

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Today

If you wish to receive communion or a blessing in your pew – the minister will come to you. If you would like to receive in this way, please could you let the wardens know upon arrival, so they can communicate this to those administering.

Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion with Revd. Canon Kate Stowe

Next Week - SUNDAY February 9th Fourth before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
6.30pm Full Choral Evensong

Dates for your diary.

TODAY Sunday February 2nd 6.30pm

The Well hosted at St. Mary's Selly Oak. Please see the poster at the back of church for more details.

Ash Wednesday Preparation - if anyone has any palm crosses from previous years of which they are happy to dispose, please bring them to the parish office.

The **Bible Study group** on Zoom led by Revd. Chris Butt are doing more sessions on the following dates at 10.30am, to look at John's Gospel teaching on the Thursday night before his coming death from what scholars often call his Farewell Discourse.

Monday 10th February The Last Supper-Jesus washes his disciples' feet John 13:1-30

Monday 24th February Jesus promises the Holy Spirit John 14: 15-31, 16:5-15

Further details from Chris Butt 07720 865653
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Please let the parish office know that you wish to renew or take out a subscription by **SUNDAY MARCH 9th**. Thank you as ever for your support!!

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Growing in Love, Deepening Faith,
Working for God, Welcoming All

To Newcomers:

We are especially glad to see you. By way of introduction please fill in a pew slip and return it to a Sidesperson or contact the Parish Office on 681 1940.

Pew slips can be found at the back of the church.

Please take this notice sheet home.

www.stpeterharborne.org.uk

Email: parishoffice@stpeterharborne.org.uk

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2nd 2025 CANDLEMAS

8.00am

Holy Communion
Green Prayer Book

10.00am ALL AGE EUCHARIST

If you wish to receive the wine of Communion, this is received directly from the chalice; we ask that you do not intinct (dip) your wafer in the wine.

Common Worship ~ HA & M ~

Organ Voluntary: Gymnopédie No. 1 ~ *Eric Satie*

First Hymn: 113

Sermon: Junior Church

Offertory Hymn: 763(i)

Anthem: When to the temple Mary went ~

Johannes Eccard

Communion Hymn: 74

Final Hymn: 719

Recessional Voluntary: Tuba Tune ~ *C.S Lang*

6.30pm

NO SERVICE

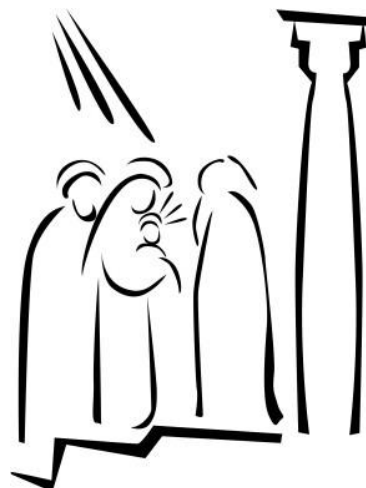
RIP

Jenny Smith

Ken Hewitt

Huw Thomas

John Alden



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2nd 2025

EPIPHANY

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

First Reading

Malachi 3: 1-5

The Lord Almighty says, "I will send my messenger to prepare the way for me. Then the Lord you are looking for will suddenly come to his Temple. The messenger you long to see will come and proclaim my covenant." But who will be able to endure the day when he comes? Who will be able to survive when he appears? He will be like strong soap, like a fire that refines metal. He will come to judge like one who refines and purifies silver. As a metalworker refines silver and gold, so the Lord's messenger will purify the priests, so that they will bring to the Lord the right kind of offerings. Then the offerings which the people of Judah and Jerusalem bring to the Lord will be pleasing to him, as they used to be in the past. The Lord Almighty says, "I will appear among you to judge, and I will testify at once against those who practice magic, against adulterers, against those who give false testimony, those who cheat employees out of their wages, and those who take advantage of widows, orphans, and foreigners—against all who do not respect me.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign

that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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LOOKING AFTER OUR CHURCH HALL

Are you good at managing and planning? Want to help St Peter's

impact the local community and help increase the income of the Church to fulfil its mission? Would you consider joining a new Hall Committee to plan how best to use the asset that is the Church Hall and to help put that into practice? If so, please let the Parish Office know of your interest.

Lectio Divina - In February this will be on the third Thursday, 20th, at 2.00pm on zoom. See poster at the back of church. Joining details from the parish office.



Time to get out your dancing shoes!

This year's Pre-Lent Party on Saturday March 1st 3-5pm has the theme SHOWTIME

and will include quizzes, learning a musical dance routine and a performance from the stunning song duo MESMA..... aka Emma and Sam.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church for the bring-and-share tea.

PLEASE PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY - it will be a real treat!

