

DIARY THIS WEEK**Monday 29th January**

10:00 am Craft Drop In
 2:00 pm Messy Church Meeting
 3:45 Kid Stuff

Tuesday 30th

9:00 am First Steps

Wednesday 31st

9:30 am Holy Communion
 10:30 am Friendship Group
 7:00 pm Baptism Rehearsal

Thursday 1st February

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday 2nd

12:00 noon Funeral Service - Andrew Marshall

Saturday 3rd

4:00 pm Messy Church

Next Sunday 4th February**SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

8:00 am **SAID EUCHARIST with Healing for those who wish to receive it**

9:30 am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

Readings: Proverbs 8:1,22-31 Psalm 104:26-end
 Colossians 1:15-20 John 1:1-14

4:00 pm **CHORAL EVENSONG with MusicWorks**

Deanery Confirmation Service at All Saints Today at 4:00 pm

Bishop Alastair will be with us this afternoon for this important event. Please come and support our two candidates Ben and Stephen as well as those from other churches.

With grateful thanks to Andy Harrop

Andy has designed and organised the making of a new hand-made Aumbry light for our Lady Chapel. Andy has also had the Trekkers banner beautifully framed in a new cabinet which is now on the wall next to the Mothers' Union banner in the vestry.

Choral Evensong**Next Sunday 4th February 4:00pm**

Full Choral Evensong with MusicWorks.

Mothers Union Meeting**Tuesday 7th February 2:00 pm Church Centre**

The speaker will be J Kelly who will talk about the work of School Pastors. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Fundraising for a new Marquee

The May Fun Day committee have applied for a grant to help us purchase our own Marquee through the Tesco Community Fund Grant scheme. If you would like to help and if you shop in Tesco Clay Cross please ask for a BLUE token at the till and place it in the COMMUNITY FESTIVAL slot. The box will be in place until the 28th February 2018.

For more information, please speak to Andy Harrop.

Thank you for your continued support of the Food Bank. Urgently needed items:

UHT milk, powdered milk, tinned meats, cartons of juice, rice pudding, tinned tomatoes, toilet rolls, toothbrushes, baby food and nappies.

Please do not leave opened packages of food.



All Saints Church

W I N G E R W O R T H

SUNDAY 28th JANUARY 2018

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

Welcome to all who join in our worship today, especially newcomers and visitors.

Please join us for coffee after our 9:30 am service.

8:00 am SAID EUCHARIST
9:30 am SUNG EUCHARIST
HYMNS: 105, 157, 690, 296, 428
4:00 pm DEANERY CONFIRMATION SERVICE with Bishop Alastair

COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God,
 clothed in majesty,
 whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh:
 grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

POST COMMUNION

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.

Amen

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FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1–5

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

Thus says the LORD God:

1 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

2 But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;

3 he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.

4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

5 Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

PSALM

Psalms 24:1–10

RESPONSE: The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

RESPONSE

3 'Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? and who can stand in his holy place?'

4 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.'

RESPONSE

5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord and a just reward from the God of their salvation.'

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

RESPONSE

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

8 'Who is this King of glory?' 'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.'

RESPONSE

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

10 'Who is he, this King of glory?' 'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

RESPONSE

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:14–18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

14 Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,

15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

16 For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.

17 Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.

18 Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22–40

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'),
24 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.'

25 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.

26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

27 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,

28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

29 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

30 for my eyes have seen your salvation,

31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

34 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

35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

36 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 seven years after her marriage,

37 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.

38 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.

39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Pease take your pew sheet home, so you are able to reflect on today's readings.