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Goldington**



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Our Vicar writes

The Lord be with you.

February is a curious month. It can feel like the deep middle of winter, cold mornings, grey skies, icy pavements - and yet it is also the month when the days begin to lengthen in a way we start to notice.

That gentle movement from darkness towards light fits beautifully with the Church's journey in February. Early in the month, we reach Candlemas, the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, when Mary and Joseph bring the infant Jesus to Jerusalem, and Simeon takes him in his arms and declares with tenderness and awe: "My eyes have seen your salvation ... a light for revelation to the Gentiles".

It's a moment of recognition. No fireworks. No fanfare. Just a faithful, elderly man, in the ordinary rhythms of worship, suddenly seeing that God has kept his promise. Candlemas reminds us that God so often comes to us like that: quietly, faithfully, in the ordinary life, and yet, once we have seen him, everything is changed. Christ is not simply a private comfort, but light for all peoples, for the whole world.

And then, as February continues, we're led towards Ash Wednesday and Lent. Ash Wednesday begins with a call to turn back to God, not to shame us, but to free us. Lent is, in the end, about love: making space again for the God who already loves us.

It's in this context that February can be recognised as quietly challenging. The lectionary readings through the month ask us real questions: What does faith look like in daily life? What does it mean to be "salt" and "light" in the world? How do justice, kindness, and humility shape our discipleship? And when we face temptation, whether it's the temptation to despair, to distraction, to self-reliance, or something less subtle. What would it mean to answer, as Jesus does, with trust in the Father?

I invite us all this month to renew our life together: to pray for one another and for our community, to offer practical support and encouragement to one another as winter lingers and Lent approaches. Wherever you are currently at on your faith journey, whether you are confident or a well-known member of our community, or whether you feel a little on the edge just now, unsure where you are spiritually, let Candlemas and Lent do their quiet work in you.

My prayer: In the familiar, may God renew your joy; in the difficult, may he strengthen your hope; and in our shared worship, may we be reminded that we belong to one another as we belong to Christ. As February turns toward Lent, may God grant us the grace to recognise Jesus anew and the courage to follow where his light leads. Amen

In Christ,

Rev'd Christopher

LENT LUNCHES 2026



Lent lunches will take place in the church hall during Lent on Tuesday lunchtimes at 12.30pm, commencing 24th February with the last one being on 24th March. Come and enjoy a simple meal of homemade soup, crusty bread, cheese and fruit, followed by a cup of tea or coffee. All donations will go to Christian Aid.





Messy Church Christingle Service 2025

On Sunday 14th December 2025, Ceri-Anne Ashby (our Children and Family Minister) organised a wonderful Messy Church Christingle, aimed at children, families and all who wanted to join us whatever their age. We were delighted to be joined by a congregation of 62 including 29 children. We had a 7-month-old baby and a member of the congregation who was over 80 years old.

The session started with a range of Christingle crafts in the church hall including Christingle cakes, baby Jesus' baubles, paper cup angels, sheep puppets, Christmas Tree cards and stable scene luminaries. The Christingle cakes were particularly well received, with buns covered with orange icing, strawberry shoelaces for the ribbon, a party candle and four jelly tots. There was also a manger prayer station for those who



wanted to reflect. Following a time of craft, lubricated by tea and coffee the congregation made its way over to the Church.

The congregation then enjoyed a traditional Christingle service with songs and carols, the traditional building of Christingles and Bible readings and prayers. The lights were dimmed for the Christingles to be lit. There was a retiring collection for the Children's Society.

The congregation then came back to the hall where we sat down together to a simple supper of baked potatoes, cheese and beans. I then served up my very gooey Chocolate orange cake (which I had already trialled on the Taizé congregation), but this one had crunchy chocolate orange rather than the standard chocolate orange included!

A massive thank you to Ceri-Anne for everything that she did to organise this event, Helen Nightingale for playing the piano, all my regular helpers and Susan Lane and Joy Jones for making guest appearances as volunteers at the Messy Church Christingle.

