

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Today

The church hall redecoration will continue for the rest of this week, so please take care when taking coffee after this service. Thank you.

Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion with Revd. Canon Kate Stowe

NEXT WEEK February 8th
2nd Sunday before Lent

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

Dates for your diary

Sunday February 8th at 6.30pm there will be a Full Choral Evensong- watch this space for further details.

Saturday February 14th 3-5pm
Valentine's Day
Pre-Lent Social



Come along for an afternoon of tea, fun and games with a "heart-felt" theme!
Please sign up at the back of church to bring a plate of food to share.
It will be a "LOVE"-ly afternoon!

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There will be two Lent Courses running this year, beginning Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th February respectively; the theme is 'Draw near: Life-giving habits for Lent'. Booklets to accompany these courses are available to order. Please see the poster and sign-up sheets at the back of church for more information.



Have a look at the back of church for information on knitting / crocheting poppies for a Remembrance display later this year.

WELCOME TO ST. PETERS 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 **welcome slip**
at the back of the church and return it to a
Sidesperson or contact the Parish Office on 681 1940.*

Please take this notice sheet home.

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SERVICES FOR SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1st 2026 CANDLEMAS

8.00am
HOLY COMMUNION
Green Prayer Book

10.00am
ALL-AGE EUCHARIST
Common Worship ~ HA & M
Setting: Anderson

Organ Voluntary: Gymnopedie No1 ~ *Eric Satie*
First Hymn: 113
Offertory Hymn: 702
Sermon: Revd. Pete Brayshaw
Anthem: When to the temple ~ *Johannes Eccard*
Communion Hymn: 452
Final Hymn: 719
Recessional Voluntary: Tuba Tune ~ *C S Lang*

6.30pm
NO SERVICE

RIP

Simon Bishop
Joan Humphreys
Keith Adams

Joan Bristow
Mike Freebury



We are hoping to once again, to have fresh lilies for Easter this year. Past practice was to make a donation in memory of a loved one, the names of whom are collected and presented at the altar for prayers. If you would like to remember a loved one in this way, please make your donations to the parish office along with the name(s) of those you wish to remember. Due to the cost of the flowers per stem, we would ask, if possible, for a minimum donation of £5 please.

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1st 2025
CANDLEMAS**

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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In readiness for our Ash Wednesday services, please could you look out any palm crosses you may have from last year and bring them to the parish office. Thank you.
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Confirmation and First Communion

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We will be running sessions to prepare for Confirmation and First Communion in the New Year. If you are interested or would like to know more, please talk with Revd Pete or Revd Kate.
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