

Sunday 2nd February 2025
Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. Café-style Altogether Worship
4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

Collect for Today

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. **Amen**

Service Readings

Malachi 3:1-5 (*p.904*), Hebrews 2:14-end (*p.216*) and Luke 2:22-40 (*p.56*)

Please pray for

... Anne Bradbeer, Yvonne Jesson, Mark Knott, June Simmonds and Roger Young.

... the family and friends of Reg Long, Pam Parke, William Woodhatch, Robina McMenemey, Roberta Young and Jean Arni whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in The Chase, The Crossways and The Drive.

... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

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. **Amen.**

Financial Giving

We take a collection during our services. If you don't give regularly by standing order or the envelope scheme, please put your donation in the bag, tap the card reader on your way out, or use the QR code on the back of this news-sheet. Thank you.

Dear Friends

What would say a revelation is?

A momentary flash of brilliance? A penny dropping moment? A light bulb flicking on? An “oh, I get it moment”?

I guess it could be all of these. Brilliant moments. But how about adding in an encounter to that list?

An encounter, that is, with God. A moment in your life where God came alive with you. Perhaps getting you through a tough time, giving you courage, making you happy, lifting you up, giving you a challenge or may be changing what you thought was you path!

A revelation here is God revealing himself to us. I wonder when that might have happened to you? It doesn't have to be massive, it could be a simple as realising you are listening to the birds singing early in the morning!

In our service this Sunday, we are thinking about how God revealed himself to those He chose to witness the birth of Jesus Christ, God incarnate as a human being.

I hope to be able to talk about it with you in Church but, if you can't be there, then I wonder this week if you could reflect a little and see how God is revealing himself to you. And rather than seeing a revelation as a momentary thing, realise that the revelation of God is forever with you.

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Mission Focus for February: A Rocha 'Caring for God's Earth'. Arocha.org.uk

A Rocha UK works to protect and restore the natural world, and is committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment. A Rocha UK is part of a network of Christian organisations present in over 20 countries. A Rocha UK is best known for running the “Eco Church” scheme and its education work. All Saints' Church (having gained Bronze and Silver Awards) is working towards Gold! In addition, the 'Wild Christian' programme engages individuals regarding what they can do personally to take practical action and enjoy and care for nature. For more information please read the article in February's church magazine

Notices

Electoral Roll: Many of you have filled your electoral roll form. If you haven't done so yet, please do – the easiest way is online at https://bit.ly/as_er or pickup a form at the back of church.

Board Games Afternoon: Saturday 22nd February, 2-4pm in church. Back by popular demand, our board games afternoon! There will be games suitable for young and old, plus a play area for the smallest ones. Also, homemade cakes and tea/coffee for sale. Under 16s to be accompanied by an adult. Everyone welcome!

Welcome Tea for Newcomers: On Sunday 23rd February, 2.30-3.30pm, we'll be offering 'Tea at the Vicarage', for anyone who has joined All Saints in recent months. The event will be hosted by the Pastoral Team, and offers an opportunity to meet others who are relatively new to All Saints, to ask questions, and to find out more about what goes on in our church. If you'd like to come, please let Beverly know.

Lent Course 2025: Our Lent course will start on Wednesday 12th March 7.30pm. This year we'll be meeting in person at the Vicarage for 5 Wednesday evenings in a row. We will be studying the Archbishop's Lent Book for 2025, 'Wild Bright Hope'. If you'd like to come, please purchase a copy of the book and let Trish know.

APCM: This year we'll be holding our APCM on Sunday 16th March at 11.15am in church. We'll be electing new PCC members and appointing a new warden to work alongside Robin. Please let Beverly know if you'd like to serve All Saints by taking on one of these roles.

Carolyn & Peter: We'll be holding a leaving service, followed by tea, at 4pm on Sunday 23rd March. Please put this date in your diary. If you'd like to make cakes for this, please let Trish know.

Additional Crucifers: Would you like to help serve as a crucifer (carrying the cross and assisting Beverly at the communion table)? Children aged 9 or over are welcome as well as adults. If you are interested to know more, please talk to Carolyn or Henrietta. Thank you.

Baptism Follow-up Coordinator: On the first anniversary of each baptism at All Saints, we contact the person or family with a card and gift. We also invite all our baptism families to special events at All Saints that are particularly relevant to them. If you might consider the role of coordinating this, please contact Beverly.

Diary for the Coming Week

Morning prayer Mon, Tues and Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and Zoom. Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.

Mon 3 rd	Women's Bible Study Group, 16 West Meads, 12.30pm Big Build Meeting, Vicarage, 7.30pm (7pm for prayer)
Tues 4 th	Altogether Worship Planning, 53 Curling Vale, 7.30pm
Wed 5 th	Men's Coffee Morning, Reading Room, 10.30am Mission Vision Group, 4 Litchfield Way, 5.30pm Sharing & Learning Group, 5 Elmside, 7.45pm
Thurs 6 th	Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am, Revd Paul Fenner presiding Men's Group: Exploring the Way, 7.30pm
Fri 7 th	Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 9.30am
Sun 9 th	Church Family Communion with Children's Church, 10.00am Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 3 rd	Ps. 1, Malachi 1:1,6-end, John 13:1-11
Tues 4 th	Ps. 5, Malachi 2:1-16, John 13:12-20
Weds 5 th	Ps. 119:1-32, Malachi 2:17-3:12, John 13:21-30
Thurs 6 th	Ps. 15, Malachi 3:13-end of 4, John 13:31-end
Fri 7 th	Ps. 19, Nahum 1, John 14:1-4
Sat 8 th	Ps. 23, Obadiah, John 14:15-end

Service Readings for Sunday 9th February: 4th before Lent

Isaiah 6:1-8(9-end), 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 and Luke 5:1-11

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