

**JESUS IS 'A LIGHT
FOR REVELATION
TO THE GENTILES,
AND THE GLORY OF
YOUR PEOPLE
ISRAEL.'
- LUKE 2:32**



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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

We pray for;

Rev Sheilagh Williamson as she visits Kalule, Uganda – praying for wisdom, safety & health St Stephen's, Hightown, in interregnum

For the residents of; Gores Lane, Deans Court and Piercefield Road

For the sick; Barbara, David, Glynn, Graham, Gwyneth, Joyce, Kate, Malcolm, Trevor those in hospital and our parishioners who are housebound or living in Care Homes

For the recently departed; Beryl Edwards, Ron Daniels, Ann Spiers, Ann Eastell and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

Children's Puzzle Sheets, books and activity bags are available
Please help yourself or ask the welcome team for help.



Parish of St Peter, Formby
**Presentation of Christ
in the Temple**
29th January 2023

Service for Today:

8.30am Eucharist (BCP)

10.00am Parish Eucharist

This service will be live streamed

Prelude: Purvis *Prelude on 'Greensleeves'*

Gathering

113 When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day
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Gradual

396 Faithful vigil ended

Offertory

665 I am the Light whose brightness shines

Motet: Eccard *When to the temple Mary went*

Post Communion

112 New light has dawned

Organ: Titelouze *Hymnus 'A solis ortis cardine'*

12noon Haribo Children's Service

6.30pm A Special Service for Candlemas
The Service of Light

Prelude: Bach *In dir ist Freude*

Organ: Bach *Wir glauben all' an einen Gott*



The 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.**

The Liturgy of the Word;

Epistle Reading; Hebrews 2:14-18

Our reading today is read by;

George Medley

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.

Gospel Reading; Luke 2:22-40

David Poole

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus 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 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.**

Donations via Card Machine, Yellow Envelopes, QR or on the Plate

For card payments, a contactless card-reader is situated near the main door.

For cash donations, there is a plate near the main door.

If you are a taxpayer, please use a yellow envelope and complete the Gift Aid declaration. (This increases the value of your donation by 25%). Or you may want to use the QR code to make a donation. Thank you for your gifts.



Volunteers for the Church Cleaning Rota

We are desperate for additional people to join our cleaning rota, as a few people have had to step down this year. Would you be able to give up an hour of your time a month to help clean our church? Please contact Caroline in the Parish Office on 871171. Many thanks.

THE FOODBANK The Church Porch is open everyday from 10am to 4pm for donations. The items particularly needed are: tinned tomatoes, tinned fish, pasta sauce, cordial & longlife juice, mayonnaise, tomato sauce, shampoo, washing up liquid. Many thanks.

Singing's Good For the Brain - Join Maggie and Mandy on the 3rd Thursday of every month in the Church Hall. Meet at 2pm, finish approx 3.30pm. Light-hearted singing suitable for everyone, with refreshments in a warm space. Everyone welcome, no special skills required, so please join us every 3rd Thursday of the month.

Daily Bible Readings - Have you thought about daily Bible reading? If you are interested, please see Marilyn Siddons-Smith (01704 576164) for information about regular Bible reading and BRF's Bible reading notes.

St Peter's Candles for Sale

There has always been a query over what to do with all the stubs of candles that we have left in St Peter's. Well Mark Andrews has solved the problem. He has made lovely new candles from the recycled wax. All are unscented but some contain artificial colour.

They are available in cream, red, gold and blue.

They are part of St Peter's Eco and climate change focus.

All profits from the sale of the candles go to the St Peter's Church Roof Fund.

They are available to buy in the Bier House after the 10am service.

Small candles £2 medium candles £3 Large candles £4.

Please return the glass jar for re-use.

Thank you Mark for a most creative and thoughtful recycling project.



DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 30th

9.00am Morning Prayer Bier House

Tuesday 31st

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10.00am Bible Study with Ken Ward Bier House

7.30pm P.C.C. Bier House

Wednesday 1st February

11.00am Eucharist with MU prayers *followed by refreshments* Church

Thursday 2nd

9.00am Morning Prayer Bier House

2.00pm Mothers' Union Bier House

– speaker Peter Paine on Georgia & Azerbaijan



Friday 3rd

9.30am Little Fishes Toddler Group Church Hall

12.45pm Funeral of Ann Spiers Church

3.45pm Funeral of Ron Daniels Church

Saturday 4th

9.00am Breakfast Church Bier House

10.00am Saturday Crew Bier House

Sunday 5th

The 3rd Sunday before Lent

8.30am Eucharist (BCP) Church

10.00am Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club *followed by refreshments* Church

6.30pm Choral Evensong Church



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