

Monday

9:30-11am Little Fishes in the Parish Hall

10:30 - 11:30am Natter in the Parish Hall

Tuesday

From 9:30am Warm Space & at 11am Weekday Eucharist (for 30 mins) at St James' Clifton

11am Funeral of Jo Lilleyman

Wednesday

10:30am Holy Communion & refreshments

Friday Choir practice 6:30 - 8:30pm

Next Sunday - Second Sunday before Lent

9.45am Parish Communion & Starfish Gang

4pm Refresh @ 4 followed by YouthZone

February Dates for upcoming Events & Services:

9th 7:30pm Nourish

15th 9:45am Parish Communion (no Starfish Gang)

16th No Little Fishes (half term)

18th 10:30am Ash Wednesday service with Ashing & 6pm at St James, Clifton.

19th 6pm Taize service at St James

22nd First Sunday of Lent:

9:45am Parish Communion & Starfish Gang

2pm Whiston Girlguiding units Celebrating 100 years of Thinking Day, in Church.

LENT COURSE for the MISSION AREA starting 23rd

Feb with weekly sessions in each parish: details to be confirmed.

Bridget Saddington is looking for someone to take over the role of **Children's Society Rep** from her after 12 years. Due to health and personal issues, she is unable to carry on but will give help and support to any volunteer.

ARISE ROTHERHAM- Preparations are well underway to pray for homes in all streets of Rotherham this March. More details in Feb but note that **the launch** will be on **Sunday March 1st at 6pm**, Liberty Church, Station Rd, S60 1JH. Also, **on each of the 4 Saturdays in March: Rotherham Boundary Prayer Pilgrimage.** Each walk will be 7 to 9 miles stopping to pray in churches of different denominations. People will be able to do one stage of each walk or all of them but will need to register. Virtual walking will also be possible.

Church Bank details:

Church Bank Account: TSB Sort Code 77-74-02

Account Number 0007 1841

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TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER AND REMEMBER GOD IS GOOD

St. Mary Magdalene, Whiston
Part of the Mission Area with St Cuthbert & St James

SUNDAY 1st February 2026

Presentation of Christ in the Temple Candlemas



9:45 am Parish Communion

721 – Love divine, all loves excelling

719 – Lord, the light of your love

Antiphon – Nunc Dimittis – Noble

113 – When Candles are lighted

6pm Choral Evensong for Candlemas

Introit – Locus Iste

101 - In our darkness light has shone

Responses – Ayleward

Psalm – 122

Canticles – Noble in B Minor

Antiphon – O thou the central orb - Wood

396 – Faithful vigil ended

112 – New light has dawned the Son of God is here

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers, for all those who are ill or anxious at this time, undergoing tests or treatment at home or in hospital or the hospice and those who are in a care home or housebound.

We pray for the recently departed Jo Lilleyman and we pray for all those who mourn, in particular, Jo's family. We pray for those in our memorial book whose anniversary occurs this week: Anne Wells, David Saddington and Margaret Hacon

We pray the Diocesan Vision Prayer:

Living God, Jesus calls his followers to seek first your Kingdom.

Renew us as we make your love known;

Release us to share freely together in mission;

and Rejuvenate us to be fruitful in your service.

Give us courage, wisdom and compassion, that strengthened with the grace of the Holy Spirit, we may, as the Diocese of Sheffield, both flourish and grow through Christ our Lord. Amen

A prayer for Candlemas 2026:

Almighty God as we celebrate the feast of Candlemas today, we give thanks for your son Jesus who is the Light of the World and for your call to us to share in that light. We pray that our Church may be a light to those who live in the darkness of unbelief and reveal to them his love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Amen

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After the Sunday and Wednesday morning services, please stay for refreshments. As a Church, we support Fairtrade.

