



## 1st February 2015: Feast of Candlemas

### WELCOME

Welcome to Holy Spirit. We have Sunday School for children from Reception age upwards during term time and a crèche all year round. Large print hymn and service books are available—please ask the sidespeople. There is a loop system; please adjust the setting of your personal hearing aid.

### JOIN IN

If you are used to receiving Holy Communion in any other church you are welcome to receive it here. Otherwise please do come forward during Communion for a blessing.

**Please stay for tea,  
coffee & a chat after the  
service**

### SUPPORT

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**THANK YOU!**

### CHRIST OUR MORNING STAR



Today, we mark the end of the Epiphany Season with the feast of CANDLEMAS when we celebrate Christ's light in our midst by lighting candles.

Each of us will be invited to reflect on what we need to guide us in the year ahead and to write it on a star which will be hung in the chancel to mark the end of the season and to guide us into Lent & Easter.

### Readings

**Malachi 3: 1-5** Malachi prophesies that when God comes to dwell with his people it will be both awesome and terrifying. He describes God's presence as a fire that will purify the people of God by burning away all impurities. Malachi goes on to describe the behaviour that God's presence will cleanse: the unfair and poor treatment of the weak and the oppressed and the rejection of the stranger. The purity God seeks love of both neighbour and stranger.

**Luke 2:22-40** Mary and Joseph come to the temple with Jesus just like would the parents of every other new child; yet Jesus is recognised as unlike every other child by Simeon and Anna who see that he is the presence of God among us. Simeon prophesies that this child will be a light not just for the Jewish people but also for non-Jews; in him all peoples will be reconciled, just as in him human and divine are reconciled.

## Calendar

### Mon 2nd Feb

9.00am Morning Prayer

### Tue 3rd Feb

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am-12.00pm Silver  
Socials

### Wed 4th Feb

9.00am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Music Group  
meets, 99 Abbeville Road

### Thu 5th Feb

12.30pm Eucharist  
followed by lunch

### Fri 6th Feb

7.15pm CHS Film Club,  
*Guardians of the Galaxy*.  
Contact Centre, Stage  
Room

### Sun 8th Feb

9.00am Said Eucharist

9.30am Adult Choir, Stage  
room

10.30am Parish Eucharist  
Sunday School and Crèche

6.30pm Evening Prayer

## Small Groups

Start this month! This term we will be reading and discussing Jeffrey John's brilliant book "The meaning in the miracles". Interested in joining? speak to Mtr Ruth now!

## Silver Socials

10.30am - 12.00 noon

Tuesday drop-ins

The more the merrier!

## Please pray for:

**Those who are sick:** Albert Bell, Heidi Bell, Claire Pullman, Anna Long, Candy Passmore, Dave Witherington & Thomas Jansson. RIP Marysia Curtis.

## Notices

Nick Jenni has been an outstanding **Treasurer at Holy Spirit** for the last seven years – it's time to give him a break folks! We have a wonderful finance team which shares the work but still need someone to co-ordinate and be a point of contact. IS THIS SOMETHING YOU COULD DO? Speak to Nick if you want the low-down.

**Silver Socials** – Drop in this Tuesday 10.30am-noon for a cuppa and a chat. Different weekly activities to include painting, pilates, quizzes and sing-alongs. If you might be around occasionally to help out please get in touch, details BELOW - all very welcome.

**MAP MISSION WEEK** - How are we getting on with following our MAP (Mission Action Plan)? Follow up evening on **TUESDAY 10th FEB at 7.30pm**. Many of you contributed to our first brainstorming sessions a year ago which informed our MAP—it would be wonderful if as many (or more) could come and see how we can keep moving forwards. Delicious refreshments will be provided (to help get the creative juices flowing!) - PLEASE COME

KNITTING GROUP meets next at 7.30pm on Thursday 19th February at Chelsham Road SW4 6NR BEGINNERS & EXPERTS welcome.

This year's **Ecumenical Lent Groups** will be studying "The Road to heaven" by Tim Heaton based on the film "The Way". We will be inviting our sister churches to watch the film with us on FEBRUARY 15th at 6.30pm – FREE POPCORN **ALL WELCOME**.

### **THIS FRIDAY- 6th Feb– 7.15pm**

Contact Centre STAGE ROOM.

CHS Film Club shows *Guardians of the Galaxy*. First released in 2014, the film is based on characters from Marvel comics and features some of Hollywood's biggest names! Come along and join us for a great Friday-Night-is-Film-Night!



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