

Upcoming dates for your diary *(details below)*

PCC meeting	Thurs 29 th Jan 7pm
Youth Emmaus group (<i>@Rectory</i>)	Wed 4 th Feb 5pm
Family Time Together	Sun 9 th Feb 3pm
Ladies Group:	Mon 16 th Feb 2pm
Ash Wednesday Communion services	Wed 18 th Feb 2pm & 7pm
Coffee & Cake concert	Sat 21 st Feb 10.15 for 11am
Walk Church	Sunday 22 nd Feb

Ash Wednesday 18th February

A short Communion Service at 12 noon and at 7pm, with imposition of ashes for those who wish.

Lent Discussions and Lunch

Following the success of our Lent Talks last year we are proposing to have a similar programme this year of Lent Discussions at 12noon followed by a soup lunch at 1pm on Wednesdays 25th Feb and 4th, 11th and 18th March - all welcome.

Ladies group

The next meeting will be on Monday 16th Feb at 2pm. The details are yet to be confirmed. Please speak to Diana Withers for details.

Coffee & Cake concert - Saturday 21st Feb

Our February concert features '**Just Men Singing**'.

This group, born from a record-breaking community project, is an inclusive joyful choir with over 40 voices sharing eclectic music with audiences from Kent to Cornwall and beyond. There's too much to write here! but see a full description on our notice board or via this QR code:

**Walk Church**

The next Walk Church is expected to be on the afternoon of Sunday, 22nd February 2026. There are no details published yet so watch their website via this QR:



Youth Emmaus Group for 10-12 year olds: We have now started this group: fortnightly on Wednesdays from 5 - 6.15pm at the Rectory CT4 7JW. We are exploring '**What Christians believe**' and '**How Christians grow**'. Our next meeting is on 4th Feb.

Could you help introduce young people to your career?

From Heather Williams: I help coordinate the **Careers education** at St. Anselm's Catholic School. Our National Careers Week is during March and our theme for assembly during that week is **Skills for Work**.

To help liven up the assembly I would really like to record some short 2-3 minute **videos of people talking about the skills** they feel are most important to their job - whether that's now or a job they have done in the past.

If you are happy to take part you are welcome to record your own video and email it to me, or I can record one for you - just let me know a time that suits.

To find out more, please catch me at church, email h.williams2012@live.co.uk, or call me on 07952 028 205.

Thank you in advance for helping me to liven up Careers Week assembly - you might even help introduce a young person to a career that they would otherwise have not considered.

Online giving for our church: If you don't already do so, you can donate to the work of St Mary's on our online Parish Giving page via this QR:



Thank you for helping St Mary's to continue to serve the community of Chartham.

For more information about our church and its work visit www.stmaryschartham.org

Collects and readings

1st Feb

Candlemas

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.

Luke 2:22-40

8th Feb

10am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday before Lent

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens
and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand
in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns
supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Gen 1:1-2:3, Matt 6:25-end

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