Cathy Sanderson/Messy Church Co-lead/ Reader



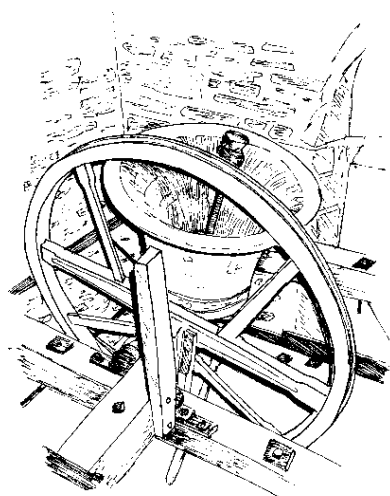
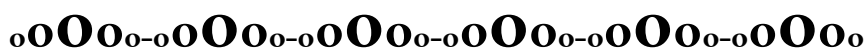
A Rocha UK's Easy Eco Tips

FEBRUARY



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

climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast/



ST MARY'S BELLS – “THE BELLRINGER”

Last year, whilst writing the series of articles on our Ring 425 project, my fellow ringer Jean Heaslip very kindly donated a few ringing books that she had collected over many years of ringing.

One that immediately caught my eye

was a very small red booklet – just 30 pages – published by S.P.C.K. in 1927 (priced 3d.) and titled “The Bellringer” as part of their “Plain Guides to Lay Work” series.

The book was written by Rev. C.D.P. Davies who was himself a prominent ringer. It is a charming little book, not least because of the somewhat dated writing style of the time, but its real value lies in the way in which it reflects the prevailing attitudes of that time (and of the preceding 50 years or so).

The end of the 19th and start of the 20th centuries was a key period of renewal for bellringing across the country. Goldington was no exception. This was exactly when the first major improvements were made to the four bells in the tower since they were originally installed 200 years earlier. This little book therefore gives real insight into the likely motivations.

After a brief introduction on ringing, the main thrust from Rev. Davies in this book seems to be to stress the improvements made by the ringing community towards becoming, in his view at least, increasingly respectable and diligent in their craft.

He sees part of the image problem for ringers as stemming from their comparative lack of visibility. This he outlines in a section headed ‘Ringers and Singers’:

In some ways the ringers are comparable with the choir. Both are very distinctly church-workers – it might almost be said both ministers of the church. But there are great differences. The work of the choir is in and part of the service. The work of the ringers is preparatory to it. The choir are necessarily part of the congregation. The ringers are not necessarily so. The work of the choir is known and

seen of all worshippers, whereas, [generally] the work of the ringer is carried on in a room upstairs and out of sight.

Being a ringer himself meant that the author could be wonderfully candid in describing some views of ringing amongst ordinary church-goers:

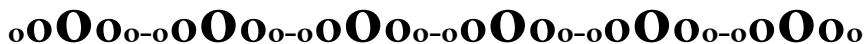
To most it is at the best an inscrutable mystery [...]
Some few even regard it as a mild form of lunacy.

My favourite quote comes after a section where Rev. Davies has been describing the benefits arising from the establishment of regular published journals dedicated to the subject of ringing:

This constituted a great step forward. On the one hand it shed a new light on ringing, ringers, their doings and their aspirations. Whereas previously ringers were generally regarded as a species of cave-dwellers, and their science as something occult, if not uncanny, it soon became apparent that they were men with minds, and that at least they might possibly be worth some attention.

Throughout the book there is a sense of an underlying snobbery between what the author describes as a 'round-ringer' of the old style (content with very simple ringing) and the more modern 'change-ringer' who is revelling in all these recent advances in the pursuit of their craft of change-ringing. But ultimately it is exactly this distinction and sense of advancement that likely drove the improvements at Goldington at the turn of the twentieth century. Improvements that at last made precisely such change-ringing a real possibility here for the first time.

Andrew Dennison





Wednesday, February 18th

Holy Communion 10.00am

Holy Communion 7.30pm

At both these services there will be the imposition of Ashes for those who would like them

Do come along to mark the start of Lent and our preparation for Easter.

*The collect for
Ash Wednesday*

*Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are
penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen*

If you have your Palm cross from last year do bring it and leave it on the table in church to be made into ashes for this year's Ash Wednesday services.



Bedford Council of Faiths

AGM on **Tuesday February 10th 2026.**

Visit <https://www.bcof.co.uk/> for more information.

