

# THE LINK

*The Magazine of The Knightley Parishes*

## St.. Michael & All Angels Newnham



**Snowdrop Sunday**  
19th. February

at The Nuttery  
Manor Lane  
and in the churchyard

Tea and cakes in the  
Village Hall

2.00 to 4.30pm

There will be a nominal charge in aid of  
church funds



## February 2017

Badby ☘ Newnham ☘ Charwelton ☘ Fawsley ☘ Preston Capes

### THE KNIGHTLEY PARISHES

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#### Services for February 2017

	5 February I 4 bef. Lent	12 February II 3 bef. Lent	19 February III 2 bef. Lent	26 February IV Next bef. Lent	5 March I LENT 1
Badby	11:00 Holy Communion CW	11:00 Family Service	<b>United Benefice Service</b>  <b>11:00</b>  <b>Holy Communion</b>  at  <b>Newnham</b>	18:00 Evening Prayer BCP	11:00 Holy Communion CW
Newnham	09:30 Holy Communion CW	18:00 Evening Prayer		X	09:30 Holy Communion CW
Charwelton	18:00 Evensong (Chapel)	X		09:30 Holy Communion BCP (Church)	18:00 Evensong (Chapel)
Fawsley	X	11:00 Holy Communion BCP		11:00 Holy Communion BCP	X
Preston Capes	09:30 Said Morning Prayer BCP	09:30 Holy Communion Order 1		18:00 Evening Prayer BCP	09:30 Said Ante-Communion CW

#### OTHER SERVICES

Thursday 2 Feb	9.30 am	Badby	Midweek Communion
Tuesday 21 Feb	6.30 pm	Badby	ESOW
Wednesday 1 Mar	10:00 am	Badby	Ash Wednesday service
Wednesday 1 Mar	7:00 pm	Newnham	Ash Wednesday service

## SUNDAY READINGS

### Principal Service CW

- for other services see Lectionary



Date	Feast	Page *	Year	OT†	NT	Gospel
5 Feb	4 bef. Lent	79	A	Isaiah 58, 1-9a	1 Cor 2, 1-12	Matt 5, 13-20
12 Feb	3 bef. Lent	86	A	Deut 30, 15-end	1 Cor 3, 1-9	Matt 5, 21-37
19 Feb	2 bef. Lent	98	A	Gen 1, 1 - 2, 3	Rom 8, 18-25	Matt 6, 25-end
26 Feb	Next bef. Lent	105	A	Exod 24, 12-end	2 Pet 1, 16-end	Matt 17, 1-9
1 Mar	Ash Wednesday	110	A	Joel 2, 1-2 & 12-17	2 Cor 5, 20b - 6, 10	Matt 6, 1-6 & 16-21
5 Mar	Lent 1	117	A	Gen 2, 15-17 & 3, 1-7	Rom 5, 12-19	Matt 4, 1-11

- NOTES: 1. \*These page numbers refer to "The Word of the Lord", a copy of which will be available in your church. All the readings in that book are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.
2. †The Old Testament readings during Trinity will be from Track 2 of Common Worship
3. At non-communion services the second reading should normally be the Gospel.

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### HOLY MATRIMONY



at Badby  
on 31st December  
Larissa Victoria Mann  
and  
Alan Roger Freeland

*Blessed are you, heavenly Father  
You give joy to bridegroom and bride*

### IN MEMORIAM



at Badby  
on 20th January  
David Anthony Hill

*Grant him peace,  
and let light perpetual shine upon him*

## THE RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

On Sunday March the 19<sup>th</sup> we are going to be welcoming Bishop John Holbrook to our service at Fawsley. We are very lucky in this diocese that both Bishops are very happy to come to visit services on a normal Sunday and meet us where we worship regularly. I don't envy Bishops. I imagine the role can make you feel very remote from the congregations in your diocese, never really getting to know anyone properly by worshipping with them week by week. I get enough criticism for not living in my Benefice and so people blame me for apparently not being around. Imagine being the Bishop of Peterborough and trying to relate to a parish in Brackley! Bishops are after all drawn from the ranks of priest and have served parishes and congregations as local pastors. I personally miss not being part of a weekly congregation as I cover five different ones.

