

# Pews News

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## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026 Candlemas

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b> The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> with provision for children
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>09:15</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>17:30</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b> on Zoom
	<b>19:00</b>	<b>Tuesday @7</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Breakfast Club</b> Manor Nursery
	<b>17:30</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b> on Zoom
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:15</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>No public worship today</b>
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>No public worship today</b>
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> with provision for children

### Hymns

108. Colours of day

375. King of glory

252. Guide me O thou great Redeemer  
Christ be our light.

***The Collect (Opening Prayer): 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.



**First Reading: 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 washers' 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 judgment; 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.

**Psalm 24.7-end**

**Second Reading: 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 become 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.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 22-40** When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him 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 turtledoves 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 seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped 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.

**Post Communion Prayer:** Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.



### Prayers of Intercession

**The sick and those who care for them:** Karen Cox, Sheila King, Dawn Spurway Pearson, Lucia, Pam Browning, Ian Turner, Michael King, Emily Maylon, Jim, Richard, Jenny, Roger Lewis, Colin May, Revd. Colin Wood, Susie Usher, Marlene, Tony May, Eileen Tooley and June Baker.

**Anniversary of death:** 2<sup>nd</sup> - William Burrow, Albert Barker, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Hubert Sheppard, 4<sup>th</sup> - Baby Lavinia Caraccioli, 5<sup>th</sup> - Mary Pryde, 7<sup>th</sup> - Ethel Funnell

**Recently departed:** Anne Hatzfeld

**The World:** We pray for peace in all areas of conflict around the World, and we pray for peace in the Holy Land. For all those seeking safety and refuge in our Country.

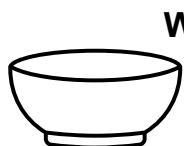
**For urgent prayer,** contact Sue Davis (01243 262915) to start the Prayer Chain.



**Pancake Party!** – Come and join us on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, from 3pm to 5pm in St Andrew's Chapel. Everyone is welcome- bring a friend! Please sign up on the sheet on the noticeboard to give us some idea of how many to cater for.



**Ash Wednesday and Lent Course** The Ash Wednesday service will be at 7pm on Wednesday 25th February. The following Wednesday at 7pm marks the beginning of our five week Lent course. The Diocesan course for this year is called, 'The Year of Matthew'. Key themes that we will be looking at include, the birth of Jesus, the calling of the disciples, Jesus as teacher, his miracles, and his impending passion. A sign-up sheet and flyer will be available at the back of the church on the Sundays leading up to Lent. We look forward to seeing you there!



**We will be offering Lent Soup Lunches** again this year, dates as follows: Thursdays 26th February and 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th March 12:00 – 13:15. A warm welcome, delicious home-made soup with a bread roll, tea and coffee at Pagham Parish Church Centre. All proceeds to local causes. There is a sign up sheet asking for help, with making soup, setting up or clearing away.

**Palm Crosses** Please last year's Palm Crosses be returned to Church ready for the Ash Wednesday service.



**Thank you** for the generous book donations we have received so far. We also need large baskets and will be grateful if you have any to donate. We are currently refreshing our children's provisions and would love your help in building a vibrant space for our young people. Please drop off any donations to church or speak to Emily ([paghampew@gmail.com](mailto:paghampew@gmail.com) or 07784398293) who can collect them from you at home. Thank you for helping us nurture the next generation!

**Meet with and try the Coat of Hopes** The Coat of Hopes is a patchwork coat that is on an ongoing walk through Britain. Made, worn and walked by hundreds of people during and since its pilgrimage from the South Coast of England to COP26, the UN climate summit, in Glasgow



autumn 2021. The coat is made up of pieces of blanket into which people have worked their griefs, remembrances, prayers and hopes for the place they call home.

It carries an invitation to share our love and responsibility in facing this climate and ecological emergency. You are invited to meet with and try the coat on when it stays in Aldwick, on Wednesday 4th February, in the Mosse Hall, 4-5pm. Refreshments will be available. Please see the flyer attached. Visit the website to find out more: <https://www.coatofhopes.uk/>



**Valentine's Ball** Mosse Hall, St Richard's church, on Saturday 14th February, 6pm-9pm. Dress code - evening dress/dress to impress. Live music provided by Regis Rhythms. Love Quiz. Bring 'n' share buffet. Bring your own liquid refreshments. Tickets £12 to include a glass of bubbly.

A huge **thank you** to Stephen and the Men's Group for organising an enjoyable and successful Burns Night Supper, and raising over a £1,000 for Church funds!

**Please note the dates when our community groups will next meet:**

**The Bear Necessities:** on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30 pm at The Bear Inn, Pagham

**The Book Group:** 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm, at Alison's house, Swandene, 01243 261131

**Pints of View:** on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30 pm at The Inglenook Pub, Pagham

**Breakfast Club:** on 4<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30 am at Manor Nursery.

**Bell ringing:** on Mondays at 7.30 pm at St Thomas a Becket

**Don't forget, the Church is open every day, usually between 10am & 3pm. It is a beautiful place for quiet prayer and reflection.**

**Next week's readings:**

Genesis 1.1 - 2.3, Psalm 136, Romans 8.18-25, Matthew 6.25-34

*Church Diary: This is held by Mo Hatzfeld. Please let her know if you are planning to use the church or St Andrew's Chapel to check availability. Tel: 01243 268576.*

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