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Weekly
Bulletin

WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY

Sunday February 1st
Presentation of Christ at the Temple
Candlemas

'The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.' Psalm 24v1

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY-Candlemas

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St Michael's
9.30am Holy Communion St Luke's
10.30am GATHER St Michael's
10.30am Morning Worship St Botolph's
2.30pm Wild Church All Saints

BIBLE READINGS

Malachi 3:1-5
Luke 2:22-40

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY – 2 before Lent

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St Michael's
9.30am Morning Worship St Luke's
10.30am Holy Communion St Michael's
3.30pm Evening Prayer St John's
5.30pm Ignite St Michael's

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.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The World -O God, we pray for countries experiencing the turmoil of conflict and political instability. We ask for peace to be restored. Grant wisdom and integrity to world leaders so that they will work for the good of the people they govern and serve. We pray that citizens everywhere would have their rights preserved, so they can live peacefully, free from fear.

Community – Lord, we ask for your protection over our community. Guard us from harm, violence, and discord. Let your peace reign in our streets, our homes, and our hearts. Lift up those who are struggling within our community — those who are experiencing hardship, poverty, loneliness, or illness. Surround them with your love and comfort, and inspire us to reach out with compassion and support. Amen

Mission Focus – The Children's Society

Please pray and give thanks for Children's Society specialist workers such as Sophia who work with young people who are at risk through online internet abuse, grooming and coercion. This is becoming an increasingly serious problem in our technology-based society.

Background story. Katie was a normal young teenager who spent a lot of time on her mobile phone using social media. Everything changed when the police came knocking at the door and asked if they could look at her phone. It was only then that Katie and her parents realised that she was being slowly groomed by a criminal gang who were seeking to isolate her and coerce her into doing things like sharing intimate photos. Sophia, from the Children's Society was able to work with Katie and give her a fresh start and a much safer life.

Soup and Pancake Lunch, Shrove Tuesday, 17th February, St Michael's: sittings at 12 noon and 1 pm. No tickets (donations instead). Please book a place by emailing John Bailey john.bailey@tiscali.co.uk or ring 07774749201, describing any special dietary needs.

Hope Explored - This Lent we will be working through Mark's Gospel. Join Revd Dimitri as, over the course of 5 weeks, we reflect on Identity, Mission, and Call: We will explore who Jesus is, why he came and what it means for us. Meetings, including soup and a roll, will be at lunchtime on Wednesdays from 12.30-2pm at St Luke's, from February 25th to April 25th.

Could it be you? - After many years of serving as churchwarden at St Luke's, Fran will be standing down at the APCM in April. We are immensely thankful that Fran will continue to support the many outreach activities at St Luke's, but it does mean there will be a vacancy for a churchwarden. If you feel that God may be calling you to serve the church community in this capacity or would like to find out more about the role, please speak to Revd Dimitri. In the meantime, please pray that the right candidate will come forward.

St John's, Barnby — Over recent years the congregation at St John's has shrunk to the extent that it has become difficult to find people to care for the building and churchyard. To address some of the challenges facing the church the PCC has proposed making St John's a **Festival Church**.

The Festival Church model is both simple and flexible and boils down to two fundamental changes in the way the church operates:

Worship– doing less but doing it better Festival Churches no longer hold regular formal worship, but will instead concentrate on fewer “festival” services, such as during Easter and Christmas.

Management– more people to be involved Festival Churches can adapt their management structures to enable anyone with an interest in the buildings to take on an active role in their care.

I must stress that in becoming a Festival Church, St John's is in no way 'being closed'. We will continue to hold services and it will still be possible to have baptisms, weddings and funerals in the church, with no changes to the churchyard.

If you have any questions or comments, or would like to get involved with the care of St John's church or churchyard, then please drop me an email at rector@becclesparish.org.uk or contact the parish office. Many thanks, Revd Dimitri

Connect through one of our regular coffee mornings		If you need food and support
Every Friday Friends of St Michael's Coffee Morning 10am -12noon at St Michael's 	Every Saturday Coffee & Chat 9.30am -11am at St Luke's a chance to catch up over coffee, toast, or a bacon roll.	Foodbank at St Luke's Mondays 2-3pm Fridays 2-3.30pm Parish Pantry Pop up Shop Saturdays 9.30am-11am at St Luke's Christians Against Poverty 0800 328 0006

DIARY DATE

Tuesday 17 th February	12.00 and 1.00pm	Soup and Pancake lunch	St Michael's
Wednesday 25 th February	12.30-2.00pm	Hope Explored	St Luke's

WORSHIP DURING THE WEEK - all are welcome to any or all of our services.

MORNING PRAYER – Monday & Tuesday 8.30am on Zoom, Wednesday 8.30am at St Luke's.

Join on Zoom ID 985 0957 8510 passcode 405454 **EVENING PRAYER** Tuesday 3.30pm at St Botolph, North Cove

MIDWEEK COMMUNION Tuesday 10am at All Saints Worlingham, **Thursday** 10am at St Michael's



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