



# **A CELEBRATION OF CANDLEMAS**

**Sunday 1st February 2026**

**10.00am**

## **WELCOME AND NOTICES**

The choir will sing the Nunc Dimittis from Stanford in B flat as an introit.

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.**

## **TURNING FIGURES TO LIGHTS!**

**Who do you want to meet?**

**Reading Luke 2:22-40**

**Hymn**

**Colours of day dawn into the mind,  
The sun has come up, the night is behind.  
Go down in the city, into the street,  
And let's give the message to the people we meet**

***So light up the fire and let the flame burn,  
Open the door, let Jesus return,  
Take seeds of His Spirit, let the fruit grow,  
Tell the people of Jesus, let His love show.***

**Go through the park, on into the town;  
The sun still shines on, it never goes down.  
The light of the world is risen again;  
The people of darkness are needing a friend.**

***So light up the fire and let the flame burn .....***

**Open your eyes, look into the sky,  
The darkness has come, the sun came to die,  
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,  
But Jesus is living, His Spirit is near.**

***So light up the fire and let the flame burn .....***

## **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.**

**ACTIVITY** Jesus was revealed to Simeon as the light of the nations, so I'm going to invite children to move to one of the tables and to decorate a paper lantern into which they will put an unlit candle in. Those remaining in their seats, I invite you to talk to one another about people and situations in the world that need God's light. We will be using these for our prayers.

## **PRAYERS**

For our prayers we will think about people or places you have thought of as needing God's light and we will use our tea-light stand to light a candle for them. During the prayers the children might like to light their candle in the lantern. 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 also available at the back of church, or please use the QR on the back of this order*).

**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***

***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.***

## **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**

**REFRESHMENTS** There is tea, coffee, juice and biscuits available in after this service in the Church Hall.

**WEDNESDAY COFFEE** do join us from 10.00-12noon every Wednesday. Everyone is welcome.

**MESSY CHURCH** Calling all families! Our next Messy Church session is on Sunday 15th February at 4pm when our theme will be Love as the date is the day after Valentine's Day!

**HEARTS AND HANDS** I am delighted to tell you that the previous art workshop has been extended into 2026. This is due to the huge success of the project this last year. This restarted on FRIDAY 9th January 2026 at St James's - 12.30 lunch and 130.0 workshop for 7 weeks. See posters for more details. Loraine.

**DEANERY SYNOD** The next Deanery Synod for Aire and Worth Deanery is on Monday 9th February at 7.30pm. This meeting will be on zoom and I am delighted to say that Anna Dixon, our MP, will be joining us. It will be an opportunity to hear about her work as our MP and for us to ask questions. If you would like a zoom link, please let me know and I will forward it to you. Sandra.

**PARISH PRIZE DRAW** January Parish Prize Draw – results

The January Prize Draw has taken place, raising £228.46 for the Parish. Thank you to everyone who supports this important fundraiser.

Congratulations to our winners:

1st prize (£50) – No. 3

2nd prize (£29) – No. 21

3rd prize (£12) – No. 9

£96 has been rolled over for the Annual Bonus Draw, taking place in December.

New entrants are always welcome. For just £10 per month per number, you can support the Parish and be in with a chance of winning. The draw takes place on the first Sunday of each month in St John's Church Hall, following the Family Service.

Find out how to join here: <https://parishofbaildon.uk/prizedraw>

**MIDWEEK COMMUNION** The next midweek communion service at St James's will be on Wednesday 4th February at 12 noon. Everyone is welcome.

**PANCAKE PARTY** As in previous years you are all invited to our Pancake Party at St James's Church on Tuesday 17th February from 6pm. It's a great time to come together, to feast on pancakes as we move into Lent.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** starts the season of Lent and in the Parish there will be two services of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes in the Parish. St James's will hold a service at 12 noon and St John's at 7.30pm

**SOCIAL SATURDAY** ST JAMES'S COMMUNITY HUB 14TH FEBRUARY 10.00am—12noon. As the January Social Saturday was affected by the icy weather we will run the Beetle Drive and games event again for our February social. So why not join us for a morning of fun and games. A game of cards or scrabble, or maybe just a chat with friends over a coffee and cake. No need to book just come along.

**CHARITABLE GIVING QUESTIONNAIRE** We are a generous parish and our charitable giving makes a real difference to a range of causes. We are looking for one or two new charities to refresh our monthly portfolio of causes which the parish supports. If you would like to suggest a worthwhile charity for consideration then please complete the questionnaire by the end of February and hand it to one of the Wardens on duty at worship. Thank you.

**IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT TREES!** A talk by Steve Warrillow, Warden at the Denso Marston Nature Reserve takes place at St Hugh's on Monday 2nd February at 2pm. £2 per person which includes refreshments. The talk is followed by a themed quiz and a chance for a chat and a cuppa. Our over 60s Young at Heart social group meet every first Monday in the month at St Hugh's from 2 to 4pm. We enjoy guest speakers, craft workshops, games and always a quiz. Everybody welcome!

**LEONARD MORRIS** It was with sadness that we received the news of Leonard's death. He has been a faithful members of the parish community, usually worshipping at St James' and St Hugh's with his wife Doreen. His funeral will take place at St James' Church on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 1pm. Let us offer Doreen and Leonard's family and all who will miss him our love and prayers at this time.

## **BABY AND TODDLER "PLAY & DISCOVER" SESSIONS, ST JAMES'S COMMUNITY HUB**

We are planning to start these new sessions each Monday morning from 09.00-10.45 from the 9th March 2026. Whilst there will be two staff members there each week, in order for it to run efficiently we are looking for a team of volunteers to help with the setting up of the church with the toys and activities, making tea, coffee, juice, toast in the lounge and generally being around for extra pairs of hands. We would only need two volunteers each week from 0815-1100 so if we have a number of people willing to go on a rota system you would only be required now and again. Are you up for it? To help to make this happen please have a word with Loraine Radcliffe 07960 018025 if you are and let's get together to offer a lovely opportunity for local children to come to have fun!

**LENT CONVERSATIONS** Lent will soon be upon us; a season in the church year when we encourage one another to take time to deepen our faith and meet God afresh. One of the ways we can do this is to read a book in common with one another and share in conversation together. This year our thinking and conversations are going to be stimulated by David Ford's book 'Meeting God in John'. We will be meeting on Wednesdays 25<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March . There are two options - lunchtimes with a simple lunch at 12.30pm with conversations and a short video from 1pm until about 2.15pm and in the evenings at the Halfway House, with conversations over a drink (which doesn't have to be alcoholic) 7.30pm - 9.15pm. Whether or not you wish to join a group if you would like to purchase a copy of the book for £8.99 the please contact Rev Ruth or Carolyn (email Carolyn on cagomersal@hotmail.co.uk)





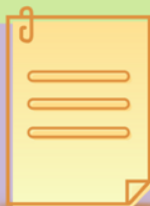


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