

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY, PULBOROUGH



**THE PRESENTATION OF THE  
LORD IN THE TEMPLE  
(Candlemas)**  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2026

**10.30am 'All are Welcome' Celebration**

*We are very grateful that the leaflets today have been  
generously sponsored*

**To celebrate 21<sup>st</sup> birthdays of Jacob and Samuel Lees.**

**In loving memory of Jerry Lees**

# Welcome to our celebration for Candlemas

Celebrant: Fr Paul

Organist: Tony Hancock

Setting: Gathering Mass and Hebridean Gloria

Worship Team: Hannah Holloway, Austen Hindman and

Frances Hancock

Ministers of Communion: Graham Allfrey and James Raynard

In this new calendar year to keep our church heated, **lit and insured and to pay our parish contribution for the ministry we receive**, is a weekly financial challenge for us. By joining the **Parish Giving Scheme**, our Treasurer is assured of a regular income, even when you are **unable to attend church**. Please consider using the PGS, details can be found at the back of the church. Cash is always welcome, please **ONLY** use a white gift aid envelope if you are tax payer and able to fill in your details on the front of the envelope.

We also have a **sum-up machine** at the back of the church for paying by card or you can use our **QR code to the right**.



**Thank you so much for supporting our churches' ministry and mission**

***In the event of a fire or emergency in the Church, the exits available are: the West Door, the North Door, the South Door in the Chancel and the door through the Vestry. Please leave the building by an exit nearest to you***

*Refreshments are served after the service. Do join us.*

*Introductory organ music: "A Toye" Giles Farnaby.*

*Please stand when the bell is rung*

- 1 At the name of Jesus  
ev'ry knee shall bow,  
ev'ry tongue confess him  
King of Glory now.  
'Tis the Father's pleasure  
we should call him Lord,  
who, from the beginning  
was the mighty Word:
- 2 At his voice creation  
sprang at once to sight,  
all the angels' faces  
all the hosts of light,  
thrones and dominations,  
stars upon their way,  
all the heav'nly orders  
in their great array.
- 3 Humbled for a season,  
to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners  
unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it  
spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious  
when from death he passed.
- 4 Bore it up triumphant  
with its human light,  
through all ranks of creatures  
to the central height,  
to the throne of Godhead,  
to the Father's breast;  
filled it with the glory  
of that perfect rest.

5 In your hearts enthrone him;  
there let him subdue  
all that is not holy,  
all that is not true:  
crown him as your captain  
in temptation's hour;  
let his will enfold you  
in its light and pow'r.

6 Truly, this Lord Jesus  
shall return again,  
with his Father's glory,  
with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire  
meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him  
King of Glory now.

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

May the light and peace of Jesus Christ our Lord be with you.  
**The Lord bless you.**

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

## Prayers of Penitence

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:

‘I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness  
but shall have the light of life.’

Let us therefore bring our sins into his light  
and confess them in penitence and faith.

*cf John 8.12*

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.**

**We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Hebridean Gloria

***Gloria, gloria, in excelsis, in excelsis.  
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!***

1	<p><b>Peace on earth to all your people, Lord God, heavenly King. We worship you, almighty Father, Let our voices ring! Sing:</b></p>	<i>Gloria ...</i>
2	<p><b>Jesus, blessed Lamb of God, To you our voice we raise. You take away our sins, O Lord; Receive our songs of praise! Sing:</b></p>	<i>Gloria ...</i>
3	<p><b>Holy Lord in highest heaven, How our hearts rejoice In God the Father, Son and Spirit, So with loudest voice, sing:</b></p>	<i>Gloria ...</i>

## The Collect

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.**

*Please sit*

## **The Reading: Hebrews 2. 14-end**

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**The Gradual Hymn: O&N 314**  
**Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)**

- 1      Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
          in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
          most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
          almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**
  
- 2      Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
          nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
          thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
          thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**
  
- 3      To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
          in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
          we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
          and wither and perish, but naught changest thee.**

4      **Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

**The Gospel Reading: Luke 2. 22-40**

**ALM:**

Today the Lord is presented in the Temple  
in substance of our mortal nature.