Families at St Mary's

I wonder if you have ever come across St Agnes of Rome? Until I began reading for a sermon on her Feast Day I knew very little of her other than that she was just a girl when she was martyred. Born in 291 into Roman nobility, she was put to death on 21 January 304, today marked as her Feast Day. As a 12 year old, Agnes was absolutely committed to her faith and a life of service to Christ.

Stunningly beautiful she was reportedly pursued by a number of suitors, but the young Agnes had taken a vow of chastity, committing to having just one spouse in her life – Christ. Refusing to abandon her faith to marry the son of an important Roman official Agnes was arrested and brought before Roman authorities. Despite threats and cajoling, she remained firm in her faith and this was to cost her her life. I will spare you the details but her end was a very brutal one, although reports state that she went serenely and courageously to her death, continuing to pray and to praise God until the end. Her burial site in Rome has become a place of pilgrimage, and the *Basilica of Sant'Agnese fuori le mura*, constructed over her tomb, can still be visited today.



St Agnes – image taken from <https://liturgies.net/saints/agnes/agnes.htm>

St Agnes is traditionally depicted as a long haired young girl with a lamb, a sword and a palm branch. Her name means “chaste” in Greek and “lamb” in Latin and she is often pictured with a lamb. Her place as one of the few female saints mentioned in the Roman Canon speaks of her significance in the Church. Each year, on her feast day, two lambs are blessed in her honour and their wool is later used to make special liturgical vestments worn by archbishops in the Roman Catholic Church.

Agnes is patron saint of, among other things, girls, victims of sexual abuse, engaged couples, gardeners and reportedly Girl Guides (although I was not able to evidence that one). Our prayer points below reflect these patronages and I hope that you will join me in praying through them this month.

Prayers for families and children:

1. Give thanks for the life of St Agnes, her commitment to her faith, and the example she sets us.
2. Pray for those girls and young women who are victims of abuse of exploitation in any form and the services which strive to safeguard them.
3. Pray for those who are to be married at St Mary’s in 2026.
4. Give thanks for our Girlguiding sections and pray that sufficient leaders will be available to maintain these units locally so that they might continue to help all girls know that they can do anything
5. Pray for those who maintain the church outdoor spaces and turn their gardening skills to the benefit of us all.

Blessings

Ceri-Anne

Family and Children’s Minister



Appointment of our new Parish Safeguarding Officer

I'm delighted to share that, following a successful safer recruitment process, The Reverend Jennie Cappleman has been appointed as our new Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO).

Jennie is now beginning a handover period with Sue Lennon. Sue will formally step down from the PSO role on Sunday 12 April 2026, when Jennie will take over fully.

I'm sure you will join me in thanking Sue for her wisdom in planning this succession well in advance, and Jennie for her willingness to further contribute to the life of the church in this way. This period of handover and transition will help us build upon and further develop the positive culture around safeguarding that has developed under Sue's leadership.

Please keep both Jennie and Sue in our grateful prayers as they work together during this handover period to ensure a smooth transition.

In His Service
Christopher

Appointment of our new DBS Administrator

We're pleased to announce that Michael Barker has been appointed as our DBS Administrator. This is an important role that helps keep us all safe.

Chris Hjelt has served faithfully in this role for many years and recently indicated that he wishes to hand over the baton. We're grateful to Chris for his dedicated service and for all he has done to ensure a smooth handover

Michael will continue this work, and we're very grateful that he is willing to serve in this way. This kind of behind-the-scenes support helps our whole church family flourish and stay safe. Please keep Michael and Chris in your prayers as we give thanks for what has been and look ahead to what's to come.

In His service
Christopher

**ST. ALBANS
CATHEDRAL**

Check out these events below or visit

<https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/Pages/Events/>

<https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/Events/cathedral-floor-and-tower-tour>



<https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/Events/amazing-architecture>

<https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/Events/wall-paintings-tour>



“The Times, They Are a-Changin...”

The church loves celebrations and we start this month with Candlemas on February 2nd. Throughout the year we have festivals and commemorations but as you know they’re not always on the same date or the same day. Some have a fixed date like Christmas but that means the day changes, others have a fixed day but the date changes. Have a go at this short quiz.

