



# Wareham's Church of England Family

## The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Candlemas

1<sup>st</sup> February 2026

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and  
glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God.  
**Amen**

## This Sunday's Services

1<sup>st</sup> February 2026

**Bible Readings:** Malachi 3. 1-5 · Luke 2. 22-40

Time	Service	Location
8am	Holy Communion ( <i>BCP</i> )	Parish Hall, Wareham
9am	Breakfast Church	Sandford St Martin's
10am	Holy Communion	Parish Hall, Wareham
10.30am	Holy Communion ( <i>BCP</i> )	St Nicholas, Arne
10.30am	Holy Communion	Sandford St Martin's
6pm	Choral Evening Prayer Celebrating Candlemas	Priory Church of Lady St Mary, Wareham

## Wednesday

4<sup>th</sup> February

11am	Holy Communion	St Martin on the Walls, Wareham
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## Mission Prayer

*For our Mission Partner, St Stephen's School, Terekeka, South Sudan and Bishop Paul Modi, Chair of Governors.*

Living Lord,  
we pray for the staff and pupils of St Stephen's school:  
encourage the teachers as they begin a new term,  
give hope to children and their families through the gift of education,  
guide and support Bishop Paul Modi in ministry and mission and  
protect the church living in a time of ongoing conflict.

**Amen**

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## Coming Up in February

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb**      6pm Lady St Mary's Church, Wareham

### **Candle-lit Choral Celebration of Candlemas**



Come & sing & listen afresh to the story of 'The Presentation of Christ in the Temple', marking the end of the season of our Saviour's birth.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb**

8.30am

**Men's Breakfast**

The Bear Hotel, South Street

Guest Speaker: Luke Graham, Crew Lifeboat Trainer

To book a place contact Charles Donnelly by 5<sup>th</sup> February

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**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb**

2.30pm

**Open House**

Sandford Heritage Hall

Come & enjoy refreshments & conversation with friends. All welcome.

**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, 6.30pm &  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2.30pm**

Film Show: **A Candle in the Dark**  
Parish Hall, Wareham, BH20 4LP

Telling the story of William Carey, a cobbler who, in 1793, set sail for India, taking the Gospel to Bengal and leaving a legacy still felt today.

Tickets £5, refreshments available, all funds raised going towards church funds. Tickets available from A.F. Joy Men's Outfitters or the Parish Office.

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## **We Pray**

### **For our church family:**

Helen & Eddie Byron, Bettie Bingham, baby Sylvia, her parents and family; Simon Clare, Jane Patterson and John Cleaton.

### **For those who have died:**

Rita Orchard: Funeral Service, 9<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11.30am, Lady St Mary's Church, Wareham

Donald Brown: Funeral Service, 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11am, Lady St Mary's Church  
Audrey Haines (Wade)

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## **Gathering for Prayer**

### **Parish Prayer Group**

Every Tuesday at 7.30 – 8.30 pm, in one of our homes.

All welcome. We pray for global and local needs, mission and ministry and individuals.

For venue, contact Parish Office Tel: 01929 550905

### **Prayers for Peace**

Every Friday at 5pm in Lady St Mary Church.

All are invited to make time to pause and pray for peace in our world, in our communities and in our own lives.

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## **Donations**

Please consider making a Donation to support the work and maintenance of the church in the Parish of Wareham. Contactless donations can be made by selecting your donation amount and tapping the digital giving machine in church.

Alternatively, you can simply scan the QR code.



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## **Thank you for your generous support of this Church**

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**Next Sunday**      8<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

**Bible Reading:**      Genesis 1. 1-2.3 · Matthew 6. 25-34

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