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PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

4th February 2024

HYMNS

Introit	839
Gradual	845
Offertory	901
Communion + St George's Singers	399
Recessional	419



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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

FOR OUR PRAYERS: Ben, Fintan, Mary, Sheila, Ian, Molly, Trevor

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED: Christine Parker, John Williams

IN REMEMBRANCE: Terry Wood, Alfred Appleyard

PARISH WEEKEND AWAY

Aylesford Priory is booked from **Friday 17—Sunday 19 May**. If you'd like to come, please give Richard a £20 deposit.



LENT 2024

Our Lent book this year will be 'A Different Kind of Fast' by Christine Valters Paintner available on Amazon. If you'd like a copy, please sign the list in the foyer. Lent groups will be on 12 noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 19:00, beginning on 20 February. Lent meals will take place on both days, please sign the list in the foyer if you're able to bring any of the items listed there.



LENT READING: THE WILDERNESS

Lent will soon be here and when you're thinking about reading material for the season, don't forget our own Janet Killeen's book of poems, *The Wilderness*, exploring Jesus' temptations. It's available from Iona Books here

<http://tinyurl.com/3n9uuxsb>

The PDF download is only £2.35—an absolute bargain!



SPRING GARDEN WORKING PARTY

This will be on **Saturday 23 March**, 10:00—12:00. Keep the date free if you can!

URGENT: PALM CROSSES

Lent this year starts earlier than usual so if you have palm crosses at home, you're invited to bring them in as soon as possible to make this year's ash.



LENT GROUPS

Our Lent groups will be meeting in church at 19:30 on the following **Thursdays: 22 February, 29 February, 7 March, 14 March and 21 March.**



NAPPIES

Apologies but we CANNOT dispose of nappies in our general waste—it is illegal for us—and there is no room in our sanitary waste. Please take nappies home and dispose of them in your general waste which is perfectly legal to do.



FILM FOR THOUGHT

We will meet **Thursday 22 February** at 19:30 in church and the film we will be discussing is 'The Scarlet and the Black', available on Amazon or on YouTube: <https://shorturl.at/cewW6>

LENT & EASTER SERVICES

Wednesday 14 February

Church: 12:00 & 19:30 - **Ash Wednesday**

Tuesday 27 February

Church: 11:00 - **Knit & Natter**

Sunday 24 March

Church: 10:00 - **Palm Sunday**

Monday 25 March

Church: 19:30 - **Stations of the Cross**

Tuesday 26 March

Church: 19:30 - **Stations of the Cross**

Wednesday 27 March

Church: 12:00 & 19:30 - **Agape Meal**

Thursday 28 March

Church: 19:30 - **Eucharist, Stripping of the church followed by Vigil until midnight**

Friday 29 March

Church: 10:00 - 11:30 - **Children's workshop**

Church: 12:00 - 15:00 - **Meditation & prayer at the Foot of the Cross**

Sunday 31 March

Church: 05:30 - **Vigil, Dawn liturgy & breakfast**

Church: 10:00 - **Family Communion with chocolate!**

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 5 February

Church: 18:45 - Meditation group

Studio: 19:00 - 20:30 - Guides

Tuesday 6 February

Church: 09:30 - Morning prayer

Church: 10:30 - Eucharist

Hall: 18:00-19:30 - Brownies

Studio: 18:00-19:30 - Rangers

Wednesday 7 February

Hall: 18:00 - Cubs, 20:00 - Scouts

Church: 19:00-20:30 New Life

Studio: 19:30-20:30 - Yoga class

Thursday 8 February

Chapel 18:30 - Eucharist service

Saturday 10 February

Church: 09:30 - Morning Prayer

Studio: 11:00-12:00 - Yoga class

Sunday 11 February

Church: 10:00 - Parish Eucharist

Studio: 14:00 - 17:00 - Outside group

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 13 February

Church: 11:00 - **Knit & Natter**

Wednesday 14 February

Church: 12:00 & 19:30 - **Ash**

Wednesday

Tuesday 20 February

Church: 12:00 - **Lent Group**

Thursday 22 February

Church: 19:00 - **Lent Group**

NT: Hebrews 2: 14—end

¹⁴ 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, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.



GOSPEL: Luke 22: 2—40

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.

