



Sunday 1st February 2026
Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Candlemas

Sunday 1st Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	<p>8.30 am Holy Communion (Traditional language) President and preacher: Rev Natalie Bawcutt</p> <p>10.00 am All Age Communion President: Rev Natalie Bawcutt, preacher: Gill Renny</p> <p>Readings: Hebrews 2:14-end, Luke 2:22-40</p> <p>12.30 pm Friendship lunch (church hall)</p> <p>6.00 pm Taizé healing service</p>
Collect	<p>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.</p>
Post Communion	<p>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.</p>

*** **What's on** ***

Monday 2nd February	<i>10.30 am – 12.30 pm Hope club (church) 4.00 pm Monday Rocks (church)</i>
Tuesday 3rd February	<i>12.30 pm Noah's Ark (church hall) 1.15 – 2.15 pm Miss you group (church) 4.30 pm Bolders (church hall) 7.00 pm Thank you evening for volunteers working with children (church)</i>
Wednesday 4th February	<i>10.00 am Coffee Break (church hall) 11.00 am Holy Communion President and preacher: Rev Natalie Bawcutt Readings: 2 Samuel 24, 2, 9-17, Psalm 32:1-8, Mark 6:1-6a 3.30 pm FSW after school club (church hall) 4.00 – 6.00 pm Pantry (church hall) 7.00 pm Men's fellowship (church hall)</i>
Friday 6th January	<i>7.00 pm Choir practice</i>
Sunday 8th 2nd before Lent	<i>8.30 am Holy Communion (Traditional language) President and preacher: Rev Natalie Bawcutt 10.00 am Sung Eucharist President and preacher: Rev Natalie Bawcutt Readings: Romans 8:18-25, Matthew 6:25-end</i>

Morning Prayer: 9.00 am Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday. (Not on Bank Holidays)

Private Prayer: The church will open for private prayer on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week between 10.30 am – 12.00 noon.

Parish Prayer Time (PPT) will meet in the Church on Monday mornings at 9.30 am, (following Morning Prayer). Parish Prayer Time lasts about 40 mins and usually starts with a shared scripture passage or words of encouragement to lead us into prayer for the Parish, the world and individuals who have requested our prayers.

Please remember in your prayers: Wendy Turner, Tracy Howman, Rosemary Colwell, Isla, Gordon and Bridget Dustan, Anne Springham, Shirley Fisher, Penny Godwin, Anna Waterman, Honor, Gina Broadhead, John Harding, Brenda and Malcolm Bramham, Anne Foster, Bridget Gibbs, Peter Watson

If you wish a name to be included, please let Natalie in the office know. The list will be refreshed again soon, if you wish a name to be kept on after next week, please let us know.

Years Mind: Jimmie Leslie (1983), Graham Lewis (2001), Dorothy Hall (2025), Fred Dyos (2001), Albert Simmpson (2005)

RIP: Jill Waller, Henry Everett, Federico Eschrich, Peter Ramsbottom, Heather Prescott.

Does 2025 seem like a distant memory to you? Well before you completely close the door on last year, those of you who write reports for our APCM (annual church meeting which will be held on 17th May 2026, at which we look back on the past year), refresh your minds, get those reports written and submitted! Please let me have them by 15th March. Thank you!

Sarah Collins – PCC secretary
PCC@rustingtonparish.church

Men's Fellowship - Wednesday 4th February.

Rupert Head - "When I was a navy diver tasked with raising a Fleet Air Arm bomber in Norway."

*** Note change of date to this Wednesday to prevent clash with Ash Wednesday*

As an adventurous training dive leader Rupert did expeditions to wreck sites and in one case raise a Fleet Air Arm bomber from a lake in Norway and bring it back to the museum at Yeovilton.

Arrive at 7:00 pm, the talk will start at 7:45 pm with a presentation and Q & A. All are welcome. £3 entrance and £2 for an optional Raffle.

Bill Dodd 07786 914795

WAFFLE - Women's group in Church recommence this year on Wednesday February 11th at a slightly earlier time of 7.00 pm. Our speaker will be Rupert Head, who was a Commander onboard HMS Britannia during her final three years in commission. He will aim to give us a flavour of life onboard!! All women are welcome; £4.00 to include tea/coffee and homemade refreshments. Please do come along and join us, for an evening of fellowship. Please do get in touch if you need a lift.

Sue Baldock

Admin volunteer

Helping our Parish Administrator and volunteer team with the admin created by the roll out of Church Suite. This is computer-based work and involves managing personal data confidentially.

A maximum of two hours per week based in the Parish Office with some home working possible after initial set up is complete. This is a time limited role of one year, with the possibility of extending beyond this date.

