

As Winter gives way to Spring

The beginning of February marks Candlemas which is a celebration of the presentation of Jesus in the temple and we hear Jesus being described as the light to lighten the world. The first of February also marks the start of Spring when we begin to notice the lengthening of the days after the darkness of Winter.

Spring is a time of rebirth and growth and as Candlemas points us towards the hope of Easter we invite you to join us for a short virtual prayer walk. All are welcome.

A Prayer Walk around the Church and Church Yard

For our Community



***Lord God we pray that the day will soon come
when we will again be able to gather together
in your name and until that day may we:
Love one another in mutual affection
Rejoice with those who rejoice
Weep with those who weep Amen***

Based on Romans 12: 10, 15

For those in Need



***Heavenly Father hold in your arms of love all who are in need,
and find life difficult, the sick and the dying,
those who care for them, carers, NHS staff,
support and care workers and all key workers,
those who mourn the loss of a loved one.
Heavenly Father give them the knowledge of your closeness
and may they know that nothing can separate them
from the love you show us in Jesus Christ. Amen***

Hope - Looking for Signs of Spring –

Extracts from the Easter Hymn – Now the Green Blade Rises

***Now the green blade rises from the buried grain
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain
Love lives again, that with the dead has been
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green***



The first buds of Spring growth on the trees

***When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain
By your touch you call us back to life again
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green***



Snowdrops “Candlemas Bells” in the Church yard the first signs of Spring

Lighting Candles – we invite you, if it is safe for you to do so, to light a candle



If it is safe and comfortable for you to do so take a few minutes to be still. As you gaze at the flame of the candle hold before God those you wish to pray for personally.

Lord make us quiet as we place in your hands those for whom we want to pray. We know that you love them with a love greater than we could ever imagine. In the stillness Lord we are here, with you, for them.

***When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day
the dark is behind us and Spring's on the way.
A glory dawns in every dark place, the light of Christ the fulness of grace.***

***Christ Jesus be the life within us
Be the love between us
Be the light that guides us this day and always
And may God's blessing be upon us and all those we love and hold dear
Amen***