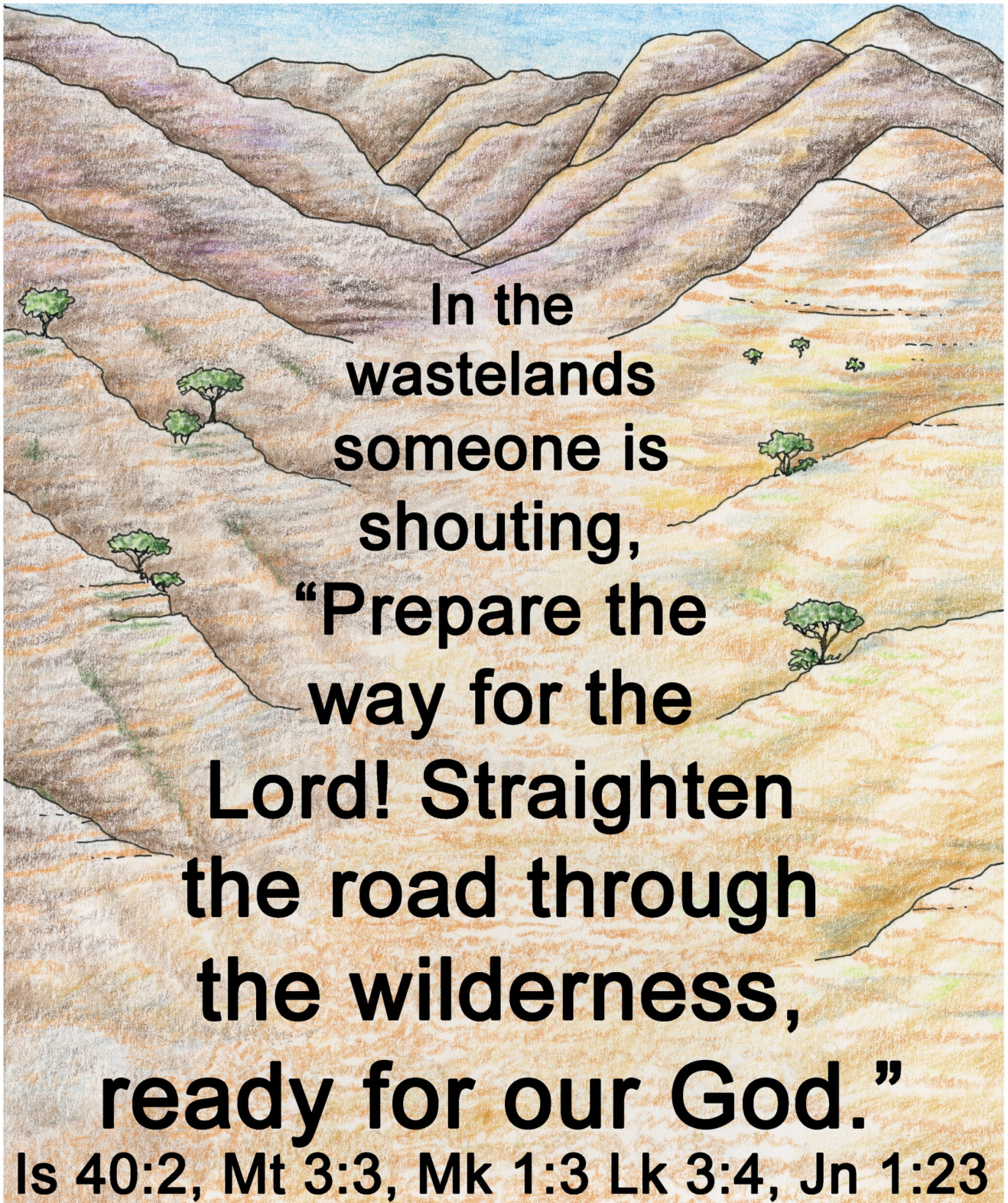


St. Saviour's Parish Church, Great Moor



**In the
wastelands
someone is
shouting,
“Prepare the
way for the
Lord! Straighten
the road through
the wilderness,
ready for our God.”**

Is 40:2, Mt 3:3, Mk 1:3 Lk 3:4, Jn 1:23

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Worship

Sundays 10.45 a.m. Sung Eucharist ~ Modern Language
Healing Service on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 10.45 a.m.
Baptisms take place on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 12.30 p.m.
Wednesdays 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (with candles 1st Wed.)

Church is open for quiet reflection, prayer or lighting a candle
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 11 a.m. until 12 noon

The Vicar Writes:

'Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.' (1 John 3:18).

