

Electoral Roll: This year there will be a completely new church electoral roll. If you consider yourself a member of Christ Church, are baptized and aged 16 or over, please pick up a form at the back of church and return it to Graham Olway or the Vicar by Monday 18th March.



Christ Church

For Christ. For you.

Christ Church now has its own postal address:
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Diary Date:

Thursday 4th April: APCM (our church's annual meeting)

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Mission of the Month: Church Mission Society



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Welcome to our Services today.
Prayer Ministry is available during & after The 10.30 Service
Please join us for refreshments
 after The 10.30 Service

Sunday 3rd February 2019 – 5 before Lent

- 0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 2)
- 1030 The 10.30 Service (Holy Communion)
- 1830 New Wine Celebration (at CoGS)

This Week's Activities

- Monday 1930 Homegroup (Pauline Letters)
- Tuesday 1415 Mothers' Union Service & AGM
- Wednesday 0900 Morning Prayer (in church)
- 1400 Homegroup (Jacqui Wilson)
- 1400 Homegroup (Sandra Morgan)
- Thursday 1400 Prayer Meeting (contact Pauline Letters)
- 1700 Building Committee meeting with architect
- Friday 1000 Open Church Coffee Morning (in church)
- Saturday 0900 Church Cleaning
- 1000 Veterans' breakfast (in church hall)

Sunday 10th February 2019 – 4 before Lent

- 0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)
- 1030 The 10.30 Service
 (Baptism of Charlie Kirby & Billy Farnham)

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT
(Presentation of Christ in the Temple)**

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.

FIRST READING: Malachi 3.1–5

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Luke 2.22–40

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² 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 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 for 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.