

# Hook Norton Benefice February 2026

Hook Norton with Great Rollright, Swerford and Wigginton



## Calendar of Services

### Sunday 1st February (Candlemas)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Hook Norton
10.00am	Morning Worship	Hook Norton
10.00am	Holy Communion	Great Rollright

### No Evensong at Swerford

### Sunday 8th February (5th after Epiphany)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Wigginton
10.00am	Holy Communion	Hook Norton
10.00am	Morning Worship	Great Rollright

### Sunday 15th February (6th after Epiphany)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Swerford
10.00am	Morning Worship	Hook Norton
10.00am	Holy Communion	Great Rollright
<u>4.00pm</u>	Evensong (BCP)	Wigginton

### Wednesday 18th February (Ash Wednesday)

10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) with Imposition of Ashes	Hook Norton
7.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) with Imposition of Ashes	Great Rollright

### Sunday 22th February (1st Sunday in Lent)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Great Rollright
10.00am	Holy Communion	Hook Norton
10.00am	Morning Worship	Wigginton

### Holy Communion (BCP) Wednesdays at 10am at Hook Norton

#### February Services: 4th and 18th only

Everyone Welcome

**St Andrews Quiz Night** Saturday 21st March  
7.00pm for 7.30pm start, Gt Rollright Village Hall



**Bell Ringing** Chipping Norton Branch Practice 28.02.26 11.00 -12.30

### **Pray for Ukraine - Prayer sheets in every church**

If you would like to support the work of NOXAIDUK, who are based in Hook Norton, and run regular relief convoys to Ukraine, the bank details are NOXAIDUK Barclays Bank Sort Code 20 03 84, Account Number 03595552. If you would like to learn more of their work, please contact James Clarke.



## **Regular Events in Church**

### **All Welcome**

### **Font Café**

10am till noon  
at St Peter's  
Church, Hook Norton,  
every Saturday.



### **Cake and Bake Sale**

14.02.26

### **Bellringing**

#### **Practice**

Thursdays  
at 7:30pm,  
Hook Norton.



### **Coffee Morning**

Last Friday of the month  
10.30am till noon at  
St Giles' Church,  
Wigginton



Friday 27th

February

## **Hokey Neighbours Pantry**

10am till noon now at  
**Hook Norton Baptist**

#### **Church Hall**

21.02.26

[3rd Saturday of  
each month]



See posters in  
village for more details.

## February 2026 Prayer Focus – Living by the Sword

*Then Jesus said to him, 'Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Matthew 26 verse 52.*



Peter thought was justified when trying to prevent Jesus' arrest with the sword.

As I write this, President Maduro has just been deposed by force after years of violent oppression and protesters in Iran have been killed. The Ukrainian conflict is 4 years old. We live in troubled times.

Each January, Open Doors ([www.opendoors.org](http://www.opendoors.org)) publish its Watch List of Christian persecution. More than 388 million Christians worldwide are persecuted for their faith, 4,849 were murdered in 2025. But Christians live by the word of God, not the sword.

St Paul wrote "*I am convinced that... [nothing] can separate us from the love of God*" – Romans 8 verses 38 - 39. Let's pray

- Thanking God for his love that keeps us close to him.
- Christians worldwide who are persecuted for their faith remembering especially those in North Korea, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan and Eritrea, the 5 most dangerous places to be a Christian.
- Our global leaders as they seek peaceful ends to conflict.

Finally please pray for our benefice as we seek a new Rector. May someone hear God's call to lead us and may we welcome that person into our churches and communities.

Keith Disney

### Christmas Polly Vouchers - A Message from Jenny Mead - Polly Coordinator

I thought you might like to know that, as a Parish we provided 15 x £25 gift tokens for Primark and Polly received a Morrisons voucher for £150, from the donations collected across our three churches. The vouchers were sent within a Christmas card, from the churches in Hook Norton, Great Rollright and Swerford. Polly is hugely grateful and very touched that we continue to support her people and her work with them.

I received a phone call this week from one grateful recipient, calling to thank us.



### Benefice Ministry Team

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[office@hooknortonbenefice.org.uk](mailto:office@hooknortonbenefice.org.uk) by the 12th of the month - thanks