So let us make the Bishop of Brixworth warmly welcome and make him feel at home. Now comes the tricky bit. It's always worth while making the most of a visit from the Bishop; we might want to make him feel at ease but there are certain things that he can do that your parish priest cannot. One of these is

confirming people. Have any of you been thinking about exploring your faith more deeply and approaching us to be able to receive the bread and the wine in Communion? The Bishop is the one who can actually confirm someone but we can prepare you and guide you through the exploration of this development in your Christian journey so do let me know.

Having said that, it probably won't be quite a regular Sunday United Benefice service anyway. Fawsley may well have its new roof completed! I would like to take this chance as well to thank everyone who helped raise funds after the copper was stolen from the old roof; to thank all those who have kept worshipping there, those who have visited and been so generous, and those members of the congregation who have dealt with the leaks, the paperwork and the funding applications.

So let us bless God for all the goodwill shown to Fawsley and to celebrate with the Bishop, and maybe we can celebrate by welcoming a new confirmation candidate at that service as well.



Sue F.

## BENEFICE PAGE

### EVENING SERVICE OF THE WORD

Not able to come to church on Sunday? Why not try the Evening Service of The Word? Held once a month on Tuesday evening (following the third Sunday of the month) at 6.30pm at St... Mary's Badby, this friendly, peaceful service lasts no longer than 25 minutes. Led in turn by some of those who attend, there is always a brief talk about somebody inspirational. All welcome! Forward ESOW dates are 21 February and 21 March.

### MIDWEEK COMMUNION

A short mid-week service of Holy Communion for all the Knightley Parishes, held at Badby Church at 09:30 on the first Thursday of the month. Especially for people who may find it difficult to get to a Sunday service, visitors and rambles are also welcome before they set off for the day. The dates are as follows: 2nd Feb, 2nd Mar, 6th Apr, 1st June, 6th July, 3rd Aug, 5th Oct, 2nd Nov, 7th Dec.

### LENT COURSE

As we did last year there will be a Lent Course held at the Benefice Office. Refreshments will be available from 5.30pm with the sessions (each hosted by Revd, Sue) starting at 6pm and lasting until 7.30pm. The dates and topics will be as follows:

**Thursday 9th March:** Faith and Social Justice.

**Tuesday 14th March:** What the world was like at the time of Jesus

**Tuesday 21st March:** The Oxford Movement

**Thursday 30th March:** The welcome the Church offers

### WEATHER RECORDS

As always at this time of the year I am grateful to Edgar Mobbs of Newnham, Claire Hoare of Little Preston, and June Pound of Charwelton for sharing their weather records, which make for some interesting reading.

As usual Little Preston was the driest of the three locations with 625mm over the year. Charwelton had 745 and Newnham 786. June was the wettest

month with 127mm in Newnham, 111mm in Charwelton, and (surprisingly) 136mm in Little Preston. The driest month was October at Newnham (24mm) but July in Charwelton and Little Preston (22 and 21mm respectively).

Edgar reports that over the 25 years during which he has kept his records, the mean rainfall has been 788mm, which puts 2016 bang in the middle of that range. His highest recorded rainfall was 1100mm in 2012 and the lowest was 539mm in 2011. June's figures for Charwelton (though going back only 23 years) show a very similar picture, though in Charwelton's case the driest year was 2005 with 517mm.

On the temperature front (Charwelton only) the warmest month was July with an average maximum temperature of 20degC, while the coldest was January with an average minimum of 1.03degC. Last year there were, unusually, no months with an average minimum of less than zero.

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### BADBY AND DISTRICT FILM SOCIETY

The films to be screened this month are:

**Sat 11th Feb Abel Gance's NAPOLEON (1927)**

The legendary silent film epic, written, produced & directed by Abel Gance, with a new music score from Carl Davis. In a new digitally restored version from the British Film Institute, which describes it as "one of the world's greatest films." A "must see", despite its extra-long running time! English intertitles (330 mins).

**Thu 23rd Feb THE PURPLE ROSE OF CAIRO (1985)**

One of Woody Allen's best films (in his own opinion!), an enjoyable romantic comedy about a film character who leaves the film and enters the real world. Starring Mia Farrow and Jeff Daniels, it won a BAFTA for Best Film (82 mins).

**Fir 24th Feb LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP (2016)**

A "rollicking, visually stunning" period comedy drama based on Jane Austen's novel Lady Susan, "an unabashedly contrived and effortlessly inventive heist

movie." Stars Kate Beckinsale, Chloë Sevigny & Stephen Fry (92 mins).

