



WELCOME TO ST CHAD LADYBARN

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"A light for revelation to the Gentiles", Luke 2.32

Candlemas Sunday - 29 January 2017

This morning's music

186 Firmly I believe and truly
105 Christ whose glory fills the skies
97 Christ is our cornerstone
62 Be still, for the presence of the Lord
223 Glorious things of thee are spoken
J S Bach Fugue in B minor

This morning's readings

Malachi 3.1-5 (Reader: Barbara Purvis); **Ps 24**;
Hebrews 2.14-18 (Reader: Judy Fletcher);
Luke 2.22-40 (Gospeller: Opal Walsh),
Intercessor: Helen Reid

This morning's Eucharistic Prayer: E
begins with the Proper Preface for Candlemas

Prayer in the silence after communion

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

Collect for 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.

Gospel acclamation *Reader:* Alleluia, Alleluia.
This child is the light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. *All: Alleluia!*

Post Communion for Candlemas

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive & reigns, now & for ever.

Tea and coffee are served in the Hall after the service - all invited

Next Sunday, Fourth Sunday before Lent, Proper 1

Isaiah 58.1-12 (Reader: Robert Nicholls); Psalm 112; **1 Corinthians 2.1-16** (Reader: Diane Wynn); **Matthew 5.13-20** (Gospeller: Helen Reid), Intercessor: Leslie Fletcher

Candlemas marks the end of the Christmas season

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| When the song of the angels is stilled | | |
| When the star in the sky is gone | To find the lost | |
| When the kings and princes are home | To heal the broken | To rebuild the nations |
| When the shepherds are back with their flocks | To feed the hungry | To bring peace among people |
| The work of Christmas begins | To release the prisoners | To make music in the heart |

This week and further ahead

31 January ~ Tuesday 7.30pm Iona evening prayer on the theme of Creation.
8.00pm in the Community Hall: Science and Religion Evening
The Universe as God's Creation
Admission £3, refreshments provided. Everyone welcome

2 February ~ Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion

10 February ~ Friday 7.30-10.30pm, St Cuthbert's Parish Hall, Palatine Road: L'Arche Boogie Night – an accessible, family friendly disco for people with and without learning disabilities. Free entry, if you can bring snacks to share and money for the bar.

10 February ~ Friday Spend an hour collecting for Christian Aid in the Tesco Store in Burnage See Leslie Fletcher or sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/Tesco-ChristianAid-collections>

18 February ~ Saturday 10.00am at St Nick's: *Tips and practice* session for readers and intercessors

Two big dates for your diary

5 March ~ Sunday 10.00am Parish Eucharist followed by Parish Lunch to celebrate St Chad's Day. The congregation from St Nick's will be joining us to take part in the cross-licencing of Alan, Mark and Rachel to our two churches

23 April ~ Sunday Annual Parish Meetings in the Hall after the Parish Eucharist – a long way ahead but this is an important event in the life of our church