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## Lent 2026

### The Beatitudes Explained



Come and join us as we explore  
the Beautiful Attitudes.

Tuesday Evenings in Lent  
7:30pm for 8:00pm start.

Feb 24<sup>th</sup> ,  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>

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## Fr Mark Stafford writes

Valentine's Day arrives each year in a flurry of red roses, glossy cards, and supermarket chocolate. Yet beneath the commercial glitter lies something far older, deeper, and more beautiful: love as God's own gift, written into creation and into the story of the Church from its earliest days.

In a world which can seem to be dominated by war and mistrust, this is a moment to rediscover love not as sentiment, but as discipleship — a way of living that honours God, neighbour, and the earth itself.

When Scripture tells us that "we love because he first loved us," it is not speaking of a private emotion but a divine movement that flows outward. God's love is generous, sustaining, and creative. It is the love that creates, that flung stars in space, shaped the mountains, filled the seas, and breathed life into humanity.

To love in return is to care for what God has made.

This Valentine's Day, perhaps the most faithful gifts are the ones that tread lightly on the earth:

- Choose local or potted flowers rather than imported blooms flown halfway around the world.
- Give experiences instead of objects — a walk, a shared meal, time spent in God's creation.
- Craft cards from recycled materials or send a message digitally.
- Buy Fairtrade chocolate, honouring the dignity of growers as well as the delight of the recipient.
- Plant something together — a living sign of love that grows long after February has passed.
- These small acts become prayers of gratitude, gestures of stewardship, and signs of hope.

The psalmist reminds us that "the heavens declare the glory of God." (Psalm 19:1). Creation is, in a sense, God's love letter to humanity — full of beauty, abundance, and invitation. When we pause to notice birdsong, winter sunlight, or the first snowdrops pushing through cold soil, we are receiving a gift.

Valentine's Day can be a moment to slow down and rediscover that wonder. To remember that love is not only something we exchange with one another, but something we receive daily from the Creator.

In a time of climate anxiety and ecological strain, Christian love calls us to hope — not naïve optimism, but the steady belief that God is at work and invites us to join in. Every sustainable choice, every act of care, every prayer for the healing of the earth is a seed of resurrection.

This Valentine's Day, may our love be:

- Wide enough to embrace our neighbours
- Deep enough to honour creation
- Rooted enough to reflect the God who loved us first

You may want to come and join the craft group in Ewell Hall 7:30pm on 11 February as they reflect on the love of God in the craft activity!

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## WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

**Lunch club every Thursday** in February, from noon until 2:00pm we will be opening Ewell Hall as a warm hub and community café. Please come and join us for free refreshments, help with heating bills and a chance to socialise.

**Bereavement Café** offers a chance to meet with others who understand the experience of loss. Bereavement Café is a space to talk about the pain of bereavement, and find mutual support and encouragement, when you need it most. In February the cafe will be open on Thursdays the 5th and 19th from 2.45pm - 3.45pm at Ewell Hall.

**Bach plus Liszt Tuesday Concert:** 3 February 1.05pm – 1.35pm - why not come and join us for your lunch break and listen to the wonderful Father Willis Church organ and enjoy a cuppa and slice of cake?

**9.30am Holy Communion Sunday 15 February – We will be focusing on Marriage at this service** and inviting couples we have married in the past to come and join us as we thank God for the gifts of love and marriage. Followed by refreshments in Church.

**5.30pm Evensong Sunday 15 February** – This will be a walk-through service, with pauses and reflections as the service progresses.

**Craft group in Ewell Hall:** Wednesday 11 February – The group will meet at 7.30pm. Cost is £5 per person to cover activity costs.

**Young Musicians' Concert Saturday 21 February – 1.05pm** Fundraising Concert by young organists to raise money for the Strover Organ Scholarship Scheme.

Wednesday 25 February 8pm – 9pm: Please come and join our **February Online Quiz on Zoom** – details of how to register will be given in the weekly notes near to the time. You can also register now by emailing [zoom@stmarysewell.com](mailto:zoom@stmarysewell.com),

## Lent '26

**Ash Wednesday 18 February** 12.00 noon and 8.00pm.

We will be opening the Lenten fast on Ash Wednesday. Please try and attend one of these services.

**Lent gatherings “Beatitudes”** – Every Tuesday evening in Lent we will gather to explore the Beatitudes. We will meet in the parish room at the back of the Church. We meet at 7:30pm for refreshments and 8.00pm start.