If you are interested in finding out more about the Society and its forthcoming programme, please get in touch with Karen Brown on 312158.

### HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Happy New Year everyone. I hope you all had a good holiday season. Our first event on this year's calendar is the Wine and Quiche Evening, which features a wine tasting by Majestic Wines. There will be the usual homemade quiches and buffet. Wine and soft drinks will be on sale, tickets are now available, £8.50 for members and £10.50 for non-members. For catering purposes they will only be on sale until 24th February, so don't miss out as numbers are limited. Other confirmed events for this year are Plant Sale 21st May, Annual Show 3rd September, AGM 10th November and Christmas Crafts Evening 15th December. Also, a quick reminder that subscriptions are now due for the new year. If you would like to join the Society and any further information on any of our events, please contact Zelda Shapter on 872118, zelda@peteshapter.co.uk.



## PARISH NOTICES

### BADBY

Correspondent - Geoff Pullin (gcsspullin@yahoo.com)

	Reader	Sidesmen	Server
5 Feb	C. Wakeford Pat McAlistier	S. Hartland-Swann S. Brookes	S. Rose
12 Feb	TBA	TBA	N/R
26 Feb	A Roddis	A. Roddis	N/R

### ALL-AGE SERVICE

Our all-age family service on Sunday, February 12 at 11am will be led by the Revd Sue. We are inviting anyone who was baptised at St. Mary's to come to this service to renew their vows. We are also inviting all children who come to this service, to bring their favourite toys so they too can be baptised.

### FEBRUARY CHURCH FLOWERS

4 & 11 Catherine Wakeford  
18 & 25 Ann Cotton & Monique Shortt

### CHURCH CLEANING IN FEBRUARY

w/b 6 Feb Joan Lee, Pat McAlistier, Win Roddis  
w/b 13 Feb Jan Cooper, Moira Cooper, Kirstin Dollery  
w/b 20 Feb Gill Nelson, Madeline Oldrey, Neville Snell  
w/b 27 Feb Ann Cotton, Monique Shortt, Brigit Cree

### TEA AND MEET

The first Tea and Meet of 2017 will be on Friday, February 3, from 2 - 3.30pm in the village hall. An opportunity to drink tea and enjoy the company of village friends.

### DAVENTRY FOOD BANK

Even in the Daventry district there are families and individuals who sometimes have to choose between buying food and paying for gas/electricity. When finances are stretched, all it takes is a sudden, unexpected event – a bereavement, illness, redundancy or theft – to throw people into a genuine crisis. The Daventry Food Bank provides emergency food supplies until other parts of the social care infrastructure come into play. Please, when you do your food shopping, consider adding a few essentials to your basket or trolley and put them in our collecting box in St. Mary's Church for regular delivery to the Food Bank.  
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### URC FEBRUARY SERVICES

On Sundays at 10am, the preacher will be:  
5th Revd Geoff Townsend  
12th Mary Barrett  
19th Gail Addison  
26th Jane Franklyn

### STITCH KNIT AND NATTER

Stitch, Knit and Natter will be in the village hall on Monday, February 13 between 2 and 4pm. We're always looking for new members who stitch, knit and/or natter. We are a flexible group of about 24 and enjoy informally sharing ideas and support.

## BADBY CLEAN-UP

Working groups organised by the Parish Council will meet on the 4th Sunday of each month starting at 10am from the village hall and finishing around 12.30pm. Volunteers are welcome to join in. Please advise the Clerk of any items needing attention.

## BADBY & FAWLSLEY WI.

February brings a chance for the budding authors among us to find out how it's done! Tiffany Daneff, Saga Magazine's Houses and Gardening Editor is to give us an insight into journalism and how she became a journalist. Badby and Fawsley WI meet every second Thursday of the month in Badby Village Hall at 7.30pm. New members and visitors welcome. If you would like further information please contact Kate Earley 01327 700544.

## BADBY FLORAL BEE

After an interesting session in January we are now looking forward to meeting in the village hall on Friday, February 3. This month we will be creating an elegant ring design which is suitable for many grand occasions. If you would like to join in, contact Liz Hudson on 01327 877797 for details.

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Collections in Badby including the Church collection amounted to £512.78

Thank you to Madeleine Oldrey, Neville Snell and Peter and Pat McAlister, The Windmill and The Maltsters and all who gave so generously.

