



## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026

### Presentation of Christ in the temple

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.00 a.m. Café-style Altogether Worship

4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

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### Collect for Today

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**

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### Service Readings

Malachi 3:1-5 (*p.904*), Hebrews 2:14-end (*p.216*) and Luke 2:22-40 (*p.56*)

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### Please pray for

... Jo Garrick, Mark & Jan Knott, Jenny Powell and Mike and Rosemary Woodcock.

... the family and friends of Kenneth Lambert, Reg Long, Pam Parke, William Woodhatch, Robina McMenemey and Roberta Young whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in The Oval, The Quadrangle and The Square.

... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

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### 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.**

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### Financial Giving

We take a collection during our services. If you don't give regularly by standing order or the envelope scheme, please put your donation in the bag, tap the card reader on your way out, or use the QR code on the back of this news-sheet. Thank you.

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## Dear Friends

Today is the last Sunday in the season of Epiphany, and also traditionally known as the festival of ‘Candlemas’. It celebrates the ‘Presentation of Jesus in the Temple’, recorded in Luke chapter 2 – an early episode in Jesus’ life. Mary and Joseph bring the child to the Temple in Jerusalem, forty days after his birth, to fulfil the purification requirements of the Jewish Law; and also for Jesus’ consecration to the Lord, as a first-born son. In later years, the festival became known as ‘Candlemas’ – the day on which a priest would bless the candles for the coming year, and distribute some to church members for use in their homes.

This last Sunday of Epiphany concludes this season of ‘Revelation’, which began with the star appearing in the sky, and leading the Wise Men to Bethlehem. That theme continues in our readings for today, as Simeon and Anna receive the child, and his identity and mission are revealed. When they come, Mary and Jesus present an offering to the Lord: either a pair of doves, or two young pigeons. This gift is required of them, and willingly offered in thanks for the gift of a child, and the blessing of safety through child-birth for Mary.

Today we’ll be thinking about the offerings that are required of us; the gifts we’re called to bring to the Lord and to his Church. Those gifts will include our time, our talents, our money, our worship. Let’s be open to the Lord’s words to us today, as Mary and Jesus were open to him in their time.

**Beverly**

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## **Mission Focus for February: Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy (GTCC)**

GTCC is run by various Guildford churches for the people of Guildford. Over 100 volunteers are: Street Angels; Community Angels and Volunteer Chaplains. Since 2008 Street Angels have provided practical care every Friday and Saturday night to people in a vulnerable state in Guildford Town Centre because of eg alcohol, drugs, or homelessness. In 2008, almost overnight, tensions were calmed, crime dropped, and antisocial behaviour was reduced by around a third. More information in February’s magazine and on their website [gtcc.org.uk/](http://gtcc.org.uk/).

## Notices

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**Tea Time Church today:** We'll be hearing how Mary & Joseph bought their new baby to the temple to ask for God's blessing. Please do join us at 4pm and 4.30pm for tea and refreshments.

**David Garrick:** The funeral of David Garrick will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 11.30am here at All Saints, with the committal at Guildford Crematorium at 12.45pm, and afterwards at Seasons, Guildford Cathedral. Please pray for Jo and her family.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party:** 17<sup>th</sup> February, 5pm-6.45pm in the hall. Join us for pancakes and all the usual lovely toppings! No booking needed, just turn up. Donations welcome.

**Ash Wednesday:** 18<sup>th</sup> February.

- † Dray Court 2.30pm: Join us with the residents for a special Ash Wednesday service with communion and imposition of ashes for those who would like.
- † St Mary's, Quarry Street 8.00pm: a beautiful service including the imposition of ashes. Canon Simon Butler will be preaching.

**Lent Courses 2026:** This year during Lent we'll be offering a range of different Lent Courses, rather than just one. Our Small Groups will be choosing their own Lent materials, and continuing their usual patterns of meeting during the week. If you'd like to join in with one of these groups during the season of Lent, do be in contact with one of the Small Group leaders directly, to find out what they're studying.

**Stewardship Sunday:** 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Each year we review our financial giving to All Saints on this Sunday and for the following three weeks. David Senior, the Diocesan Stewardship Officer, will be coming to preach at 10am and 4pm. Please do come and hear David, he is a very inspiring speaker.

**Lent Lunch:** 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 12 noon. Please stay on after coffee in the hall for our annual soup and bread Lent lunch. No need to book. We'll be taking donations for the Koens family in Papua New Guinea.

**New bookings for the hall:** As you might know, the Montessori Nursery is ending their contract with us and relocating to Onslow Infants, probably in February. This is sad news as we've hosted a nursery or play group for very many years. However, we now have an opportunity to welcome new people to the hall. Do you know people or organisations who could use the hall? Who are your contacts? What activities do you do that could use the hall? Please have a think and let Eve ([bookings.all saints@gmail.com](mailto:bookings.all saints@gmail.com)) know of any potential bookings.

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## Diary for the Coming Week

**Morning prayer Mon, Tues and Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and on Zoom. Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.**

Weds 4<sup>th</sup>      Mission Vision Group, The Hopwood's, 5.30pm  
Sharing & Learning Group, 5 Elmside, 7.45pm

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>      Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am  
Funeral of David Garrick, Church, 11.30am  
Commitial of David Garrick, Guildford Crematorium, 12.45pm  
David Garrick's reception, Seasons at the Cathedral, 1.30pm  
Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm  
Men's Group 'Exploring the Way', 24 Bannisters Way, 8.00pm

Fri 6<sup>th</sup>      Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 10.00am

Sun 8<sup>th</sup>      Church Family Communion with Children's Church, 10.00am  
Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

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## Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>      Ps. 48, Exodus 13:1-16, Romans 12:1-5

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>      Ps. 5, Genesis 18:16-end, Matthew 27:27-44

Weds 4<sup>th</sup>      Ps. 119:1-32, Genesis 19:1-3,12-29, Matthew 27:45-56

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>      Ps. 15, Genesis 21:1-21, Matthew 27:57-end

Fri 6<sup>th</sup>      Ps. 19, Genesis 22:1-19, Matthew 28:1-15

Sat 7<sup>th</sup>      Ps. 23, Genesis 23, Matthew 28:16-end

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## Service Readings for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February: 2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent

Genesis 1:1-2:3, Romans 8:18-25 and Matthew 6:25-end

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