


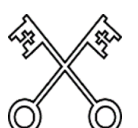


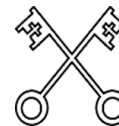
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CANDLEMAS

- **IDEAS FOR WORSHIP
AND ASSEMBLIES**
- **LINKS TO CRAFT IDEAS**





IDEAS FOR WORSHIP SESSIONS AND ASSEMBLIES

- Use the separate resources: “Candlemas Explained”, “More About Candlemas” and “Find Out About Candlemas-ANSWERS” resources (All suitable for KS2-KS5) and the PowerPoint (KS1- Lower KS2) as the basis for an assembly about Candlemas
- There is also a separate resource with the Bible passage of the “Presentation of Christ in the Temple” from Luke’s Gospel- International Children’s Bible version
- Make lanterns or light jars

This is a light jar we made for Christmas.

For Candlemas, the outside of the jar could be decorated with cut-out pictures or symbols from the Presentation in the Temple story: Mary, Jesus, Joseph, Simeon, Anna, candles, pigeons/doves etc



- Light candles or tea lights as a sign of hope and say a prayer

A PRAYER FOR CANDLEMAS

**Lighten our darkness,
Lord we pray;
And in your mercy defend us
From all perils and dangers of
this day;
For the love of your only Son,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

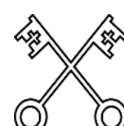
“NUNC DIMITTIS”- Song of Simeon

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in
peace,
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
Which you have prepared in the sight of
every people;
A light to reveal you to the nations
And the glory of your people Israel.**

Luke 2.29-32

- Listen to a recording of the “Nunc Dimittis...” recorded in Bradford Cathedral for Candlemas.

See our separate video resource





- There is also a **Candle Template** resource (with or without lines) for pupils to write their own prayers for Candlemas and/or a commitment to how they can be a “light” in the world.
See the separate resource
- Canon Mandy has written a **Candlemas Reflection using the Lord’s Prayer for 4 voices**, suitable for worship and assemblies.
See the separate resource

LINKS TO OTHER RESOURCES FOR CANDLEMAS WORSHIP AND CRAFT IDEAS

- **Flame Creative Children’s Ministry** have several craft activities suitable for primary aged children:
www.flamecreativekids.blogspot.co.uk
- **Barnabas in Schools** have an idea for collective worship that focuses on using different sources of light as symbols to reflect further on Jesus as 'the Light of the World':
<https://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/idea/candlemas-2nd-february-presentation-jesus-temple>
- **ROOTS** also has materials and suggestions for a worship session and preparatory/follow up resources:
<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/i-am-looking-for/public-copies/candlemas-2018>

The following sites were helpful in researching Candlemas:

Church of England The Methodist Church
LEO British Culture, British Customs and British Traditions Britannica