The writer Gary Chapman describes how love can be expressed in five different 'languages': words of encouragement, quality time, gifts, acts of service and touch. Do you have a preferred language of love? As we think about St Valentine during this month, let's consider how God's love language is expressed in the word *agape*. This is exclusively found in the New Testament and is uniquely defined by Jesus: *'This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.'* (1 John 3:16). Jesus' giving of His life on the cross provides the model for how we can demonstrate God's love in our relationships with others.

It is self-giving: are we ready to put the other person first, as Jesus did when He died for us in our place? Are we generous with our time, words, money and service, whatever the cost?

It takes the initiative: are we ready to show love to those who don't deserve it or who we find hard to love? Do we have eyes of compassion to see their needs and a heart to love and serve them?

It is intentional: are we ready to get close to those in need around us, irrespective of the time we have or how we feel?

The story is told of Jesus asking a little child, *'how much do you love me?'* The child replied, *'lots and lots and lots!'* Then they asked Jesus how much He loved them. Jesus stretched out His arms wide and said, *'I love you this much'*, as they nailed Him to a cross.

Reverend Jess

A Heart4Mcr

Join us for a couple of hours in the hall as we create hanging hearts to send to the Heart For Manchester campaign. Every year hundreds of hand made hearts are hung in Manchester centre, to commemorate the terror attack at the MEN arena. Knitted, clay, wooden & crochet hearts are all acceptable- anything that will withstand our weather! I'll also bring some supplies for anyone who wants to join in!

For more information
contact Sarah
07831 672 538



March 2nd
Crafternoon 1pm-3pm

Everyone welcome!



A Heart4Mcr

The Heart4Mcr campaign was set up in May 2017 following the terror attack at the M.E.N. Arena, where 22 people lost their lives. #AHEART4MCR wanted to be able to do something to show support and solidarity for all those who were affected by the horrific events of that night. They asked for crafters of every ability to send in handmade hearts that were then taken into Manchester and handed out to the public. This appeal travelled all around the world and they received a staggering 27,000 hearts from countries all over the globe! They continue to do this every year, as a reminder to everyone who was and still is affected, that they and their loved ones have not been forgotten.

The hearts have to be handmade and no bigger than an average adult palm. They can be made from fabric, felt, wool etc (no paper or card as these materials can perish easily if the weather is damp on the day). The use of beads, ribbons, threads etc is also acceptable and you can choose any colour. Please fasten a small ribbon or string to the top of your heart so they can be hung up. A safety pin on the ribbon is helpful too.

Attach a small label to your heart with the hashtag “#AHEART4MCR” written on it. You can also write your name and a short message on the label if you wish.



Sarah Summerton will bring some craft supplies and labels to write on, so you can still help even if you think you're not artistic.



100 Club Subscription Renewals

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Ask Linda or Sarah for more details!

On 1st March our 100 Club will be 1 year old! It has been a very successful enterprise. We currently have 83 club members, so if you or a friend would like to have another number, please speak to Linda Shelmerdine.

In the first 10 months we have had 30 lucky winners sharing a total of £1,608 in prizes. In those 10 months we raised £2,845 for much-needed church funds.

During February, many club members are due to renew their subscriptions, and we sincerely hope that you will do so.

Here's what you need to know:

- If you set up an annual, quarterly or monthly Standing Order last year you do not need to do anything. Your Standing Order will continue as before.
- If you have paid your subscription by cash, cheque, bank transfer or by using the card reader in church, whether you paid £60, £15 or £5 for an annual, quarterly or monthly subscription you will need to renew your subscription.
- Several people have friends or family who do not normally attend church but who kindly joined us in becoming members of the 100 Club. If you have friends or relations who are members, please will you pass this information to them.
- If you do not renew, you could be withdrawn from future prize draws and you will lose your lucky number so don't delay!

If you are not sure whether you need to renew this month, or later if you joined the 100 Club after March 2024, please check with Linda Shelmerdine.

Email lashelmerdine@gmail.com or telephone 0161 456 4812. Please leave a message if I am out and I will get back to you.

DON'T DELAY – YOU COULD BE NEXT MONTH'S LUCKY WINNER!



It's that time of year again!

It has soon come around again to that time of year when we need to think about starting some work on the church gardens and grounds. We are hoping that you may be able to give us some of your time to help keep them tidy and well maintained. As you know, you do not have to know anything about plants or what to do in a garden as there are lots of other little jobs that can be done, such as clearing the paths or cutting back overhanging branches.