## TREASURER NEEDED!

Are you good with figures and have a few hours to spare every month or so? Then you could be just the person we're looking for!

The friendly, small group of volunteers that make up the Badby Village Hall Management Committee (a registered charity) is in need of a new Treasurer as the current holder of the post is stepping down.

Interested? Then please give Ken Morris (Chairman) a ring for an informal chat on 01327 879884.

## KEN AND ELEANOR

Ken and Eleanor Ramsbotham have changed their e-mail address to kenellie29@btinternet.com



## NEWNHAM

Correspondent - Ellen Henning  
(ellen.henning@hotmail.co.uk)

	Reader	Sidesman
5 Feb	Tim Thompson-Royds	Stephen Rees
12 Feb	Les Pierpoint	Les Pierpoint
19 Feb	Claudia Wade	Jeff Lawrence
1 Mar	Janet Rees	Les Pierpoint
5 Mar	Brian Price	Jim Wood

## CHURCH HELP

We are desperately seeking people to help us with the many tasks that enable us to keep the church available and open on a daily basis for quiet reflection and prayer. If you feel you could help by polishing the brasses, flower arranging, general cleaning or any other job please contact Jeff (705085) or Mary (872670) or any church member. This voluntary help would only require an hour or two of commitment a couple of times a year. Likewise having lost our organist to the wilds of Devon if you know anybody that would be willing to play the organ for us on occasions please let us know.

## SNOWDROP SUNDAY

On Sunday 19th February we shall be holding our Snowdrop Sunday. Weather permitting there should be a wonderful display throughout the village, especially in the churchyard and surrounding verges, the Woodland Trust area, and at the Nuttery. There will be a nominal charge for church funds. Teas/coffee and home-made cakes will be available in the Village Hall from 2.00pm

## FOOD BANK

Once again very many thanks to those who continue to leave food and hygiene items in the collecting box at the back of the church. They are taken regularly to Daventry where they are always gratefully received.

## JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 11th March from 2pm in the Village Hall, Church Street NN11 3ET. There will be the usual Clothing stalls together with Bric-a-Brac, Books, Cakes, Toys and Good as New. We will be serving refreshments. Come and grab a bargain. Entrance Adults 20p and under 16yrs free.

## 200 CLUB RESULTS

£50 Prize. No 128. Mr. & Mrs. N Beer  
£25 Prize. No 125. Mr. & Mrs. Nunnely  
£25 Prize. No 185. Mrs. M Nichols

## KNITTERS WANTED

I am looking to create a 'Travelling Nativity', this is a knitted Nativity Scene that families can borrow for a night in the weeks leading up to Christmas. When it leaves the family the children are left with a lamb. This is not a new idea, but has been established in a lot of places for a number of years and I would now like to introduce it to Newnham.

What I need are knitters. Do you enjoy knitting and have some spare time when you could knit a figure or two? Only one of each of the main characters is needed, but I hope the Nativity will visit several homes, meaning that a number of sheep will be needed.

If you are unable to help with the knitting, maybe you have some odds and ends of wool that you no longer need and I would be grateful for these. Please contact Mary Wood on 01327 872670.

## NEWNHAM WI

Newnham WI started the New Year with a very interesting visit from Mr. Bert Manton, who brought along part of his large collection of Rural Bygones for us to try and determine what they all were in the form of a quiz. We tried very hard and had a fun evening, we also learnt quite a lot about rural history.

We will be meeting again on the 16th February at 7.30 in the village hall to hear our speaker Martin Heath from Northampton radio talking about 'The History of Local Radio. We welcome visitors to join us and if you would like any further information please contact either Carol on 01327 872861 or Sue on 01327 439612

## CHARWELTON

Correspondent - David Pound

	Reader / Sidesman
5 Feb	Judy Jones
26 Feb	Gordon & Elizabeth Bird
5 Mar	Penny Cory

## Flowers

26 Feb	Annabelle Orr
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## Chapel cleaning

February	Pauline Donnelly / Graham White
March	June Pound

## CAROL SINGING

Fiona Spencer would like to offer thanks to all those who came out Carol Singing round the village on 20 December, to Janet, Anthony and Maurice who so kindly provided mince pies and drinks on the way round, and to the Fox and Hounds who made us welcome at the end. And of course to those who donated to the collection.

The total raised for the Katharine House Hospice was £152.15.

