



Morning Prayer is held every weekday at 8.30am in our chapel

Mission Partner Prayers: Mon - Church Mission Society (Alan, Lexi and boys) Tue -Mission Aviation Fellowship, Wed - The Children's Society, Thurs - WLV Foodbank, Fri - St Paul's Ghana.

### Update for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Candlemas

This week the readings are **Hebrews 2: 14-end and Luke 2: 22-40**

**At 8am** we gather for a **traditional BCP Holy Communion Service** Revd. Emma will preside and Revd. Buffy will preach.

**At 10am** we gather for a **Holy Communion with Prayer Ministry and groups for Kids and Youth at Ten.** Revd. Buffy will lead and preach. This service will be live streamed. All are welcome to stay for refreshments served in our church hall after the service.

ALL SAINTS  
**KIDS**  
AT 10AM  
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**YOUTH**  
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#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Before Lent

This week the readings are **Romans 8: 18-25 and Matthew 6: 25-end**

**At 8am** we gather for a **traditional BCP Holy Communion Service** Canon David Lindsay will lead and preside.

**At 10am** we gather for our **Together service.** This service is for all ages as we worship, learn, and grow together. The service will be led by Revd. Buffy, Peter and team. Please stay after the service for refreshments served in the church hall.

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**TOGETHER**  
AT 10AM

**At 6pm** we gather for **Evensong** which Peter Mitchell, our Lay Minister (Reader) will lead and Revd. Buffy preach. All are very welcome.

#### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Parish office closed

The parish office will be closed for one day due to Karen being on annual leave.

#### Day off

Next week Revd Buffy will be swapping her day off from Weds to Saturday.

### Mark and Jackie

As many of you will know Mark is unwell, but Mark and Jackie wish us to share the news with you all that they have become engaged. Congratulations and our best wishes to you both! X X X

### Lewis Jones – Sick Leave

Lewis remains on sick leave at present. Please be praying for Lewis, Sophie and family.

### February 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Heath Room Closure for Redecoration

Our Heath Room is a significant asset to our church life and is used extensively throughout the year. The decor however is now looking a little tired, and we have arranged a working party to complete the redecoration.

The Heath Room will therefore be **closed** from midday on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February until evening of Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Please note that Revd. Emma will be on annual leave at this time.

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2pm – Mothers Union

Mothers Union meet in the Heath room starting at **2pm**. Anyone and everyone is welcome!

### Lent 2026



*"Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you."*  
*James 4:8*

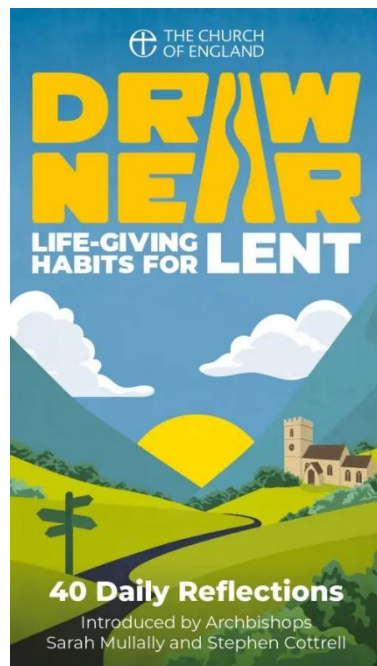
The theme for this Lent is focused on the habits and practices that are essential to what it means to be a Christian: our worship, our prayer and our action towards each other.

Lent is characterised as a time for giving things up, for fasting and denying ourselves, as Jesus did for 40 days in the desert – but the purpose of this can be lost all too easily. Because fasting is not self-denial for its own sake, but about drawing closer to God, setting aside the things that might be getting in our way.

This year's Lent material at All Saints is all about teaching us to embrace new habits and practices (worship, prayer, scripture, communion, service, sharing the good news) that will draw us closer to God, and in doing so God will draw nearer to us to.

So, this Lent, we now have on offer a **short reflection booklet**. You can pick one up from the table in our welcome area in church (If you are able, please put £3 per booklet into our wall safe to cover the cost – no need to use an envelope!)

There is also an **extra booklet**, that Revd. Buffy has put together. This booklet helps to draw out the themes each week and gives ideas and thoughts for study. This can be used individually or is a great extra resource for home groups to use.



Alongside this we will be hosting a **Lent group on Monday evenings in church (23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of March)** – more details to follow...

If you have any questions, please speak to Revd. Buffy or Revd. Emma

## **Home Groups**

Do you find that you don't have time or space at church on Sunday to get to know other Christians better and to have deeper conversations about worship, faith and the bible? Would you welcome the opportunity to meet with a small number of church members of mixed experience on a regular basis, outside church in a safe, relaxed, friendly, encouraging, caring, and supportive situation?

Why not give a Home Group a try? You don't need to commit yourself at first; give it a few weeks and see it suits you. Home Groups offer a loving, confidential environment where Christians can share experiences, values and ideas about discipleship and spirituality, and can learn more about Jesus and develop their faith together, relating what they experience in church on Sunday to everyday life and the wider community.

Home Group meetings usually include periods of bible study, prayer, and discussions, with refreshments, about what it means in practice to each of us to be a Christian, as well as offering opportunities for meals and social activities together from time to time.

We have space in some of our Home Groups at present and, in particular, our small Thursday evening group of men and women, led by our Licensed Lay Minister (Reader), Peter Mitchell, which meets every 2 or 3 weeks, would welcome 2 or 3 new members. If you are interested to find out more, please contact Peter at [peter.mitchell@allsaintsdenmead.org.uk](mailto:peter.mitchell@allsaintsdenmead.org.uk) or call him on 07504 172968.

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