

# NEWS SHEET FOR THE PARISH OF MURSTON, BAPCHILD & TONGE

# FEBRUARY

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b> <b>Presentation of Christ</b>  Malachi 3:1-5 Psalm 24:7-end Hebrews 2:14-end <b>Luke 2:22-40</b>	<b>Collect for the Presentation of Christ</b>  <b>Lord Jesus Christ,</b> <b>light of the nations and glory of Israel:</b> <b>make your home among us,</b> <b>and present us pure and holy</b> <b>to your heavenly Father,</b> <b>your God and our Lord. Amen</b>	<b>10 am St Laurence Bapchild</b> Family Worship with Revd Simon & ALM Jo
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent</b>  Genesis 1:1-2:3 Psalm 136 Romans 8:18-25 <b>Matthew 6:25-end</b>	<b>Collect for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>  <b>Almighty God,</b> <b>give us reverence for all creation</b> <b>and respect for every person,</b> <b>that we may mirror your likeness</b> <b>in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</b>	<b>10 am St Laurence Bapchild</b> Morning Prayer with Revd Simon
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Next before Lent</b>  Exodus 24:12-end Psalm 2 2 Peter 1:16-end <b>Matthew 17:1-9</b>	<b>Collect for Sunday next before Lent</b>  <b>Holy God,</b> <b>you know the disorder of our sinful lives:</b> <b>set straight our crooked hearts,</b> <b>and bend our wills to love your</b> <b>goodness and your glory</b> <b>in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</b>	<b>10 am St Laurence Bapchild</b> Family Worship with Revd Simon, ALM Jo
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b>  Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Psalm 51:1-18 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 <b>Matthew 6:1-6,16-21</b>	<b>Collect for Ash Wednesday</b>  <b>Holy God, our lives laid open before you:</b> <b>rescue us from the chaos of sin</b> <b>and through the death of your Son</b> <b>bring us healing and make us whole</b> <b>in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</b>	<b>6.30 pm St Laurence Bapchild</b> Holy Communion with Revd Simon and the offering of Ashing.
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> of Lent</b>  Genesis 2:15-17,3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 <b>Matthew 4:1-11</b>	<b>Collect for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>  <b>Heavenly Father,</b> <b>your Son battled with the powers of darkness</b> <b>and grew closer to you in the desert:</b> <b>help us to see these days to grow in wisdom</b> <b>and prayer</b> <b>that we may witness to your saving love</b> <b>in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</b>	<b>10 am St Laurence Bapchild</b> Holy Communion with Revd Simon  <b>3.30 pm All Saints Murston</b> Messy Church

Service details can also be found on [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

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## WHAT'S GOING ON?

Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>The Hub – Youth Group</b>	6 pm – 7.30 pm	Bapchild School
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	9.30 am	All Saints Murston
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	<b>Bapchild Coffee Morning</b>	10 am – 12 pm	St Laurence Bapchild
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	<b>Messy Church</b>	3.30 – 5.15 pm	All Saints Murston
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	9.30 am	St Laurence Bapchild
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mothering Sunday	10 am	All Saints Murston
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## BIBLE STUDY

For information on our next Bible Study or Home Group, please speak to Reverend Simon.

## COFFEE MORNINGS AT ST LAURENCE

**Join us on Sat 21<sup>st</sup> February from 10 am till 12 noon**

Held monthly, on the third Saturday of the month. Come to enjoy a friendly chat, tea/coffee and cake plus browse the bric-a-brac or try your luck at the raffle. If you're a keen baker, why not bring along something for us to sell.



It's a lovely couple of hours, great for all ages. Bring a friend and have a catch up, it's a space where all the community are welcome. An opportunity to quiz the Vicar, Church Wardens or other Lay Ministers or find out more about Baptisms, Weddings, Confirmation, Bible Study or any of our church activities.

## PARISH NEWS & UPDATES

St Giles Church in Tonge is a grade 1 listed building on the 'At Risk Register'. As a Parish we are delighted to announce that we have received a grant of £15,105 from Archbishops Council from their 'Buildings for Mission Grants Fund', to carry out essential works to Tonge Church as identified by their Architect. This represents 90% of the total cost.





**Messy Church** is for everyone, it's aimed primarily at families. We come together to share stories, take part in craft activities, sing songs, share a meal, to pray & worship God. We learn about being part of God's great big Messy family. This year the theme for each session is based on Christian values.