**Alleluia.**

Today the Blessed Virgin comes  
to be purified in accordance with the law.

**Alleluia.**

Today old Simeon proclaims Christ  
as the light of the nations and the glory of Israel.

**Alleluia. Praise to Christ, the light of the world.**

*Fr Paul:*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the

Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people  
Israel.'

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit*

**The Talk**

*Please stand*

*Fr Paul:* Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.**

**He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen**

*cf Philippians 2.6-11*

### **Intercessions – the Prayers of the Church**

*Beginning the intercessions we join with the choir to sing:  
Come, light of our hearts,  
Come, light of our hearts.  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

*(A Taize style chant written by Frances Hancock)*

*Response to each prayer:  
Lord in your mercy:  
Hear our prayer*

*Concluding the intercessions we all sing:  
Come, light of our hearts,  
Come, light of our hearts.  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.*



*Please stand*

## **The Peace**

*Fr Paul introduces the Peace*

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
    and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace

## **The Offertory Hymn: Christ be our light**

**1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.**

Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

**2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.**

Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

*Refrain*

**3 Longing for food, many are hungry.**

Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

*Refrain*

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

5 Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come. *Refrain*

### Prayer over the gifts

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;  
accept the gifts we bring before you  
and grant that Christ may shine in us  
to the praise and glory of your name. **Amen.**

### The Eucharistic Prayer

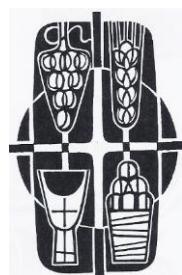
The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give thanks and praise**

*Fr Paul continues with the prayer*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and God of  
might:  
heaven and earth, heaven and earth,  
are full of your glory, your pow'r and might:  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.**



**Blessed, blessed is he who comes, blessed, blessed is he who comes;**  
**Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.**  
**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.**

*Fr. Paul continues until the following is used:*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again**

*Fr. Paul continues and leads into the conclusion of the prayer: Amen.*

*Please kneel or sit*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**  
**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
On the earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass  
against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
for ever, and for ever and ever. Amen**

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world  
**God here among us, light in the midst of us,**  
**bring us to light and life.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**



*Fr Paul issues the invitation to communion in these or very similar words:*

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Receiving consecrated wine directly from the chalice is offered for those who feel comfortable to do this. **Please do not dip the consecrated wafer into the chalice.***

*Please wait to be directed to communion.*

*During Communion the Choir sing: Nunc Dimitis  
(The Song of Simeon)*

- 1 *Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :  
according to thy word.*
- 2 *For mine eyes have seen :  
thy salvation;*
- 3 *Which thou hast prepared :  
before the face of all people;*
- 4 *To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.*

**Post-Communion Hymn: O&N 574**

**Brian Doerksen (born 1965)**

- 1 **Purify my heart,  
let me be as gold  
and precious silver.  
Purify my heart,  
let me be as gold,  
pure gold.**

**Refiner's fire,  
my heart's one desire  
is to be holy,  
set apart for You Lord.  
I choose to be holy,**

*set apart for You my master,  
ready to do Your will.*

2 Purify my heart,  
cleanse me from within  
and make me holy.  
Purify my heart,  
cleanse me from my sin,  
deep within. *Chorus*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah.

May we, who have received these your gifts beyond words  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal  
life; for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to  
be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

*Notices are given out*

*During the following song everyone's candles are lit*



- 1 **Like a candle flame,  
flick'ring small in our darkness.  
Uncreated light  
shines through infant eyes.  
*God is with us, alleluia,  
come to save us, alleluia,  
alleluia!***
  
- 2 **Stars and angels sing,  
yet the earth sleeps in shadows;  
can this tiny spark  
set a world on fire? *Chorus***
  
- 3 **Yet His light shall shine  
from our lives, Spirit blazing,  
as we touch the flame  
of His holy fire. *Chorus***

***Please stand and hold up your candles for the Prayer of Blessing***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.  
You make our darkness to be light.  
For with you is the well of life and in your light shall we see light.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light,  
pour into the hearts of your faithful people  
the brilliance of your eternal splendour,  
that we, who by these kindling flames

light up this temple to your glory,  
may have the darkness of our souls dispelled,  
and so be counted worthy to stand before you  
in that eternal city where you live and reign,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We wait for your loving-kindness, O Lord,  
**in the midst of your temple.**

