

PEWS NEWS

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Presentation of Christ in the
Temple - Candlemas
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SERVICES

Sunday 1 February	9.30am	Candlemas	Powerstock
Sunday 1 February	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Loders
Sunday 8 February	9.30am	Celtic Worship	Symondsbury
Sunday 8 February	9.30am	Eucharist	North Poorton
Sunday 8 February	10.30am	Morning Worship	Dottery
Sunday 8 February	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Askerswell
Sunday 15 February	9.30am	Morning Mediation	Loders
Sunday 15 February	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Powerstock
Sunday 15 February	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Broadoak
Sunday 22 February	9.30am	Holy Communion	Dottery
Sunday 22 February	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Symondsbury
Sunday 22 February	6.30pm	Evensong	Askerswell
Sunday 22 February	6.30pm	Evensong	North Poorton
Sunday 1 March	9.30am	Morning Meditation	Powerstock
Sunday 1 March	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Loders

Click on this [link](#) if you would like to see who is taking each service.



The Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

A Quiet Day for Lent

Lent invites us to slow down, make space and listen for God.

Why not give one day back to Him this year?

You may be surprised how much difference it makes.

From previous participants:

"It ministered to the soul."

"I found the day fed me."

"Just what I needed amid all the busyness at home!"

Choose from one of three Saturdays:

21 February

14 March

28 March

These gentle and informal Quiet Days are open to all. They provide you with room to reflect on Bible passages in fresh ways, drawing once again on excerpts from Rageh Omaar's acclaimed BBC documentary series.

After exploring the crucifixion and resurrection last year, we now turn to the Gospel miracles.

In a small, intimate group, we have a chance to look at these familiar stories through the eyes of the first-century world; through Jesus himself, His disciples, His critics and those who encountered Him.

And reflect together: "What do these miracles mean for me today?"

Each Quiet Day includes worship, film excerpts, group reflection, quiet personal time, and a shared lunch. Weather permitting, there will also be time to walk the local lanes and enjoy sea views.

The day takes place at Revd Carole's home in Fishpond Bottom.

Numbers are limited, so to book your place or just to find out more
email:carolepeters@aol.com

CHANGES TO OUR CELTIC WORSHIP SERVICES

Moving forward, we are changing our 9.30am Celtic Worship services over to a Morning Meditation service. The new service format will have more quiet time for reflection, but the services will not be significantly different.



After the Dorset Floods | Rev Chat Podcast 284

David and Chris discuss this week's feast of Candlemas.

Click on the link above to view.

BIRTHS/DEATHS/MARRIAGES

It is with sadness that we share the passing of Patricia Creed,
who died last week last week aged 80.

Her funeral will take place on Friday 13 February at 11.00am
at St Mary's, Powerstock.



Each Wednesday morning, Rev Chris holds a Morning Prayer Service over zoom starting at 8.00a.m.

If you are interested in joining this service, please contact Rev Chris by email (revcgrasske@gmail.com) and he will send you a link, so you are able to join in. Thank you.

CAKE – WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY

CAKE



Our next café is on Wednesday 4 February

From 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Venue: Askerswell Village Hall, DT2 9EW

Theme: 'Bread'

lizguard@ymail.com

Details and lifts from Liz Guard, Lay Pastoral Assistant, 01308 485463

Everyone welcome!

Coffee Morning



WI Hall, North Street, Bridport

Thursday 12th February 10:00-12:00



Come along to hear about the
activities organised by your local
National Trust Association

THIS THING CALLED LOVE

A Celebration in Words and Music

St Mary The Virgin, Powerstock.

Saturday 14 Feb, 7.30pm

Come to a Valentine's Day event that explores this thing called love in all its many forms - sacred and divine, romantic and erotic, the love we feel for the people and things we value and treasure. This special evening features music and songs, poetry and drama.

PETER NARDONE

playing sacred, divine and romantic music

LYME VOICES

the brilliant local choir singing your favourite love songs

BRIAN JACKMAN

ANNA PAVORD

two local authors talking about their love of nature
and the Dorset landscape

THE PING PONG ORCHESTRA

playing music and songs with a Dorset feel

STEPHEN TILTON

sharing the compelling power of plainsong

And much more, including professional actors performing scenes from
Noël Coward's Brief Encounter and Private Lives

A raffle for a luxury hamper of champagne, fine wine and sumptuous goodies from

FORTNUM & MASON
PICCADILLY SINCE 1707

Tickets are £15. All proceeds go to support our church and its work.
There will be a licensed bar - and your ticket includes free tasty nibbles.
Doors open at 7.00pm and the performance begins at 7.30pm.

To buy your tickets for the evening, and for the luxury raffle,
call Matthew Solon on 07775 590 579. Email: matthewsolon5@gmail.com .
Or knock on Matthew's door, Court Cottage, West Milton DT6 3SH.

If you have any concerns that you would like Rev Chris to pray for, he has a list of people and things that he prays for every day and would happily add your request to that list.

To be added to his prayer list, send him an email or text message with “Say one for me” in the subject heading.

07977 136750 or
revcgrasske@gmail.com



PRAYER TREES



We also have twisted willow ‘Prayer Trees’ in our four larger churches, where you can hang a prayer on the tree.

These are collected regularly and included in the prayers at ‘Cake’ before being passed on to Rev Chris.

CHURCH DONATIONS



We now have facilities at Loders to take contactless donations and at Askerswell, Powerstock and Symondsbury donations can be made through QR codes.

We would like to thank everyone for their kind donations that help support our churches.

LINKS TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE

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[Our Website](#)

If you have any relevant newsworthy items for inclusion in future editions of The Pews News, please send them to our email address below. Ensure they arrive by Thursday 12 noon so we can get them published the same week. Thank you.

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[Benefice Administrator Email](#)

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