Children must be accompanied by an adult please. If you would like to find out more or would like to support our Messy Church, please contact ALM Jo Apps.

Messy Church will be held on the following dates at **All Saints Murston** from **3.30 pm until 5.15 pm**:

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

Love: How does this grow?  
Integrity: Stand up and be counted

Luke 15:11-32  
Daniel 3:13-25

## THE HUB

Our Youth Group is held fortnightly at Bapchild School, on a Friday from 6 pm until 7.30 pm. 'The Hub' is aimed at secondary aged children. We take a light approach to sharing the gospel with the young people, finishing with a short time of invitational sharing and prayer. If you know anyone who may be interested, please direct them to Revd Simon or Jo for a chat.

**Our next meeting is planned for Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**



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## CHARITY DONATIONS

### Your Giving at Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026 and ends on Easter Day, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

During this season of Lent we have a request for a donation each week for one or possibly a few more items which are desperately needed to help the Local Food Bank meet current demands.

Suggested items are: **Tinned Meats, Tinned Fish, Coffee, Tea, Household items, Washing up Liquid, Washing Powder, Toiletries for Men and Women, Soap, Shampoo, Shower Gel.**

Donated items can be left in the basket by the Font in Church. All will be gratefully received.

Thank you, Churchwardens

## Mothers Union (MU)

Entering 2026, (MU) is 150 years old, helping families around the world and remembering families in prayer.



MU is a Christian group, both men and women are welcome. Supporting the local food bank and children's groups. Making knitted items and sending them abroad. (Africa, Europe.)

They meet at Milton Regis Church Hall at 7pm on the first Monday of the month. Come as a visitor leave as a friend.

Contact: Anne Holton: [anneholton@ymail.com](mailto:anneholton@ymail.com)  
More info: [www.mothersunion.org](http://www.mothersunion.org)

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## NEWS & PRAYER REQUESTS

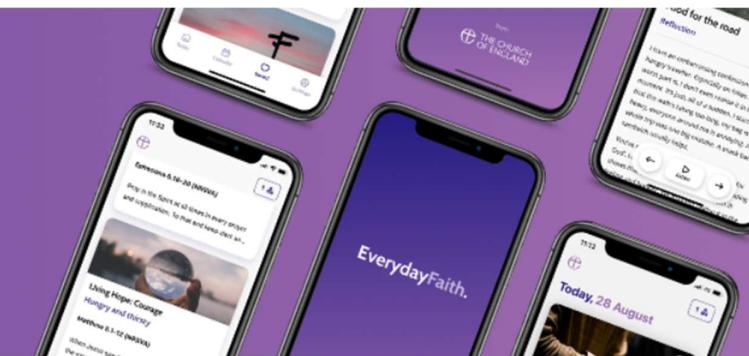
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### A Prayer for Leading our Churches into Growth

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Who alone brings growth to your Church,  
Send your Holy Spirit to give  
Vision to our planning,  
Wisdom to our actions,  
Joy to our worship,  
And power to our witness.  
Help our church to grow in numbers,  
In spiritual commitment to you,  
And in service to our local community,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Please continue to use this prayer. We were using it in 2025 and have seen growth in our church numbers. Let us continue to grow our church community and discern God's will for us here, in this place.

Do you feel God is saying something to you?  
Join us for our **Monthly Prayer Meetings** as we intentionally pray for God to make his will known to us.



Leading your Church  
into Growth

Our next prayer  
meeting is on  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

### GIVING TO OUR CHURCHES

*Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

2 Corinthians 9:7

**Want to make a one-off donation to our churches or set up a regular donation?  
These QR codes will take you to the relevant Parish Giving Page.**

Here you can set up a regular donation via Direct Debit. This can be increased, decreased or even cancelled by you at any time. The advantage of this scheme is that if you are a tax payer, the Church can claim through Gift Aid an additional 25% of your donation.

Alternatively, contact our Treasurers, Barbara Verga (Bapchild) or Phil Bromwich (Murston).



St Laurence  
Bapchild



All Saints  
Murston

**If you have a contribution or a prayer request that you'd like to be included in our Parish Pew Sheet, please pass it on via a Church Warden or direct to Jo Apps.**