

**Diary for week commencing Sunday 1st February 2026 –
The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany and Candlemas**

8.00am Said Communion
10.00am All Age Service for Candlemas

6.00pm Service of Prayer and Reflection

Monday 7.00pm-8.00pm Prayer Group in Church

Tuesday 2.00pm House Group Session 2

Wednesday 9.00am onwards Heaters being fitted in church
2.30pm *meet at St Martins School gate for*
3.15pm Messy Church at St Martin's School

Thursday 10.00am Said Communion
Followed by Community Café
11.00am Magazine Meeting in Church

6.15pm. Choir Practice
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Friday

Saturday

Sunday 8th February – The Second Sunday before Lent

8.00am Said Communion
10.00am Sung Communion

Refreshment Rota: Jo Hunt and Hazel Stenner



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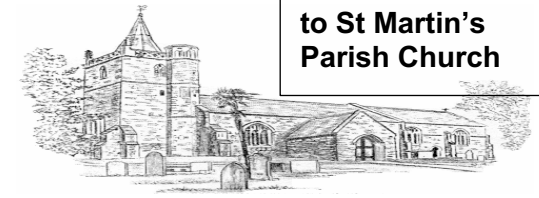
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A warm welcome
to St Martin's
Parish Church



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Candlemas**

8.00am Said Communion
Readings: Malachi 3.1-5
Hebrews 2.14-end
Luke 2.22-40

10.00am All Age Service for Candlemas
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Hymns: Shine Jesus Shine
Refiners fire
Longing for Light
Make Way
Lo! He Comes

Messy Church Meeting after 10am service

Refreshment Rota: Carol Savill and Sheila Judson

6.00pm Service of Prayer and Reflection

Everyone is Invited  **Everyone is Welcome**
Journeying together in the love of Jesus

Collect for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple/Candlemas

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. Amen

Post Communion Prayer for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

Please pray for...

Those who are caught up in conflict, war, acts of terrorism, agencies that are providing food and medical resources to the regions and those seeking peace.

Those who are affected by Climate Change.

For the work of Hope Christian Trust and Weston Foodbank, and for the communities in Zambia linked to the Diocese and for Sergio

We pray for all that are ill, who mourn

Malachi 3.1-5

The prophet Malachi describes the day when the Lord will come to His Temple, using powerful imagery to describe the difference that this will make. The imagery of the metal workers refining fire emphasises the uncompromising nature of the power of God, but reflects the precious nature of the Temple.

Hebrews 2.14-18

The writer declares the importance of Jesus sharing in our human nature. For in knowing and understanding our humanity, he can stand beside us in our suffering and his death and, in confronting the power of evil, he sets free all who have been enslaved by the power of death.

Luke 2.22-40

Joseph and Mary take the baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. In the Temple two elderly and especially devout people, Simeon and Anna, witness to the unique significance of Jesus.

Church Sunday Lunch – 22nd February

The next lunch will be on Sunday, 22nd February at the Woolpack Inn. Please sign the up on the list on the Communications Table by Sunday, 15th

Community Film Night

The next film will be on **Saturday 21st February**, when we will watch **One Life** starring Anthony Hopkins.

Women’s Fellowship: Next Meeting - **Saturday 14th February at 10am** with a Breakfast in Church. Please see Communications Table for more details and to sign up for the event.

Men’s Fellowship: Next Meeting - **Thursday 19th February at 7.30pm**

This will be a Curry Night. Please see the Communications Board and Table for information and a sign up list.

House Group in Church – 3rd February

Study group continues this Tuesday on 3rd February, when we will be continuing to explore the whole message of the Bible. Everyone is welcome.

Prayer Group Meeting

Jon is going to be forming a Prayer Group in Church. First meeting will be tomorrow Monday **2nd February at 7pm**. *See Poster for more details*

Messy Church

The next two Messy Church Sessions will be at St Martin’s School on **Wednesdays 4th February and 25th March**. Contact Jon if you would like to find out more about being involved with Messy Church.

Shrove Tuesday 17th February – Pancake and Beetle Drive 7pm

Come along on Shrove Tuesday for our annual Pancake and Beetle Drive. Admission free, donations welcome, there will also a raffle to raise funds for our Lent Appeal. *Please see poster for more details*

Ash Wednesday 18th February 7pm Communion with Ashing

We will be having a communion service on Ash Wednesday with ashing - which is optional – to start the season of Lent. Please see the separate leaflet which highlights the services and events available in church during Lent.

Visit of Bishop Michael – Sunday 22nd February

Bishop Michael will be joining us for worship on Sunday 22nd February at 10am. He will also be in the parish on Monday 23rd February with a special PCC meeting being held at 7pm on that day.

Easter Magazine

The magazine committee is meeting on the 5th February at 11am in the church to plan the production of the parish’s Easter Magazine. This magazine will be delivered to all the houses in the parish so is a very important part of our mission as a Church.

If you have any articles for the magazine, or would wish to join us for the planning meeting, please let John Bangham or Jon Ormrod know – you will be most welcomed.