

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.

	Activities for the week	
<u>Today</u>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	10.30 a.m.	All Age Worship
<u>Tuesday 5th</u>	12.00 noon	Knit & Natter
	7.00 p.m.	Worship Planning Meeting
	7.30 p.m.	Adult Tap Dancing
<u>Wednesday 6th</u>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St James
	6.15 p.m.	Cubs
<u>Thursday 7th</u>	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Beavers
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts
<u>Sunday 10th</u>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

Electoral Roll

This year, instead of revising the Electoral Roll, we have to compile a new one from scratch. Those already on the roll will receive an application form to go on the new roll. Anyone not on the roll at present may apply to go on the new roll, forms available from Ian McAlpine, **All forms to be returned to Ian McAlpine by 3rd March at the latest.**

Worship Planning

There will be a Worship planning meeting this week on Tuesday 5th February at 7.00p.m. in the vicarage. Services for Lent and Easter will be under consideration. All are welcome

Crossley Hall School visit

On Wednesday 6th, two groups of pupils from Crossley Hall School will be having an educational visit to our church. The first group are expected at 1.00p.m. and the second at 2.00p.m. After looking round, they will have refreshments before returning to school. **Anyone able to come and help will be welcome; some to answer their questions in church and others to help with refreshments.** Thank you.

Sunday 3rd February 2019

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Service: Said Holy Communion

Welcome to St. Saviour's Church

(www.stsavioursfwg.org.uk)

Vicar:

The Revd. Dorothy Stewart

Churchwardens:

Mrs. Grace Studholme; Mr. Patrick Preston

Children in Church

Children are most welcome to our services. There is a children's corner at the back of church, with books, toys and colouring sheets for those children too young to sit in the pews.

Refreshments.

Please join us for refreshments in the hall after the service

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.

Hebrews 2.14-18

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 Acclamation

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

This child is the light to enlighten the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

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.