

Welcome

We welcome the Revd. Pam Coles as our Preacher and Celebrant this morning.

Electoral Roll

Before the Annual Meeting each year we revise the Electoral Roll (the list of our church members) but every 6 years we have to compile a completely new roll. This is a 6th year so everyone who is presently on the roll will get a new form to fill in. If you are not on the roll and would like to be please see Kaaren, Grace or any member of PCC.

Bargain Hunt

The visit from Bargain Hunt was a great success. They were all really nice and grateful for the use of our hall. They will let us know when the episode is scheduled for transmission.

Flower Fund

The flower fund coffers are more or less empty. Kaaren would be most grateful for donations to replenish them. Many thanks!!

Please pray for all on our prayer list: Dermot, Eric and Wendy, Doreen, Ivan, Pauline, Tracy, Keretha and Simon, Billy, John and anyone known to you

Activities for the week

Today	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Monday 3rd	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion at Crossley House
Tuesday 4th	12 noon	Knit'n'Natter
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
Wednesday 5th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
	2.45 p.m.	Prime Time Junior
	6.30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts and Explorers
Saturday 8th	5.00 p.m.	Private booking
Sunday 9th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd February 2025

Presentation of Christ in the Temple/Candlemas

Service: Holy Communion

317; 464; 422; 570

Welcome to St. Saviour's Church

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Interim Priest-in-Charge:

Vacant

Assistant Curate

Revd. Daniel Furlong (tel: 07749 941348)

Churchwardens:

Mrs. Grace Studholme; Mr. John Ratnik

Children in Church

Children are most welcome to our services.

Refreshments.

Please join us for refreshments in the hall after the service

Please take this service sheet home with you

Collect of the Day (*Candlemas*)

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.

Malachi 3.1-5

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.

Luke 2.22-40

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.

Post Communion (*Candlemas*)

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.