Each session will be self-contained, it would be great if you could attend all the gatherings, but if this would not be possible you can dip in and out.

Every blessing

Fr Mark

## EPN Subscriptions in 2026

Thank you for your support of EPN during 2025.

The Editorial and Production Team hope that you have enjoyed reading EPN this year and finding out more about all that goes on at St Mary's. We try to keep you abreast of our services and the many activities to which you are most cordially invited.

For 2026 EPN copies downloaded from our website are again free, but after 11 years we have made a small price increase for printed copies for issues collected at church. These are now £1 per issue.

For those who have their EPN copies delivered by hand, the annual subscription is now £10. Your distributor will be in touch to ask if you would like to subscribe again. Please make cheques payable to "PCC St Mary the Virgin, Ewell".

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## CHRISTMAS ATTENDANCES



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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT (Brainteaser)

Last month we set this brainteaser:

Unscramble these anagrams of things to eat

*Sugared ambulances**Pinch his fads**Let a four backstage*

Here are the answers:

**Cumberland sausage****Fish and chips****Black Forest Gateau**

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**Your food donations are vital - please help if you can.**

**Urgently needed:** tinned meat, microwave rice, pasta/beans with meat, sweetcorn, squash, noodles, long life juice, tinned fruit, tinned spaghetti, cooking sauce, ketchup/mayonnaise/brown sauce, long life juice, jam/honey/chocolate spread/peanut butter/marmalade, UHT milk, sugar, rice pudding, sponge pudding, male/female deodorant, shaving foam, shampoo, washing up liquid, hair conditioner, toilet rolls and nappies size 5 and 6 ONLY.

**Please no more of these items as we are fully stocked:** tinned soup, dog food, beans, crisps, pasta and pulses.

**\* Please note that we are unable to take refrigerated or frozen items. Make sure all donations are sealed, in date and do not contain alcohol \***

**You can donate food at:** St Mary's Church Ewell, Sainsbury's Kiln Lane, Waitrose Epsom and Banstead, Asda Burgh Heath and Tesco Leatherhead, or directly to Epsom & Ewell Foodbank, Good Company Hub, (behind West Ewell Primary School), Ruxley Lane, Ewell KT19 0JG. Open Monday to Friday 9am - 2pm except Bank Holidays.

You can make a monetary donation via the Foodbank website [www.epsomewell.foodbank.org.uk..](http://www.epsomewell.foodbank.org.uk..)

## ST. MARY'S ON-LINE QUIZZES

We hold on-line quizzes using Zoom



These are very popular and are fun for all the family, so why not join us?

Our next quiz is on Wednesday 25 February  
As always, you will need to register beforehand.

You can use links provided in the Weekly Notes or you can register by emailing [zoom@stmarysewell.com](mailto:zoom@stmarysewell.com).

## Prayers for February



**Candlemas** this year falls on Monday, 2 February, marking the 40th day after Christmas, and celebrates the presentation of Jesus in the Temple and Mary's purification. It is also when we remember the story of Simeon who had been waiting all his life for the promised Messiah. He recognises that promise being fulfilled when he holds the baby Jesus in his arms. The Bible recounts this meeting and Simeon's words:

'Now, Lord, let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled.'

My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people:

A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel' (Luke 2:29-32).

These words are, even now, regularly said or sung at Evensong and are familiarly known as the 'Nunc Dimitis'.

Candlemas marks the end of the Christmas season and is the time for turning our thoughts towards Lent and the road to Calvary and Easter.



**O Lord,**

We find ourselves at a crossroad.

As we look back and reflect on the past year, with all its worries and uncertainties, help us to remember the story of Christmas and the Good News of your birth. Good News shared with ordinary, everyday people, and even those living on the fringes of society, that you came to show us all the way back to a closer relationship with God. We pray that your guiding light may continue to shine out in this often-dark world.

