

St Mary the Virgin, Ringmer

1st February 2026

CANDLEMAS



10.00am	Uniformed Clubs Celebration Service
Music:	St Mary's music group
Sidespeople:	Christine Smith and Chris Kingswood
6.30pm	Celtic Eucharist. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please see one of the sidespeople.
Piano music before service:	Intermezzo in E flat by Johannes Brahms
Readers:	Revd Pat Brenton and John Stamper
Readings:	Hebrews 2.14-18, Luke 2.22-40
Intercessions:	Ray Brenton
Sidespeople:	Chris Gebbie and Murry Brickell
Hymns:	52, 448i, 812i

Collect for Candlemas

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**

Post Communion for Candlemas

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Please pray for

People trying to bring about peace in our troubled world
Members and leaders of Ringmer clubs and organisations
People living in Clark's Croft, Bishop's Lane
In memory: David Lambird

Morning Prayer is said in church most mornings Monday – Saturday 8.30am and the daily set psalms and readings for next week are:

Monday – Psalm 1; Genesis 18.1-15, Matthew 27.11-26

Tuesday – Psalm 5; Genesis 18.16-end, Matthew 27.27-44

Wednesday – Psalm 119.1-32; Genesis 19.1-3,12-29, Matthew 27.45-56

Thursday – Psalm 15; Genesis 21.1-21, Matthew 27.57-end

Friday – Psalm 19; Genesis 22.1-19, Matthew 28.1-15

Saturday – Psalm 23; Genesis 23, Matthew 28.16-end

Floodlighting

2nd February Beryl Kingswood Happy Birthday memories

Our series of Study Group looking at Joshua continues on Thursday 5th February, 3.45pm in the Church Room. (Refreshments from 3.30pm) We look forward to seeing you there.

Climate Literacy One Day Course, Monday Feb 23, 9 - 5.00 Church House, Hove. Following the real interest in the carbon tracker in the Church Room that 80 of us did in the summer, can I encourage you to come this certified course? Our Eco Church guidance really encourages not just the Eco Team and PCC members to go but everyone keen to get a comprehensive overview of the climate crisis. It is at **Church House, Hove, is free, (bring a packed lunch)** and run by Rev'd Buff Stone, the Diocesan Environment Officer. I have done it over 5 evening zooms, but although intensive, this is a good use of time. 4 of our congregation have signed up already and we can co-ordinate lifts/public transport! Please let me know if you wish to go first, but sign up on: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/99345>? Rosemary and the Eco ChurchTeam.

Dates For Your Diary - Lent Lunches on Friday 6th, 13th and 20th March 12noon to 1.30pm in the Church Room
Summer Fair on 4th July 2pm to 4pm in the Church
Christmas Celebration Weekend 12th and 13th December
It's never too early to offer to help or collect tombola prizes, gifts, books etc!

Caring & Sharing - Thanks to all who have so kindly supported us over the past few months by their donations to our two charities, Amara House, Romania, and Hamlin Fistula Hospital, Ethiopia. These donations go towards much needed care and equipment and are much appreciated by them. Thank you again for your generosity. Tina

Lewes Churches Together - Homelink Winter Appeal

A huge thank you to everyone who supports, in any way, Homelink's work locally, either preventing homelessness, or helping to provide some of the resources needed to rent a new home.

One of the problems of homelessness is not having the fittings and furnishings to make a property fully habitable, once found, particularly in winter. Fridge, cooker, heaters, carpets.... Homelink's Winter Appeal, helping provide these essentials for those in need, is still running and is open to all, not just regular supporters. Please see the notice in the porch, which includes a QR code, about methods of giving - or have a word with Pauline Porter. Thank you so much for any help you are able to give.

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK		
Monday	10.00am	Social Prescribers in the Church Room
Tuesday	10.00am	Art Group meets in the Church Room
	11.00am	Holy Communion at Paris Lawn
	12.30pm	AA meet in the Church Room
Wednesday	10.00am	Art Group 2 meets in Church Room
	10.00am	Coffee Break in Alan West Room in VH
	10.30am	Toddlers in the Symons Hall in the VH
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	10.00am	Said Eucharist in the Lady Chapel
	10.00am	Social Prescribers in the Church Room
	3.45pm	Study Group in the Church Room
Friday	1.00pm	Funeral of Wendy Turner
	6.30pm	Choir practice
Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist for Ordinary Time

