

**Sunday 8 Feb**  
2nd Sunday Before Lent  
**10am: Holy Communion**  
Rev'd Suzanne

**Duty Warden/ Mevo:** Lucy  
**Sound:** Sue  
**Chalice:** Helen  
**Sides:** Dawn  
**Reader:** Dawn  
**Music:** David  
**Refreshments:** TBC

### Saturday Coffee

7 Feb - TBC  
The church will be closed afterwards



### Edward Bear Baby & Toddler group

is on Wednesdays (term time only)  
from 1.15pm–2.30pm

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**Newsletter Content** If you have any items for the Newsletter (including requests for prayer) contact Lucy - moulshamchurches@gmail.com

### Please Pray

For Sally, Anna, Val, Audrey, Brian, Catherine, Rev'd Suzanne, Elena, Louise, and Elizabeth.

For the people of Palestine and Israel, and for peace.

### We remember:

Pauline Potts 01 February 2025  
Anne Blake 07 February 2003

### Parish Roads:

**We also pray this month for those living and working in:**

Lime Walk, Linden Close, Linnet Drive, Longstomps Avenue, Lucas Avenue

### Living Light

The Aumbry Light for January has been sponsored in memory of

Don Hodgson  
Peter Page  
Sheila Rolland



# WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 01 February 2026

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### Sunday 1 February

Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Candlemas

**10am: Morning Worship**  
Lucy

**Duty Warden:/Sound:** Sue  
**Sides:** Helen  
**Reader:** Chris  
**Music:** Music Group  
**Refreshments:** Kirsty  
**Counters:** Hilary and Richard

### Weekday Prayers

Tuesdays at 2pm  
Disabled access and toilets available

### 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 Lord.  
**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

## Hebrews 2: 14-end

<sup>14</sup> 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, <sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup> For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters<sup>[a]</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

## Luke 2: 22 - 40

<sup>22</sup> 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 <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), <sup>24</sup> 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.'

<sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

<sup>27</sup> 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, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

<sup>33</sup> And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> 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 <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

<sup>36</sup> 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, <sup>37</sup> 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. <sup>38</sup> 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.

<sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

## New Bank Account

We are delighted that the switch to our new bank account has completed and is up and running. Our current account is now with The Co-operative Bank; there is a branch in the High Street, Chelmsford.

## PCC Key Messages

The PCC met last week and share the following key messages:

- We approved the draft accounts, which will now be reviewed by the independent examiner. We finished the year with a surplus.
- We approved the following as chalice assistants for 3 years: Lucy, Maxine, Sue D, Helen, Richard and Dawn.
- During Lent, instead of a mid week course, the Sunday services will be focused on the Diocesan 'Resurrection Journeys' course.
- We prepared for our meeting with Archdeacon Jonathan, which will take place on Tuesday 10 February.

The PCC minutes from the Oct–Dec meetings are available to read on the PCC noticeboard.

## The Storytellers by Luxmuralis, Chelmsford Cathedral

From Tuesday 10 to Saturday 14 February, visitors will be able to experience stunning light projections throughout the Cathedral. This immersive experience takes you on a journey through multiple spectacular sound and light artworks, from the earliest oral traditions to the classics of world literature. Each artwork acts as a chapter of storytelling history as you walk through ancient texts and become immersed in the realms of famous authors' imaginations. **Purchase tickets here: [www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/lux](http://www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/lux)**

## Eco Tip: Energy Suppliers

Have you considered changing your energy supplier? This may help reduce our carbon footprint. There are now a growing number of companies that offer electricity from renewable sources. Some also offer renewable natural gas though it's worth checking how they're producing the gas.  
<https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/advice/switching-your-energy-supplier>

## Confirmation

Would you or someone you know like to be confirmed by Bishop Adam? We have a confirmation service coming up on 1st March 2026. Revd Stephanie will be organising preparation classes, please speak to her, Lucy or one of the duty wardens to join the group.