

October 2026



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St. Bartholomew's

Swepstone & Newton Burgoland
St. Peter's

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

Services in the Appleby Group

Services are all at 10am unless another time is indicated

	Appleby	Norton	Snarestone	Swepstone
4th Oct			Holy Communion	Harvest Praise
11th Oct	Holy Communion		10.30am Harvest Praise	
18th Oct	Sunday People			Holy Communion
25th Oct	Worship for All	6pm Evening Prayer (traditional)		

Lights of Love: to remember loved ones & light a candle in their memory

Sat 31st October 3pm at Holy Rood, Packington

Sat 14th November 2pm at St John's, Donisthorpe

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

Appleby Group of Churches, within the Woodfield Team

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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

4th Oct: Donisthorpe (MW), Measham (HC), Normanton LH (Holy Communion), Packington (Breakfast Church)

11th Oct: Donisthorpe (HC), Measham (Harvest Songs of Praise),
10.45am: Packington (Harvest Festival then lunch)

18th Oct: Donisthorpe (Morning Worship), Measham (Breakfast Church), Normanton LH (Harvest)

25th Oct: Donisthorpe (HC), Measham (Morning Worship with baptism), Packington (HC)

Sat 31st Oct: 3pm: Packington (Lights of Love)

Wednesdays 10am Holy Communion services:

Oct 7th: Appleby, **14th:** - **21st:** Packington, **28th:** Donisthorpe*(at Edwina's home)

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

Stepping Into October

As we step into October, we enter a season of change. The leaves begin to turn, the evenings draw in, and we are reminded that nothing stays the same forever.

Church life can feel a bit like that too. There are seasons of growth, seasons of challenge, seasons when everything seems to be happening at once — and occasionally seasons when we wonder whether we've accidentally volunteered for three different things on the same Sunday!

A little October joke: A minister asked someone, "How long have you been coming to church?" They replied, "About five years." The minister said, "Wonderful! And how long have you been serving?" The person thought for a moment and said, "Oh... I thought you said surviving!"

Thankfully, ministry is not about surviving on our own. We are called to serve together. Paul reminds us in Galatians 6:9: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

That feels particularly appropriate as we enter autumn. We may not always see the fruit of what we do immediately. A conversation, a prayer, an act of kindness, a Sunday service, encouraging someone who is struggling these things can sometimes feel small. But God sees them. Our calling is not to make everything happen. Our calling is to remain faithful, to encourage one another, and to trust God with the harvest.

So, as the Woodfield churches move through this next season, let's keep looking out for one another. Let's celebrate what God is doing, support those who are finding things difficult, and remember that we are part of something bigger than any one church, ministry or individual; we are a village community. And perhaps, as the leaves fall, we can take a lesson from the trees: sometimes letting go is necessary for new growth.

May October be a month of renewed energy, deeper fellowship and fresh faith, as together we continue to serve God and our communities. Keep going. Keep praying. Keep encouraging. And above all, keep trusting God.

"If God is for us, who can be against us?"

I pray your October will be fruitful and joyful
every blessing,
Revd Rick Tett



Parish & Team News

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.

Revd. Norman David Greenwood Sadly, we report the death of Revd. David Greenwood, who died 6th September aged 74. David served as Rector here from 1984-1994, forming the single Appleby Group parish when Norton Juxta Twycross joined Appleby,

Sweepstone and Snarestone. He then became Rector in Chesterfield before moving to the Isle of Man in 1999. There he served as Vicar of South Ramsey; Diocesan Director of Vocations and Training; Chaplain of HM Prison, Isle of Man; Rural Dean of Ramsey and as Hon. Canon of St German's Cathedral. In 2012 he became a Chaplain in Viña del Mar, Chile then a Chaplain in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In 2015 he returned to the Isle of Man, where he was elected a Ramsey Commissioner. He also supported the RNLI Station there, serving until recently as Stations Chaplain. He will be especially remembered here for his diligent service and his exceptional musical ability.



Appleby Magna

Food Bank a reminder that there is a box in Appleby's church porch for food bank donations (church open Tues, Wed, Thurs and during services). Please ensure lid closed.



Kids' Kingdom Baby & Toddlers

Thursdays 9.00am - 11.00am Appleby Church Hall

We are a relaxed friendly group, meeting in term time, always willing to welcome anyone caring for preschool children. It's £2 and includes drinks and toast. For more information, please contact Caroline Hull 07717 222853

Church Cleaning (1st Saturday of the month) **Saturday October 4th from 10am**

If you could spare an hour or so to lend a hand with cleaning and outdoor maintenance of Appleby Church and Church Hall it would be greatly appreciated

Community Lunch (3rd Wednesday of the month)

The next Appleby Community Lunch will be on **Wednesday October 21st at 12.30** in Appleby Church Hall, the cost is £6 per person. 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. A date for your diary is Wednesday November 18th for the following lunch.



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

The next Coffee and Chat will be on **Wednesday 28th October from 10.30-12noon** in Appleby Church Hall. 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)

Our next meeting is **8th October** for a delicious Fish & Chip supper. Join us at Appleby Magna Cricket Pavilion, Bowleys Lane. All are welcome, non-members pay a fee of £5.00. For more information, please contact Marion@marionnixon.com

Appleby Magna Cricket Club

At the end a very successful cricket season, we are developing more opportunities for people of all ages to participate - emphasising enjoyment, inclusion and participation, with a progression through to competitive levels for those that wish to develop further. Girls' sessions begin in October, and the Women's training begins in November with an open evening on **November 15th** for anyone interested in exploring opportunities to join our Club.

