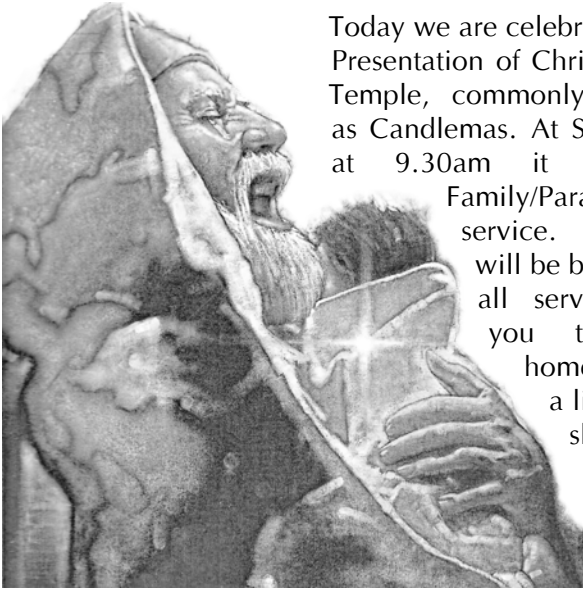




St Mary's Church Old Town  
St Paul's Church Highfield  
Partners within the  
Hemel Hempstead Team Ministry

## 4th February 2018 - Candlemas



Today we are celebrating the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, commonly known as Candlemas. At St Mary's at 9.30am it is our Family/Parade service. Candles will be blessed at all services for you to take home and let a little light shine!

### WELCOME

**Welcome to our services today:** Please join us for refreshments after the 9.30am service (currently these are at the back of church at St Mary's and in the Parish Room at St Paul's). If this is your first visit to us then please make yourself known to one of the Clergy or a Welcomer.

**Communion:** All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you do not usually receive the Bread and Wine please come forward and bow your head for a prayer of blessing.

**Gluten Free Wafers & Alcohol Free Wine** are available, please speak to a Churchwarden or Welcomer before the Service.

**Giving:** If you are a UK taxpayer please give money via the special envelopes provided; you are also encouraged to join our tax efficient planned giving scheme. Please pass your details to a Welcomer and we will send you further information. If you are a part of the Planned Giving Scheme paying by standing order, please remember to collect a mini-card before the Service to place in the collection plate.

**Sound System:** There is a loop system in operation, please set your hearing aid to 'T' and adjust the volume as necessary.

### PRAYERS

If you would like a prayer said with you after the service - or at any other time - please speak to one of the Clergy. (At St Mary's prayers are available in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, to the left of the altar, once you have received Communion).

## Readers & Intercessors

Today	Readers	Intercessor
St Mary's	Su Gambling Richard Leslie Jeff Wallis	Norma Podmore
St Paul's	Fergus Maclean	Revd Luke
Hymns	St Mary's 434, 311, Sheet, 118, 379, 317	St Paul's 6, 314, 461, 684
Next Week	Readers	Intercessor
St Mary's	Valerie Beller Jenny Leslie Jenny Bowes	Brian Doran
St Paul's	Pauline Picton	Edna Hawkes

### Please continue to remember in your prayers:

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Burundi; Martin Nyaboho, Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba

**Our Diocese:** Ampthill and Shefford, Southill: Caren Topley, (PTO) Paul Lanham, (R) Robin Welsford, (LLW) Ryan Parker Thanksgiving: For working together as we grow deeper into God's love. Prayers: Vision for planning for our new All Age Worship non HC once a month on a Sunday.

### Our Deanery: The Parish of Boxmoor

Please Pray for: Our Lent/Study Course: The Eucharist Explained... and for all who will come to it. Please give thanks for: The huge Fundraising effort for our Organ which is now nearly completely paid for

### Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead Prayer Calendar

St Mary's Apsley

### Those who receive Communion at home

Jean Bailey-Cox, Mavis, Mary Howells, Jeane Pitkin, Frank Pitkin, Rosemary Shaw, Vera Willmore, residents of St Mary's House, The Lodge, Alexandra Care Home and St Paul's Care Home and for the Eucharistic ministers who go to them.

