

SAINT PAUL, WHITLEY BAY
PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE -
CANDLEMAS
AND 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT
1ST AND 8TH FEBRUARY 2026

*Welcome to your newsletter, which covers a period of two weeks.
Please use it to help in your prayers each day.*

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Collect, readings & hymns for Candlemas, 1st February

Collect: 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.**

Readings: Malachi 3: 1 – 5 Hebrews 2: 14 – end	Hymns: <i>New English Hymnal</i> 44 Faithful vigil ended, 234 Christ, whose glory fills the skies, 52 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Christ be our light (<i>words on sheet</i>) 33 Of the father's heart begotten, (omit vv2 & 3)
Gospel: Luke 2: 22 – 40	

Collect, readings & hymns for 2nd Sunday before Lent, 8th February

Collect: Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings: Genesis 1: 1 – 2.3 Romans 8: 18 – 25	Hymns: Mission Praise 7 All creatures of our God and King, 1 A new commandment I give unto you, I the Lord of sky hand sea (<i>words on sheet</i>) 555 Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin? 33 And can it be that I should gain
Gospel: Matthew 6: 25 – end	

Intercessions and intentions for the next two weeks

Please pray for all those on our prayer lists, especially:

Sunday Prayer list: Jan Casey, Cathy West, Lucy Proctor, Sue Bale, Bob Moore, Bruce Thompson, Craig Bell, Catherine, Roger, Fiona, Roya, Amy

Wednesday Prayer list: Michael Bradley, David Hall, Deborah Henderson, Ava Kennedy, Pam MacKenzie, Sue Simpkin, Dave Stevenson, Maureen, Marie, Lottie, Tony.

The recently departed: John Wearmouth, Miles Stewart, Terry Mason

Those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:

Week beginning 1st February: Peggy Dixon, Edith Webster, Jean Myers, Nora Mockler, Dorris Haddon

Week beginning 8th February: Charles Young, Joyce Nicholson, Laurence Sinclair, Ernie Peter Phillips, Thomas McMahon, Lilian Minnie Martin, Trevor Anderson, Alan Fairbairn, David Grundy, Lilian Syson, Joan Foster, Joan Jackson

Prayer intentions for week commencing 1 st February		
Sun 1	Candlemas	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon 2	Of the day	<i>Anna Chaplaincy</i>
Tue 3	Of the day	<i>The Archbishop of Canterbury</i>
Wed 4	Of the day	<i>Homeless Support services</i>
Thur 5	Of the day	<i>The Big Local</i>
Fri 6	Of the day	<i>Those affected by adverse weather conditions</i>
Sat 7	Of the day	<i>Lightwaves Festival</i>

Prayer intentions for week commencing 8 th February		
Sun 8	2nd Sunday before Lent	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon 9	Of the day	<i>Hall Management committee</i>
Tue 10	Of the day	<i>Architects</i>
Wed 11	Of the day	<i>General synod</i>
Thu 12	Of the day	<i>Criminal justice services</i>
Fri 13	Of the day	<i>St John Ambulance</i>
Sat 14	St Cyril and St Methodius	<i>SPCK</i>

Services for the next two weeks

All Eucharist services held in church (except 8.30am on Sundays) are
livestreamed & recorded via our YouTube channel: www.bit.ly/OurStream

Morning Prayer at St Paul's:	Monday to Thursday at 8.30am
Saturday Prayer at St Paul's	Saturday at 9.30am
Contemplative prayer group	Friday at 2.20pm
St Paul's open for private prayer:	Saturday from 10am to 11am

Sunday 1 st Feb	Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Candlemas	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Choral Evensong (BCP) 6pm
Wednesday 4 th Feb		Eucharist 10am
Sunday 8 th Feb	2 nd Sunday before Lent	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Taizé worship 6pm
Wednesday 11 th Feb		Eucharist 10am
Sunday 15 th Feb	Sunday next before Lent	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Healing service 6pm

Holy Baptism

River Grace Wortley will be welcomed into the family of the church
at St Paul's on Sunday 1st February at 1pm

Dates for your diary

St Paul's Bible Study	Saturday 14 th Feb 10am (restarts after Easter)
St Paul's Fellowship Group	Tuesday 10 th February 7pm
St Paul's Monday Group	Monday 2 nd February 7pm for 7.30pm
Lent course with St Peters and St Mary's	Thursdays 26 th February to 26 th March 7.30pm (see notices for venues)
Lent at St Paul's	Saturdays 21 st February to Saturday 28 th March 10am
Lent Soup and Roll Lunches	Saturdays 21 st , 28 th February, 7 th , 14 th and 21 st March 12 noon to 2pm
Lightwaves Festival	Saturday 7 th February 5.30pm to 9pm
WB&DCT prayer service for Christian Unity	Sunday 8 th February Whitley Bay Baptist church 6pm
CET applications deadline	Friday 6 th February
APCM reports deadline	Wednesday 18 th February
St Paul's APCM	Sunday 22 nd March

Notices

St Paul's magazine: the new edition of The Gate will be published next Sunday, 1st February, just £1 per copy. If you have paid by subscription, your copy will be ready for you to collect or will be delivered or emailed to you.

St Paul's Bible study: next session Saturday 14th February, 10am at the back of church continuing to look at the Acts of the Apostles. These sessions will take a break during Lent for the Lent studies and will resume after Easter.

St Paul's Fellowship Group: next session Tuesday 10th February 7pm in the Parish Centre, looking at the Ten Commandments.

St Paul's Ladies' Monday Group: the next meeting will be on Monday, 2nd February, 7.00 for 7.30 in the Upper Room, when Kath and Harry Gilbert will present a travelogue on Australia. New members and visitors welcome.

Lent Services and Reflections together with St Peter's and St Mary's

Monkseaton: This year we will be exploring the 7 Penitential Psalms (Psalm 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143). We will meet on Thursday evenings during Lent to journey together with the penitential psalms. All welcome!

Thursday 26th February at 7.30pm at St Peter's Monkseaton

Thursday 5th March at 7.30pm at St Paul's Whitley Bay

Thursday 12th March at 7.30pm at St Mary's Monkseaton

Thursday 19th March at 7.30pm at St Peter's Monkseaton

Thursday 26th March at 7.30pm at St Paul's Whiley Bay

Lent at St Paul's: Every Saturday during Lent (from Saturday 21st February to Saturday 28th March) we will be meeting at 10am at the back of church to reflect together around the Gospel passage for each of the Sundays during Lent.

Lent Soup and Roll Lunches will be held on Saturdays 21st and 28th February, 7th, 14th and 21st March 12 noon to 2pm. Like previous years we will be supporting 4 charities through our Lent lunches. This year the PCC have chosen to support: SWEP, The Bay Foodbank, The Rainbow Trust and the RNLI.

Prayer Service for Christian Unity: Whitley Bay & District Churches Together invite everyone to the Prayer Service for Christian Unity to be held on Sunday 8th February at 6pm at Whitley Bay Baptist Church.

Lightwaves Festival: to be held at St Paul's on Saturday 7th February from 5:30pm until 9pm. There will be a trail of Light Sculptures in the church grounds and inside the Church will be lit with a light projection accompanied by music composed for the event. Refreshments available.

Cullercoats Educational Trust: The deadline for the submission of application to be considered at the next meeting is Friday 6th February 2026.

Newsletter entries: for the next newsletter please pass them to Mary Evans *by 6pm on Friday 13th February 2026*, by phone on 0191 252 1424 or by email to maryevans14@btinternet.com