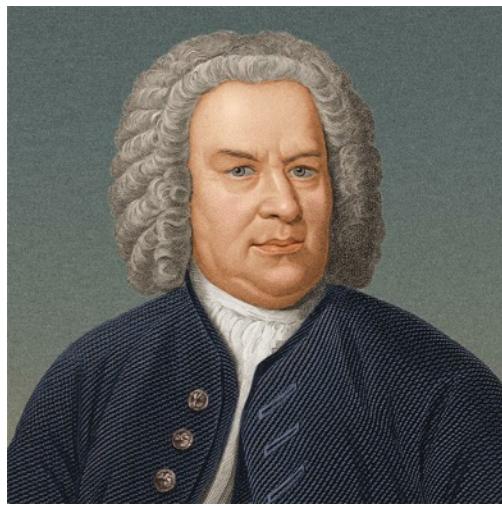
As we look forward, help us to pause and reflect on your ministry here on earth, a life of service to your heavenly Father and how you paid the ultimate price for our wrongdoing.

We pray for a new awakening of your Spirit in the lives of your people and for a new awakening of your Spirit here at St Mary's, and an ever-deepening awareness of the power of the Cross.

May our eyes be clear to see your Work; our ears open to hear Your Word; our hearts and minds filled with your Love that Your Kingdom may come, and lives be changed.

In your Holy Name, we pray. **AMEN.**

## BACH AND HIS FAMILY



Johann Sebastian Bach was fortunate, in an age when infant mortality was high, to be brought up by his elder brother after his father, also a musician, died. J.S., who was born in 1685, married twice, the first time at the age of twenty-three, Maria Barbara Bach being a second cousin. She unfortunately died young. Bach then married Anna Magdalena, who was a gifted singer. She died in 1750 as did her husband. Over the course of their lives, the Bach family shared their homes with twenty-one children plus numerous students. One can only imagine the prevailing state of chaos yet, in the midst of it, Bach managed to compose some of his most magnificent music. Sad to say, the happy musical household would have been all-too-often disrupted by death. As was by no means unusual, many Bach children died at an early age but, of those who did survive, some became established musicians in their own right.

J.S. Bach was, during his lifetime, most famous in Germany and beyond, for the brilliancy of his organ playing, particularly of the pedals (playing with the feet as well as with the hands). It took a long time after Bach's death, for his genius as a composer to be recognised. For that, we have Felix Mendelssohn and, later, Johannes Brahms, to thank for their tireless efforts in encouraging performance of Bach's music. In England, it took longer still. It was during the 1860s that Bach's St. Matthew Passion was put on (in an English version) and that thanks to work by John Stainer. Other London musicians such as John Goss and Charles Steggall, older colleagues of Stainer, did pioneering work in performing Bach's organ music.

To composers such as Mozart and Beethoven, growing up in the 1760s and 1770s, the name Bach would undoubtedly have meant Carl Philip Emanuel, the second son, who spent his career first at Berlin – hence his nickname 'the Berlin Bach' – and afterwards at Hamburg where he died. C.P.E. wrote music for keyboard, i.e. harpsichord, and learned tomes on musical theory. C.P.E.'s older brother, Wilhelm Friedemann, for whom J.S. composed some tricky music for the boy to develop his technique, became an outstanding organist like his father. Two younger sons also became established musicians. The youngest, Johann Christoph Friedrich, who died in 1795, worked as Court organist at Bückeburg in Lower Saxony; Johann Christian sought a career in London and therefore became known as 'the London Bach'. He it was who met the youthful Mozart on one of his tours as infant prodigy. Later on, the two young men became friends and Mozart, in fact, learned quite a lot from J.C. Bach.

# CONGRATULATIONS



St. Mary's offers its congratulations to Mark and Oana who were confirmed by Bishop Andrew at Christ Church Epsom on Sunday 14 December.

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS CONFIRMATIONS

**Come, thou Holy Spirit, come**

*At Christ Church, Epsom, on Sunday 14 December 2025  
by the Bishop of Guildford*

Mark Julian Curry  
Oana Chamina

## FUNERAL

**And now, Lord, what is my hope?  
Truly my hope is even in thee**  
**(Psalm 39, used in the BCP Burial rite)**

7 January      Promilla Mullen, aged 95

## AV/SOUND DESK AT ST MARY'S

### Can you help?

We continue to seek volunteers to learn how to operate our AV/sound desk and to join the team helping with livestreaming/videos at our services.

This is a vital part of our outreach so if you think you may be able to help, please contact the churchwardens, our clergy or John Larkin.

# ELVIS IS BACK IN THE BUILDING!



Lee Alexander as Elvis is becoming a regular performer at St Mary's and each year, his audience numbers seem to grow. Lee's Christmas Gospel concert is one of the best and on Saturday 13 December he wowed the crowd once more with his undeniably excellent voice. Arms were waving, bodies were swaying, mouths were singing along and many had no option but to get to their feet and dance in the aisles, even Father Mark was throwing some shapes!

