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Dear friends,

On Sunday 1st February we kept the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, also called Candlemas. This feast is kind of a hinge in the liturgical year. It concludes the celebration of Christmas. It also looks ahead to the purpose of the Incarnation and to our celebration of Christ's death and resurrection in the Easter mystery. The Temple, where our Lord is presented, is the place of sacrifice and of redemption. According to the Law of Moses every first born is to be sacrificed to the Lord. This is commuted in a substitutionary offering: *to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons*. But in the case of Jesus, this commuting sacrifice is only temporary and points ahead to his death in literal truth upon the grim altar of the Cross. Simeon told Mary that a sword will pierce her own soul also. As for her so for us. As one of the saints has said, "Without Being Crucified, We Will Not Be Resurrected, We Will Not Be Glorified". In the collect for Candlemas we pray, "grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts". This presenting and purification calls for a sacrifice in our own lives, which will be worked out by God for each of us in our own particular and individual way: for each one of us is called to share in the sacrifice of Jesus and in the offering of Mary.

With love and my prayers,

James

Sunday and weekday Services

Our weekly service times are:

Sunday 10:00am Eucharist
Tuesday 10:00am Morning Prayer (BCP)
Thursday 10:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Additional, Regular Services:
Choral Evensong: 1st Sunday of the month 5:00pm (Not during August and December)
Little Church: for 7's and under 3rd Sunday of the month 9:00am
Evening Praise! An informal service 3rd Sunday of the month 5:00pm (NB NEW DAY AND NEW TIME!)

We also provide a livestream of our Sunday Morning Eucharist Service. The link for the livestream page is https://stmarymagdalene.church/livestream-service/

Little Church



Little Church, a family friendly service for babies, toddlers and children under 7. The service lasts 30 minutes and includes songs, Bible stories with puppets, and an activity. It is designed to be both fun and a time for families to worship together.

Community Café, Tuesdays from 1:30-3:30pm



Rekindling, Tuesdays from 3:30pm



This is an open invitation for you to join us in embarking on a journey through Lent with Lectio 365 and the 27-7 Prayer movement in discovering what the Desert Fathers and Mothers have to say and how we can apply their teaching today. You don't have to come on a Tuesday afternoon, but I would encourage you to download the app and resources that we will be following during this Lent.

Some people give something up for Lent while others may take something up - I would encourage you to ***take up*** the Lectio 365 prayer app, following along each day and download the small group resources.

You will find the resources and a short introductory video here: https://lectio365.com/desertresources/

Ash Wednesday is 18th Feb, we will begin our first group session on Tuesday 17th in the guide for Week 1 - the week containing Ash Wednesday.

YouTube Video Playlist

Something to dip in and out of or play while ironing or relaxing! Instead of a single video, this week we have a playlist on our YouTube channel containing more than fifty videos with lyrics. The latest addition can be found here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y9C40XS7H2c&list=PLOS511gUMPpV2F1Lk-vDW5x9_UE_t_bVG&index=1

Website Treasures - Stained Glass

This month we look at some of our stained glass windows: https://stmarymagdalene.church/about/history-art-and-heritage/stained-glass-windows/. The windows of the chancel (a separate page), the Ladychapel's 'Annunciation', and the West End are all William Butterfield designs. One, the War Memorial Window ~ 'The Dying Soldier' is by James Clark, also with its own page. The others in the Nave (the majority on this page) are by other Victorian artists.

Opening the Church on Saturdays

Our church is a valuable resource for people in our community to take some time out of their daily lives to reflect and connect with God. Not everyone is available on Sunday mornings and some just want a few minutes to pause and be still. We are hoping to make our church available for private prayer on Saturdays and are looking for volunteers who can give a couple of hours of their time. A minimum of two people will need to be always present. Names will be

added to a rota, so the more people who are available to help us, the less often you will be called upon. If you are able to help with this, please see Alison Reeve.

Dates for your diary

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Sun 1st 5:00pm	Choral Evensong
Weds 11th 11:30am	Eleanor Pritchard Concert Series
Sun 15th 9:00pm	Little Church
Sun 15th 11:30pm	Big Breakfast after the Service
Sun 15th 5:00pm	Evening Praise!
Weds 18th 6:30pm	Ash Wednesday Service

March 2026

Sun 1st 5:00pm	Choral Evensong
Weds 11th 11:30am	Eleanor Pritchard Concert Series
Sun 15th 9:00pm	Little Church
Sun 15th 11:30pm	Mothering Sunday
Sun 15th 5:00pm	Evening Praise!
Sat 28th 7:00pm	Aurora Chamber Choir Easter concert
Sun 29th 10:00am	Palm Sunday
Mon 30th 6:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Tues 31st 7:00pm	Agape Meal

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