1. Which of these has a *fixed date*?
Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, St Stephen’s Day
2. Which of these is moveable with a *varying date*?
The Transfiguration, Palm Sunday, Pentecost
3. Which of these comes first in the year?
Trinity Sunday, Pentecost, Ascension Day, St Andrew’s Day
4. In which of these months can Pentecost never fall?
April, June, February, May
- 5 a. When was a formula fixed for determining the date of Easter in the western church?
325 AD, 33 AD, 1660 AD, 1066 AD
- 5 b. What is used to determine this date?
The sun, lunar phases, Christmas Day, the Roman Calendar
6. Which of these is not marked in the Christian calendar?
Beltane, Corpus Christi, Holi, All Fools’ Day
7. Quinquagesima, Sexagesima, Septuagesima - old names for specific Sundays. When did they occur?
8. Finally, in which months do the following traditional, but not now specifically Christian, events occur?
 - a. Plough Monday
 - b. Lammas Day
 - c. Hocktide

[Answers - and explanations - on page 24]



Big Blunham Book Sale and Coffee Morning

Saturday 28th February

10:00 – 3:00pm

**Blunham Parish Church
(MK44 3NQ)**

Refreshments

Coffee/tea with home-made cakes

Home-made soup & a Raffle

In support of our Church Fabric Fund

For further information please ring

Sue and Peter Holden 01767 640572



December visit from our CMS missionary Heather Johnstone



Heather's visit to us on December 14th was a welcome and timely reminder in the run up to Christmas of how blessed we actually are!

We gathered in the church hall after the morning service where she shared a video with us and told us about her work with the Rehema project in Mara, Tanzania.

We heard about and saw on the video some of the work done by the three income generating enterprises run by Rehema that provide assistance to women in desperate need; a local Tanzanian food outlet, a cafe selling food of a more international flavour and a workshop that has an accompanying craft shop. The women are employed in one of these enterprises and trained in different skills enabling them to become self-sufficient and provide for their families.

We were able to see first-hand some of the high quality, well made, colourful craft work made by the Rehema ladies as Heather had brought with her a selection of items for sale; enabling us to do a bit of Christmas shopping whilst helping to fund the work.

We heard about 9yr old Mariam who regularly visits Rehema with her sister whilst their grandmother goes to choir practice at the nearby Cathedral. (Their mother had passed away)

One of the staff noticed that Mariam looked sick and after being taken to see a doctor was diagnosed with sickle cell anaemia. The project's assistance programme has been able to fund the monthly cost of her treatment and medicine TSH 40,000 (£13).

Also of how for some children who are from impoverished families are provided with a meal at Rehema and in some cases, might well be the only meal they will have that day.

You may recall that I mentioned in a previous magazine report last summer about Heather's work, how challenging she found it in the intense heat to sleep at night. She had saved up to buy an air con unit for her room but upon hearing about someone in desperate need of finances for cancer treatment, she decided to bless them with all the money she had saved. In chatting privately to Heather I told her how I had been challenged by her selfless generosity and kindness and had been praying that God would provide air con for her.

She testified to God having answered literally as she left Tanzania to come to the UK. An anonymous person had donated a generous amount to CMS specifically to provide air con, not just for Heathers bedroom but for the whole house!

How good is God! Eph.3:20

May we be faithful in praying for God's continued blessing and protection over Heather and the work of Rehema.

Joy Jones



Goldington Oak Beavers have been hard at work in support of Dwell Well and in December undertook a sponsored Church Clean to raise much needed funds for the charity. This was part of a term in which we did a few things to think about others.

The colony gathered in Church on 2 December and, under the watchful eye of Bernie, our hall caretaker, and Debbie on behalf of Dwell Well, they swept, dusted, tidied and generally put the Church in good order for the start of Advent. With a pit stop half way through for hot chocolate and a quick game of 'how many Beavers fit into the pulpit' (answer below) a great time was had and a lot of hard work done. There is now no excuse for not cleaning their bedrooms.

Our Beavers are largely six and seven years old so this was a big undertaking for them but they have been well supported. At Family Praise three representatives of the colony handed over £418 to Debbie on behalf of Dwell Well. Since then more donations have been received and the total now exceeds £500 – an amazing total I am sure that you will agree. As leaders, Badger, Cuckoo and Woodpecker could not be prouder of the young people's achievements.

