

North Hampshire Downs Benefice

# Candlemas

## Family Communion



All Saints Odiham

Sunday 31st January

9.45am

Followed by refreshments

*Please say the words in **bold type***

## WELCOME

## CHILDREN'S CANDLE PROCESSION

*We sing:*

**Light a candle** (x2)

**Think of God** (x2)

**Jesus is the light** (x2)

**Of the world** (x2)

## HYMN

*(please stand)*

**Angels from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:**

*Come and worship*

*Christ, the new-born King:*

*come and worship,*

*worship Christ, the new-born King.*

**Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
yonder shines the infant light:**

**Sages, leave your contemplations;  
brighter visions beam afar;  
see the great Desire of Nations;  
ye have seen his natal star:**

**Saints before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending,  
in his temple shall appear:**

**Though an infant now we view him,  
he shall fill his Father's throne,  
gather all the nations to him;  
every knee shall then bow down:**

## INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Come close to God and he will come close to you.

**O God our heavenly Father, in our worship help us to come near to you, to sing your praise, to confess our sins, to hear your word and to bring our prayers to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## CONFESSION - *saying sorry to God*

*(please sit or kneel)*

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. Let us tell God that we are sorry for our sins and ask him to forgive us.

**Heavenly Father, we know how we should live and we know the things we should do, but so often we fail you. We are sorry for the things we have done wrong this week which have hurt you, our families and our friends, and we are sorry for the unkind words we may have spoken. Please forgive us and help us to love you and one another as you have loved us. Amen.**

## WE ARE FORGIVEN

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins  
and bring us to eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## PERUVIAN GLORIA

*(please stand)*

1. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.  
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.**  
To him be glory for ever.  
**To him be glory for ever.**  
Alleluia, amen.  
**Alleluia, amen.**  
**Alleluia, amen.**  
**Alleluia, amen.**
2. Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father...
3. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit...

## **THE BIBLE READING**

*We listen to God's word*

*At the end the reader may say:*  
This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **THE TALK**

Peter Maidment, Chaplain of Lord Wandsworth College.

## **HYMN**

*(please stand)*

***This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

**The light that shines is the light of love,  
lights the darkness from above;  
it shines on me and it shines on you,  
and shows what the power of love can do.  
Shine my light both far and near,  
shine my light both bright and clear;  
where there's a dark corner in this land  
I'm gonna let my little light shine.**

***This little light...***

**On Monday he gave me the gift of love,  
Tuesday peace came from above,  
Wednesday he told me to have more faith,  
Thursday he gave me a little more grace,  
Friday he told me to watch and pray,  
Saturday he told me just what to say,  
on Sunday he gave me the pow'r divine  
to let my little light shine.**

***This little light...***

## **THE CREED**

*(remain standing)*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe and trust in God the Father who made all things.**

**We believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world.**

**We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God.**

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

May Almighty God strengthen this faith in us day by day. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER TIME**

*(please sit or kneel)*

## **THE PEACE**

*(please stand)*

## **HYMN**

*(a collection will be taken as we sing)*

**Colours of day dawn into the mind,  
the sun has come up, the night is behind.  
Go down in the city, into the street,  
and let's give the message to the people we meet.  
*So light up the fire and let the flame burn,  
open the door, let Jesus return,  
take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow,  
tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.***

**Go through the park, on into the town;  
the sun still shines on, it never goes down.  
The light of the world is risen again;  
the people of darkness are needing a friend.  
*So light up the fire ...***

**Open your eyes, look into the sky,  
the darkness has come, the sun came to die,  
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,  
but Jesus is living, and his Spirit is near.  
*So light up the fire ...***

## **THE COMMUNION**

*(please sit or kneel)*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

Lord of all life,  
you created the universe,  
where all living things reflect your glory.  
You give us this great and beautiful earth,  
to discover and to cherish.

You give us the fish in the sea,  
the birds of the air,  
and every plant and tree;  
the life that sleeps in the winter earth,  
and awakens again in the spring.

You made us all,  
each wonderfully different,  
to join with the angels  
and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father,  
because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross  
and shows us the way to live.

**Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.**

On the night before he died,  
when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread.  
He gave thanks, broke it,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins. Do this to remember me.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.  
As you feed us with these gifts,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more  
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,  
as we look forward to that day  
when suffering is ended,  
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints  
we give you glory,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;**



**thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*The priest breaks the bread*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many we are one body because we all share in one bread.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our lord Jesus Christ which was given for you and his blood which was shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanks giving.

*Everyone is welcome at the altar - to receive either the bread and wine or a blessing.  
If you wish to receive a blessing please keep your hands below the rail.*

*After Communion we pray:*

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

## **HYMN**

*(please stand)*

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me.**

***Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.***

***Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your word, Lord,  
and let there be light.***

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness,  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.**

***Shine, Jesus, shine ...***

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory;  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.**

***Shine, Jesus, shine ...***

## **THE BLESSING**

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
In the name of Christ. Amen.**



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