



Whittlesey, Pondersbridge & Coates

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TEAM MATTERS



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Here we are in the second month of the year and officially the final month of winter. As we were thinking about this the poem by Sarah Coleridge came to mind about the months of the year. The words for February are:

“February brings the rain, thaws the frozen lake again.”

So far this winter we have avoided the snow, ice and big freeze but in January have suffered torrential rain and storm damage across the country. The seasons seem to be changing. We constantly need to be aware of our varying weather patterns and global warming which are affecting the whole world.

In our Christian faith we too are encouraged to keep alert in order to perceive through prayer and Bible reading what God is calling us to do. Last month we reminded you that all of us are Jesus Christ's missionaries here on earth. God invites us to be open to all he wants us to do for him by following Jesus Christ's example.

On February 2nd we will be celebrating 'The Presentation of Christ in The Temple' (Luke 2.22-40). This took place forty days after Jesus' birth. It is the day which marks the meeting in the temple between the infant Jesus and Simeon, who recognised that Jesus was the true light of the world. Later, this day became known as Candlemas. On this day all of the candles which were to be used in church during the year were blessed to symbolise Jesus Christ, the true light of the world. Candles too were lit by members of the congregation to remind them that Jesus was their light. In some churches this tradition still takes place today.

Candlemas is a feast day and the revelation of the child Jesus in the temple, greeted by Simeon and Anna, calls for rejoicing. Nevertheless, the prophetic words of Simeon, which speak of the falling and rising of many and the sword that will pierce, lead on to the passion and Easter. It is as if we say on February 2nd, 'One last look back at Christmas, and now, turn towards the Cross.'

As Christians we are pilgrims on a journey. During the month of February may we encourage you to light a candle each day and as you look at the flame to say the words, 'Christ as a light, illumine and guide me – show me the way, the truth and the light.'

With every blessing **Gill and Nigel**

Full details of Sundays and other services inside.

You are welcome to join us at our services:

Sunday 2nd February – Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8.00 a.m. St Mary's	- BCP Said Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. St Andrew's Hall	- Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity	- Morning Service
11.00 a.m. St Mary's	- Morning Service
11.00 a.m. St Thomas'	- Holy Communion
1.00 p.m. St Mary's	- Baptism
2.00 p.m. St Mary's	- Baptism

Readings: Malachi 3: 1-5
Hebrews 2: 14-end
Luke 2: 22-40

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 5th Albert Brown, 8th Ella May Dale, Audrey Joan Cross

St Andrew's: 2nd Margaret Alice (Peggy) Phillips,
4th David Stanley Spires, Reginald Gordon Peacock,
8th Olive Pearl Kewish

St Mary's: 2nd Margaret Alice "Peggy" Phillips, 5th Stan Richards,
Lilian Edwards, Edward Thomas Elliott, Alfred Arthur Garratt

St Thomas': 2nd Violet Savage

Sunday 9th February – Fourth Sunday before Lent

9.30 a.m. St Andrew's Hall	- Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity	- Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Mary's	- Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Thomas'	- Morning Service

Readings: Isaiah 58: 1-9a
1 Corinthians 2: 1-end
Matthew 5: 13-20

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 13th Ethel Burgundy, 15th Rose Mary Rippin

St Andrew's: 10th Harriet Ann Green, 11th Kate Brittan,
Alistair James Jeffrey, Samuel Frederick Hilliam,
12th Clare Louise Wade, William Edward Band, 14th Alma Harrison,
15th James William Knight

St Mary's: 12th Dorothy Gladys Wilson, 13th Andrew Malcolm Lindsey

St Thomas': 15th Anthony (Tony) William Howell

Sunday 16th February – Third Sunday before Lent

8.00 a.m. St Mary's	- BCP Said Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. St Andrew's Hall	- Morning Service
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity	- Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Mary's	- Holy Communion
1.30 p.m. St Andrew's	- Baptism
6.00 p.m. St Thomas'	- Holy Communion

followed by PCC meeting

Readings: Deuteronomy 30: 15 - end
1 Corinthians 3: 1-9
Matthew 5: 21-37

Anniversaries of Death:

St Andrew's: 18th Eileen Kathleen Wilson,
19th Constance Audrey May Hilliam, 20th Jane Martin,
21st Pamela Mary Andrew, Ivy Norfield

Sunday 23rd February – Second Sunday before Lent

9.30 a.m. St Andrew's Hall	- Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity	- Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Mary's	- Holy Communion
6.00 p.m. St Thomas'	- Evening Service

Readings: Genesis 1:1 to 2:3
Romans 8: 18-25
Matthew 6: 25-end

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 27th Ebenezer Bates, Ron Anker

St Andrew's: 23rd Ronald Woodcock, 24th Effie Anderson,
27th Christopher Thomas Rogers, 28th James Henry (Harry) Green,
William Alfred Buckman

St Mary's: 27th John William Fawcett, 28th George Henry Gray

St Thomas': March 1st Florence Emma Edwards

Events around the Team in February:

- 3rd 2.30 p.m. Service at Aliwal Manor
4th 2.00 p.m. Service at Keneydon House
4th 2.30 p.m. Service at the Elms
4th 7.30 p.m. Understanding Our Faith group at Pondersbridge
5th 11.00 a.m. Service at The Gables
6th 7.00 p.m. Churches Together AGM followed by business meeting
at St Jude's
10th 7.00 p.m. Friends of St Mary's Committee meeting
10th 7.30 p.m. Study Group at 40, Bellman's Road
16th 6.00 p.m. St Thomas' PCC meeting in church
after Holy Communion
17th 7.00 p.m. Friends of Holy Trinity AGM at Holy Trinity
– everyone welcome
17th 7.30 p.m. Study Group at 40, Bellman's Road
18th 2.00 p.m. St Andrew's PCC meeting in the Hall
18th 7.30 p.m. St Mary's PCC meeting in the Hall
19th 7.30 p.m. Holy Trinity's PCC meeting in the church
24th 7.00 p.m. Friends of St Andrew's AGM in the Hall
27th 7.30 p.m. Prayer Group at 8 The Grove
March 1st 8.30 a.m. Ministry Team Meeting at The Rectory

Regular Weekday Services:

- Monday:** 8.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
Tuesday: 9.15am Holy Communion at St Andrew's
Wednesday: 9.15am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
Thursday: 9.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's
Friday: 8.00am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's,
12 noon Midday Prayer at St Mary's

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