

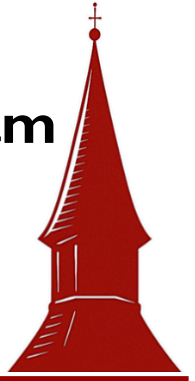
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# Welcome to St Mark's Church, Newnham

Sunday, 1st February 2026

Candlemas

Jesus Christ ...*forever*



## Today's services

### 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Service Leader and Preacher: The Revd Jim Robinson

### 9.30am Holy Communion

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Preacher: The Revd Andrew Hurst

### Practicalities

There is a fully accessible toilet as well as baby-changing facilities in the Community Centre across the car park behind the church.

### Children

All are welcome in God's house and we delight in all ages gathering for worship. Please don't worry if your little ones make a noise or need to run around. There is a play area at the back; if younger members are more comfortable there, they are very welcome to dive in. Junior Church runs at the same time as the 9.30am service every week during term time. It is open to all ages and is based around storytelling and wondering, with art and craft too.

We begin in church and then head round to the Community Centre, returning for the Eucharist and then back out for a feast!

### Collection

We are not taking an offering during our services at this time, but there is a collection plate at the back of the church along with a giving station where you are able to donate via card payment. You can also give via our website.

Visit us online at: <https://stmarksnewnham.org> where you can sign up for our email.

**Hymns:** 775 Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
589 Angel voices ever singing  
753 O praise ye the lord

**Anthem:** Nunc dimittis - Noble

**For your prayers:** Anne Howie; Michael Wallis.

## Collect Prayer for the Week:

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.

## Hebrews 3.1-5

Therefore, brothers and sisters, holy partners in a heavenly calling, consider that Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses also 'was faithful in all God's house.' Yet Jesus is worthy of more glory than Moses, just as the builder of a house has more honour than the house itself. (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that would be spoken later.

## Psalm 118



Alan Rees

## Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him 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.

Services this week
<p><b>Tuesday, 3rd February</b></p> <p><b>11am, Holy Communion (BCP)</b> led by The Revd Jim Robinson</p>
<p><b>Sunday, 8th February</b></p> <p><b>8am, Holy Communion (BCP)</b> led by The Revd Jim Robinson with The Revd Kennedy Emokpaire preaching</p> <p><b>9.30am, Morning Worship</b> led by The Revd Kennedy Emokpaire with The Revd Jim Robinson preaching</p> <p><b>Morning Prayer</b> is said in church at <b>9am</b> on <b>Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.</b></p>

Charity of the Month: Lyn’s House
<p>Lyn’s House is a transformational community based in Cambridge. It was founded in 2013 not as a care provider, but as a community of life-enhancing friendship amongst people with, and people without, intellectual disabilities. Our aims are simple: to bring those who are usually marginalised to the centre, and to enable people who don’t normally meet to encounter each other in a spirit of mutual welcome and openness. Christian faith and shared patterns of prayer are at the heart of the community. We’re also intentionally ecumenical: community members come from a wide range of Christian traditions from Orthodox to independent Evangelical.</p>

## Notices and Dates for your Diaries

### Lent Lunches

If you would like to host a lunch during Lent in aid of a charity of your own choice please get in touch with Sue Payne (susanruthpayne@gmail.com or 01223 328996).

### Foodbank Collections

Please bring donations for the foodbank to church on Sunday 1st February, or on Thursday 5th February to 19 Kings Road (Eleanor Scott) 9am-3pm, or 1 Millington Road (Rosey Gardiner) 8am-6pm. The weekly email has an up-to-date list of what's needed.

### Men's Informal Coffee Group

Over the last few months, a growing number of men from St Mark's have gathered each Monday at 10:30 am for coffee at Wolfson College. The group meets at the gate on Barton Road and then walks straight in to the Porter's Lodge and through to the college's coffee bar. There is no formal programme, just drinks, chat and laughter. All St Mark's men are welcome to come and join the discussions.

### Bound by Love

On Friday, 13th February at 7.30pm, St Mark's Arts & Events Team presents an evening of words and music from Jane Bower (readings and songs), Peter Britton (piano) and Philippa Jones (cello). Jane and friends invite us to reflect upon and enjoy myriad expressions of love on this St Valentine's Eve. Admission is free but there will be a retiring collection.

## Useful contacts

**For pastoral enquiries or questions about special services (baptisms, weddings, and funerals) please contact our vicar.**

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