

# ST MARY'S AND ST MARTIN'S

## 2 February

### Candlemas

St Mary's 8am service - 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays - Holy Communion (BCP)  
 St Mary's 4pm Second Sunday of month - Evensong  
 St Martin's 10am service - Parish Communion

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8am	St Mary's	Holy Communion BCP
	10am	St Martin's	All Age Communion with Christingle
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9am	St Martin's	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St Martin's	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St Martin's	Morning Prayer
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St Martin's	Holy Communion followed by refreshments
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	3.15pm	Parish Centre	Messy Church
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St Martin's	Parish Communion with Junior Church
	4pm	St Mary's	Evensong

#### READINGS FOR SUNDAY

Psalm 48 (St Mary's)

Luke 2: 22-40

#### COLLECT:

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

#### OUR NEWS

#### CHRISTINGLE SERVICE, 10AM St MARTIN'S, 2 FEBRUARY

The Christmas decorations may have been packed away, but the light of Christ still shines bright! Come and Christingle as we come to the end of our Epiphany journey and celebrate Candlemas together. A chance to carry the joy, hope and light of Jesus' birth into this time of year.

#### RECTOR

The Archdeacon Janet is pleased to announce that, following the expiry of the Suspension of the Patron's right of Presentation and following consultation with the Patron, PCC and the Revd Charles King as the current Priest-in-Charge, Charles has been appointed Rector of the Benefice. He will be Instituted by Bishop Jane, and Inducted and Installed by the Archdeacon on Saturday 8 March 2025 at 5pm, at St Martin's Church. Please continue to pray for Charles and the family.

## 2025: YEAR OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL AND WELLBEING

Our diocese is this year offering specially designed retreats, quiet days (some especially for churchwardens), pilgrimage walks, talks, online accompanied prayer weeks, courses and a special summer Cathedral celebration. Also included are resources for prayer as well as guidance and encouragement to help you care for your own wellbeing. Full details at [year.stalbansdiocese.org](http://year.stalbansdiocese.org) You can book directly yourself, but if there's something that takes your fancy and you'd like company, let us know and we'll see if others wish to join in.

## 2025 ELECTORAL ROLL

Each six years the Parish Electoral Roll has to be revised. This means that everyone already on the roll has to reapply and there are letters, with an application form, for them in church. Application forms for the Electoral Roll are available also in both churches if needed.

## BABY & TODDLER GROUP LEADER

Our 'Smarties' Baby and Toddler group is seeking a Leader to assist the current leader and provide cover when needed on Tuesday mornings, during term time in St Martin's Parish Centre. More information and role description from: [knebworthparishchurch@gmail.com](mailto:knebworthparishchurch@gmail.com)

## FOODBANK FEED UP WARM UP charity number 1186381

**Supplying the homeless and those in need locally. Generally needed:** Tinned soup, beans, meat balls, tinned meats, tinned fish; tinned fruit; biscuits; pasta; microwave rice; breakfast bars; toilet roll. Could you get an item when you go shopping? **Thank you for your continuing support.** Your one tin or packet a week can make all the difference to someone in need.

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### Please remember in your prayers:

- All those known to us who need **healing** at this time, including: Jane Gilbert, Orla & her family, Mick & Sue Willis, Father Philip, Janet Wright and Helmut Proff.
  - Those who have died.
  - The Diocese of St Albans, Bishop Alan; Bishop Jane; Archdeacon Janet, and all those who support us in our worship and ministry.
  - Places suffering from war, conflict and strife, among them: The Holy Land – Israel and Palestine, Ukraine, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Mali, Yemen, and Sudan.
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