## "MIDNIGHT" SERVICE

The 10.00pm First Communion of Christmas was well attended (44 people present) and was a joyous start to the Christmas season. The offertory of £166.81 was donated to the Katharine House Hospice.

## ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS

The Vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on Thursday 2 March at 7.30pm in the Chapel.

The Vestry Meeting elects the Churchwardens for the year, and all residents of the village are eligible to vote in that election.

The APCM elects the PCC for the following year, and receives the various annual reports on the church's activities. Voting at that meeting is restricted to those on the church electoral roll.

These meetings offer an opportunity for you to be involved in decisions about the church and everyone is warmly invited to attend.

**Members of the PCC please note** that there will be a special meeting after the service on 26 Feb. to approve the various annual reports. Those reports - from the Churchwarden, Treasurer, Secretary and Deanery Rep. - need to be with Penny Cory in time for them to be circulated before that meeting.

### POPPY APPEAL

Graham White would like to thank all those who contributed towards the Poppy Appeal last November. The total raised in Charwelton was £252.77.



### FAWSLEY

Correspondent - Debbie Walker

	Readers	Flowers
12 Feb	Robin Baker	Marianne Farrow
26 Feb	Pam Giles	

### ANNUAL LITTER PICK

The annual Fawsley litter pick will take place on Saturday 18th March, further details to follow in next month's link

### CHURCH ROOF REPAIRS

We are pleased to advise that repairs to the roof are at last underway. The church will remain open for services so should you visit, please take care in the churchyard where scaffolding has been erected.



### A LESSON IN DIPLOMACY?

A wife is scrambling eggs when her husband bursts into the kitchen. "Careful!" he cries. "You're cooking too many at once! Too many! Scramble them!" Now! We need more butter. They're going to stick! Careful! Now scramble them again! Hurry up! Are you crazy? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt! The salt! The salt!"

The wife turns and asks "What is wrong with you?"

Her husband calmly replies "I wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving."

### PRESTON CAPES

Correspondent - Gerard Hoare

	Reader	Sidesman	Cleaning
5 Feb	Luke Bridgeman	V Brassey	Anabel Lewis-Bowen
12 Feb	Gerard Hoare	Anabel Lewis-Bowen & Amanda Clarke	
26 Feb	Graham White	Steve Cook	
5 Mar	TBA	Gerard Hoare	

### FLOWERS

February. Anabel Lewis-Bowen.

### THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The Roll was renewed in 2013, but additions can be made. Baptised parishioners over 16 years are eligible. Importantly, being on the Roll entitles you to elect the bodies which govern the Church's affairs. It is also a statement that you support the church here. The Roll numbers 32 parishioners at this time. Would you like to join the Roll? Enrollment forms can be obtained from the Roll Officer Bernard Rapson, or the Churchwardens. Completed forms must be received by the Roll Officer by 1<sup>st</sup> March, please.

### ANNUAL VESTRY AND PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

These will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.00 pm in the Church. It is the meeting when our church officers and PCC are appointed for another year. Everyone is welcome to attend, but only those on the Church Electoral Roll for the parish can vote. See above.

### PLANNED GIVING

The new year is a good time to review our own 'tithing' or personal level of financial support for our church. Please review your giving and whether it should be raised for inflation (suddenly a threat again), or better personal circumstances. Our Hon Treasurer, Elizabeth Dearnis [contact details on the back page] will be pleased to help anyone with the paperwork for tax efficient giving, so that Gift Aid comes back to the church. The PCC extends a big thank you to all our regular donors.

With running costs of the Church account close to £15000 per annum, it equates to £175 for every house in our parish, or £3.40 per week, year after year! Please can everyone do their bit! All planned giving is treated in strict confidence.

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

This month's meeting takes place at the village hall on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February, starting at 7.30pm, when a representative of the local Air Ambulance will be coming to talk about their work.

New members are always welcome - if you would like to try the WI, just come along to any monthly meeting (usually on the fourth Tuesday of each month) or contact the Secretary at [PennyEves@aol.com](mailto:PennyEves@aol.com) for further information.



### DIARY

This diary records the proposed dates of any benefice, parish or village events. We hope that this will help those planning such events to know what else is going on and therefore be able to avoid any unhelpful clashes of dates.

If you know, or become aware, of events which ought to be recorded please let David Pound, or your village Link correspondent, know.

