

SUNDAY 1st FEBRUARY

8am Holy Communion BCP (Preb. David)
9.30am Parish Eucharist (Preb. David) *also live-streamed*
11.30am Messy Mass (Revd. Dave/ Revd. Topé)
2.30pm Bereavement Support Café
6pm Festal Evensong (Preb. David/Revd. Dave/Revd. Topé)

MONDAY 2nd FEBRUARY *The Presentation of Christ in the Temple*

TUESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY *Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865*

9am Morning Prayer 10am – 2pm Coffee Shop 11am Funeral – Diane Turney
2.30pm Bereavement Visitors Meeting 7pm RBL Band Practice

WEDNESDAY 4th FEBRUARY *Gilbert of Sempringham, Founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189*

9am Morning Prayer 9.30am Toddler Time 10am Pulford Candlemas Service
1pm Lunch Club 8pm Baptism Preparation

THURSDAY 5th FEBRUARY

9am Morning Prayer 10am Holy Communion (Canon Malcolm/Bill Webb)

FRIDAY 6th FEBRUARY *The Martyrs of Japan, 1597*

9am Morning Prayer 10am – 2pm Coffee Shop 6.30pm Young Singers Club
6.30pm Treble Choir Practice 7.30pm Full Choir Practice

SATURDAY 7th FEBRUARY

9am Holy Communion (Preb. David) 10am – 12noon Coffee Shop

SUNDAY 8th FEBRUARY

Second Sunday before Lent
8am Holy Communion (Revd. Topé/John Wallace)
9.30am Parish Eucharist (Preb. David/John Wallace) *also live-streamed*
11.30am Holy Baptism (Revd. Topé)
6pm Evening Prayer (Geoff Marchant)

Candlemas

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Sunday 1st February 2026

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We warmly welcome all visitors and newcomers to our church. If any of you are from other denominations and are accustomed to receiving Communion in your own church, you are welcome to here. Please notify a sidesperson if you require a gluten free wafer. For the hard of hearing the church is equipped with a loop system. Switch to T please. The news sheet is for you to retain and use for reference and prayer.

Dear Friends,

The time has come to finally put your cribs away for another year. This Sunday we celebrate Candlemas. The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, traditionally known as Candlemas. This beautiful feast brings the Christmas season to its prayerful close and invites us to fix our eyes once more on Christ, the light of the world.

In the gospel, we meet Simeon and Anna - two faithful elders who had waited their whole lives for this moment. In the child, Jesus, they recognise God's promise fulfilled. Simeon proclaimed Him as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people, Israel Israel." Candlemas reminds us that Christ is not a private light, but one meant to shine for all. I encourage us to be more like Simeon and Anna and to be faithful disciples and seek out Christ in our lives.

The blessing and lighting of candles on this feast is rich in meaning. As our candles are lit from the one flame, we are reminded that the light we carry is not our own - it is Christ's. We are called to bear the light into our homes, our workplace, our relationships and especially into places of darkness, uncertainty, and need.

I encourage you to not hide the light of Christ that is bestowed upon each one of us but to shine out to all that we meet. In our families, in our friendships and in our community. It is that beacon of light that gives each one of us, and therefore all of those with whom we meet, a light of Hope of peace and of love. May the light of Christ shine out in all of us today and the coming weeks.

God Bless, David

We would like to politely request that you turn off your mobile phones or switch them to flight-safe mode.

Collect for the week: God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER

Sick:

Carol Steward, John Brennan, Peter Metcalfe, Teresa Lamb,
Sheila Tate, Steve Cross, Dougie Goodman, Valerie Jackson,
Doug & Denise Winsor-Jowett, David Lycett, Josef Moise,
Natalie Bayliss, Mark Freeman, Zachary Stewart and family,
Chris Szczepanski

RIP:

Sylvia Avery, Diane Turney, Barry Holbrook

Year's Mind:

Christopher Blackbird Taylor, Trevor Lunnon, Frank Audas,
Ted Summerfield, Thomas Nash, Annie Turney, Yiu To Lau,
Lilian Baines, Wayne Johnson

In our Team:

Pray for our Town Mayor and Parish Council Chairmen

In the World:

Pray for South America

In the Diocese:

Pray for Churches in the Deanery of Berkhamsted

In the Wider Church:

Pray for The Episcopal Anglican Church in Brazil

NOTICES

SICK LIST: We will include names for a period of 4 weeks. After this time, please let the office know if you wish them to remain on the list for a further 4 weeks.