It is clear that Lee loves to perform as much as those that love to watch him, and no one in the Church wanted the night to end.

We look forward to welcoming Elvis back in the building in 2026.

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## SING IN OUR CHOIR



St Mary's is looking for 10 Choristers aged approx. 7 – 13 to begin a choir programme for children. Choristers will be paid separately for every rehearsal and service they attend plus extra fees for weddings. They will make progress through the RSCM

'Voice for Life' scheme, and as they improve their skills their pay will increase. The rehearsals will run during term time from 6pm to 7pm on Fridays and the services from 9.30 am to approx. 10.30am on Sundays. To learn more or if you would like an initial audition please email Jonathan Holmes, our Director of Music, at

[directorofmusic@stmarysewell.com](mailto:directorofmusic@stmarysewell.com).

# St Mary's Crafters

Come and join us for an evening of paper crafting,  
all materials provided.

Or bring your own craft project – knitting, crochet,  
sewing, painting, or....?

**14<sup>th</sup> January – Our cup overflows**

**11<sup>th</sup> February – God is Love**

**11<sup>th</sup> March – Spring**

**8<sup>th</sup> April – Decoupage Eggs**

At Ewell Hall, London Road, Ewell KT17 2AY

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## HAVE SOME HELP IN DEVELOPING BEAUTIFUL ATTITUDES DURING LENT



You may be aware that down the ages Christians preparing for Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter have made an effort during Lent to grow in their faith. A valid question is “How can we do that?” One way is through spending extra time reading the Bible and in prayer.

To further this aim, we are hoping that during Lent every member of St Mary's will use some Bible Study Notes. The Bible Study notes we are recommending focus on the Beatitudes and for each of the 40 days of Lent point to a Bible reading, provide a reflection and a prayer, and suggest an action. A copy of the notes - ‘Pilgrim Journeys: 40 days of Reflections on the Beatitudes by Steven Croft’ - is at the back of church. The cost is only £2.99, but if this is a problem, please have a word with one of the Ministry Team. The Lent gatherings will also be exploring the Beatitudes (see page ?).

This year, the Archbishop of Canterbury Elect, Bishop Sarah Mullally, has recommended as her Lent book ‘Dancing to the Heartbeat of God’ with chapters by around thirty authors drawn from across the globe. Its testimonies and stories aim to encourage people in the Church of England and across the Anglican Communion to share their faith with others. There is a copy for you to see at the back of church. The cost is £11.59.

If you'd like us to order you a copy of either book, please sign the list at the back of church or contact Sue Ayling at [assistantpriest@stmarysewell.com](mailto:assistantpriest@stmarysewell.com) or on 020 8337 6347. You can pay when you pick up your copy. Any questions to Sue.

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## FEBRUARY CONCERTS

3 February 1.05 pm

Tuesday lunchtime organ recital

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Jonathan Holmes - Director of Music

Jonathan continues his lunchtime Bach recitals

21 February 1.05pm

Fundraising Concert by young organists to raise money for the Strover Organ Scholarship Scheme

All Concerts have a suggested donation of £10 which can be gift aided. Children Free.

## The Bereavement Café

A drop in group for anyone who has experienced loss



**Bereavement Café** offers a chance to meet with others who understand the experience of loss. Bereavement Café is a space to talk about the pain of bereavement, and find mutual support and encouragement, when you need it most. The café is open on the **first and third Thursdays** of the month from 2:45pm to 3:45pm in Ewell Hall (7 London Road, Ewell, KT17 2AY).

## NICENE TO SEE YOU, TO SEE YOU NICE!

The theme of the Advent lectures was The Nicene Creed, expertly presented by Fr Mark. A creed is a confession of faith, a statement of shared beliefs summarising its core tenets. As the early Church expanded and became more complex it needed to unify and state exactly what it believed and what it meant to be a Christian. This gained momentum in the 4th century with the Roman empire proclaiming, in the Edict of Milan (AD 313), that Christianity was to be permanently established and tolerated, ending centuries of persecution under Roman rule. However, there needed to be an accepted and clear understanding of who Jesus was and in what sense He was God. Theological arguments between the various factions became very public and eventually Emperor Constantine called a Council of bishops from all parts of the empire who met in Nicaea in AD 325. They produced the Nicene Creed which proclaimed the trinitarian view which is considered to be the correct and mainstream view within the Church today.

