

COMING UP...

Monday 2nd February

Poole Wau Partnership Prayer Meeting

12.30 to 1.50pm at St Michael's Church, Hamworthy.
Tea and coffee provided

Sunday 22nd February

Lent Lunch 12 Noon

Come and enjoy homemade soup and a dessert. Tickets £5 from Barbara Graves or the Parish Office

All proceeds to St George's Church.

Tuesday 24th February—PCC Meeting

If you have any items you wish the PCC to discuss please let either Penny or Sue Colborne have the information in writing at least 48 hours before the meeting.

Lent Course

This year we will be following the Diocesan course which runs over five sessions.

Sessions will run on:

Monday evenings from on 23rd February

7 till 9pm in the small hall and

Tuesday afternoons from 24th February

2 till 4pm in the choir vestry.

There is a sign up sheet on the board at the back of church.

Sunday 1st March

Community Afternoon Tea

There is a sign up sheet at the back of church if you are able to help with provisions towards the tea. As always your donations are very much appreciated by all who attend.



THIS WEEK

Sunday 1st February - Presentation of Christ - Candlemas

8.30am **Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel**

10am **Holy Communion and Zoom**

Prayer Ministry after both services

JaM (Family Ministry) in the small hall



Monday 2 February

Please pray for those persecuted for their faith

Bailey Crescent and Brampton Road

7.30 pm Bell Ringers practice

Tuesday 3 February

Please pray for our Standing Committee meeting today

Bright Road and Bushell Road

Wednesday 4 February

Please pray for those struggling with anxiety and depression

Cherita Court and Chorley Close

10am Holy Communion in the Choir vestry

10.30-12pm Bereavement Support Group in the small hall

Thursday 5 February

Please pray for all who need to use foodbanks

Christopher Crescent and Cobbs Lane

12 Noon Lunch Club in the small hall

Friday 6 February

Please pray for our Emergency Services

Collwood Close and Connell Road

Saturday & February

9am Prayers for the Parish on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8430477988?pwd=VFpUVlpXU0VwUzFjSWp3WHZNTGpWdz09>

Meeting ID: 843 0477 9888 Passcode: 266213

Please pray for all St George's services

Curlieu Road and Daisy Close

Sunday 8 February - 2 Before Lent

8.30am **Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel**

10am **Holy Communion and Zoom**

JaM in the small hall

5pm Iona in the Lady Chapel



THIS WEEK AT OAKDALE ST GEORGE

Sunday 1st February 2026
Presentation of Christ - Candlemas



Dear Friends,

Our readings on Sunday from the letter to the Hebrews and Luke's gospel invite us to seriously consider how much God loves us.

His decision to bring his Son into the world was an act of love. Putting himself in our shoes so to speak. Accepting the limitations of mortality, experiencing the highs and lows, being with people who loudly acclaimed him one minute, and shouted crucify him the next. God fully understood the dilemmas of being human, he became one of us.

Despite knowing the final outcome of this mortal moment, he came anyway! Because he loves us. He loved Simeon, one of the serving priests in the temple at Jerusalem, and through that love fulfilled his promise that Simeon would see the Messiah before he died. As he held the baby Jesus in his arms, he recognised him as the fulfilment of God's promise, to him and the world.

Blessings

Tom

**Next Sunday
2 Before Lent - 8th February**

Readings:
Romans 8. 18-25
Matthew 6. 25-34

5pm Iona in the Lady Chapel

Please do stay in touch

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 Hearing loop available in church.
Turn your hearing aid to the T switch.

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. **Amen**

Readings

Hebrews 2.14–end

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

Luke 2.22–40

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 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), 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.' 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. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 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, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 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 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own

soul too.' 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, 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. 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. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Post Communion

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**

Please pray for

Worldwide: All churches and communities across England

Diocese: : The Calne Deanery, Heywood and Steeple Ashton, Bradford Deanery

Local: St George's worshippers living outside the parish

Immediate Prayer: Bethany Cook, Michael Hawkyard, Jacob Mason, Beverley Mitchell, Alison, Frances, Jean, Judith, Nancy, Willow.

Continuous Prayer: Mandy Barrington, Carol Burridge, Tony Bursey, Hazel Day, Barbara Fairbrother, Richard and Anita Glynn, Hilary Henson, Peter Hooper, Jim L, Chris Moody, Carl and Sue Rowledge, Carrie Spencer, Ginny Williams, Alan, Chris, Dorothy, Julie, Kezia

Also we remember those who have died recently

R.I.P. Barbara Hanlon, Stuart Hough and Rita Roberts, and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: **Jill and Norman Bailey, Frank Henson and Margaret Heather**

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Ash Wednesday 18th February At 7pm

This years evening service will be hosted by Christ Church Creekmoor.

Advanced Notice

Mission Gift Day 8th March

Please prayerfully consider and place your donations in an enveloped marked 'Mission Gift Day'.

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Revision of Church Electoral Roll

The revision of the Electoral Roll will take place between 4th February and 4th March this year.

If you wish to have your name added to the roll please speak to either Penny or Jenny Read (Electoral Roll Officer).

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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The date of this year's meeting is 22nd March after the 10am service.

A REMINDER!

Sue Colborne is standing down as Honorary Secretary to the PCC at this year's APCM. If you feel that you would be able to take on this role or would like to know more please speak to either Sue or Penny.

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CHURCH COSTS £££

Just a reminder that in order to pay our **full** Parish Share in 2026 and meet other expenses such as salaries and energy costs we need an income of

more than £2,500 per week..

Please pray for our ongoing financial situation.

Thank you