

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick: Bishop Alan, Ron Almond, Shelagh Almond, Chris Ames, Gill Ames, Pauline Baker, Harry Banks, Polly Barclay, Charlie Bartlett, Mary Bartlett, Emma Brindle, Karen Brown, Dennis Butcher Tuset, Harley Byrne, Diane, Frankie Cooper, Rhiannon Crick, Mandy Daly, Debbie, Win Dennis, Garry Downes, Eric Edwin, Sam Fathers, Ed Freeman, Ed Fuller, Emma Hayward, Laura Hearne, Heidi, Gill Hynes, Enid Ingle, Dot Jones, Julie, Margaret Keech, Paul Lanham, Baby Lily, Victoria Martin, Jackie O'Shea, Susan Pearson, Donna Prior, June Simmonds, Darren Smith, Rachel Snow, Robin Stokoe, Hazel Suffolk, Nick Timms, Janet Townsend, Gary Williamson, Hilary Wilson and Sarah Wilson.

The departed: Rosemary Harris.

We endeavour to keep this list up-to-date; if you have any questions, please speak to Dominic, Beverley, Liz or one of the readers.

Year's Mind

28th
29th David Perks
30th David Bolsom, Vera Ingle, Nigel Kerr *priest*, Robert Lewthwaite
31st Walter Dillingham, Marjorie Lewington, Benjamin Swaffield
1st Kate Burgess, Dora Perkins, Catherine Robinson, Eric Shafto-Hilton
2nd Joan Almond, Alan Hutley, Stanley Ingle, Robert White
3rd Mary Elmore, Albert Richardson

THE NOTICES

BIBLE STUDY meets each Wednesday on Zoom. No commitment. You can join as many or as few as you would like. Please contact David Young dryoung1@btinternet.com 01525 404947

COULD YOU HELP DURING SERVICES? We are looking for people to put out the silver before, and receive the collection and prayer stones during, the Sunday 9.30 service (not to administer the chalice). It would only be occasionally, perhaps once in two to three months. If you can help or would like to explore this further, please speak to David or Dominic.

ANNUAL REPORTS Anyone needing to write a report for last year's activities, please send these to Elizabeth Neil (Elizabeth_neil@hotmail.com) ASAP. Thank you.

ST ANDREW'S QUIZ NIGHT is again taking place next Saturday (3rd February) at 7.30pm. Teams of 6. £5 per person which includes nibbles. Licensed bar. To book your place please contact Beverley – 01525 404625 or 07749627582.

ST ANDREW'S | AMPHILL

WITH ST MICHAEL'S, MILLBROOK, AND ST LAWRENCE'S, STEPPINGLEY

Candlemas

8.00am	Said Eucharist	St Andrew's, Ampthill
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St Andrew's, Ampthill
	Hymns: 139 – Rejoice! the Lord is King; 343 – Be thou my vision; 473 – I come with joy; 199 – Immortal, invisible	
	Anthem: From the rising – Ouseley	
	Recessional: Vivace molto from Sonata 53 – Haydn	
11.15am	Parish Eucharist	St Lawrence's, Steppingley
11.15am	Morning Service	St Michael's, Millbrook <i>Kerry Smith</i>

Sunday 28th January

DURING THE WEEK

Monday 29 th	6.30pm-9.30pm	Childbirth Trust in the Chapter House
Tuesday 30 th	9.15am-11.00am	Little Stars in the Chapter House
	7.30pm-9.30pm	Childbirth Trust in the Chapter House
Wednesday 31 st	10.15am-11.30am	Yoga in the Chapter House
	1.00pm-3.00pm	Tai Chi in the Chapter House
	7.00pm	Zoom Bible Study
Thursday 1 st	10.00am	Said Eucharist at St Andrew's
	10.30am-12.30pm	Coffee Morning at St Lawrence's
	3.00pm	Richmond Manor Service
	6.45pm-8.15pm	Yoga in the Chapter House
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St Andrew's
Friday 2 nd	7.00pm	Choir Practice at St Andrew's
	7.30pm-9.00pm	Yoga in the Chapter House
Saturday 3 rd	9.30am-3.30pm	Childbirth Trust in the Chapter House
	7.30pm	Quiz Night at St Andrew's

Morning Prayer is said at 9.00am each weekday at St Andrew's.

NEXT SUNDAY

4th February		2nd Sunday before Lent
8.00am	Said Eucharist	St Andrew's, Ampthill
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St Andrew's, Ampthill
11.15am	Parish Eucharist	St Michael's, Millbrook
11.15am	Worship Together	St Lawrence's, Steppingley
6.30pm	Evensong	St Andrew's, Ampthill

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Please ensure that notices are with Dominic by Thursday for inclusion in the next pew sheet.

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.
Amen.

READINGS

A reading from the Prophet Malachi

Thus says the Lord God: ¹See, 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. ²But 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; ³he 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. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵Then 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Malachi 3: 1-5

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

¹⁴Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus 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, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore 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. ¹⁸Because 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.

Hebrews 2: 14-end

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²²When 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. ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

²⁵Now 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. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided 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, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then 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 ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶There 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 seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At 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.

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Luke 2: 22-40

Praise to you, O Christ.