

## THIS WEEK

**Monday** 9am Walking for Health Group  
4pm Handbell ringing  
**Tuesday** 9.30am Morning Prayer  
**Wednesday** 10.15am Holy Communion  
11am Welcome Coffee Morning  
**Friday** 7pm Choir practice

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tuesdays** 24<sup>th</sup> Feb to 24<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm  
Lent Study course at St Mary's.  
**Thursdays** 19<sup>th</sup> Feb to 26<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm  
Evening Prayer for Lent at St Clement's  
**Tuesdays** 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am  
Ecumenical Lent Study with refreshments at  
Cornerstone Methodist Church

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# ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH

**1st February 2026**

## Candlemas

### TODAY'S HYMNS

- 99 Hail to the Lord's anointed
- 396 Faithful vigil ended
- 502 Restore, O Lord
- 74 Like a candle flame
- 676 Immortal, invisible

### TODAY'S READINGS

- Malachi 3: 1 – 5
- Hebrews 2: 14 – end
- Luke 2: 22 – 40

### THE 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**

### THE GOSPEL

<sup>22</sup>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 <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), <sup>24</sup>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.'

<sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>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, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup>'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

<sup>33</sup> And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

<sup>34</sup> 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 <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

<sup>36</sup> 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, <sup>37</sup> 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. <sup>38</sup> 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.

<sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

## INTERCESSIONS

### Please Pray for:

#### **The Church:**

Pray for Rev Sarah Mulally as she takes up her new role of Archbishop of Canterbury. Pray for our diocese of Manchester and our bishops David, Mark and Matthew, archdeacon Karen and area dean Peter. Pray for our parishes of St Clement and St Mary and all those who work and worship in them. Pray for all the faithful people who wait in the assurance that they will see Christ.

#### **The World:**

Pray for respect and reconciliation between all world leaders and that they will govern with justice and compassion for all. Give thanks for the beauty and diversity of creation and pray that we will work to protect the earth and all that is in it.

#### **The King and Government:**

Pray for the health and well-being of King Charles, Queen Camilla and all the royal family. Pray for all political parties that they

will cease infighting and work together for the good of the country.

#### **Community:**

Pray for the elderly in our community, especially those living alone. Pray for widows and widowers, that they may find consolation and that they will be respected as valued and wise members of society.

#### **The Sick:**

We hold in God's care all those we know who are sick, including Alastair Moore, Annette Ulian, Eileen McKay, Elaine Blezzard, Beryl O'Neil, Alison Griffiths, Frank Kilroy, Christopher Brown, Toby Gurion, Emma Coulson, Tina Ellis and Georgia Coghlan. May they find healing in body, mind and spirit.

#### **The Departed:**

Pray for Thomas Penfold, Ada Carol Catherine Hughes and any others known to us who have died recently and for the families and friends who grieve for them. May all who have gone before us rest in peace and rise in glory.

#### **Anniversaries:**

Frederick Copeland, Leonard Sharpley, Joyce Dolby, Louisa Quinton, Leslie Naylor, Leslie Wood, Alfred Dandy, Lillian Harris, Steven Burnside, Martin Davies, William Stott, Basil Mitson, Samuel Bailey, Ellen Willett, Lily Brophy, Colin Brown, Mabel Jones, Mary Hague, Thomas Wardle, Elsie Charlesworth, Jack Galvin

#### **POST COMMUNION**

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**

#### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

Genesis: 1.2 – 2.3

Romans 8: 18 – 25

Matthew 6: 25 – end