



The Lion

A Monthly News Sheet for St. Mark's, Basford

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February 2026

Happy New Year to my dear friends at St Mark's. Maybe I'm a little late with my greetings due to ill health, so please excuse the lateness.

I was so disappointed not to have been able to share with you all the joyful celebrations of Christmas but know that you were constantly on my mind and in my prayers. However now the new year has begun, and we are now in the glorious season of the Epiphany.

It has been a challenging winter so far in terms of weather with multiple storms and severe winds leading to school closures for public safety yet through all the extreme weather from my window I can see evidence of new birth in nature with new shoots beginning to emerge on the trees in sheltered places.

Which brings to mind that our church is rooted in Christ Jesus and our relationship with him in prayer is where it all begins.

I read recently 'Out of the roots of prayer come shoots of faith. 'I am the vine you are the branches (John 15.5) As we abide in Christ, so we come to trust him more as the well spring of our life.

We will shortly be entering the season of Lent. The Ministry Team have been discussing our Lenten activities, one of which is for us to share a Quiet Day. A day which enables us to draw nearer to Christ for a short time 'To abide in Him the 'Well Spring of our life'. The date will shortly be announced. Do consider carefully if you would like to join with others on a day set apart where together we can draw nearer to our Lord and King.

Love and blessings

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Worship Services during February

1 st	Candlemas	10.00am	Holy Communion
4 th	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
8 th	2 nd before Lent	10.00am	Service of the Word
11 th	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
15 th	Next before Lent	10.00am	Family Worship + HC
18 th	Ash Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
22 nd	1 st of Lent	10.00am	Holy Communion
25 th	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)

Diary Dates for February

3 rd	Tuesday	12.30pm	Funeral
3 rd	Tuesday	7.00pm	PCC meeting
4 th	Wednesday	12.45pm	Funeral
4 th	Wednesday	7.15pm	House group
11 th	Wednesday	7.15pm	House group
15 th	Sunday	12.00pm	Parish Meal
24 th	Tuesday	7:00pm	Lent course

Early March Dates

3 rd	Tuesday	7:00pm	Lent course
6 th	Friday	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
10 th	Tuesday	7:00pm	Lent course
17 th	Tuesday	7:00pm	Lent course
20 th	Friday	7:00pm	Stations of the cross
24 th	Tuesday	7:00pm	Lent course

Christingle Collection Candle:

Following on from our Christingle service, we offered the 'Children Society' penny box in the shape of a candle. These can be filled with loose change over the next few weeks and brought back on **Sunday 15th February**. This will then be added to the total raised from the boxes and Christingle service and sent off to the Children's Society for our annual donation. Remember every single penny makes a difference.

House Group:

The weekly house group continues to meet on **Wednesday evenings at 7:15pm**. Where we are looking at 'The Great Prayers of the Bible'. For more information, please speak to Janet.

Parish Meal with Pancakes:

A date for your diaries. Following our family worship on **Sunday 15th February** there will be a parish meal at 12:00pm. Details to follow shortly.

Lent Course Lent Group:

Dates for your diary. The Lent course this year will run over five weeks and will begin on **Tuesday 24th February at 7pm** in the Lady Chapel. More information to follow shortly.



Church Fundraising:

Please remember our need to stock up on gifts for our 2026 church fund-raising activities. Gifts suitable for general raffles and our usual fayre stalls can be brought in at any time.

Christian Aid Walk:

A date for your diaries is this year's CA sponsored walk around Tittesworth reservoir on **Saturday, 21st March**. More information to follow shortly.