

Diary

Mon. 4th	7pm	PCC Meeting in the Oasis Room
Tue. 5th	7.30pm	Home Group at 40 Henley Drive
Wed. 6th	11am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fri. 8th	7pm	Choir Practice in Church

Notices

1. Beetle Drive. The next Beetle Drive will be just before Easter on Saturday 6th April 2019 at 7.30pm.

2. Joyful Praise Services. Joyful Praise Services are now held on the first and third Sundays of each month at 6pm at The Church of The Holy Spirit, Southway. The next one is this afternoon, Sunday 3rd February. All are welcome to come along.



3. The next Messy Church is on Saturday 2nd March 2019 at The Church of The Holy Spirit, Southway, at 4pm. **Fun, food and free!** For families of all ages.

4. Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The APCM, (our AGM) will be held on Friday 5th April at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

5. Oasis Youth Group. The Oasis Group next meet on Tuesday 12th February at 5.30pm in the Church Hall.

6. Together @ Ten. The monthly Family Services have changed. They are now known as 'Together @ Ten' – All Age Praise and are no longer a Messy Church style service. The next one is on Sunday 17th February at 10am. Please come and support this venture and bring someone with you.

7. PCC Meeting. The next PCC meeting is this Monday, 4th February, at The Vicarage at 7pm.

8. Home Group. The Home Study Group meets at 40 Henley Drive this Tuesday, 5th February at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

9. Fair Trade. St. Mary's is registered as a Fair Trade Church and Jo Parker can still supply you with a Traidcraft brochure or take any orders you may have. Tel. 786409.

10. Easy Fund Raising. Don't forget, when doing your shopping on-line, to shop via www.easyfundraising.org.uk to raise some extra money for St. Mary's at no cost to yourself. We currently have 23 people supporting us. We recently received a cheque for **£15.35** bringing our total raised so far to **£373.49**. Ask Andy or Debbie King for more details. (07708590704)

11. Church News. Please address all queries and notices for the Church News to andy@saintmarys.org.uk.

Next Sunday

10th February 2019

4th Sunday before Lent

10am	HOLY COMMUNION (CW)	
	1 Corinthians 15: 1 – 11,	Luke 5: 1 – 11
4pm	EVENSONG (BCP)	
	Hosea 1.	Colossians 3: 1 - 22

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CANDLEMAS
3rd February 2019

Welcome! to St. Mary's, especially if you are visiting today.

Sunday Club (ages 4 - 11) There is no Sunday Club at present due to lack of numbers. It will start up again if any children are looking to join.

For Sunday Club contact Revd. David Gill. Tel. 771033

The Oasis Youth Group (ages 11 – 18) next meet on Tuesday 12th February in the Church Hall at 5.30pm and then on alternate Tuesdays during school term time.

For Oasis contact Joanne Parker Tel. 786409.

Today's Services

8am	HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 4th Sunday after Epiphany	Romans 13: 1 – 7, Matthew 8: 23 – 34
10am	HOLY COMMUNION (CW)	Malachi 3: 1 – 5, Hebrews 2: 14 – 18, Luke 2: 22 – 40
(CAH)		157, 128, 572, 419
6pm	JOYFUL PRAISE	at The Church of The Holy Spirit, Southway
6.30pm	EVENING WORSHIP FOR CANDLEMAS	1 Corinthians 13. Luke 2: 22 - 40
(CAH)		157, 128, 601, 605, 274

When Mary and Joseph presented their son to God, Simeon and Anna, representing all faithful Jews, recognised him as both Israel's Saviour and the one who would 'enlighten the Gentiles'. This festival may be celebrated by processing with lighted candles, symbolising Christ, the True Light. Held on or near 2nd February, it closes the Epiphany season, but the sombre words of Simeon hint at sufferings to come.

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.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

Those living in: Downham Gardens

The sick and those in need: Thomas Baker, Brian, Cameron, Jane Dakin, Graham, Hannah, Hilda D. Diana Hill and family, Emma L. Kay, Ken, Sam L. Layla, Linda T. Lorna, Luke MacWhirter, Margaret, Michael P. Mo W. Pat, Oscar, Ruth, Samantha and family, Sue Stephens and family.

Personal consent must now be given by the person, (or their parent/guardian) to have their name displayed.

Please let Andy King have any names those who are in need of our prayers or who can be taken off the list. Tel. 300758. Thank you.

First Reading Malachi 3: 1 – 5

¹ 'I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,' says the Lord Almighty. ² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years. ⁵ 'So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud labourers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me,' says the Lord Almighty.

Second Reading Hebrews 2: 14 – 18

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Gospel Reading Luke 2: 22 – 40

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord', ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: 'a pair of doves or two young pigeons'. ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: ²⁹'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. ³⁰For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.' ³³The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.' ³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

First Reading 1 Corinthians 13

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. ¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Second Reading Luke 2: 22 – 40

See 10am Gospel Reading

Notice of Preparation of New Church Electoral Roll

Every six years each parish is required to prepare a new electoral Roll. During the period of preparation of the roll, members on the current roll need to apply to be included – inclusion is not automatic. New people can also apply during this period. Application forms are available from myself and are also in folder at the back of the church. These forms must be received by myself not later than 10th March. The new Roll will come into operation on 17th March. During the time between 17th March and the APCM, 5th April, corrections can be made to the entries on the roll but no names can be added or removed during this period. This can only happen after the APCM. Thank you.

Pat Brooks, Electoral Roll Officer

Vacancies

Following approval by the PCC, the following people have been added to the list of readers and chalice assistants. Michael Bennett, Sarah Brett, Gill Camp, Adele Carter and Mo Glover. We would still like more volunteers to be involved as a sidesperson, chalice assistant or to read the lessons. Revd. David Gill would also like to form a rota of intercessors to lead the prayers at various services. Training will be provided. If you are interested in any of these roles, please speak to Revd. David Gill.