Open to us the gates of righteousness,  
**that we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

God is the Lord who has shown us light.  
**Let us offer in his dwelling  
an oblation with great gladness.**

Final Hymn: O&N 419  
Graham Kendrick (born 1950)

1      **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 grace and mercy;  
send forth Your word,  
Lord, and let there be light!*

2 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. *Chorus*

3 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. *Chorus*

*Please turn and face the Font*

### **Final Responsory**

*Fr Paul:*

Father, here we bring to an end our celebration  
of the Saviour's birth.

**Help us, in whom he has been born,  
to live his life that has no end.**

Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.  
**Help us, who have received the bread of life,  
to be thankful for your gift.**

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.  
**Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple,  
to trust in your eternal promises.**

Here we have greeted the light of the world.  
**Help us, who have received these candles,  
never to forsake the light of Christ.**

*Candles are now extinguished*

Here we stand as God's holy people  
**Help us, who are marked with the cross,  
to share the Lord's death and resurrection.**

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.  
**Help us, for whom Lent is near,  
to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**

*Fr Paul gives the blessing:*

The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**

**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Help us, who now go in peace,  
to shine with your light in the world.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Final Voluntary: "Gigue in G" Thomas Arne.*



## For your prayers this week

### **For your prayers this coming week**

*We pray for Pope Leo XIV and his ministry to the world-wide church.*

*We pray for the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, the new Archbishop of Canterbury*

*In the Anglican cycle of prayer this Sunday we pray for:*

*The Diocese of Popondeta – The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea*

*In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for:*

*The Church Buildings and Pastoral Reorganisation Team, Emma Arbuthnot, Sophie Dunn, Daniel Lee, Anne-Marie Mizler*

*We also pray for the Venerable Dr. Tom Carpenter, our Archdeacon*

*We pray for the work of SPLASH in their work with young people across the Deanery.*

*We pray for our nation and government:*

*For King Charles and his family. We pray for our Government and all members of Parliament especially Andrew Griffith our own MP*

*We continue to pray for all those caught up in the conflicts in the Middle East, Ukraine and other troubled parts of the world. We pray for all migrants and refugees and all who have been driven from their homes. We pray for all world leaders, diplomats and ambassadors and all working for the common good.*

*We pray for the work of Education West Africa, the people of Sierra Leone and the work of the Church there remembering especially the Dioceses of Freetown and Bo.*

*We continue to pray for the work of FSW across the Diocese.*

*We pray for our local Care Homes: Hillside Lodge, The Anchorage, Petworth Cottage Nursing Home, Rotherlea and Barlavington Manor*

***Those who are now in need of healing:***

*Patrick Carr, Fr Barry Smart, Toni Hayes, Sarah and James Ross, Carole Brooke, Richard Cromwell, Jim Crowley, Charlie Goldsmith, Ian Cockburn, Frances Usher-Smith, Matt, Adrian Moran, Stuart Pullen and Don Hubert*

***Those who are in need of on-going prayer:***

*Peter Johnston, Helen Leeke, Rachel Webbe, Elizabeth Yates, James McDonagh, Victoria and Tim*

***Pray to rest in peace:*** *Maureen Charman, Nicholas Smart and Margaret Scullard*

***Anniversary of death:*** *Ann Garnons-Williams, Rachel Woodford and Joan Allfrey*

***Village Prayers:*** *Together with the other churches in the village we pray for all who live and work in The Spinney, Spinney North and Strawberry Field*

**Church and Liturgical Diary**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feria**

10am 'The Hub' meet at Pulborough Library  
3.15pm – 4.15pm Kingfishes meet in School  
7.00pm St Mary's Book Group meet  
7.30pm Tower Bellringing Practice

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Anskar, bp of Hamburg and Missionary**

9.30am Morning Prayer  
11.30am Funeral and Burial of Maureen Charman R.I.P.  
7pm PCC Meeting in church

