

Sunday 31st January 2021
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
CANDLEMAS



At this time of great difficulty we hold you all in our prayers and ask God to be with each one of us and all those who are unwell, worried or lonely.

Collect for the Week

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please note that due to the current high rates of COVID-19 both Churches are closed for public worship. This will be reviewed at the end of February.

**This week the Churches will open for private prayer:-
on Sunday between 10 am and 11 am at the Parish Church
& Monday/Thursday/Friday at the Church Centre between 10 am & 12 noon.**

10.00 am Service of the Word – posted on YouTube

Preacher: Tim Cripps, Ministers: The Vicar & Tim Cripps
Reading: Luke 2.22-40, read by Angela Culley
Intercessions: led by Kim de la Mare

10.00 am Parish Church open for private prayer until 11 am

10.00 am Family Service via Zoom

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 1st February *Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, C 525*

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

TUESDAY 2nd **THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE**

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 3rd *Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865*

12.30 pm Funeral of Rev. Michael Dent at the Parish Church

THURSDAY 4th *Gilbert of Sempringham, Founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189*

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

FRIDAY 5th *St Agatha, Virgin Martyr*

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 – 2.15 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

SATURDAY 6th *The Martyrs of Japan, 1597*

NEXT SUNDAY 7th February

The Second Sunday Before Lent

10.00 am Service of the Word (posted on You Tube)

Ministers: The Vicar & Tim Cripps, Preacher: Daphne Pilcher

Reading: Colossians 1.15-20, read by May Graves

Intercessions: Led by John Bazley

10am-11am Parish Church open for private prayer

10.00 am Family Service meet via Zoom

From The Vicarage

Greetings to you all and thank you for all that you are doing at such challenging times. I am sure that you have all heard/read about our nations terrible milestone of 100,00 deaths from Covid-19. We may not be related but we all know someone among that number. Our hearts go out to all who grieve, especially those who have lost a loved one to Covid. Let us continue to do our bit to reduce the spread of the virus. As part of our social responsibility and demonstration of love, care and concern for one another, the PCC requested, and has been granted permission by Bishop James, to suspend services in our church buildings for the whole of February. This will be regularly reviewed.

In response to the country's undesired milestone and as an expression of love for one another, the Archbishops are encouraging all of us, from 1st February, "to set aside time every evening to pray, particularly at 6 pm each day". I do hope that you will be able to join in with this initiative as we endeavour to spread the light of Christ into every aspect of our private and communal life.

Ronnie

Special Birthday

Our dear friend, Hugh Baker, celebrates his 90th birthday this week. It is a shame that we cannot celebrate with him but send our love and best wishes for his special day. A very Happy Birthday to you Hugh.

Community Larder

The Rusthall village Community Larder is up and running very successfully. Please continue to spread the word about this great village project, you can follow the Larder on Facebook and also get any updates. It is open to all in the community and no referral is needed.

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