

# Candlemas

**JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**  
Candlemas Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> is a wonderful occasion  
full of Light.



Candles that are to be used in Church or Home are blessed on this day and a candle-lit procession takes place.

Snowdrops (galanthas nivalis) known as **Candlemas Bells** often bloom at Candlemas, the flower is a symbol of Jesus Christ the hope for the world.

Jesus is recognised by Simeon and Anna as the Light of the world and blessed by them.

The Church, the Ecclesia, the Community of God – is the light of Christ in the world.

The Light of Christ is come into the world illuminating the dark-ness and gloom.

In a world of uncertainty – Jesus is the Light

In a world of chaos – Jesus is the Way

In a world of despair – Jesus is Peace.

In a world that is weak and defenceless – the Spirit of the Lord is our strength.

The Words of the song sum up the mission of the Church.

The Spirit of the Lord is now upon me to heal the broken heart and set the captives free,  
to open prison doors and make the blind to see,

the Spirit of the Lord is now on me.  
Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday is fast approaching.

During the Lenten season we make time to reflect on Jesus being the Light of the world. Let us allow the Light of Christ to shine so that the illuminating love of Christ will radiate out to all.

With Simeon and Anna – Let us Bless the Lord.

For our eyes have seen the Lords Christ, the Light to Redeem all the nations.

Thanks be to God.

Fr Ken ...

## LENT BEGINS

**Lent** is the season of preparation for the Passover of the Lord celebrated in the Great Three Days ('Triduum') from Maundy Thursday to Easter Day. It began as a time of preparation for baptism and confirmation at the Easter Vigil and for the reconciliation of those whose serious sin had separated them from the fellowship of the Church. Like our Lord's time in the wilderness it lasts 40 days, not counting Sundays as these are never days of fasting. Imposition of ashes is the traditional sign of penitence at the start of Lent.

## NEWS

A **faculty** has now been granted to re-build the leaning gate post at the entrance to the churchyard, and fix a Civic Trust Blue Paque to it commemorating the life of Edwin Ridsdale Tate—Churchwarden.  
**Windows**—final amendments have now been submitted to the lottery application for the restoration of our famous stained glass win-

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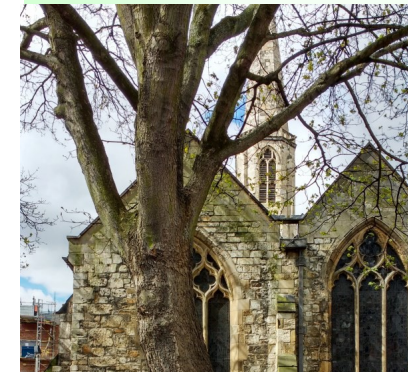
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**'The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.'**

The Annunciation, from the east window of the Lady Chapel (1330) Gabriel is holding a scroll which reads '[A]VE MAR[IA] [GRATI]A PL[ENA]'.

The feast of the Annunciation, or **Lady Day** falls on 25 March, but as this year that is in Holy Week, the festival is transferred to the first available—Monday 9th April, since Easter has a privileged octave

