



A CELEBRATION OF CANDLEMAS

Sunday 5th February 2023
10.00am

WELCOME AND NOTICES

Today is the feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple. It is also called the feast of Candlemas. We gather as family to ask God's blessing on us all, that we might walk in the light of God's love all our lives.

Hymn

**When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day
the dark is behind us, and spring's on the way.**

*A glory dawns in every dark place,
The light of Christ, fullness of grace.*

**The kings have departed, the shepherds have gone,
the child and his parents are left on their own.**

A glory dawns in every dark place

**They go to the temple, obeying the law,
and offer two pigeons, the gift of the poor.**

A glory dawns in every dark place

**But Anna and Simeon recognise there
the Christ-child who came at the turn of the year.**

A glory dawns in every dark place

**The old who have suffered and waited so long
see hope for the world as they welcome the young.**

A glory dawns in every dark place

**They gaze at God's wonderful answer to prayer,
the joy of the Jews and the Gentiles' desire.**

A glory dawns in every dark place

**The candles invite us to praise and to pray
when Christmas greets Easter on Candlemas Day.**

*A glory dawns in every dark place,
The light of Christ, fullness of grace.*

As we gather together

All Lord, help us to concentrate on you

As we put aside the things that distract us

All Lord, help us to concentrate on you

As we leave behind the things that worry us

All Lord, help us to concentrate on you

As we forget about ourselves

All Lord, help us to concentrate on you

As we worship you with songs of praise

All Lord, help us to concentrate on you

As we listen to stories from your Word

All Lord, help us to concentrate on you

As we hear your teaching

All Lord, help us to concentrate on you

WE SAY SORRY TO GOD

Light shows up things that have been forgotten or lost or hidden. As we come into Jesus's presence, his light reminds us of all the good things we have forgotten to do and all the things that have been hidden away. But if we say sorry, then we can walk in the light.

For all the times we have ignored people in need, Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

For all the times we have deliberately made wrong choices, Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

For all the times we have forgotten your love, Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive you your sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

WE TELL THE CANDLEMAS STORY

TURNING FIGURES TO LIGHTS!

LOOKING BACK TO 2022!

THE WELCOME

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, N by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you

Hymn

*The light of Christ
has come into the world;
the light of Christ
has come into the world.*

**All men must be born again
to see the kingdom of God;
the water and the Spirit
bring new life in God's love**

The light of Christ

**God gave up His only Son
out of love for the world,
so that all men who believe in him
will live forever.**

The light of Christ

**The light of God has come to us
so that we might have salvation;
from the darkness of our sins
we walk into glory with Christ Jesus.**

The light of Christ

LOOKING FORWARD!

PRAYERS

We finish our prayers by saying together the Lord's Prayer

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

GIFTS!

Hymn (during which a collection is taken for the work of this parish. The contactless giving machine is available at the back of church if you would prefer to donate in this way).

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the world shine upon us
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

*Shine, Jesus, shine
fill this land with the Father's glory
blaze, Spirit, blaze
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with love and mercy,
send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light.*

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

Shine, Jesus, shine

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory;
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

Shine, Jesus, shine

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Lord Jesus, thank you that Simeon and Anna recognised you as a special baby, and knew you would grow up to do God's special work. Help us to discover who you are, and how you are special. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you, and with those whom you love and pray for, today and always.

All Amen.

We go to carry his light and blessing.

All Let us shine with the light of your love. Thanks be to God.

NOTICES

KNEELERS AT ST JOHN'S—There is an opportunity to this morning over refreshments in the Church Hall to have a look at the kneelers we hold at St John's and see if there is one that you would like to take home. These will be available for the next couple of weeks and then the remainder will be donated to another church. If you would like to make a donation, any money given will be used to improve St John's Church historically ie re-gilding the lettering in the porch area.

MESSY CHURCH—our next Messy Church is Sunday 19th February at 4pm in St John's Church Hall. All families are very welcome.

FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—There will be a fair trade information stall in the Co-op during FairTrade Fortnight (Feb 27- Mar 12). We need volunteers to help staff the stall for an hour on Friday March 3rd. We would like to have 2 volunteers per hour so you won't be on your own. For more information please speak to Denise Hopker. To volunteer please contact Mike and Elaine deVilliers 01274 582384 or email baildon.fairtrade@yahoo.co.uk

ALTERNATIVE BOOK CLUB - The Club began last year, but new members would be welcome at our next gathering at St James's Church on Wednesday 15th February at 7.30pm We will be looking at chapter 3 of the book 'And Yet - Find joy in Lament' written by Rachael Newham. If you are attending for the first time you will need to purchase the book. If you would like us to buy one for you then please speak to canon Sandra or Rev Ruth.

CRAFT THROUGH WORSHIP will be at St James' Church on Sunday 26 February at 6pm. This month we are going to be looking at the word 'Slowing' as Lent begins. If you have not been to Craft through Worship but enjoy crafting or making things and would like to find out more about why we are interested in connecting crafting with our spiritual journey, then do come along. Everyone is welcome. A reflection on the theme and craft resources will be available from Sunday 19 February. Please email Ruth on ruthjyeoman@hotmail.com if you would like to receive the reflection and pick up resources for crafting.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE - at St James's Church. Do you fancy a chat with friends in a lovely setting? Do join us from 10.00am—12 noon every Wednesday.

ADMISSION TO COMMUNION—we will be running this course for children of Year 2 school age and above. It is a very important introduction to the children as to the meaning of communion. If you would like to more about what's involved or to check on dates etc please speak to either Canon Sandra or Alison Boggie (01274 592339)

CRAFTS AT ST JAMES'S—Following on from the success of our Christmas craft group at St James's leading up to Christmas, we have decide to continue crafting on a Monday afternoon at the earlier time of 1.15pm. We are learning new crafts through skill sharing, while socialising and having a cuppa. There are still a couple of places available if anyone else would like to join us. Please contact Helen on 07378 745676 or via stjameshub@parishofbaildon.uk for more information.

WINTER CHARITIES: SHELTER, CENTREPOINT, CRISIS – These are our charities over the winter. They all focus on working with those who are homeless. Donations towards their work will be split equally among the three charities. For more information visit <https://england.shelter.org.uk/>, <https://centrepoin.org.uk/>, <https://www.crisis.org.uk/> **DONATE** by BACS into the parish account using the reference HOMELESS or text **WINTERCHARITY** to **70085** to donate £10. Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message, and you'll be opting into hearing more from us. If you would like to donate but don't wish to hear more from us, please text WINTERCHARITYNOINFO instead.

SHROVE TUESDAY—this year is Tuesday 21st February and we will be holding our Pancake Party at St James's Church at 6pm. Come and join us for some lovely pancakes and toppings, quiz and sharing together as we prepare to begin Lent.

ASH WEDNESDAY—we will marking Ash Wednesday in the parish with a service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at St James's Church at 12 noon and St John's Church at 7.30pm.

DEANERY SYNOD—are meeting on Tuesday 7th February by zoom. Rev Jude Smith will be leading a discussion on how the church can encourage each other in our ministry. If you could like a link to this please speak to or email Canon Sandra.



Giving to the Parish

You can help to make a difference to support the work of our parish.
We've made it easier for you to help,
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