Events known about so far are:

#### February

- 1 Newnham coffee morning
- 3 Badby Floral Bee
- 5 PC VH Sunday bar
- 9 Badby & Fawsley WI
- 10 PC VH pub night
- 16 Newnham WI
- 19 Newnham Snowdrop Sunday
- 26 Badby Clean up group
- 28 Preston Capes WI

#### March

- 1 Newnham coffee morning
- 1 Badby NHP meeting
- 2 Charwelton APCM and PCC
- 3 Hort Soc Wine & Quiche
- 5 PC VH Sunday bar
- 8 Badby PCC
- 10 PC VH pub night
- 11 Newnham Jumble Sale

- 18 PC VH 6-Nations
- 23 Preston Capes APCM
- 23 Newnham PCC
- 24 Newnham Bingo
- 28 Newnham APCM

#### April

- 2 PC VH Sunday bar
- 5 Badby PCC (for acceptance of reports)
- 5 Newnham coffee morning
- 6 Ritual and Actions in HC services - Newnham
- 6 Newnham VH AGM
- 8 PC VH Saturday Quiz
- 14 PC VH pub night
- 26 Badby APCM

#### May

- 3 Newnham coffee morning
- 4 Charwelton PCC
- 7 PC VH Sunday bar
- 9 Newnham PCC
- 12 PC VH pub night
- 17 Preston Capes PCC
- 21 Hort Soc Plant sale
- 28 PC VH Sunday bar

#### June

- 7 Newnham coffee morning
- 9 PC VH pub night
- 11 Badby & Newnham NGS Open Gardens
- 18 Newnham Open Gardens
- 21 Badby PCC
- 25 PC VH Croquet Tournament

#### July

- 2 PC VH Sunday bar
- 5 Newnham coffee morning
- 6 Charwelton PCC
- 8 PC VH Cook out
- 14 PC VH pub night
- 18 Newnham PCC
- 19 Preston Capes PCC

#### August

- 2 Newnham coffee morning
- 6 PC VH Sunday bar
- 11 PC VH pub night
- 20 PC VH Treasure Hunt

#### September

- 3 Hort Soc annual show
- 3 PC VH Sunday bar
- 6 Newnham coffee morning

- 8 PC VH pub night
- 7 Charwelton PCC
- 13 Badby PCC
- 23 PC VH Quiz Night
- 26 Newnham PCC
- 27 Preston Capes PCC

**October**

- 1 PC VH Sunday bar
- 4 Newnham coffee morning
- 13 PC VH pub night
- 14 Newnham Autumn Fayre

**November**

- 1 Newnham coffee morning
- 2 Charwelton PCC
- 5 PC VH Sunday bar
- 8 Badby PCC
- 10 Hort Soc AGM
- 10 PC VH pub night
- 22 Preston Capes PCC
- 25 Newnham Jumble Sale
- 28 Newnham PCC



**A Pagan Festival in February**

While some believe that St. Valentine's Day is celebrated in the middle of February to commemorate the anniversary of Valentine's death or burial - which probably occurred around AD 270 - others claim that the Christian church may have decided to place the feast day in the middle of February in an effort to "Christianise" the pagan celebration of Lupercalia. Celebrated at the ides of February, or February 15, Lupercalia was a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, as well as to the Roman founders Romulus and Remus.

To begin the festival, members of the Luperci, an order of Roman priests, would gather at a sacred cave where the infants Romulus and Remus were believed to have been cared for by a she-wolf or lupa. The priests would sacrifice a goat, for fertility,



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and a dog, for purification. They would then tear the goat's hide into strips, dip them into the sacrificial blood, and two naked youths would take to the streets, slapping both women and crop fields with the goat hide. Far from being fearful, Roman women welcomed the touch of the hides because it was believed to make them more fertile in the coming year. The strips of hide were called "februa" from the verb "februare" - to purify. Hence February. Later in the day, according to legend, all the young women in the city would place their names in a big urn. The city's bachelors would each choose a name and become paired for the year with his chosen woman. These matches often ended in marriage.

Lupercalia was outlawed - as it was deemed "un-Christian" - at the end of the 5th century, when Pope Gelasius declared February 14 St. Valentine's Day. It was not until much later, however, that the day became definitively associated with love. During the Middle Ages, it was commonly believed in France and England that February 14 was the beginning of birds' mating season, which added to the idea that St. Valentine's Day should be a day for romance.

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