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CANDLEMAS & CHRISTINGLE

1st February 2026

HYMNS

Introit	839
Gradual	845
Offertory	901
Communion	399
+ St George's Singers	
Recessional	419



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, our God, and our God.

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.

FOR OUR PRAYERS: Tony, Beryl, Mimi, Trevor, Corinne

FOR THOSE BEING BAPTISED: Freddie, Zoe, Bill

RIP: Eula Christie, Elizabeth

IN REMEMBRANCE: Daisy Watts, Terry Wood

PALM CROSSES

If you have any palm crosses from last year, please bring them into church and give them to Pauline for this year's ash.



FEBRUARY LUNCH CLUB

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday 4 February**. Sign up list available now!



APRIL LUNCH CLUB

Advance notice: due to Holy Week services in April is no Lunch Club **Wednesday 1 April** – instead we will be holding our Agape Meal.



LUNCH CLUB HELP

It would be great if a few of us could be at Lunch Club not only to enjoy Tania's lovely lunch but also to help serve and chat with the regulars.



OFFICE PHONE NOT WORKING

With apology, the office phone is not working at the moment. We are trying to get it fixed but please email the office or call the vicarage if you need to speak to us.

FILM NIGHT

The Film group meets on the last Tuesday of each month. However because of Lent and Easter, our next meetings are: **Monday 23 February** and **Wednesday 25 March**.



CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESSES

With apology, our new emails are:
parish.perryhill@outlook.com
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MARYANN'S PARTY

Everyone at St George's is invited to celebrate Maryann's birthday on **Saturday 14 February from 14:00**.



PARISH WEEKEND AWAY

This year's weekend at Wychcroft is on Friday 5 June to Sunday 7 June. Cost is £210 for adults and half-price for children. Please sign the list if you'd like to come.



CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Cash collected at this morning's service will be given to support work of the Children's Society.

HEALING AT TUESDAY EUCHARISTS

On the first Tuesday of the month, our 10:30 Eucharist will be a healing service. At which the laying on of hands and anointing will be offered. Our next one is **Tuesday 3 February**.



REFLECTIVE EVENING PRAYER

Our monthly evening service is the second Sunday of the month. Our next one is **Sunday 8 February** at 18:00.



LENT 2026

Lent kicks off on Ash Wednesday, **18 February**, with services at 12:00 and 19:30. Lent groups will be on Tuesdays from **24 February** at 19:30 in church.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026

The service this year is **Friday 6 March, 10:30**, at the Grove Centre on Jews Walk, Sydenham SE26 6PL. All are welcome.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 2 February

Church: 19:00 - Meditation group

Tuesday 3 February

Church: 09:30- Morning prayer

Church: 10:30 - Healing Service

Church: 18:00 – Brownies

Wednesday 4 February

Church: 13:00 - Lunch Club

Hall: 18:00 - Cubs, 20:00 – Scouts

Studio: 19:30-20:30 - Yoga class

Thursday 5 February

Hall: 18:15 - 19:15 – Beavers

Saturday 7 February

Church: 09:30 - Morning Prayer

Studio: 11:00-12:00 - Yoga class

Studio: 14:30 - 15:30 - Outside group

Sunday 8 February

Church: 10:00 – Eucharist

Studio: 14:00 - 16:00 - Outside group

Church: 18:00 - Reflective Prayer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 2 February

Church: 19:30 – Film Group

Tuesday 3 March

Church: 10:30 - Healing Service

Wednesday 4 March

Church: 13:00 - Lunch Club

Friday 6 March

Grove Centre: 10:30 – World Day of Prayer service

Sunday 8 March

Church: 18:00 - Reflective Prayer

NT:Ephesians 5: 8 - 14

⁸ Once you were darkness. Now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light. ⁹ The fruit of the light is found in all that is good. ¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to God. ¹¹ Take no part in the works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² It is shameful to mention what people do secretly. ¹³ Everything exposed by the light becomes visible. ¹⁴ Everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Sleeper, awake!'

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.'



GOSPEL: Luke 2: 22 – 40

²² The time came for Joseph and Mary to perform the ceremony of purification, as the Law of Moses commanded. So they took the child to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, ²³ as it is written in the law of the Lord: "Every first-born male is to be dedicated to the Lord." ²⁴ They also went to offer a sacrifice of a pair of doves or two young pigeons, as required by the law of the Lord.

²⁵ At that time there was a man named Simeon living in Jerusalem. He was a good, God-fearing man and was waiting for Israel to be saved. The Holy Spirit was with him ²⁶ and had assured him that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's promised Messiah. ²⁷ Led by the Spirit, Simeon went into the Temple. When the parents brought the child Jesus into the Temple to do for him what the Law

required, ²⁸ Simeon took the child in his arms and gave thanks to God: ²⁹ "Now, Lord, you have kept your promise, and you may let your servant go in peace."

³⁰ With my own eyes I have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples:

³² A light to reveal your will to the Gentiles and bring glory to your people Israel."

³³ The child's father and mother were amazed at the things Simeon said about him. ³⁴ Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother, "This child is chosen by God for the destruction and the salvation of many in Israel. He will be a sign from God which many people will speak against ³⁵ and so reveal their secret thoughts. And sorrow, like a sharp sword, will break your own heart."

³⁶⁻³⁷ There was a very old prophet, a widow named Anna, daughter of Phanuel of the tribe of Asher. She had been married for only seven years and was now eighty-four years old. She never left the Temple; day and night she worshiped God, fasting and

praying. ³⁸ That very same hour she arrived and gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were waiting for God to set Jerusalem free.

³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had finished doing all that was required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to their hometown of Nazareth in Galilee. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong; he was full of wisdom, and God's blessings were upon him.