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>:** Feria

9.45am Morning Prayer

**10.15am The Holy Eucharist**

12.30pm Deanery Clergy meeting

7.30pm Deanery Synod meeting at Ashington

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> St Agatha, Martyr c251**

9.30am Morning Prayer

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>: The Martyrs of Japan 1597**

**12noon The Holy Eucharist**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>: Feria**

10am to 12noon Church Working Party

**7pm FPPC Event 'The Rising Down with Alexandra Harris'**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>: THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

**8am The Holy Eucharist**

**10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST**

Readings: Genesis 1, 1-2.3, Romans 18-25 and Matthew 6. 25-end

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## **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all those who brought food for the Ecumenical Service last Sunday afternoon. It is always much appreciated! We are pleased to say that **£100** was raised for Family Support Work from the retiring collection.

## **CHURCH WORKING PARTY**

The February working party will be **this Saturday from 10am to 12noon**. With **only 1 Holy Duster** at the moment the working party is a good opportunity to do some extra hoovering, dusting and polishing in the church. There are also jobs to do out in the churchyard so please come along and lend a hand. Delicious refreshments served at the end of the morning

## **FRIENDS OF PULBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH**

### **The Rising Down on This Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

The next event for the 'Friends' is an evening with Alexandra Harris, author of "The Rising Down". This is a book which delves into the rich history of West Sussex, and intertwines personal stories with historical events to offer readers a unique perspective on the region's past. Tickets are £25 including a glass of wine and can be purchased via the 'Friends' website: [www.friendsofpulboroughparishchurch.org](http://www.friendsofpulboroughparishchurch.org)

## **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY...PULBOROUGH PANCAKE DAY!**

Pulborough Charity Pancake Day in Pulborough Village Hall

**Shrove Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February.** All profits from the event will be divided between the Macmillan Palliative Care Unit based at Midhurst, Pulborough Lunch Club for Senior Citizens and Education West Africa – Supporting the school in the Diocese of Bo in Sierra Leone.

### **Pancake Tombola.....**

If you have any unwanted gifts Ann Kaiser would be so pleased to receive them! The tombola on Pancake Day is always a great part of the fund-raising event so your gifts will be most welcome.

Thank you.

## **LEAFLET SPONSORING FOR THE NEW CHURCH YEAR.**

Do you have a special occasion or date in memory of a loved one

Do consider sponsoring one of the services.

We ask for a £25 donation, gift-aided, if possible, which helps us cover the cost of printing and paper

The dates we have for the first part of the year are:

**In February Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Sundays in April: 5<sup>th</sup> Easter Day, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Sundays in May: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> or 31st**

Do speak to Ann Kaiser if you can help

## ST MARY'S BELLS 100 CLUB

St Mary's Bell 100 Club is a small lottery, run under a licence issued by Horsham District Council, to **raise funds towards the maintenance of the bell tower and the fabric of St Marys Church.** The subscription for the year is **£48.00 (£4.00 per month)**

At the moment we have **3 bells available for 2026. The numbers are, 66, 70 or 83.** Please do consider taking a number, perhaps as a gift for grandchild or a family member or friend.

Please phone me if you are interested in taking part in the lottery or require any further information. On behalf of the 100 Bells committee, I would like to thank everyone who have continued for their support for the 2026 Lottery.

**Ian Cockburn – Treasurer (01798 813102)**

### **Lent REFLECTIONS**

Please help! As last year, we would like to put together a collection of Lent reflections for everyone in the congregation. We would like everyone to suggest their favourite Bible verse, their favourite verse from a hymn, or quote from a book. For example:

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace”

(Dear Lord and Father of Mankind).

One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

(Psalm 27: 4)

If these could be given to me by **Friday 9th Feb**, that would be fab!  
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### ASH WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

10.15am The Hoy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes  
7.30pm Sung eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

### Lent Course

We will be following the special Diocesan Lent Course for the **Year of Matthew**. Groups will meet on **Wednesday evenings beginning the 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm** and **Friday mornings beginning the 27<sup>th</sup> February at 10am**. Venues to be confirmed.

### Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits thou hast given me,  
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee  
more clearly, love thee more dearly,  
and follow thee more nearly, day by day. Amen