

NEWS

We do not take a collection during the service at St. Anne's as most of our regular members are part of our Regular Parish Giving scheme. **It costs over £1,000 per week to run this church** so if you wish to make a contribution you will find a plate at the back of church. If you would like to join the Regular Parish Giving scheme please speak to Lindsey Archer, Andy Crawford or the church wardens.

Peter Thornton RIP—Peter's Memorial Service will be at 2pm on Friday 7th February at St Stephen's, Tivioli, Cheltenham.

MMU Gathering—Our next MMU gathering will be here on Saturday 15th February from 10am to 12.30am followed by lunch. We will be welcoming our friends from St Andrews and St Edmunds and we will be looking at Eco-Church and how we can obtain a qualification as an MMU. I hope as many of us as possible will attend to welcome our guests and to hear about Eco Church. We would also welcome offers to help provide a cold buffet lunch. As usual there is a list at the back of church for volunteers.

Hornbeam Walking Together—A walking group has been set up which meets at the Friday Hill TMO, 19 Chingdale Road at 11am each Monday. They walk for about an hour and then have tea/coffee and a chat in the TMO afterwards. There are flyers at the back of church.

Coffee and Flower Rotas—The new rotas are at the back of church. Our flower arrangements in church are funded through donations. If you would like to contribute in memory of a loved one, or to mark an important date, do please sign. Donations can be given to Andy Crawford or one of the church wardens.

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

We remember in prayer each day all those both known and unknown to us who are suffering in mind, body and spirit, for those who have care of them, for all who are living with difficulties and trouble at this time and for all who will enter eternity this week.

Anniversaries for February: 2nd George Radford, 3rd Emily Brewis, 5th Gladys Travis, 6th Walter Rolfe, 17th Ted Bulled, 20th William Sherman, 21st Gordon Wilkinson, 22nd Beryl Lovitt, 23rd Arthur Runeckles, Victor Foster, 24th Dorothy Potter, Albert Gates, 25th Maureen Cope, 26th Gladys Gloyn, Kenneth Gwynn, 27th Lillian Bates. 28th Teresa Carroll.

Recently deceased—Peter Thornton

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them, may they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen



Parish Church of St. Anne Chingford

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WORSHIPS

Presentation of Christ—2nd February 2020

Parish Eucharist 10.00

Welcomers: Margaret Halford, Beryl Stratton, Bridget Tongo

Servers: Julie Adesina, Lindsey Archer, Alan Pearson

Chalice: Julie Adesina, Heather Gwynn

Lessons: Claire Fullerton

Prayers: Beryl Stratton

Preacher: Mick Scotchmer

Celebrant: Mick Scotchmer

Music: Peter Stannard

Hymns:

40 Angel-voices ever singing

167 Faithful vigil ended

140 Come thou long-expected Jesus

279 Hail to the Lord who comes

223 Glorious things of thee are spoken



This week



Tues	4th Feb	20.00	Ministry Leadership Team
Thurs	6th Feb	14.00	Open Church
Fri	7th Feb	10.00	Holy Communion (Gay Ellis presiding)
Sun	9th Feb	10.00	Parish Eucharist

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.

Old Testament Reading

Thus says the Lord God: ¹See, 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. ²But 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;** ³he 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. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵Then 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.

All Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

¹⁴Since 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, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore 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. ¹⁸Because 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.

Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts be-
yond 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.

Malachi 3.1-5

Gospel Luke 2.22-40

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

²²When 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'**), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of **the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'**

²⁵Now 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. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would **not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.** ²⁷Guided 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, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹**'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,**
according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a 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 ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'**

³⁶There 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, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At 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.

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The 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.