



Candlemas



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Welcome

*We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.
Please do join us for refreshments in the Church at 10.30am.*

Sunday 2 February

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Church
9.30am	Breakfastzone	Church
10.30am	Coffee	Church
11am	Holy Communion (CW)	Church

During the Week

Mon-Fri	10am – 12.30pm Church open for visitors	Church
Tues	9am Open House Parents and Toddlers	Lounge
	10am Funeral of Joyce Hodge	Church
	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits	Lounge
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	Church
	7.30pm Alpha <i>continues at Me and Mrs Jones</i>	
	7.30pm Matt's Cats	Church
	7.30pm <i>New Year Meal at Amici's (Friends of St Matts)</i>	
Thurs	10.30am Prayer Meeting	Chapel
	2.30pm Chat@St Matts	Hall
Fri	6.30pm Youth Club	Hall

Sunday 9 February

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Church
10.30am	Coffee	Church
11am	United Family Service	Church
12.15pm	Meeting for church musicians and singers over lunch	Hall
6.30pm	Night Shelter	Hall

Thanks go to...

healthcare
workers



Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us, and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. Amen

Readings

Hebrews 2: 14-18

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Luke 2: 22-40

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord’,) ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: ‘a pair of doves or two young pigeons’. ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ ‘Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,

you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,

and the glory of your people Israel.’

³³ The child’s father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: ‘This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.’ ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

For our prayers and praise this week	
Sun	Pray for Breakfastzone and the Communion Service. Pray that the transition of chairs etc may get smoother week by week.
Mon	Pray for our country as we leave the EU. Pray for peace and harmony in it all. Remember our Prime Minister with his onerous responsibilities.
Tues	We need a Children's Youth and Family worker to replace Victoria Yates. Pray that the PCC will be able to locate the right person and the church family will be able to fund him/her.
Wed	Thank God for the Friends of St Matthias and for their fundraising for the church. Pray for them as they celebrate in their New Year Meal this week.
Thurs	Pray for the hospital Chaplains, both ordained and lay. Thank God for the comfort they can give as they pray, administer the sacrament and just chat.
Fri	Pray for the countries facing natural and political disasters. Pray for those still affected by the Holocaust and later Genocides. Pray God will meet and strengthen them in their need.
Sat	Pray for Jack Perry as he speaks this morning at the Men's Breakfast. Pray that he will have a challenge and encouragement for all who attend.
Sun	As we worship a Holy and Awesome God, may we try to keep our building a Holy Place.

What's on and News

Help needed

Keeping the church open for visitors – we need 6 more volunteers!

Thanks to our existing team and to the people who have already expressed an interest in joining. Please speak to Pere if you would like to help to keep the church open at lunchtimes 12-2pm, Monday to Friday. Thank you.

Coffee Makers – can you help?

We've started serving coffee in the church at 10.30am (rather than the hall) and need more helpers to join the team. Please see Pere or Sylvia 😊

Dates and what's on

5 February New Year Meal at Amici, Torwood Street @ 7.30pm

Rob Newman or Christine Tibbetts to book



8 February Men's Breakfast with speaker Jack Perry. Contact Charlie for more information or to book c.allansen@btinternet.com

9 February Night Shelter start date at St Matthias

15 February Through Faith Missions Training Course – here at St Matthias from 9-5pm – to book please email missiontorbay@gmail.com. Tea, coffee, biscuits provided – please bring your own lunch.

25 February Girls Allowed pudding evening for Shrove Tuesday. In the hall/church.

8 March This will be the last Sunday for the Yates family before they move to Brixham. There will be a church family lunch that day to say farewell. To give to a collection for them please contact the office or place in the collection in an envelope marked Yates.

25 April Music Workshop for all who love singing with Geraldine Latty and Carey Luce – all day singing plus evening concert – see Anya for details.

Alpha...

it's not too late to join...

Next session: 5 February @ 7.30pm

Venue: Me and Mrs Jones (Ilsham Road)

Pick up a leaflet today or speak with one of the team.



Messages

Car Park please feel free to use the 2 disabled spaces on the north side of the church which have been marked out temporarily with chalk while we try them out for ease of use etc.

However just this week the area will not be in use from Wednesday 4.30pm

to Friday 5pm while Ilsham School use the space for a mobile classroom.

Valerie Collison and family wish to thank everyone for the love, prayers, support and help given to them in their recent loss of John.

Children, youth and family worker? 😊

Last Monday, the PCC agreed we'd like to replace Victoria's part time role with a full time one! However, the cost of employing someone only comes from our church family income; so please think and pray about whether God is calling you to support this work financially in addition to your general giving. In the meantime, we are aware there are several grant making bodies who could provide funds for both Wellspring *and* young people's work - we just need someone to offer to write applications - could you do that? Thank you. John Beckett

10 March Lent Courses begin

Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm

10, 17, 24, 31 March

'Flourishing'

A series of talks led by Andrew Green on being what God wants us to be

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*Wednesday mornings at 10.15am*

*11, 18, 25 March & 1 April*

### **'Great Bible Stories'**

*A reading of some of the great bible stories*

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And in Holy Week there will be a reading of the whole of St Mark's Gospel (Tues eve & Wed morn)

Contacting the Church

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Children & Youth Worker: currently vacant

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