WE ARE ONE FAMILY!

Sexagesima Sunday

2 before Lent

Sunday 8th February 2026

Service of Holy Communion BCP at Christ Church at 8.00am

Service of Holy Communion at Christ Church at 10.30am

Readings: *Genesis 1:1-2:3 page 3 & Matthew 6:25-end page 971*

Wednesday 11th February 2026

Service of Holy Communion at Christ Church at 10.30am

Readings: *1 Kings 10:1-10 page 348 & Mark 7:14-23 page 1010*

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Christ Church & St John's, Radlett

Christ at the heart of community

Pew Leaflet

1st February 2026

"Our vision is to see flourishing,
Christ-centred worship in a growing Church of all ages
which welcomes and transforms our community
as we journey deeper into the love of God together"

WELCOME EVERYONE

Septuagesima Sunday

EPIPHANY 4

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

CANDLEMAS

Sunday 1st February 2026

Service of Holy Communion BCP at Christ Church at 8.00am

All Together Worship at Christ Church at 10.30am

Readings: *Malachi 3:1-5 page 961 & Luke 2:22-40 page 1028*

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. **Amen**

	Christ Church & St John's Diary **Church open for personal prayer 9.00 - 2.00pm**	
5.00pm	**Monday 2nd February** Worship Group	Vicarage
10-11.30am	**Tuesday 3rd February** Memory Café	Reform Synagogue
10.30am 8.00pm	**Wednesday 4th February** **Service of Holy Communion** ***Readings:*** *2 Samuel 24:2,9-17 page 296 & Mark 6:1-6a page 1008* Team Council Meeting	Christ Church Shenley Parish Room
	Thursday 5th February	
	Friday 6th February	
10.30aam	**Saturday 7th February** Aldenham Coffee Concert	Aldenham

NOTICES

Aldenham Church Coffee Concert Mornings

The next coffee concert morning will be at Aldenham on **7th February**. Refreshments will be available from 10.30am, followed by the concert at 11.30am, lasting for approximately one hour. See here for info
News - St John The Baptist, Aldenham

St Martin's Quiz Night

Shenley is hosting its **Quiz Night** on **Friday 21st February,** with doors opening at 7:00pm and the quiz starting at **7:30pm.** Tickets are £8 per adult, and teams can include up to 8 people. All proceeds will support the Community Ministry at Shenley, and attendees are encouraged to prebook to avoid disappointment by emailing stmartinshenleyevents@gmail.com.

Lent Course

Join us this Lent as we gather from **25th February** to 25th March at **7.30pm** at **Christ Church, Vision Hall** for a gentle, reflective journey through Holy Week. We'll be using Paula Gooder's **Women of Holy Week** as our guide, entering the story through the eyes of a female character she imagines accompanying Jesus through these momentous days. Everyone is welcome.

Thank you for your blister packs!

Last year the Eco Church Team asked that if you were not already recycling your medicine blister packs or dosette boxes to bring them to the back of Christ Church and a team member would take them for recycling. Thank you so much to everyone who responded. To date we have taken at least eight large grocery bags of the above for recycling - thus reducing the landfill. We are continuing to recycle so please keep up the good work!!

PRAYERS

RIP: Please remember Beryl Cushion. Please lift her family in prayer.

Those in need of healing of body, mind or spirit:

Christine Kamruddin, Margaret Sekinobe, Rebecca, Sue Waller, Joan Sands, Derek Horobin and Bob Ogden

- we pray for Sarah, formally confirmed as our Archbishop of Canterbury on 28 January, when the full legal responsibilities of this office were entrusted to her. Lord, continue to strengthen and uphold her as she prepares for her Installation in March, which will mark the beginning of her public ministry. Pour upon her the wisdom, strength and vision she will need to lead your Church, that we may walk together under her guidance in grace, unity and love
- we pray for our church family and for all Christians throughout the world. May the light of Christ, celebrated at Candlemas, shine with renewed brightness in this moment and illuminate every place where hope is needed
- we pray for the Bible Society and their work around the world. May their efforts to share Scripture bring encouragement, understanding and transformation to communities everywhere
- we pray for nations in crisis. We lift before God the nations facing deepening humanitarian emergencies, where millions endure hunger, displacement and violence. May compassion prevail, may aid reach those who suffer, and may hope take root where sorrow lingers, bringing comfort, renewal and the promise of brighter days

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What is Septuagesima Sunday?

Over the coming weeks you may notice on our pew sheet that it is 'Septuagesima Sunday' (1 Feb), Sexagesima Sunday (8 Feb), and Quinquagesima Sunday (15 Feb). What on earth is this about, I hear you cry? A few parishioners have asked that we remember these ancient liturgical traditions and I thought it would be nice to do so this year. Traditionally Septuagesima Sunday refers to the beginning of a 17-day period of preparation for Lent. It falls within 70 days (and more than 60) before Easter. Likewise, Sexagesmia Sunday is so-called because it falls within 60 (and more than 50) days before Easter. In the past many churches decorated their churches in purple array (altar cover and vestments, for example) and began the journey towards Lent with a period of penitential reflection. It is my prayer that noting these feast days and remembering our connection to the Saints of the past will help us to wholeheartedly enter the spirit of Lent, making the joy of Resurrection on Easter morning all the more wonderful. Rev'd. Ollie.

Congratulations to Ritah and Helen

The Revd Ritah Namakula has been appointed Vicar of St Oswald's, Croxley Green, and will be licensed on Wednesday 20th May at 7.30pm.
The Revd Helen Blaine has been appointed Associate Priest in the North Dartmoor Parishes and will be licensed on Wednesday 4th March at 7.00pm at St Andrew's, Moretonhampstead. All are welcome to attend.