

Activities for the week

Today	10.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 1st Feb	12noon	Knit & Natter
Wednesday 2nd	9.30am	Holy Communion at St James
	3.00pm	PrimeTime. Cook & Eat
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers
	7.30pm	Scouts
Sunday 6th	10.00am	Holy Communion

February Lunchday

There will be a Lunch on Wednesday 9th February from 11.30 - 1.00.
All are welcome.

Children's Society Boxes

If you haven't had your box emptied recently, it isn't too late. Let Patrick have your box and Val Muff will process it and it will be returned soon.

Face coverings

Face coverings are no longer compulsory but they are recommended as a courtesy to others.

Please pray for ...

Wendy Heywood who is having trouble with her heart. She is undergoing tests and remains cheerful.
Pauline Obank who is not at all well.
Dennis Shaw who is well but quite lonely.
Doreen Robinson who is undergoing investigations into a potentially serious condition.

Sunday 30th January 2022

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Service: Holy Communion

Hymns:

3, 288, 118, 329

Welcome to St. Saviour's Church

(www.stsavioursfwg.org.uk)

Interim Priest-in-Charge:

Revd Canon Vaughan Pollard

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Churchwardens:

Mrs. Grace Studholme;

Mr. Patrick Preston

Children in Church

Children are most welcome to our services.

Refreshments.

Please join us for refreshments after the service in the hall.

Please take this service sheet home with you.

Collect of the Day *Presentation of Christ in the Temple*

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.

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.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The true light which enlightens everyone was coming into the world.

Alleluia!

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

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.