

# St John's

# St John's Church Stanmore

## 30th January 2022

<b>Tuesday</b>	2pm	Tea & Chat Meeting in Church House
	8pm	Home Group (Frances') Meeting in Bushey
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.30am	Holy Communion
	1pm	Little Fishers Parents & Toddler Group Meeting in Church House

### Welcome

**We are delighted to see you in church today and hope you enjoy your time with us.**

**If you are visiting (or new), please introduce yourself to the Clergy or Churchwardens.**

<b>Who's who</b>		
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## Services today

**8am**

Celebrant Jonny Rapson

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**Bible Readings:**

Malachi 3:1-5  
Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40

**9.30am**

Celebrant Jonny Rapson  
OT Sue Jones  
NT Shaun Knevett  
Sermon Becky Stone  
Prayers Edit Rees

**PARISH COMMUNION**

**Hymns:**

Make Way, Make Way  
Will you come and follow me

**Our online service is available [here](#)**

### **ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - MISSION STATEMENT**

Drawn together by Christ's love, we seek by his grace to live out his commandments to love the Lord our God with all of our being; and to love everyone we come across as we love ourselves.

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## The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

### 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.

### Post Communion Prayer

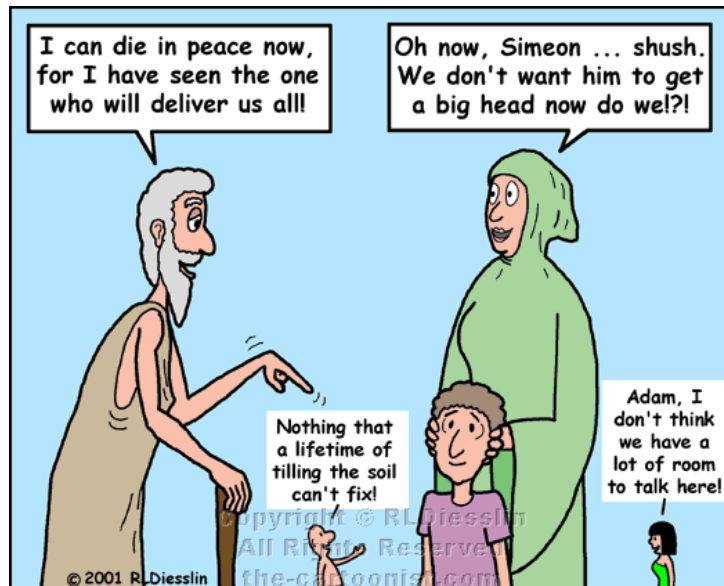
Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

## Please remember to pray for:

**New Bishop of Willesden** - The Rt. Revd Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy.

**Sick** - Hazel Almond, Merciditas Alvira, Sylvia Daniels, Janet Fitzpatrick, Bala Kompali, Chris Lark, Marion Mason and Phyllis O'Leary.

**RIP** - Sheik Mohammed.



## What is Candlemas?

Candlemas marks the end of the Christmas and Epiphany seasons and at the same time pivots our attention towards the coming of Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

The Gospel reading tells the story of Jesus being presented by his earthly parents at the Temple in Jerusalem 40 days after his birth. This was a requirement 'according to the law of Moses'.

Mary and Joseph's fulfilment of this can remind us that doing our duty and being faithful to what tradition requires of us is an important aspect of the Christian faith and life. This sense of obligation is captured well in Common Worship which says at the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer, 'It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places ...'.

In the temple, Mary, Joseph and Jesus are met by Simeon and then by Anna. They are prophets waiting for God to send his Messiah, his special messenger. They see Jesus but they also see so much more.

## Café St Jean

Please join us for refreshments in Church House after the 9:30am Parish Communion.

## Church Flowers

The flowers have been given by Sylvia Daniels in loving memory of her grandmother, Ellen Milden.

## Tea & Chat

Tea & Chat is meeting in Church House on Tuesday from 2pm.

## Little Fishers

Little Fishers is meeting in Church House on Wednesday from 3pm.

## Bell Ringing

Do you fancy learning a new skill? Bell ringing is lovely way of making friends and contributing to the presence St John's Church has within the local community. The practices are on a Thursday evening and are usually followed by a trip to the pub! Please speak to Shaun or Sue if you are interested.

## All-Age Service

Next Sunday we are having our monthly all-age service. Jonny will be inviting some of the children and young people to take part.

**PCC Meeting** - a copy of the most recent signed minutes and 2021 financials are in the porch.

**Sylvia Daniels** thanks everyone for their kind messages and prayers. She hopes to be home soon.