

Sunday 5th February

3rd Sunday before Lent

10am: Holy Communion
Archdeacon Mike Power

Sides: Chris, Maxine

Sound: David

Mevo: Lucy

Reading: Chris

Music: Music Group

Duty Warden: Lucy

Refreshments: Brenda, Pat

Living Light- February

The Aumbry Light for February
has been sponsored in
memory of:

Sheila Rolland



Please Pray

For Brian, Joan, Anna, Greta, Sheila,
Nicky, Amelia, Val, Audrey and
Mary

For the PCC as they meet with Revd
Roger on Saturday to discuss the
feedback from the congregation
conversations



We remember:

Lance Silver (30.01.1991)

Edward Bear Baby and

Toddler Group

Wednesdays 1.15-2.30pm

Saturday Coffee 11am-12noon

Saturday 4th February -

Richard & David



and it's

Book Club

(also 11am-12noon)



New members always welcome!

Church will be closed afterwards

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WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 29th January 2023

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4th Sunday of Epiphany

**Presentation of Christ
in the Temple/Candlemas**

10am: Christingle Service
Lucy Bubb

Sides: Sue, Pat

Sound: Helen

Reading: tbc

Music: Music Group

Duty Warden: Helen

Refreshments: Elena, Maxine

Followed by refreshments

During the service we will be
supporting the work of The
Children's Society

**4pm for 4.30pm: MMU Praise and
Worship**

at St Michael's, Galleywood

Collect

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.
Amen.

Birthdays: "Happy Birthday to you: to Jesus be true.
May God's richest blessing rest today upon you."

Financial Giving Please do support St Luke's using one of the options below:

- Regular giving through the Parish Giving Scheme - see noticeboard for information
- One-off online donations accessed via the St Luke's website homepage
- Contactless card reader available at the back of church

Luke 2:22-40 (Good News Bible)

²²The time came for Joseph and Mary to perform the ceremony of purification, as the Law of Moses commanded. So they took the child to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, ²³as it is written in the law of the Lord: "Every first-born male is to be dedicated to the Lord." ²⁴They also went to offer a sacrifice of a pair of doves or two young pigeons, as required by the law of the Lord.

²⁵At that time there was a man named Simeon living in Jerusalem. He was a good, God-fearing man and was waiting for Israel to be saved. The Holy Spirit was with him ²⁶and had assured him that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's promised Messiah. ²⁷Led by the Spirit, Simeon went into the Temple. When the parents brought the child Jesus into the Temple to do for him what the Law required, ²⁸Simeon took the child in his arms and gave thanks to God:

²⁹"Now, Lord, you have kept your promise, and you may let your servant go in peace.

³⁰With my own eyes I have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples:

³²A light to reveal your will to the Gentiles and bring glory to your people Israel."

³³The child's father and mother were amazed at the things Simeon said about him. ³⁴Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother, "This child is chosen by God for the destruction and the salvation of many in Israel. He will be a sign from God which many people will speak against ³⁵and so reveal their secret thoughts. And sorrow, like a sharp sword, will break your own heart."

³⁶⁻³⁷There was a very old prophet, a widow named Anna, daughter of Phanuel of the tribe of Asher. She had been married for only seven years and was now eighty-four years old. She never left the Temple; day and night she worshiped God, fasting and praying. ³⁸That very same hour she arrived and gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were waiting for God to set Jerusalem free.

³⁹When Joseph and Mary had finished doing all that was required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to their hometown of Nazareth in Galilee. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong; he was full of wisdom, and God's blessings were upon him.

Dates for your diary

During February, our pattern of worship is a bit different:

Sun 5 Feb - Holy Communion with Archdeacon Mike Power

Sun 12 Feb - Joint Holy Communion service at Moulsham Lodge
Methodist Church, 10am

- MMU Prayer service, 4pm for 4.30pm

Sun 19 Feb - Morning Worship with Lucy and Revd Roger

Tues 21 Feb - Pancake Party, 3.30pm-5pm

Wed 22 Feb - Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with imposition
of ashes, 10.30am (and 7.30pm at St Mary's, Widford)

Sun 28 Feb - Holy Communion with Revd Suzanne

Lent Giving

The PCC would love to hear your ideas for charitable organisations to support during Lent (22 Feb - 9 Apr). This can be an international, national or local charity, with a clear link to our vision and aims to Love, Grow, Serve. Please give your suggestions to any member of the PCC by 8 February.

Thermal Thursdays

Moulsham Lodge Methodist Church are open for Thermal Thursdays - 10am-4pm - for anyone who wants company and warmth. Its all free with tea, coffee, cakes, soup and roll lunch, chat, arts and crafts, jigsaws and much more!

Chalice Assistants

Now that we have returned to sharing the Chalice we want to re-introduce chalice assistants to help with distribution. Would you be willing to undertake this important role? To be a chalice assistant, you need to be a regular communicant and to be physically able to do the task. Each person needs to be approved by PCC, having completed a confidential declaration and provided a non-church reference in line with Church of England safer recruitment practice. If you are interested, please talk to Lucy, and provide the completed paperwork (available at the back of church) by 8 February.

Prayer for our future

God of our plans and futures, guide us as we dwell in this time of uncertainty. Help us to work together, to love, grow and serve each other; and to share the responsibility of being your light in our community. We turn to your love, comfort and peace as we journey onwards in our faith, becoming the people you desire us to be. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**