

WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND IN OUR PRAYERS:

Vivienne Bell, Joyce Powell, Elsie Smith, Ann Bordess, Claire Froud, Colin Thompson, Nathaniel, Pete Henderson,, Ann Harrison, Marion Neville, Harry Hindess, Eileen Smith.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY BECOME ILL:

Graham Walton, Maureen Palmer, Gillian Butler, Jennie Willis, Pat Watson, Ashley Powell, Judith Harrison, Linda Astley, Mary Gunn, Colin Graham, Sandra Ennew, Margaret Rigby.

WE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

Edna McKinlay, Sheila Troupe-Henderson, Jim Barker, George Quinn.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH FALLS AT THIS TIME:

Lawrence Whiteman, Jim Gollan, Edna Bell, Gordon Pigott, Sylvia Barker.

CHURCH DIARY THIS WEEK

Monday 2 February

12.15pm Funeral Edna McKinlay

Tuesday 3 February

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion in church

12.15pm Funeral Sheila Troupe-Henderson

7.00pm Quiz night

Wednesday 4 February

9.30am Trinity Tots

7.00pm Iona Service

Thursday 5 February

7.30pm Choir Practice

Sunday 8 February 2026 – 2 before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion in church

10.00am Holy Communion in church and with choir

Bible Readings for next Sunday:

Reading Romans 8.18-25

Gospel Reading Matthew 6.25-end

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Candlemas

SUNDAY 10.00am Holy Communion in church and with choir

PLEASE NOTE THIS SERVICE WILL NOT BE ON ZOOM

TUESDAY 10.00am Holy Communion in church

COLLECT

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.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

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.

FIRST BIBLE READING

Hebrews 2.14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he 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, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. 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. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING**Luke 2.22-40**

Today the Lord is presented in the Temple in substance of our mortal nature.

All Alleluia

Today the Blessed Virgin comes to be purified in accordance with the law.

All Alleluia

Today old Simeon proclaims Christ as the light of the nations and the glory of Israel.

All Alleluia. Praise to Christ, the light of the world.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), 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.’

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. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. 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, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,

according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.’

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 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 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

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 for seven years after her marriage, 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. 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.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

NOTICES THIS WEEK**Service today**

Due to unavailability of our Zoom team, our 10am service will unfortunately not be live streamed today. We will be back to normal next week.

Foodbank Sunday

Today is Foodbank Sunday. Please leave your donations at the back of church. Thank you.

Flowers

Many thanks to Margaret Pigott for the donation towards the flowers this week in memory of her loving husband Gordon for his anniversary on the 5th February.

Thank You

Doreen (Slack) and Malcolm would like to thank you so much for the cards and flowers received following our bereavement. Your words of comfort were so kind and much appreciated during our difficult time.

Comms Team - Social Media

We are looking to increase our social media presence both in terms of quantity and onto different platforms. To help with this, we are looking for volunteers to join the social media team. Some experience of social media platforms other than Facebook would be helpful. If you are interested in helping out please contact David Petherick for further details. Thank you.

Are you aged 18-30?

Hello! It's been lovely to see so many new faces in church over the last year or so, and I thought it might be a good time for the younger adult members of the church family to have a bit of a social. Something like bowling or an escape room, but mainly a chance to spend time together outside of the church building.

If you are in the 18-30 age range and would be interested in getting together, please drop me an email sarahpetherick24@gmail.com or speak to me in person, and we can arrange something for us all. Thank you – Sarah P.

Quiz/Games Night – Tuesdays at 7pm

All are very welcome to join in, just click on the link in this month's email, or if you are joining by phone, please dial 0131 460 1196 the meeting ID is 816 6944 2141 followed by # (hash) and the password is 558340 followed by # (hash) and remember to press *6 to talk to us.