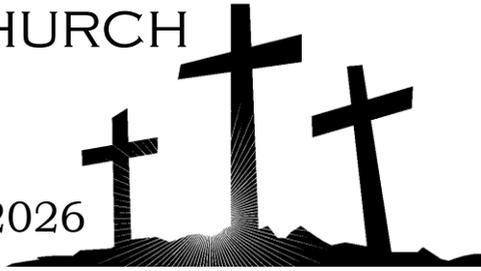


ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH FULFORD

Parish Magazine

February – March – April 2026



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| 18 th February | 7:30 pm | Ash Wednesday | |
| Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion at <i>Christ church, Hilderstone</i> | | | |
| 22 nd February | 9:30 am | | Holy Communion |
| From 24 th February 8:30am Morning Prayer every Tuesday during lent | | | |
| 1 st March | 9:30 am | | Holy Communion |
| 8 th March | 9:30 am | | Holy Communion |
| 15 th March | 9:30 am | Mothering Sunday | |
| | | | Holy Communion |
| 22 nd March | 9:30 am | | Holy Communion |
| 29 th March | 10:30 am <i>BST</i> | Palm Sunday | Holy Communion <i>at Christ Church, Hilderstone</i> |
| <i>Thursday</i> 2 nd April | 7:30 pm | Maundy Thursday | Holy Communion <i>at Christ Church, Hilderstone</i> |
| <i>Friday</i> 3 rd April | 11:00 am | Good Friday | Reflection <i>at St Nicholas' Church, Fulford</i> |
| 5 th April | 9:30 am | Easter Day | |
| | | | Family Holy Communion |
| 12 th April | 9:30 am | | Holy Communion |
| 19 th April | 9:30 am | | BCP Holy Communion (Said) |
| 26 th April | 9:30 am | | Holy Communion |
| 3 rd May | 9:30 am | | Holy Communion |

The Vicar Writes...



This year, we celebrate Shrove Tuesday on 17th February, traditionally a feast day before moving into the Lenten Season on Ash Wednesday. We mark this with our Benefice service of Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes. Lent, the old English word for the lengthening of days, finishes with our Maundy Thursday service of Holy Communion on the 2nd April. This beautiful, reflective service commemorates the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples, before he was abandoned by them. This we symbolise by stripping the altar at the end of the service and preparing the sanctuary of the church for the sombreness of Good Friday.

The Sunday before is Palm Sunday – the start of this Holy Week - when we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. This year, we are doing something different in our benefice, and it will hopefully involve a real donkey. Yes, a real donkey! Christ Church, Hilderstone is hosting our benefice Palm Sunday service when we will begin with a procession – with said donkey - through the village to the church where we will continue with our service.

It would be so lovely to see you there – and a great encouragement for our dear donkey which, as I write is in training for its big event - and to join us for all or any of our services during Lent and Holy Week as, through prayer and reflection, Christians remember all that Jesus sacrificed for humankind before rising again from the dead on that glorious day of Resurrection which we celebrate on Easter Day.

Mothering Sunday.

The 15th March is an opportunity to say thank you to all those who have influenced our lives in a caring, nurturing way. St Nicholas will provide a posy of flowers to those at our service.

Churchyard

Christmas wreaths and ornaments should be removed from graves following Candlemas which marks the end of the Christmas Season. A reminder that glass or ceramic vases and other similar objects can be easily broken especially during mowing & strimming of the churchyard. The church may remove these items to prevent them becoming a danger to visitors of all ages and to animals.

All dogs should be kept on a lead and any waste bagged and put in the bins provided.

Christmas Tree Festival

Thank you to everyone who took part and helped in many different ways, ensuring St. Nicholas Church shone brightly at Christmas.

Christmas Raffle

The Christmas raffle took place at The Black Lake Inn on 12th December 2025. Very many thanks to them for hosting the draw and selling tickets. Also, thanks go to Leese's Garage of Barlaston for sponsoring the tickets and to everyone who donated towards the twelve prizes and sold tickets – all of whom made it a successful fundraising event. £1,007.00 was raised toward the 2025 common fund, which St. Nicholas' Church has paid in full. The Common Fund for 2027 is £7,133.00

Village News

On Saturday 18th April 2026, Fulford Village Hall will be hosting a 'A fantastic night of vibrant brass music' with an Acceler8 Brass Band Concert - a 30 Piece Brass Band with Leader Jeff Sparks.

Doors open 7:00pm. Concert 7:30pm.

Tickets £15 available at WEGOTTICKETS.com

Lent

Beginning on 24th February, Morning Prayer will be held at St. Nicholas' Church at 8:30am every Tuesday during lent.

Thank You

Thank you to all our volunteer distributors who deliver magazines free of charge to every property in St. Nicholas' Ecclesiastical Parish ~ Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

Coffee & Natter: 4th March 10:30_{am} - 12:30_{pm}

Our 'Coffee & Natter' mornings will be held in the Church annex on the first Thursday of every month, 10:30_{am} - 12:30_{pm}

Enquires: Marjorie Green 01782 475113

PEW SHEET

We now produce a weekly Pew Sheet. If you are unable to get to church and would like a copy emailed, please contact: julielongson@gmail.com

Enquiries, Prayers and Home Communion



All enquires about weddings and baptisms or any other matters, in the first instance please contact the Vicar or Churchwarden.



Likewise, if you know of anyone who is ill or bereaved and would like to be prayed for or, if you or anyone you know would like a visit or Home Communion, please contact us.

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