The following dates have been scheduled to have our garden working parties. They are all Saturday mornings, from 10am until noon.

1st March
10th May
19th July
13th September
8th November

Some of you have mentioned that whilst you are unable to work in the garden you would be willing to clean the inside of the church, so if you wish to come along on the same day and do this it would be really appreciated.

We really do hope that you can spare a couple of hours and come and join us ...

Many thanks,
Angela



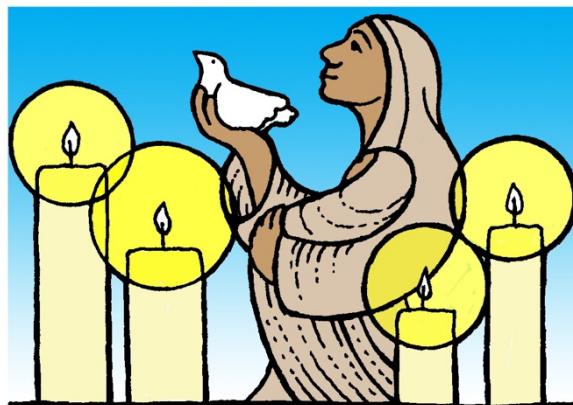
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

In bygone centuries, Christians said their last farewells to the Christmas season on Candlemas, 2nd February. This is exactly 40 days after Christmas Day itself. In New Testament times, 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child, to 'present Him to the Lord'. At the same time, she, as a new mother, was 'purified'. Thus, we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

So, where does the Candlemas bit come in? Jesus is described in the New Testament as the Light of the World, and early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day. The Church also fell into the custom of blessing the year's supply of candles for the church on this day – hence the name, Candlemas.

The story of how Candlemas began can be found in Luke 2:22-40. Simeon's great declaration of faith and recognition of who Jesus was is of course found in the Nunc Dimittis, which is embedded in the Office of Evening Prayer in the West. But in medieval times, the Nunc Dimittis was mostly used just on this day, during the distribution of candles before the Eucharist. Only gradually did it win a place in the daily prayer life of the Church.

Here at St Saviour's, we will be celebrating Candlemas on Sunday 2nd February.



Chester Cathedral – Poppy Fields

Chester Cathedral will welcome Luxmuralis in 2025 with a brand-new show - *Poppy Fields*.

Poppy Fields will be a poignant and moving sound and light show that will take you on an immersive journey through fine art, sound and light installations which will transform the Cathedral space.

The 2025 show incorporates a collection of fine art projection artworks that reflect on the end of World War One and World War Two, but more importantly look at the hopes and wishes for peace in our world and the future.

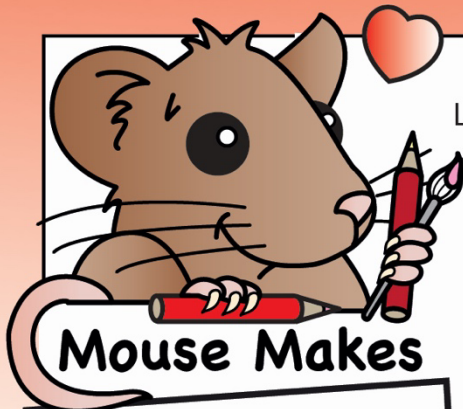


18th Feb – 22nd Feb 2025

Staggered entry from 5.30pm, last entries at 8.15pm. Tickets can be booked on the Cathedral website and cost £10.50 for adults, £9.50 for concessions (over 65+) and £7.00 for children aged 5-16.

www.chestercathedral.com

Kids' Corner



Mouse Makes

"Love is _____
love is _____
 It does not, _____
 it does not _____
 it is not _____
 it does not _____
 others, it is not self - _____
 it is not easily _____
 it keeps no record of _____
Love delights in _____
 it always _____

 from 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

The steadfast **love** of the Lord never _____;
 His _____
 never come to an end;
 they are new every _____
Lamentations 3:20-23

I pray... you will understand...
 the greatness of Christ's **love**,
 how _____
 and how _____
 and how _____
 that **love** is.
Ephesians 3:18-19

God is **love**.
 whoever _____
 in **love** _____
 in God, and God _____
 in them.
1 John 4:16

Give _____
 to the Lord, for He is _____
 his steadfast **love**
 endures _____
Psalm 136:1

