

## FEBRUARY COLLECT

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image; teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.

### Common Worship Lectionary Readings for February 2026 (Year A)

<b>1<sup>st</sup> February</b> <b>Presentation of</b> <b>Christ (Candlemas)</b>	Malachi 3: 1-5 Luke 2: 2-40	<b>White</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Before Lent</b> <b>Racial Justice</b> <b>Sunday</b>	Psalm 136 Matthew 6: 25-end	<b>Green</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Sunday next Before</b> <b>Lent</b>	2 Peter: 1: 16-end Matthew 17: 1-9	<b>Green</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	Psalm 51: 1-18 Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21	<b>Purple</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> February</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7 Matthew 4: 1-11	<b>Purple</b>

### Dates for your Diary

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February** – Cropredy Church Quiz

Thank you for your support now fully subscribed.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February** – Claydon

Coffee Morning from 10am – 12 noon in the Church Room. All welcome.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February** The Bourtons

Community Coffee Morning Village Hall 10.30 am – 12 noon



Inclusive and caring parishes,  
working together  
to celebrate and share God's Love,  
in our villages and wider world.



**FEBRUARY 2026**

**St James the Great, Claydon, St Mary the Virgin, Cropredy**  
**All Saints, Great Bourton, All Saints, Mollington**  
**St Mary Magdalene, Wardington**

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### **Benefice Worship Leaders**

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**Sue Upton, Siobhan & Rebecca Croft.**

**The Rt. Revd. Jonathan Meyrick**

## Services for February

1 <sup>st</sup> February Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)			
Claydon	Visiting Sunday		
Cropredy	9.30 am	Family Communion	SF
Gt. Bourton	11 am	Morning Worship	SU
Mollington	Visiting Sunday		
Wardington	Visiting Sunday		
8 <sup>th</sup> February 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent (Racial Justice Sunday)			
Claydon	Visiting Sunday		
Cropredy	10.30 am	Morning Worship	SU
Gt Bourton	Visiting Sunday		
Mollington	9.00 am	Family Communion	SF
Wardington	10.30 am	Family Service	SF
15 <sup>th</sup> February Sunday before Lent			
Claydon	Visiting Sunday		
Cropredy	10.00 am	Seeker Service`	SF/Ministry team
Wedding	2.00 pm`	Hampson/McIlreavy	SF
Gt Bourton	11.00 am	Family Communion	LA/SU
Mollington	Visiting Sunday		
Wardington	Visiting Sunday		
18 <sup>th</sup> February Ash Wednesday			
Claydon	7.00 pm	Ashing Service	SF
22 <sup>nd</sup> February First Sunday of Lent			
Claydon	11.00 am	Family Communion	SF
Cropredy	Visiting Sunday		
Gt. Bourton	Visiting Sunday		
Mollington	4.00 pm	Evening Prayer	SU
Wardington	9.30 am	Family Communion	SF

**Morning Prayer** at 9 am: See Note from Revd. Sarah opposite  
**Holy Communion** – 12 noon Tuesdays in Cropredy

*From Revd Sarah*

**Lent 2026 in our Benefice:**

**Ash Wednesday Service:** Wed Feb 18th, 7pm, St James the Great, Claydon

### Come and See: Discovering Jesus through the Eucharist

This Lent, you're invited to Come and See - an opportunity to explore the profound meal at the heart of Christian life. Whether you're new to faith, returning after a break, or have been part of church for years, this is a chance to pause, reflect and explore what the Eucharist might have to say to you. We'll be running **Come and See at Morning Prayer**, throughout Lent, 9am each morning, Great Bourton (Monday), Claydon (Tuesday), Cropredy (Wednesday), Mollington (Thursday), Wardington (Friday). You can also sign up to receive free daily Lent emails with short reflections, plus a weekly video from Bishop Steven. [Come and See - Diocese of Oxford](#) Take part in whatever way works for you - everyone is welcome!

### Cropredy Food Pantry News & Support

I'm delighted to share that we have been awarded a grant from Cherwell Council of £500 to purchase food for the Porch Food Pantry which has been well used across the winter months. If you would be willing to help, either make an online order or an in-person purchase of food to help with the running of the Pantry, please speak to Revd Sarah or Verna Wass, Church Warden, we'd be pleased to grow a small team who help ensure the Pantry runs well.

### Ukraine Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to those who have made up shoeboxes for Ukrainian orphans. It's a very practical sign of our Christian love and care and I will be taking these down to the *Hare and Hounds* in Wardington who make regular visits to the orphanages of the Ukraine.