



Pew Sheet

Sunday 1 February 2026

10 am Parish Eucharist

Candlemas (The Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

President & Preacher — Reverend Nigel Irons

It's wonderful to have you with us this morning, as we gather to worship together in this beautiful parish church. Don't hesitate to speak to our sidesperson if there is anything you need, and please do come and join us in the Choir House for refreshments after the service.

A loop system is installed in Church. If you wear a hearing aid, please tune it to 'T'. If you need gluten free communion wafers, please make yourself known to the vicar, a churchwarden or any church officials.

Today's Team

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T h o u g h t s & P r a y e r s

Kindly remember in your prayers the school and their families, and the wider school community during their vacation.

Prayers have also been asked for **Mollie, Jean, Barbara, Andrew P, Hannah, Lyn, Andrew, Karen, Malcolm & Pat, Sylvia Goodliffe and Ester Young.**

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.

Amen.

Readings

Malachi

3.1–5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Readings continued

Psalm
24.7-end

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 ‘Who is the King of glory?’
‘The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle.’

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 ‘Who is this King of glory?’
‘The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.’

Readings continued

Hebrews

2.14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

What's On

Monday 2 February	Morning Prayer 8:30am
Tuesday 3 February	Morning Prayer 8:30am
Wednesday 4 March	Morning Prayer 8:30am Bell Ringing 7:15pm
Thursday 5 February	//
Friday 6 February	Holy Communion 5pm
Saturday 7 February	//
Sunday 8 February	Parish Eucharist 11am

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 15 February	Parish Eucharist 9:15am
Wednesday 18 February	Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes 6:30pm
Sunday 22 February	Parish Eucharist 11am
Sunday 1 March	Parish Eucharist 9:15am
Sunday 8 March	Joint Choral Eucharist at All Saints 11am

Notices

Calling All Singers

In 2026, music aficionados will have the fantastic opportunity not only to hear one of the greatest pieces of choral music performed in a stunningly beautiful arts & crafts venue, but to join their voices with one of the leading choirs in the Staffordshire Moorlands: the Phoenix Singers are excited to invite all singers to join them for a performance of Joseph Haydn's *The Creation* at All Saints, Leek, on 30 May 2026. The project is free of charge to participants, and singers are invited to join the Phoenix Singers from **23 February**: all are very welcome!

For more information, and to register your interest, contact secretary@phoenixsingersleek.co.uk.

Jigsaws and Mugs

We still have some lovely St Edward's jigsaws and mugs available to purchase. If you are interested, please visit our website, or speak to a member of the team who will be happy to help.

Jigsaws £20 // Fine Bone China Mugs £15

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4219/news/168430/church-merchandise-for-sale>



Supporting Charities

Over the course of this year, we will be teaming up with our friends at All Saints, Leek, to support a wide range of charities. **This week, 1 February, we will be taking our first special collection.** All donations next Sunday will go towards the work of the Mothers' Union, as they seek to end violence, injustice and poverty. For more details, see their website, or speak to Mary: <https://www.mothersunion.org/our-work/>

Save the Date: Celebrating a Special Birthday

19 February marks a significant birthday for our wonderful churchwarden, Mary. All are warmly invited to the vicarage for light refreshments that evening (6-8pm), to help Mary celebrate.

Do look out for further details in the newsheet nearer the time.