

LIGHT *At The* DOOR

Welcome to the Weekly Newsletter for The Bain Valley & Woodhall Spa Group of Churches

Services on Sunday 1st February
9.30am Eucharist Holy Trinity Tattershall
with Revd Michael

11am Choral Morning Prayer
St Peter's Woodhall Spa
With Paul, Alan and the Choir

Mid-week Eucharist St Peter's
Wednesday 28th January at 9.30am

Services on Sunday 8th February
9.30am Morning Prayer St Mary's KOB
With Sheila and The Team
9.30am Eucharist All Saints Horsington
With Revd Sall
11am Eucharist St Peter's Woodhall Spa
With Revd Pam

Collect for Epiphany 4

*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.*

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Benefice Lent Course

What did Christ
do on the cross?

February and March
Dates/times to be advised



Candlemas signifies the end of the 40 days of Christmas, and it is celebrated on February 2. This date marks the presentation of Jesus at the Temple (Luke 2:22-40) and the purification of Mary forty days after Christ's birth; the long hoped for Messiah and 'the light to the Gentiles'. Some churches still bless candles, to symbolise Christ as the Light of the World. This is the reason why I and many people keep Christmas trees up with the lights on until now, as a symbol of light and hope in these dark days of winter. After candlemas we turn from the cradle to the Cross as Lent approaches. Ash Wednesday this year falls on 18th February and we begin the 40 days and nights (excluding Sundays) of penitence and reflection on Christ's Passion.

Readings for Sunday 1st February Candlemas

Malachi 3.1-5 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, 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 descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. 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 swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Hebrews 2.14—Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 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 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' 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, 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. 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. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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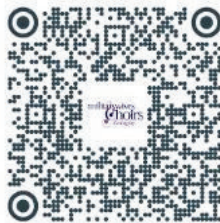
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Connections Concert

Saturday 21st February
Coningsby St Michael's Church
 1800 doors open, 1830 start
 Light refreshments available
 Raffle Tickets £1 a strip



SCAN ME

Bucknall Village Hall

EVENTS JANUARY TO MARCH

JANUARY

8TH MEN'S SHED
 9TH BINGO
 16TH MAT YOGA
 21ST MEN'S SHED
 23RD QUIZ
 29TH MEN'S SHED
 30TH MAT YOGA

FEBRUARY

4TH MEN'S SHED
 6TH BINGO
 12TH MEN'S SHED
 13TH MAT YOGA
 20TH QUIZ
 25TH MEN'S SHED
 27TH MAT YOGA

MARCH

4TH MEN'S SHED
 6TH BINGO
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 27TH MAT YOGA

COMMUNITY HUB
 EVERY MONDAY & WEDNESDAY
 9.30AM TO 11AM. JUST £1

MAT YOGA 6.30 - 7.30PM
 MEN'S SHED 6.30 - 9PM (FREE)
 BINGO 6.30 / 7PM EYES DOWN
 QUIZ 6.30 / 7PM START

SEE INDIVIDUAL POSTERS FOR ANY ENTRANCE FEES AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Ash Wednesday
Eucharist Services
18th February 2026



9.30am St Peter's Woodhall Spa
 7pm St Peter's Woodhall Spa
 7pm St Mary's Kirkby on Bain

Readings for Sunday 8th February 2nd Sunday before Lent Liturgical Colour is Green

Genesis 1.1-2.3 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light; land there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God Said 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed

in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Romans 8.18-25 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 6.25-end 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Collect for 2nd Sunday before Lent

Almighty God,
you created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all
your works and your likeness in all
your children;
through Jesus Christ
your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.
