

THIS SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Malachi 3:1-5; Luke 2:22-40

Hymn Numbers: 160, 721, 702, 592

8AM HOLY COMMUNION

ST CHRISTOPHER'S

10AM HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY MORNING FAMILIES

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S & LIVESTREAM

Readings: John Harvey

Intercessions: Hamish Donaldson

Voluntary: Mit Fried und Freud BWV 616 by J.S.Bach

6PM CANDLEMAS

ST CHRISTOPHER'S



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WEEK COMMENCING 1 FEB

9am Morning Prayer:

Monday | St Bartholomew's

Wednesday | All Saints

There is no mid week communion



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This months charity is Citizens Advice Waverley.

PARISH INFORMATION

St Bartholomew's Church is open from 9am to 5pm, Monday - Saturday

St Christopher's Church is open from 10am to 4pm, Tuesday - Friday

Livestreamed services: Link to view and orders of service on the website. [Church at Home](#)

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(open: 9am-3pm Mon/Tues/Thurs, 1-3pm Fri*)

**Office hours are subject to change, visit www.haslemereparish.org/getintouch for up to date hours*

Pastoral Visitors for February: Rita Bicknell, Claire Gratton and Jan Wickens

To request a visit or for any Pastoral matter please contact Rev Chris, Rev Justin or the Parish Office

Further information:

Please continue to check the website for updated information; www.haslemereparish.org

To receive this news sheet by email contact office@haslemereparish.org

Accessibility:

Both churches have hearing loops. Please switch hearing aids to T-coil.

Both churches have step free access and a wheelchair is available on request.

Large print service orders and hymn books are available—ask a sides person.



Collect

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Malachi 3:1-5;

3 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.

Luke 2:22-40

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.

Post Communion Prayer

Generous Lord,
in word and eucharist
we have proclaimed the mystery of your love:
help us so to live out our days
that we may be signs
of your wonders in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

PARISH PRAYERS FOR W/C SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

A Thought for Sunday: Luke 2:22-40

“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss^[c] your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.” “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

Simeon said his prayer whilst holding Jesus in his arms. Simeon recognized in the child ‘the light to enlighten the nations. Perhaps in lent we should make the sacrifice of prayer to recognize that image of god within us and be fully more of ourselves. As Simeon recognized who Christ really was, can we recognize who we really are? Jesus said, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’ Perhaps our prayer might be, “Jesus lift the darkness of our egos, and shine the light of life on the image of God within us.” We are told that God has a special purpose for each of us which I suspect is to be fully who we were made to be, to ignore our egos and walk humbly and meekly, illuminated by the light of the world and by so doing, without even trying, God will work through us, to work our purpose out.

For our Local Ministry Work and Schools

- Lord, we ask that you shine the light of the world into our hearts, to fully illuminate the image of God in which we were made.
- We pray that as we go through this period of discernment you help us see who we are and show us how to fulfil our purpose in you.
- Lord of all comfort and care, we ask that you are in every wounded heart and every troubled home and that you guide us to help and care, to be your hands and feet.
- We pray for the Link Community Hub project, which will be opening this year Especially we pray for the team who work so hard to bring this new ministry to life.
- We rejoice in the ministry of young people, and all we do in Christ’s name for his children.

Those unwell or in need of prayer: Mavis Edge

Rest In Peace: Ida Macneal, Audrey Martin, Sylvia Clewer, Frank Dunford and Alan Buckley

Upcoming Life Events:

Wednesday 4th February	Guildford Crematorium	11.15am	Funeral of Audrey Martin
Tuesday 10th February	Guildford Crematorium	11.15am	Funeral of Frank Dunford
Friday 13th February	Guildford Crematorium	2.15pm	Funeral of Sylvia Clewer
Monday 16th February	St Bartholomew's	12pm	Funeral of Ida Macneal
Tuesday 17th February	St Christopher's	11am	Funeral of Alan Buckley

PARISH NOTICES

Outward Giving to our local charities– Citizens Advice Waverley.

This month's charity is Citizens Advice Waverley. You can support our charities through the [Donate](#) button on the parish website, the QR Code on the front page or by giving cash after both services on Sunday.

Hunter Centre Drop in for support & advice– 1st Wednesday of the month, 6.30- 7.30pm, The Information Hub, Haslemere Railway Station.

If you have any questions, from getting a diagnosis to the range of support available in our area, drop by to chat to Elaine Clement, Operations Manager. 01428 654710.

www.thehuntercentre.co.uk

Choral Evensong for Candlemas– Sunday 1st February, 6pm at St Christopher's

The feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, traditionally known as Candlemas, is celebrated on Sunday 1st February. On that day we shall be hosting a service of choral evensong with the Sine Nomine choir. Candlemas recalls the day on which the holy family presented baby Jesus in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people (*Luke 2:41-52*).

Friends Concert– Recital by Scarlett Martin– Saturday 7th February, 10.30am at St Bartholomew's Church

As usual, coffee is served from 10.30am and the concert begins at 11am. There is no charge for the concert but there will be a retiring collection.

Den & Summit Bake Sale– Sunday 8th February, after the 10am service at St Christopher's

The Den and Summit youth groups will be holding a bake sale after the 10am service at St Christopher's on Sunday 8th February to raise money for Brain Cancer Research. If you would like to bake a cake for this sale, the children would be very grateful for all donations. Otherwise, please come along and buy a slice!

Solo's Lunch club– Sunday 8th February, 12.30pm, The Coppa Club. If anyone wishes to come along, please contact Vera Ruane. (07940) 812767. vera@ruane.plus.com

Ash Wednesday Service– Wednesday 18th February, 6.30pm at St Bartholomew's

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 18th February. On that evening we shall practice the ancient rite of the imposition of ashes, where we prepare ourselves for the inward journey towards the cross of Easter. There will be a service of solemn holy communion at 6:30pm, with a particular emphasis on confession of our imperfect lives. From there we shall think of ourselves in a wilderness place, as with Christ in the desert, being more aware of the need for the salvation of God. Please join us.

Lent Course– The Gifts of Christ, starting Tuesday 24th February, 7.30pm at St Bartholomew's

The Season of Lent begins from Ash Wednesday on the 18th of February. Over the course of five weeks, Chris and Justin will be leading a series of spiritual services where we shall gather to reflect upon the Gifts that Christ has given to us. For more information visit www.haslemereparish.org/lent or speak to Rev Chris or Rev Justin.

Pop-In Coffee Morning and Hearing Champions– next clinic 12th February in St Bartholomew's Church– please bring your own mug!

Our regular Pop-In Coffee Morning reaches out to those who would like a bit of company and a chat. We meet on each 2nd and 4th Thursdays, in St Bartholomew's Church at 10am. Also if you have a hearing aid, you can have it cleaned and serviced by our Hearing Champions service, with new batteries at the same time!