For more information, please contact Reverend Natalie.

Vicar@rustingtonparish.church

Volunteer Librarian

Helping to create and maintain a digital library of pictures to be used on the church website and in publicity.

This will include pictures of individuals, groups, and stock images.

You will work with the Parish Administrator and other volunteers.

A maximum one hour per week based at home,
with some work in the office during initial set up.

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Church maintenance. We are aware of the falling plaster/stone in the North West corner of the church and the causes of this are being looked into. Thank you to everyone who has been in touch about it.

Rev Natalie

We have a **Baptism and Confirmation** in our church on the evening of **Tuesday 10th February** by the Bishop of Lewes – please do put the date in the diary and come and support our candidates.

Rev Natalie

Refreshments – if you are able to help with refreshments for after the Confirmation service please sign the sheet at the back of church or speak with Sarah Collins.

Pancake Party Tuesday 17th February @ 7.00 pm – how is it possible that we are already preparing for Shrove Tuesday?! But we are! Tickets are available today from Sarah and Lisa (payable by card or cash) and are £12.00 each. There will be pizza, pancakes (obviously!), games, a raffle, a quiz and general Mardi Gras merriment! There will also be a prize for “best dressed” – the theme being the colours of Mardi Gras, so go and search out your purple, gold and green outfits! Please bring your own drinks. If money is tight, please speak in confidence with Natalie. We have tickets which have been donated.

Carrie, Jan, Joanna, Lisa, Sarah

Hope Club – is now on a Monday (the first Monday of the month, instead of a Thursday). Starting from 2nd February from 10.30am – 12.30pm in the church. We would love to see you there. *Faye*

Pantry: This Wednesday's Pantry session ran alongside Coffee Break. We had Age Uk, Break Even and AA representatives with us and all reported that they had been busy meeting and helping people from our community. Next week we will have Hazel from Citizens Advice with us in church. We had 66 households use the Pantry. Lots of fresh vegetables from Uk Harvest and some lovely diced chicken paid for by Sarah Wickens of Store Property. Please don't forget to pop into Waitrose and put a token in our box at the checkout, the dog sanctuary is running away with it! If you're able to help us to restock this week, we are short of pasta sauce, tuna, tinned tomatoes, teabags and biscuits. Thank you so much for your kind support each week.

The Pantry Team

Mission Matters

As we start a New Year, please continue to support Nicci Maxwell our CMS partner in South Sudan with your prayers and interest by receiving her regular link letter: churchmissionsociety.org/maxwell

For weekly updates and prayer items, subscribe to her weekly blog: niccimaxwell.wordpress.com by clicking SUBSCRIBE on the very bottom right of your laptop screen, give your email address and it will magically appear in your inbox as it is published.

The situation in South Sudan is tense and her work in the hospital is challenging. Please remember Nicci in your prayers.

Accessibility: Do you have trouble hearing or seeing in church? Is there something which is stopping your full participation in worship? If so, please let me know so we can try and help.

Natalie (Vicar)

From the cathedral: Each day at the 8.00 am Eucharist and at Evensong in the Cathedral we pray for the parishes of our Diocese, as listed in the Diocesan Intercessions Rota

<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/prayerandintercessions/>

Parishes are warmly invited to join us when we pray for them, if they are able. If you are not able to join us in person, please know that you are in our prayers.

We will be praying for your parish on the 6th February. Evensong is sung in the Cathedral from Monday to Saturday at 5.30 pm and Sunday at 3.00 pm, although sometimes the service is said and very occasionally it is at a different time. We recommend checking beforehand.

Arundel and Bognor Deanery Synod - Thursday, February 12th 7.30 pm at St Mary's Church, Yapton with Vitalis Ngwambi (Diocesan Racial Justice Coordinator)

The evening includes a short act of worship and any Deanery business that has to be brought to the Synod.

Refreshments from 7pm. All are welcome.

Job Advert: Children and Families Worker

Job Title: Children and Families Worker.

Location: Offington Park Methodist Church (OPMC), Worthing

How to Apply:

For a job description or informal conversation, please contact:

pamfrost23@gmail.com

Closing date: 5.00 pm on 15th February 2026.

If you would like to sponsor the Church Notice sheet, to remember or recognise a special event or anniversary please contact the church office.

If you would like to sponsor the seven-day candle that is in the chancel next to the Reserved Sacrament, in memory of someone, or for a special event or anniversary, please contact the Church office.

Material for **Sunday 8th February 2026** should reach the church office by **10.00 am Wednesday 5th February 2026** and be sent to notices@rustingtonparish.church

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