### Those who have asked for our prayers:

Karen Coker, Peter Elphick, and all those known to us.

### Those with long term illness and all who care for them:

Sister Antoinette, Debbie Barnes, Rachel Halsey, Clive Hunt, Brian Laidlaw, Nancy Parry, Frank Pitkin, Jeane Pitkin, Olivia Rose, David Shaw, Vera Willmore.

### Those who have died:

John Cooley, Dominic Monaghan

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**INTINCTURE:** Whilst the 'flu virus is about please make sure that if you dip the wafer into the wine at Communion your fingers do not come into contact with the wine or chalice. All are reminded that receiving Communion in one kind only is recommended if you have 'flu or cold symptoms.

**Children's Work** There will be an opportunity to hear the results of Revd Caroline's Children's and young people's Work review after the Parade/Family Service today at St Mary's.

**Bereavement ministry course** There will be a Bereavement ministry course (one day course) being offered soon in our deanery for those interested in becoming involved in a ministry of support to people following a bereavement. The date of the course is still to be decided – but the Rural Dean, Lizzie Hood has asked whether we would like to take part in this training. I am planning on attending. If you would like to come along and join me in this training or would like to have more information about what is involved with bereavement visiting, please get in contact with Reverend Caroline asap [revcaroline@stmaryshemel.org.uk](mailto:revcaroline@stmaryshemel.org.uk) or 01442 834291

**Intercessory Prayer and Health** What happens to the human body when we pray for healing? Intercessory prayer as a treatment for illness has been studied scientifically, with some remarkable claims. Rev Professor Nick Goulding explores this fascinating and controversial area. Monday 19th Feb at 7.30 in The Church of the Resurrection, Grovehill.

**Ash Wednesday and Lent** Please return last year's Palm Crosses to church next Sunday so that they can be burnt to generate the ash for Ash Wednesday 14th February.

**Ash Wednesday** There will be a 10.30am and 8pm service of Holy Communion with imposition of ashes at St Mary's on Ash Wednesday. St Paul's will host the 8.00pm next year. Do take a Lent Flyer away with you and attend one of the Lent Courses.

**Tuesday Communion** We are looking to reintroduce the 8.00am Tuesday Communion service at St Mary's (initially once a month). If you would be interested in this service (and might attend) or would prefer a different time (early morning or late evening during the week) for a service please speak to Canon John.

## Diary Dates

22 Apr,	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
5 May,	8.00pm 'Infinite Jazz' at St Paul's
10 May,	Evening, Hemel Hempstead Deanery Service at St Mary's Apsley
7-10 Jun,	Art in the Nave at St Mary's
29 Jun,	8pm 'Canapes and Good Time Jazz' at St Paul's
Date TBA,	Friends of St Mary's Annual Barbeque
1 Sep,	Midday Langa Township Pre-School Trust Braai
TBA Sep,	6.30pm St Mary's Patronal
28 Sep,	8pm 'Mississippi Swamp Dogs' at St Mary's
24 No	10.00am Parish Fair at St Paul's
1 Dec	7.00 pm LTPT Christmas Party at St Paul's

# Parish Diary for Next Week

Parish Services and Events for Week commencing 4 Feb 2018

Sunday 4 Feb	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am	Holy Communion Family & Parade Service Holy Communion	StM StM StP
Candlemas			
Monday 5 Feb			
Tuesday 6 Feb	7.00-8.00pm	Wedding Office	StM
Wednesday 7 Feb	10.30am	Holy Communion <i>(entry to church by the South Transept door)</i>	StM
Thursday 8 Feb	8.00pm 6.30-7.30pm	Bellringing Practice Cub Scouts visit	StM StM
Friday 9 Feb	7.00pm	Choir Practice	StM
Saturday 10 Feb	9.30 - 11.30am 10.00am	Wedding Preparation Event Open Church	StM StM
Sunday 11 Feb	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist Holy Communion	StM StM StP
Sunday Next Before Lent			

Evening Prayer is said most weekdays at St Mary's at 5.15pm

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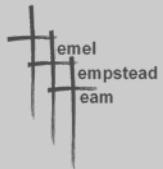
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