PALM CROSSES: Please return your Palm Crosses to the basket in the Servers Vestry, so we can burn them for ash.

SERVERS AND CHALICE ASSISTANTS: Please let me know the dates when you are not available from 1 March to 28 June 2026 inclusive, either via email to mikejsharman@outlook.com, text/WhatsApp to 07730 400833 or pin a written note to the notice board in the Servers' Vestry, before 22 February. Thank you, Mike.

NEW SERVERS: New recruits will be made very welcome so if you would like to join our team then please have a chat with me or Lindsay. Thank you, Mike.

SAINTS ALIVE! MAGAZINES: These are ready to collect for distribution and for regular subscribers to pick up in All Saints. There are also spare copies to purchase at £1, but why not take out a subscription?

OPEN PLATE GIVING: While we are grateful for all donations, we are trying to reduce the amount of cash that the Church has to manage. Please scan this QR code to securely donate to the Church on your phone – all donations are used to maintain the church and its services in the community. There is an option to increase your giving by Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer.



BIBLE BOOK CLUB: The next Bible Book Club will meet at 7pm in the Saunders Room in St Barnabas Church Hall on Friday 6th February. We will be discussing the letter to the Hebrews.

CRAFT STALL: North Aisle of the church until Friday 13 February. Please browse the wool and needles, material and haberdashery, tapestry and embroidery kits and various other craft items. All money raised supports church projects.

PULFORD PRE-SCHOOL: The next prospective parents "stay and play" afternoon for Pulford Pre-School is 28th April, between 3.45pm and 4.15pm. No need to book – just turn up on the day. If you would like more information, please contact the school.

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Rest Day: Monday

Candlemas

1st February

Sunday Services

Readings: RCL: Year A: Page: 53

Collect: 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.

8.00am Holy Communion BCP Celebrant: Preb. David Preacher: Preb. David

Reading: Malachi 3: 1-5 or Hebrews 2: 14-end
Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

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9.30am Parish Eucharist Celebrant: Preb. David Preacher: Preb. David

Setting: *Music for Common Worship* Hymn Book: AMNS

Introit: 314
1st Reading Malachi 3: 1-5
Psalm: 24

Response: The Lord is the King of glory

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it: the compass of the world and those who dwell therein. For he has founded it upon the seas: and established it upon the waters.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord: or who shall stand in his holy place? He that has clean hands and a pure heart: who has not set his soul upon idols, nor sworn his oath to a lie.

He shall receive blessing from the Lord: and recompense from the God of his salvation. Of such a kind as this are those who seek him: those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in. Who is the King of glory?: the Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in. Who is the King of glory?: the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2: 14-end
Gradual Hymn: 453
Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40
Intercessions: Bill Webb
Offertory Hymn: 131

Anthem: When to the temple Mary went - Eccard
When to the temple Mary went, and brought the Holy Child,
Him did the aged Simeon see, as it had been revealed.
He took up Jesus in his arms and blessing God he said:
In peace I now depart, my Saviour having seen,
The Hope of Israel, the Light of men.

Help now thy servants, gracious Lord, that we may ever be
As once the faithful Simeon was, rejoicing but in Thee;
And when we must from earth departure take, may gently fall asleep and with Thee
wake.

During this time, please observe a period of quiet reflection, as we receive Communion

Communion Hymn: 311
Post Communion: 421
Stanford in G Nunc Dimittis

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11.30am Messy Mass for Candlemas Revd. Dave/Revd. Topé
As printed in service order 604, 148, 510, 494

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6.00pm Festal Evensong Preb. David/Revd. Dave/Revd. Topé

Hymn Book: AMNS
Introit: 140
Responses: Ayleward
1st Reading: Haggai 2: 1-9
Psalm: 132
2nd Reading: John 2: 18-22
Office Hymn: 233
Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis: Purcell in g
Anthem: O nata lux - Tallis
Hymns: 142, 332 (omit v. 3, 4, 6), 8