The opening statement of the Creed is a powerful reminder of the all-encompassing and creative power of the Father. Stating that “We believe” rather than “I believe” emphasises that this is the Church’s teaching rather than simply expressing a personal faith.

Jesus was crucified under Pontius Pilate, Prefect of Judaea (AD 26 to AD36), who gives the Creed an historical reality and time frame.

“For our sake” means that Jesus’ life and death is not random but is for the salvation of humanity.

“On the third day He rose again.” The Resurrection of Jesus is the cornerstone of Christian doctrine, symbolising victory over death, validating Jesus’ divinity and providing hope for believers.

“He will come again in glory”, the Second Coming of Jesus is a significant event in Christian eschatology, where He will return to fulfil remaining prophecies, bringing hope and transformation to believers, and the promise of eternal life. There are various views on judgement and salvation, including universalism and predestination, but ultimately God will make the final judgement.

The Holy Spirit’s procession from both the Father and the Son emphasises the unity and co-equality of the Trinity. The notion of the Holy Spirit proceeding from the Son, which was added to the Creed in 1054, led to a schism between the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church.

At a Second Council in AD 381, the affirmation was added that “we believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church”. This is known as the Four Marks of the Church. “One” - we are the body of Christ; “Holy” - set apart to do God’s work, in which He is present; “Catholic” - universal, all-embracing, the wholeness of the Christian faith. It does not mean solely the Roman Catholic Church!; “Apostolic” - continuing in the living tradition of the Apostles and the direct line of laying on of hands giving authority to the bishops.

Baptism is the first sacrament with which we begin our journey into eternity and is dependent upon God’s grace. The resurrection of the dead is a central doctrine affirming that everyone will be physically raised from death at the end of the age and will be a real transformation of the body and the soul.

Thank you Father Mark for three excellent lectures, which were well researched and full of information, and have significantly increased our understanding and appreciation of the Nicene Creed.

## DUO DESTINO CONCERT 20 December



Last weekend St Mary's welcomed Elvis and this weekend we welcomed Duo Destino for their annual Christmas visit to St Mary's for their festive flamenco concert. While this event was a much more sedate affair, the appreciative crowd loved their mix of traditional and contemporary pieces with a few festive tunes thrown in. Will and Ben are two very lovely young men and accomplished musicians who have played together for several years and their camaraderie and the ease of which they play together is evident. The evening included some of their own compositions as well as some recognisable, clap along numbers - even getting some dancing in the aisles!

Since they parted from their manager at the end of last year, it is apparent that Duo Destino now have more autonomy in their musical choices which they agree has made them happier and more fulfilled and their diary is already filling up with concerts for next year.

After the concert, they were happy to sign copies of their current CD for their fans and chat with audience members - it also seems that they are keen to make St Mary's their last concert of the year and we have already pencilled in a date for Christmas 2026. If you missed them this year, make sure it goes onto your calendar for 2026!

LS

### Observations

We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give. – Winston Churchill

To carry care to bed is to sleep with a pack on your back.  
– Thomas Haliburton

The person who never makes a mistake must get tired of doing nothing. – Anon



### ST. MARY'S ECO GROUP ECO TIP FOR LENT CARBON FAST

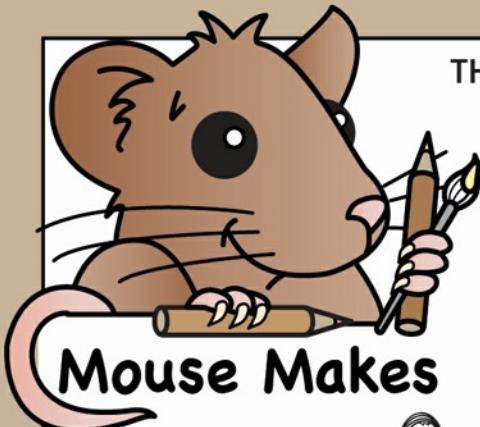
This month's ECO Tip is taken from A Rocha UK's Easy Eco Tips 2026 Calendar.