We thank the sponsors and all who joined our successful Family Fun Day in August. As a result, the Club has given donations to two charities that have touched the lives of some of our members during the past year. For anyone interested in finding out more please visit our social media Facebook or Play Cricket sites or email applebymagnacc@gmail.com

Mobile Library (3 weekly) **Tuesdays October 20th, November 10th, December 1st & 22nd**

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

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Norton juxta Twycross

It is good to see how the gardens have greened up since we have had some rain, with the grass verges and hedgerows looking lush again. Please be vigilant as there are reports of burglaries, and attempted burglaries and car thefts in the village and surrounding areas.

Church Harvest Breakfast



Rise and Dine in Norton Village Hall on **Saturday 3rd October. 9.30-11.30am.** Come along and enjoy a superb breakfast and a chat with friends and neighbours. Thanks to the Dangerfield family and friends for organising this event which is always very enjoyable. No charge for this event but donations to cover costs and in aid of Norton Church Funds welcome.

Village Hall News For village information, follow hall events on our Facebook page, or join our emailing list email: margaret_jane1944@yahoo.co.uk.

To join the Village WhatsApp group also contact Margaret Greenwood 07714 015450 who will arrange it with our administrator. Village website **www.nortonjuxtatwycross.co.uk**

Village Hall AGM is to be held on **Wednesday 7th October 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. Everyone is invited to come along to this event so please try to attend if you can.

Forthcoming Events

Race Night There will be a Race Night in the Village Hall on **10th October**. £5 to enter with doors opening at 6.30pm. A two course meal will be available **from 7pm**. Menu and more details to follow via Village WhatsApp.

Halloween 31st October. This will be a supervised walk around the village calling at the houses that have agreed to take part in trick or treat.

Bonfire Night This is planned for **Friday 6th November**. Details nearer the time.

Christmas Coffee morning and craft Fayre Saturday 28th November. 10am -1pm

Book Club

The Meeting in Norton Village Hall **7.30 -7.45pm start on Wednesday 21st October** The October book will be 11.22.63 by Stephen King. Please come along and join in our lively discussions and enjoy a glass of something and some nibbles.

100 Club: September draw-1st Jo Ollerton 2nd Andrew Blood.

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.

Parish Council

Please see the Twycross Parish Council website for the date/location of the next meeting.

Mobile Library (3 weekly) **Tuesdays October 20th, November 10th, December 1st & 22nd**

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



Snarestone



Pudding Evening

Calling all pudding eaters!



Harvest Pudding Evening **Friday 9th October 7pm** at Snarestone Church

An evening to socialise, relax and enjoy a pudding or two ... £6 entry fee includes puddings (hot and cold) and a drink. Raffle, short quiz and good company. All welcome.

Donations of Puddings/ raffle prizes welcome.

Coffee Morning (10.30—12 on the first Wednesday in the month)

The Coffee Morning in **October** is on **7th** and is hosted by Judy Muggleston at Valley Farm Bungalow. November's is on Wednesday 4th hosted by Simon and Becca Hiorns at Snarestone House Farm, Main Street. All welcome.



Garden Group (usually 3rd Thursday in the month)

On Thursday, **15 October at 7.30pm**, we will be meeting in Snarestone School when Rodney Young will be sharing his expertise and enthusiasm for Bonsai. Everyone is very welcome to join us, and the charge for visitors is just £3. Why not come along?

Diary Date 19 November, Photographing Flowers, Insects and Birds, Dr Martin Vaughan

Bonfire Night the Tote Committee's annual Bonfire & Fireworks event on **Saturday, 7th November** at the Globe Public House, Snarestone. Gates open at **6pm**, the bonfire will be lit at 6.30pm, and the fireworks at 7pm. All profits go towards the Children's & OAP's Christmas Party and Summer Mystery Trip. *** Ticket prices remain the same as 2025

*** £7.50 Adult, £5 Children & OAP's, £20 Family Ticket (3 children + 2 adults)

As usual, donations of WOOD and GREEN WASTE ONLY for the fire are welcome to be taken to the pub field. If you live near the event, we suggest that you keep any pets indoors.



Swepestone & Newton Burgoland



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

Wed 21st September 10.30am- noon in Swepestone Church Hall, all welcome.

£3.00 entrance ticket includes the Raffle. Comfortable surroundings and friendly faces. If you would like a lift, please contact Trish on 07776 412849 or 01530 270126

Newton Burgoland & Swepestone Produce Show -6th Sept 2026 Our traditional produce show was a great success & our thanks go to Belper Arms for hosting our event. We also thank all the organisers and participants. A donation will be made to our wonderful first responders. Next year is a celebration of 100 years of the Produce Show!

Mobile Library (3 weekly) Mondays October 12th, November 2nd & 23rd, December 14th

9.30am - 10.10 Church Street, Swepstone;

10.20am -10.50 Dames Lane, Newton Burgoland

10.55am – 11.55 school children only

Newton & Swepstone 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

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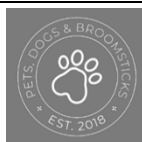
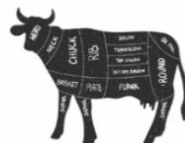


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