



1st February 2026

Candlemas

Bible Readings

Hebrews 2.14-end

Luke 2.22-40

Collect

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

9am Hymns

When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day (sheet)

Dear Lord and Father MP 111 (omit v4)

Be still for the presence of the Lord - MP50

Lord, the light of Your love (Shine, Jesus, shine) MP 445

Anthem: Song of Simeon - Margaret Rizza

Voluntary: Hymne au Soleil (Vierne)

Please Pray for

Southwark Diocese. Bishop Martin, Caroline, Carolyn, Nicholas, William, Jen, our clergy & THiS Team Ministry. Julie Martin, Malcolm Beckett, Mark Curzon. Pray also for the repose of the soul of Roy Smith and for his family and friends at this time

This Week

Monday	2	9am 9.45am - 11.30am 10am - Noon 5pm - 7pm	Morning Prayer: Chapel Brunch Bunch: Sitzler room Encore choir: Church Southside Academy Theatre group: Sitzler Room (Private hire)
Tuesday	3	9am	Morning Prayer: Chapel
Wednesday	4	9am 1.30pm 7.30 pm - 9pm	Morning Prayer: Chapel Funeral service for Roy Smith with reception in Church AA Support meeting: Sitzler room
Thursday	5	10am - Noon 6.30pm	SMarties Choir practice: Sitzler room/Church
Friday	6	9am	Morning Prayer: Chapel
Saturday	7	9am	Morning Prayer: Chapel
Sunday	8	9am 10.45am	Holy Communion Worship together for all ages and stages

Roy Smith Funeral

Many of you know that Roy Smith died recently. He was a faithful member of St. Matthew's for many years. The funeral will be on Wednesday 4th February at 1:30pm followed by a reception in the church. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the Princess Alice Hospice.



321 course

Have you got questions about God, the world and you? St Paul's Hook are running the 321 course, starting on Weds 7th Jan from 7-9.30pm for 4 weeks. This course invites you to see life the way Jesus does. Each session involves storytelling, interactive videos and conversation that help us better understand God, the world and ourselves. Contact Vicar of St Paul's Jen at revjenhoughton@gmail.com to find out more, or visit <https://321.speaklife.org.uk>

KCAH - Urgent Request

The Winter Night Shelter provides five months of safety and security for up to 30 rough sleepers in Kingston. If you would like to get involved in this amazing project as a volunteer either of your time or a home-cooked meal. Email winternightshelter@kcah.org.uk

ST MATTHEW'S SOCIAL CALENDAR FOR 2026 (ONE-OFF EVENTS)

Mar	Sat 21st	3pm-5pm	Church	Games Afternoon
May	Sat 9th	7.30pm-9.30pm	Church	Desert Island Discs
June	Sat 27th	7pm-8pm	Church	Songs of Praise
Sept	Sat 12th	10am-4pm	Church	Heritage Open Day
Sept	Sat 19th	2.30pm-4.30pm	Church	Outside Games
Sept	Sun 27th	9am and 10.45am	Church	Patronal Festival with Lunch
Oct	Sat 24th	7pm-8pm	Church	The BIG Sing
Nov	Sat 21st	5pm-8pm	cornerHOUSE	Scottish Country Dancing
Dec	Tues 15th	6pm-8pm	cornerHOUSE	Community Carols

Safeguarding

Please contact Sue Fraser or Chris Taylor on 07895 501517 or to speak to someone in person if you have any Safeguarding concerns or questions. You can also ask Clergy or Wardens if the need is immediate.

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