



The Canalside Parishes

NEWS for the PEWS & readings for

3rd February 2019
Presentation of
CHRIST
in the Temple

Welcome
to today's Service
in the Canalside Benefice,
especially if you
are visiting us or are
here for the first time

9am: HOLY
COMMUNION
at St Michael's
led by John

9.30am: HOLY
COMMUNION
at St George's
led by Jacqui

10am: TOGETHER
IN WORSHIP
with LIGHTING
THE CANDLE CLUB
at St Michael's
led by John & Dawn

11am: HOLY
COMMUNION
at St Mary Magdalen's
led by Ray

The 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. Amen

First Reading: 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: 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.

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. Amen.

Next Sunday: Bishop Nick's Visit

Bishop Nick is joining us next Sunday. Firstly at Whaddon for a 9am Prayer Book Communion followed by coffee at Whaddon Grove Farm. He will then be with us for a Benefice Communion Service at 11am in St Michael's followed by coffee. It would be good to have an enhanced choir from across the Benefice for the 11am service: if you are willing to be part of this please contact James Newton or John.

Prayer Requests

It is important that we pray for all those who seek our support. As well as praying in our churches we also include below the names of those who would like us to pray for them when we are at home. Please let John, Michael, Marilyn or any of our LPA's know of names of people to be prayed for. Please ensure that you have their permission to publish. This week we ask you to pray for...

<i>Barbara & David</i>	<i>Jim Banks</i>	<i>Marilyn Stubbs</i>	<i>Susie Goold</i>
<i>Tucker</i>	<i>Ewa (Eva)</i>	<i>Mike Aldridge</i>	<i>Val Lovell</i>
<i>Chris Bennett</i>	<i>James Vincent</i>	<i>Pat Belben</i>	<i>Vivienne Packer</i>
<i>Doreen</i>	<i>Kim Balecke</i>	<i>Pauline Burbidge</i>	<i>Winnie Morris</i>
<i>Doris Mitchell</i>	<i>Lisa</i>	<i>Rob Dewsbury</i>	

We remember all those who we have loved and lost and we pray for all those who are grieving at this time. Please continue to pray for the families of Geoff Davis, Doris Hunt and Ernest Noad. Please also pray today for Parliament as the Brexit crisis continues, for all those involved with the Alpha course and for the peoples of Venezuela, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

NEWS FOR THE PEWS

From the Social Committee

The Social Committee invite you to a Coffee Morning in St Michael's Room on Saturday 23 February from 10am-Noon. Entrance fee £2 for coffee/tea and biscuits. Raffle. Bring and Buy (any unwanted Christmas gifts?). Come and join us. Also: After the success of last year's Fish and Chip Supper the Committee will be repeating the event on Friday 22 March in St Mary's Hall, Horse Road. Mark these dates in your diary and watch this space for further details.

Prayer Spaces in Hilperton School

will be taking place on Thursday and Friday this week (7th/8th) and all of the six classes shall benefit from this wonderful opportunity which we shall be hosting for them. Prayer Spaces in Schools is an national organisation and we have been able to gain training, resources and insight into this marvellous outreach to Children. Prayer Spaces in Schools enables children of all faiths and none to explore life questions, spirituality and faith in a safe, creative and interactive way. If you would like to find out more and experience the prayer spaces for yourself then please do come to school on the Friday from 1-3pm when the prayer spaces will be available for parents, carers, neighbours and church family. We shall look forward to welcoming you to school on that afternoon. Dawn.

Storehouse Food Bank:

Instead of giving up something for Lent why not donate to the Food Bank: The following is a list of items that would be very much appreciated. Tinned meats (ham, spam, corned beef, etc.) / Tinned pies / Tinned meals (chicken stew, beef stew, chili, curry etc.) / Tinned veg (potatoes, peas, carrots, sweetcorn, etc.) / Beans and sausages / Tinned spaghetti /ravioli / Tinned soups / Tinned tomatoes and pulses / Jars of pasta sauce / Dried and micro rice / Instant mash / Biscuits / snacks / Shampoo / Shower gel / Deodorant /Toothpaste / Toothbrushes .

Alpha has begun but it's not too late to join us

Session 3 of the Alpha course will be held this Wednesday (6th) at the Rectory from 7.30-9.30pm. If you would like to join us you will be very welcome. See John for more details or just come along. All of the remaining sessions of the course will also be held at the Rectory.

Save the date!!!

Fiona Castle will be speaking at The Civic Hall, 8th June at the Ladies Breakfast. Do think about coming along & let me know as places are will go fast. There will be a simple breakfast & cost will be around £5, to be confirmed. Marilyn

THIS WEEK IN THE BENEFICE

Tu	5 Feb	0830	Morning Prayer at St Mary Magdalen's
W	6 Feb	0900 1000 1930	Morning Prayer at St Michael's Communion & Coffee at St Michael's ALPHA Course 3 at the Rectory
Th	7 Feb	0945 1200	Morning Prayer at St George's Let's Do Lunch in St Michael's Room
F	8 Feb	1300-1500	Prayer Spaces at Hilperton School
Su	10 Feb	0900 1100	BISHOP OF SALISBURY'S VISIT TO THE BENEFICE BCP Holy Communion at St Mary the Virgin followed by Coffee at Whaddon Grove Farm Holy Communion with Junior Church at St Michael's followed by Coffee and cake

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