One of our young people, Evelyn, writes:

'The Church was brilliant. And we had hot chocolate and it was amazing. It was very hot! We swapped [cleaning] things and it was fun trying everything. I learned something new like I always do – and then it was neat and tidy!'

Another of our Beavers, Fox, was inspired to draw two pictures

Thank you for all your support in helping the Beavers achieve this challenge.

Badger (David), Cuckoo (Ceri-Anne), and Woodpecker (Vanessa)

Answer: 13 beavers fit in the pulpit



Image of Church

Image of Jesus



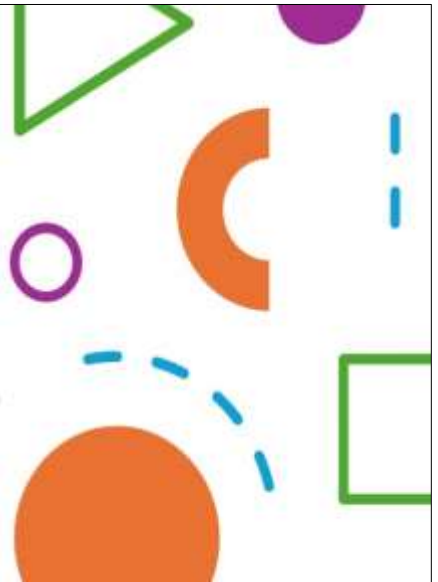
Sunday Seekers

Sunday Seekers are back after the Christmas break at 9.30am on Sundays for bible based fun and activities before joining the main service before the Eucharist. After a trial of meeting in Church, we will resume meeting in the hall as often as is possible.

On 1st Sunday we join the Family Praise service in Church

Sunday Seekers is most suited to under 12s who may be accompanied by parents/carers or they may join the main service in Church.

For more information, please contact Ceri-Anne on 07872 052175 or at ceri-anne.ashby@stmarysgoldington.uk





St Mary's Church
Goldington



FAMILY DROP IN

A free fun pancake-filled afternoon of family play, craft, snack, games and activities for under 12s and their parents/carers



17 FEBRUARY 2026
2.30PM-4.30PM

For information contact families@stmarysgoldington.uk or call 07872 052175



Thank you everyone who sponsored me and donated to the *Water Aid Just Water Challenge* in January. You have kept me going and helped me overtake my target. Every pound is so important to the millions who do not have access to clean water.

It's not too late to contribute. Please visit my Just Giving page or sign up in church for the next week.

Thank you again!

Sarah Collinson





Lent Course 2026



Based on **Paula Gooder's 'The Women of Holy Week'** we will imagine what it might have been like to accompany Jesus in the final week of his life through the eyes of nine women. There are two chances each week to join in the journey so you don't have to stick with the same one.

Monday evenings at 7pm in the Dilworth Room

23 February / 2, 9, 16, 23 March / 11 May

Wednesday mornings at 11am in Church

25 February / 4, 11, 18, 25 March / 13 May

Books to support the course are not essential but can be ordered via Ceri-Anne at a cost of around £10.99 (exact price TBC). An ebook and podcast are also available at

<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/women-of-holy-week>

For more information contact Ceri-Anne on 07872 052175, at ceri-anne.ashby@stmarysgoldington.uk, or in Church.

A Prayer for our times

THE WORLD

*Lord of the earth we stand on and the air we breathe,
keep us in touch with this wonderful planet we inhabit.
May we be good stewards of what we have been
entrusted with and may all leaders and people in
positions of power, be so inspired that the imbalances of
this world may be addressed and justice and freedom
reign.*

*Father, the world You have made is in such turmoil.
Enter into the hearts of those who create and cause
distress to so many people.*

*We pray for peace and a way forward for all those
displaced and affected by brutal regimes.*

*We give thanks for the peace-making efforts and those
who are there bringing aid and relief.*

Amen.

