



## The heartbeat of the community

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### Our Ministry Team

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### Benefice Prayer List

**We pray for those sick, ill, or who need our prayers:**

Herbert Websdell, Myra Payne, Paula Brewster, Kathy Leeder, Sheena Duncan, Ruth Cawcutt. Those battling cancer.

For all carers, particularly those caring for loved ones at home.

**For the repose of the souls of those recently departed:**

Ken Deighton, Rosamund Gray, Thora Williams, Gary Took

**For those whose anniversary of death falls at this month:**

Donald Payne, Christopher Fowle, Glenn Smith, Jean Millican

### Dates for your Diary

7<sup>th</sup> Burns Night Supper, Jubilee Hall, Starston, 7.00pm for 7.30pm, £20 for a 4 course meal, Herbert 01379 853967

14<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Morning, DB Church Rooms 9.00am-11.00am, £10, see Rev'd Carl or Julie in office for tickets

17<sup>th</sup> PSM Pancake Party, PSM Church, 12.00-1.30pm

18<sup>th</sup> Communion & Ashing, 10.00am Pulham St Mary, 7.00pm Rushall

25<sup>th</sup> Lent course in DB Church Rooms, 6.30pm for food, 7.30pm course – also 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March

26<sup>th</sup> Ladies Guild Bellringers ringing in DB Church 10.30am

### SAFEGUARDING

To report SG concerns please contact Tony Gray on 01379 676321 or [tonygray59@gmail.com](mailto:tonygray59@gmail.com) or to Sue Brice on 01603 882345 or [safeguarding@dioceseofnorwich.org](mailto:safeguarding@dioceseofnorwich.org)

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February**  
**COMMUNION & ASHING SERVICE**  
**Pulham St Mary Church – 10.00am**  
**Rushall Church – 7.00pm**

# **The Weekly Pewslip**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026**

**CANDLEMASS/PRESENTATION/WHITE**

### **Services THIS Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

08.00 Communion, Pulham St Mary  
09.30 All Age Worship, Dickleburgh  
09.30 Communion & Lighthouse, Pulham Market  
11.00 Communion, Starston  
11.00 Morning Prayer, Thelveton

### **Services NEXT Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

09.30 Communion, Dickleburgh  
09.30 Messy Church, Pulham Market  
11.00 Communion, Pulham St Mary  
11.00 Communion, Rushall  
11.00 Great & Small, Starston

### Midweek Communion

Every Wednesday  
10.00am  
Pulham St Mary Church

### Saturday Prayers

Saturday mornings  
Dickleburgh Church  
9.30am

### From our Benefice Cycle of Prayer

**For our Bishops** – particularly Bishop Graham, Bishop of Norwich.

**For our Ministry Team** – our Rector, Carl, Gill Shaw, Ordinand, training for the priesthood

**For our Benefice** – that we may be faithful to our calling and vision, putting Jesus at the centre of our communities, churches and lives.

**For Julie** in the benefice office.

**For our Schools** – Dickleburgh and Pulham Market CofE Primaries.

**For those** in local government – Parish Councillors and village groups. For those living in our parish, particularly those living in streets (from your parish).

### 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**

### 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**

## THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE 'CANDLEMAS'

### FIRST READING

Malachi 3.1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

"Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. "Then I will draw near to you for judgement. I will be a swift witness against the 7sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts."

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 24

+     **The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.**

1 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in. +

2 'Who is the King of glory?'  
'The Lord, strong and  
mighty,  
the Lord who is mighty in battle.' +

3 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in. +

4 'Who is this King of glory?'  
'The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.' +

### SECOND READING

Hebrews 2.14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of

God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL

Luke 2.22-40

The Lord be with you  
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

And 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 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons". Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**