HOW DOES
 GOD **LOVE** ME?
God sent me a saviour:
 He sent His one and only
 Son into the world so
 that we might have
 eternal life through Him.
1 John 4:9
God gave me His spirit:
 He has given you the
 Holy Spirit to fill our hearts
 with His **love**.
Romans 5:5
God called me His child:
 See what great **love** the
 Father has for us that He
 would call us His children.
1 John 1:3

DID YOU KNOW?
 Jesus told us to:
LOVE the Lord your God with
 all your **heart**, all your **soul**
 and with all your **mind**.
Matthew 22:37
LOVE your neighbour the
 same as you **love** yourself.
Matthew 22:39

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All in the month of February

It was:

90 years ago, on 22nd Feb 1935 that US President Franklin D Roosevelt banned aircraft from flying over the White House – because the noise kept him awake at night. The ban remains in place today, but mainly now for security reasons.

80 years ago, during Feb 1945 that Anne Frank died. The young Dutch Jewish diarist and Holocaust victim died in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp at the age of 15, probably from typhus.

Also 80 years ago, on 6th Feb 1945 that Bob Marley, the Jamaican reggae/ska/rock steady singer, songwriter was born. He became a musician and cultural icon (died 1981).

75 years ago, on 8th Feb 1950 that the world's first payment by credit card took place. The founders of Diners Club (now Diners Club International) used it to pay their restaurant bill at Majero's Cabin Grill in New York City.

70 years ago, from 24th Feb 1955 to March that Britain's Big Freeze took place. Deep snow and freezing temperatures caused havoc, with many places cut off. The RAF dropped food and medical supplies to affected areas, while thousands of sheep died from exposure.

65 years ago, on 8th Feb 1960 that the Hollywood Walk of Fame was established in Hollywood. It consists of more than 2,700 stars embedded in the pavement, that bear the names of notable figures from the entertainment industry.

Also 65 years ago, on 8th Feb 1960 that Queen Elizabeth II issued an Order-in-Council stating that she and her family would be known as the House of Windsor, and that her descendants would use the surname Mountbatten-Windsor.

Also 20 years ago, on 14th Feb 2005 that YouTube, the online video-sharing service, was founded. It was purchased by Google in 2006.



Parish Registers:



In sure and certain hope of the Resurrection

Linda Salt died on 29th December aged 78 years old.

May her family find comfort and strength in the assurance of life eternal and may her soul rest in peace and rise in glory.

Prayer for February

Dear Lord,

February can be a trying month, but there are special associations too and we thank you for the hope they bring. In February we remember how Jesus was taken, as a baby, to the Temple. Simeon took Him in his arms and by the power of the Holy Spirit, recognised Him as the Saviour you had sent as a light, to bring revelation to the whole world. And how this world needs your light and revelation in this new year, 2025.

Lord – as we notice more light in the lengthening days of this month, as we see the promise of the Spring in the bobbing heads of the beautiful snowdrops – help us most of all to recognise Jesus as our Light and to trust in Him as our Lord and Saviour.

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of each new day. In Jesus' name.

Amen.



February 2024



Sunday 2nd

10.45 a.m.

1 ~ 3 p.m.

Wed. 5th

10.30 a.m.

11 a.m. ~ 1 p.m.

Thurs. 6th

7.30 p.m.

Sunday 9th

10.45 a.m.

Wed. 12th

10.30 a.m.

11 a.m. ~ 1 p.m.

Fri. 14th

7 p.m.

Sunday 16th

10.45 a.m.

Tues. 18th

7.30 p.m.

Wed. 19th

10.30 a.m.

11 a.m. ~ 1 p.m.

2 p.m.

Thurs. 20th

7.30 p.m.

Sunday 23rd

10.45 a.m.

Wed. 26th

10.30 a.m.

11 a.m. ~ 1 p.m.

Fri. 28th

7 p.m.

Candlemas

Sung Eucharist

Crafternoon

Holy Communion with votive
candles

Community Café in the hall

Bible Study at 4 Lisburne Lane

4th Sunday before Lent

Healing Eucharist

Holy Communion

Community Café in the hall

Choir Practice

3rd Sunday before Lent

Sung Eucharist

MENSSA – Turkish/Greek meal

Holy Communion (Traditional)

Community Café in the hall

Mothers' Union – A.G.M.

Bible Study at 4 Lisburne Lane

2nd Sunday before Lent

Sung Eucharist (100 Club Draw)

Holy Communion

Community Café in the hall

Choir Practice



**Here at St. Saviour's we welcome all legacies, however large or small and we promise to use your gift to make a difference to parish life. For further information on how you can leave a gift in your will, please contact me on 439 0371.
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