From: A Book of Personal Prayers from St Mary's Congregation

Answers to Quiz

1. Epiphany (January 6th) and St Stephen's Day (December 26th). The date of Ash Wednesday is determined by the date of Easter Day.
2. Palm Sunday and Pentecost - both dependent on Easter. The Feast of the Transfiguration falls on August 6th.
3. Ascension day, followed by Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and finally St Andrew's Day in November
4. Pentecost always falls in May or June, so never in February or April.
- 5a. In the western church the date for Easter was fixed at the first Council of Nicea in 325 AD using the Gregorian Calendar. Eastern Orthodox churches still calculate Easter from the Julian Calendar.
- 5b. The date of Easter is calculated from the phases of the moon and falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox. As the lunar calendar is different from the solar calendar this means Easter varies. To confuse the issue further, a theoretical lunar calendar is actually used!
6. Only Corpus Christi is Christian commemoration. Beltane is a Celtic May Festival, Holi is a Hindu holiday and All Fools' Day has its roots in tradition and history
7. These are the old names, still sometimes used, for the three Sundays before Lent.
8. a. Plough Monday falls on the first Sunday after Epiphany in January.
b. Lammas Day ('Loaf-Mass' Day), is on 1st August and foreshadows Harvest with the bringing of the First Fruits
c. Hocktide occurs on the Monday and Tuesday of the second week of Easter, so is moveable!"

CALENDAR, FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday	1	THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
Monday	2	PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)
Tuesday	3	Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865
Wednesday	4	<i>Gilbert of Sempringham, Founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189</i>
Friday	6	<i>The Martyrs of Japan, 1597</i>
Sunday	8	THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT
Tuesday	10	<i>Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, ca 543</i>
Saturday	14	Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 & 885 <i>Valentine, Martyr at Rome, ca 269</i>
Sunday	15	THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT
Tuesday	17	Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977
Wednesday	18	ASH WEDNESDAY
Sunday	22	THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
Monday	23	Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, ca 155
Wednesday	25	Ember Day
Friday	27	George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633 Ember Day
Saturday	28	Ember Day

*Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing
My God and King.*

The heav'ns are not too high,
Hid praise may thither flie;
Te earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.

*Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing
My God and King.*

George Herbert, Antiphon

This Month we are asked to remember the following groups and parishes of St Alban's diocese in our prayers

Sunday	01	Archdeacon of Bedford
Monday	02	<i>The Presentation of Christ</i> , Archdeacon of Hertford
Tuesday	03	Archdeacon of St Albans
Wednesday	04	Southill (Amphill and Shefford)
Thursday	05	Steppingley (Amphill and Shefford)
Friday	06	Stondon (Amphill and Shefford)
Saturday	07	Tingrith (Amphill and Shefford)
Sunday	08	Westoning (Amphill and Shefford)
Monday	09	Woburn (Amphill and Shefford)
Tuesday	10	Woburn Sands (Amphill and Shefford)
Wednesday	11	Chipping Barnet (Barnet)
Thursday	12	East Barnet (Barnet)
Friday	13	Elstree and Borehamwood (Barnet)
Saturday	14	Little Heath, Christ Church (Barnet)
Sunday	15	Lyonsdown, Holy Trinity (Barnet)
Monday	16	New Barnet, St James (Barnet)
Tuesday	17	Potters Bar (Barnet)
Wednesday	18	Potters Bar, King Charles the Martyr (Barnet)
Thursday	19	Ridge (Barnet)
Friday	20	South Mymms (Barnet)
Saturday	21	Totteridge (Barnet)
Sunday	22	Bedford, All Saints (Bedford)
Monday	23	Bedford, Christ Church (Bedford)
Tuesday	24	Bedford, St Andrew (Bedford)
Wednesday	25	Bedford, St John and St Leonard (Bedford)
Thursday	26	Bedford, St Mark (Bedford)
Friday	27	Bedford, St Martin (Bedford)
Saturday	28	Bedford, St Michael and All Angels (Bedford)

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Praise is Rising:	Tanya Fearon	
Taizé:		
First Sunday Music:	Helen Nightingale	

Bellringers

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SUNDAYS

First Sunday of the month

- 8.00 am **Holy Communion (B.C.P.)**
- 9.30 am **Family Praise**
- 5.00 pm **Taizé Worship - during darker evenings**

Second Sunday of the month

- 9.30 am **Parish Communion
with Prayers for Wholeness and Healing
(Common Worship)**
- 5.00 pm **Praise is Rising**

Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of the month

- 9.30 am **Parish Communion (Common Worship)**

WEEKDAYS

Monday to Friday

- 9.00 am **Morning Prayer (CW)**

Every Wednesday

- 10.00 am **Holy Communion (B.C.P.)**

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