This Lent, take part in Climate Steward's Carbon Fast. Lent is a time when Christians traditionally fast and focus on God. The Carbon Fast will help you consider ways to live more simply, give you new ideas to cut your carbon footprint and invite you to focus on God and consider the whole of his creation. Beginning on 5 March, you'll receive a weekly email containing key facts, suggestions for how you could reduce your carbon footprint and a prayer to lead you through this Lenten season. Each week features a different theme designed to help us take climate action in manageable ways that bear witness to a God who has promised to restore all of his creation. [Find out more and sign up at:](http://www.climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast/)

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If you have an ECO tip or would like to join our litter picking team or our ECO Group, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with our chairman, Fr. Mark on 020 8393 1297 or [vicar@stmarysewell.com](mailto:vicar@stmarysewell.com).





Read the story in  
Luke 4:1-13



### THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

After Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan where did the Holy Spirit lead him to? v1

How many days was Jesus being tempted by the devil? v2

What did Jesus eat? v2

What did the devil tempt Jesus to turn a stone into?  
What did Jesus say? v3-4

What did the devil offer Jesus if He worshipped him?  
What did Jesus say? v7-8

What did the devil ask Jesus to do?  
What did Jesus say? v9

### SECOND TEMPTATION

THE DEVIL SAID:

"I will give you power and wealth if you worship me."

JESUS REPLIED:  
"Worship the Lord your God and serve only Him."

Read Deuteronomy 6:13

WE LEARN:  
Put God first  
Worship only Him.

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### FIRST TEMPTATION

THE DEVIL SAID:

"If you are God's Son order this stone to turn into bread."

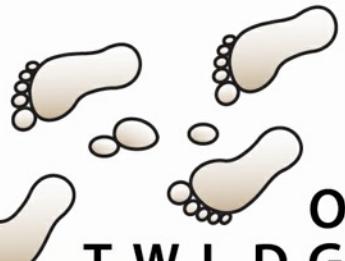
JESUS REPLIED:

"Man shall not live on bread alone."

Read Deuteronomy 8:3

WE LEARN:

Read the Bible  
Learn God's word.



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### THIRD TEMPTATION

THE DEVIL SAID:

"If you are God's Son throw yourself down, the scriptures say God will take care of you."

JESUS REPLIED:

"Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Read Deuteronomy 6:16

WE LEARN:

God cares, trust  
Him do not test Him.



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## Calendar for February

Said Morning Prayer will usually be celebrated at 0900 Monday to Saturday and shown online. (Saturdays will be specifically Prayers for Peace)



### S 01 EPIPHANY 4 - CANDLEMAS

- 0800 Said Holy Communion 1662 (Lady Chapel)
- 0930 JAM (Jesus & Me) (Hall then Church)
- 0930 Sung Holy Communion

M 02 Day Home Communion by Clergy

T 03 1000 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)  
1305-1335 Bach plus Liszt - Lunchtime Recital

Th 05 1200-1400 Warm Hub/Lunch Club (Hall)  
1445-1545 Bereavement Café (Hall)

### S 08 2nd before LENT

- 0800 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
- 0930 JAM (Jesus & Me) (Hall then Church)
- 0930 Sung Holy Communion

T 10 1000 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)

W 11 1930 St Mary's Crafters (Hall)

Th 12 1200-1400 Warm Hub/Lunch Club (Hall)

### S 15 NEXT BEFORE LENT (Valentine's Day)

- 0800 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
- 0930 Sung Holy Communion for Valentine's Day (Refreshments in Church after Service)
- 1730 Walk-through Evensong

M 16 2000 Julian Group (Zoom)

### T 17 Shrove Tuesday

- 1000 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)

### W 18 ASH WEDNESDAY

- 1200 Said Holy Communion (with imposition)
- 2000 Sung Holy Communion (of ashes)

Th 19 1200-1400 Warm Hub/Lunch Club (Hall)

- 1445-1545 Bereavement Café (Hall)

S 21 1305 Young Musicians' Concert (Fundraising for the Strover Organ Scholarship Scheme)

### S 22 LENT 1

- 0800 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
- 0930 JAM (Jesus & Me) (Hall then Church)
- 0930 Sung Holy Communion with Holy Baptism (Singers/Choir)
- 1730 Stations of the Cross

M 23 1930 PCC Meeting (Parish Room)

T 24 1000 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)

- 1930 for 2000 Lent Course (Beatitudes) Parish Room

W 25 1200-1400 Deanery Chapter Mtg (Parish Room)

- 1630-1730 First Communion Class (Parish Room)

- 2000 St Mary's Quiz on Zoom

Th 26 1200-1400 Warm Hub/Lunch Club (Hall)

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