

ST ANDREWS CHURCH, SANDFORD ON THAMES

February 2026

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PCC MEETING: Thursday 26th February at 7.30 p.m. in the Harris Room



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 18th February

11.0 Holy Communion (BCP)

7.30 p.m. Parish Communion

Is this a fast, to keep
the larder lean?
And clean
from fat of veals and sheep?

Is it to quit the dish
of flesh, yet still
to fill
the platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an hour,
or ragged to go,
or show
a downcast look and sour?

No; 'tis a fast to dole
thy sheaf of wheat,
and meat,
unto the hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife,
from old debate
and hate;
to circumcise thy life.
To show a heart grief-rent ;
to starve thy sin,
not bin;
and that's to keep thy Lent.

Robert Herrick

Come and See

is a free online resource to explore spirituality and find out more about our Christian faith. Sign up to get daily emails through Lent, with reflections, readings and encouragements.

Recommended by a couple of people who signed up last year.

See:
<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see/>

Following the Bishop of Oxford's retirement this year we are invited to consult on what we would be looking for in our new bishop. You can take part via <https://oxford.anglican.org/consultation>

BIBLE STUDY recommencing

Please contact Bob
(748848)

For your diary:

Next QUIZ NIGHT
Saturday 21st March

Soul Sessions
EXPLORING OUR SPIRITUAL GROOVE

A musical gathering for anyone who wants to find their voice and/or develop their music playing in a supportive group.

Most Fridays, 5.30pm
Littlemore Church

You must let Malcolm know if you plan to come as the group doesn't happen every week - call or message 07872 991287.

**FIRST STEPS
IN CHACHA**

Sue Douglas leads novices in learning how to cha-cha-cha. No previous experience necessary.

Sandford Village Hall
Thursday, February 19th, 6pm

COMMUNITY LUNCH at Talking Shop

Next one 12.30 – 2.0 11th February

A delicious three course lunch cooked by volunteers to save food waste. Pay what you can. No need to book.

AFTERNOON TEAS in the Village Hall:

first Wednesday of the month

4th February 2.0 – 4.0 Cost £4. Join us by
booking at pruereynolds96@gmail.com

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SUNDAYS in February 2026 Year A

Sunday 1st February Presentation Sunday (Candlemas)

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Malachi 3.1-5 *The Lord is coming to his temple. One day Judah and Jerusalem will please God, as in former days. God draws near to us all in judgment.*

Hebrews 2.14-18 *Jesus shared our life and death to break the power of evil. He is our brother and our priest – our representative in the presence of God.*

Luke 2.22-40 *Jesus is brought to the Temple. Simeon prophesies; Anna prays and praises God.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 8th February second Sunday before Lent

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion.

Genesis 1.1-2.3 *The creation of the world in seven 'days'.*

Romans 8.18-25 *Creation groans, people suffer. God gives hope of a better world and freedom.*

Matthew 6.25-34 *How beautiful God's creation is – so trust God, banish anxiety.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 15th February Sunday before Lent

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Exodus 24.12-18 *Moses on Mount Sinai to get God's 10 commandments.*

2 Peter 1.16-21 *Peter remembers the transfiguration of Jesus, proclaimed Son of God.*

Matthew 17.1-9 *Jesus on the mountain has a vision of glory. The three disciples present are to maintain silence about it until his resurrection.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer



Wednesday 18th February ASH WEDNESDAY

7.30 p.m. Holy Communion

Joel 2.1-2, 12-17 *Turn to God, return, with fasting. Gather the people in God's presence, and pray.*

2 Corinthians 5.20-6.10 *Be reconciled to God. Now is the time of salvation. Paul paid a hard price for his ministry, following in the steps of Jesus.*

John 8.1-11 *A sinner is forgiven and the self-righteous reproved.*

Sunday 22nd February 1st Sunday of Lent

Romans 5.12-19 *The parallel between Adam and Christ, sin and salvation.*

Matthew 4.1-11 *Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness overcoming the devil and getting his ministry into focus. He quotes scripture (Deuteronomy) to clarify what is right.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Among the many we know who need our prayers,
please especially keep in mind

**Rhona Bunce, Gwen Beaver, Jennie Tinson, Ruth Tuckwell,
Gina Ashburner, Yvonne Welch, John Orr, Mick Hutton**

and **John Bardwell** and the other residents,
and the trustees and staff of Vale House.

Also please pray for

Richard and **Maria** as they prepare for their wedding
in St Andrew's on 1st February

and for **Jane Webber**

whose funeral will be in church at 12.30 p.m.
on Tuesday 27th January. May she rest in peace.

O Lord,
who hast taught us
that all our doings without charity
are nothing worth:
Send thy Holy Ghost,
and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of charity,
the very bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whosoever liveth is
counted dead before thee.
Grant this for thine only Son
Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

BCP collect for the Sunday before Lent