

Pew Sheet: Sun 1st Feb, Saint Mary's Anglican Church



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Vicar: Rev. David Smithson

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10am Candlemas: Family Communion Service

Sermon: "Lights to the World" Rev. David Smithson

Refreshments: Sara Kimpton

Prayer: Brenda Stobie

Welcome back to church for 2015! It is great to be back and I hope you all had a wonderful refreshing break! Let's all get stuck in to helping St Mary's move further from sustainability to growth – this means everyone including you! Make an extra effort to be more regular in attendance this year, and invite friends! ☺ This Sunday is Candlemas Sunday. The name was derived from the Gospel of Luke 2:22-40, where Simeon the priest and Anna the prophetess met the infant Jesus in the temple at the time of his consecration. Simeon's prophecy declared Jesus to be the Lord's salvation and "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

The candles that we will light on Sunday represent the inner light of Christ, which he brought to share with the world.

God bless, David

Readings for 1st Feb:

OT: Malachi 3:1-5

NT: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Children & Youth: Kids Activity packs with a chocolate treat!



Church Building Fund. Last year we commissioned an architect to draw up plans for the new church hall. Please contribute generously by paying directly into the church bank account, in the ref column, please write "Hall Fund".

+ Prayer Points +

- That this New Year will be for our parish, one of strengthening both our church community and the local community.
- For no further Islamic terror hits in Europe and for the reign of Christ the Prince of Peace.
- For new ministries in our parish and willing volunteers

