcome.



Kids' Kingdom Sunday Club March 8th & 22nd

we gather in Appleby Church between 9.55 -10.am and then move to the Church Hall Aimed at Primary School age children. Pre-School children to be accompanied by a parent.

Kids' Kingdom Baby & Toddlers Thursdays 9.00am - 11.00am

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

Community Lunch (3rd Wednesday of the month)

Welcome to the next Community Lunch on **Wednesday 18th March at 12.30** in Appleby Church Hall, the cost is £6 per adult and £2 per child. The lunch is 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. We look forward to seeing you.

Coffee and Chat (10.30—12 noon, on the 4th Wednesday of the month)

The next Coffee and Chat will be on **Wednesday 25th March**, in Appleby Church Hall from **10.30 - 12 noon**. There will be a raffle and all proceeds go towards Appleby Church. Do come along, you will be sure of a warm welcome

Appleby Magna WI *Inspiring Women* (2nd Thursday of each month)

Flower Arranging is the theme for our meeting on **12th March 7.30pm**. Join us at Appleby Magna Cricket Club Pavillion on Bowleys Lane. All are welcome, non members £5.00. We are a small friendly group of women. For more information contact Marion@marionnixon.com

Misses Moore's Almshouses Charity

There is a vacancy for a resident OR residents in one of the properties of the Misses Moore's Almshouses, Appleby Magna. The historic 1 bedroom cottage has beamed ceilings, electric heating, with an outside space and garden. Applicants must meet the almshouse eligibility criteria. Closing date for applications 31st March 2026 . For further details and application form contact Susan Gooding Email: trusteesmissesmooresalmshouses@gmail.com or Tel. **01530 270203** **New trustees are also needed, please see the advert section on page 5.**

Appleby Magna Parish Council

The Parish Council welcomes new Clerk Joseph Preston, and thank long-serving Lindsay for her dedication, diligence and service to the village. We look forward to working with Joseph.

Flood management: the Environment Agency confirms the work at The Charter House is helping manage flood water, although further work is needed due to high surface water levels. Severn Trent continue work clearing drains & improving the pump house.

Appleby **Speed Indicator data 2025** recorded average speeds in this 30mph zone as: 31.5mph on Measham Road, 32.5mph on Top Street, 35.0mph entering Rectory Lane and 37.4mph leaving Rectory Lane. Most drivers comply with the limit, but unfortunately some put others at risk, particularly where there are no pavements.

Police We have a new PCSO joining the team – Emma. If you see or hear of any suspicious or anti-social behaviour, please report to the Police (see back cover).

Next Parish Council meeting **5th March 7.30pm** sports pavilion recreation ground – all welcome. Web Site: ww.applebymagnaparishcouncil.co.uk Emails: clerk@apmagpc.com

Mobile Library (3 weekly) **Tuesdays 3rd & 24th March, 14th April**

11.40 - 12.10 Chilcote, Church Lane, nr Hurst Court

1.50 - 2.35pm Appleby Magna, Parkfield Crescent

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

Appleby Magna genealogy portal: applebymagna.proboards.com



Norton juxta Twycross

Rain, rain go away come again another day. Hopefully it will have stopped at last by the time you are reading this. It has become a big problem for our farmers and with

floods all over the place.

Thank You

Each church community needs to fund its own running costs, repairs and give towards the cost of having a vicar (salary, pension, housing etc.). As a very small congregation, we rely on the generosity of the village to help with cleaning, fundraising etc. Thank you to all of you who help us to continue to have a functioning church in our village.

Village Hall News

Village Spring Clean. The Village Spring clean will take place on **Saturday 7th March** meeting at the hall at **10am** finishing around 12.30 with tea, coffee and cake being served in the village hall. All welcome to give our village a spruce up. A shame it is needed but some people think it is ok to dump their rubbish just where they like. Lets hope the weather has improved by this time

Beer and Skittles Evening. This event will take place on **Saturday 21st March**, details will follow on the village WhatsApp and email

Book Club

In February we discussed *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. The next book being discussed, **on Wednesday 25th March 7.30-7.45 start**, is 'Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine' by Gail Honeyman. Please come along and join in lively discussions over a glass of wine and nibbles.

100 Club February Draw 1st Nick Passey, 2nd Ute Davey.

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

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Website, Facebook and Village Hall Information email list

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Parish Council

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

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



Snarestone

 **Coffee Morning**  (10.30—12 on the first Wednesday in the month)
The March Coffee Morning is on **Wed 4th March at 16 Quarry Lane, Snarestone, the**



Misses Moore's Almshouses Charity

Opportunity for Trustee roles of Secretary and Treasurer.



Do you have a few hours to spare every month and would like to give something back to the community? Would you like to help and support an important and historic almshouse charity? Misses Moore's Almshouses Appleby Magna provides low cost community housing that is held in trust for local people who are in housing need.

We are particularly looking for people willing to bring enthusiasm and commitment to the roles of Secretary and Treasurer who will broaden the thinking of our board. You don't need any previous governance experience. Training will be given. The charity meets approximately once every quarter. All expressions of interest should be given to **Susan Gooding - Secretary**

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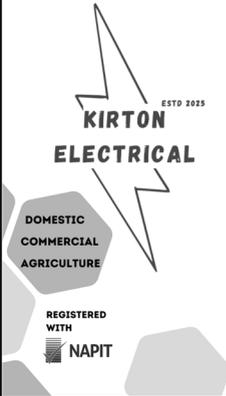


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