



St Anne's Church, Chingford

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1st February 2026 – Presentation of Christ Parish Eucharist – 10.00

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Welcomers: Heather Gwynn, Jacqueline Haniff-Bentham
Servers: Lisa Markham, Rob Markham, Jenny Scotchmer
Chalice: Lindsey Archer, Jenny Scotchmer
Lessons: Jean Ellis
Prayers: Heather Gwynn
Preacher: Mick Scotchmer
Celebrant: Mick Scotchmer
Music: Bill Gloyn

*Mankind owns its own destiny, and
its destiny is the earth. We are
destroying it until we have no destiny.*

Frida Kahlo

Hymns:

- 424 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
- 422 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
- 167 Faithful vigil ended
- 491 Love divine, all loves excelling
- 479 Lord the light of your love is shining



Bill found this lovely extract from a c1500 Choir Book in the Fitzwilliam showing the scene in the Temple. It is the capital letter (rather hidden) "S" for the start of "Suscepimus Deus" (We accept O God), the opening of Psalm 47.9 which was traditionally used as an introit for mass on this festival. For more details see - [The Fitzwilliam Museum - Leaf from a Choir Book](#)

This week



Tuesday	3 rd Feb	20.00	MLT
Friday	6 th Feb	10.00	Eucharist
Saturday	7 th Feb	10.00	Jumble Sale
Sunday	8 th Feb	10.00	Parish Eucharist

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.

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.

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3.1-5

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.

All Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 2.14-18

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.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Luke 2.22-40

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

All **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.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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We do not take a collection during the service at St. Anne's as we have a Parish Giving scheme. However if you wish to make a contribution you will find a plate at the back of church and a card reader if you prefer to donate in that way.



If you would like to join the **Parish Giving** scheme please speak to Lindsey Archer or the church wardens. Also, scanning this QR code will provide information about the scheme and how you can make contributions if you wish.

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Ukraine and Eat or Heat - We are still collecting for both at the back of the church—children, toddler's and baby items are still very much needed as the war takes its toll on the people of Ukraine. As are long lasting food products and hygiene products for Eat or Heat.

Saturday 7 February 10-12: Jumble Sale. - Our first fundraising event of the year. Help welcome to sort jumble on Friday 6th from 11am; with setting up late on Friday evening; and before, during and after the sale on Saturday. Please speak to Lindsey, Anthony or Heather if you can help. Thank you. There is a sheet at the back of church for helpers to sign.

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Valentine Singers - The next concert, Danube Discovery, is at St. Anne's on Saturday 28th February at 4.30pm. It takes a musical voyage along the Danube, featuring music by Mozart, Haydn, Bruckner, Kodaly and Schubert. Advance tickets, available from Lindsey Archer: £15 for adults (£8 for students/benefit holders); on the door: £17 (£10). Free for under 16s.

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Lent Course – This year our course will be based on the diocesan Resurrection Journeys material. It will be on Wednesday evenings from 25th February to 25th March by Zoom. More details in due course.

This week's music. - The story of Simeon, the aged priest in the Temple who was waiting to see the Messiah, is captured in one of the earliest Christian hymns. It has been used as the foundation of countless pieces of music and art. After Communion, the choir will sing the Nunc Dimittis. This is a canticle (biblical words sung to a chant, like a psalm) based on the Song of Simeon in the Gospel reading today. It dates back to the fifth century and is one of the earliest recorded Christian songs. Harmony was added to the medieval plainsong chant several centuries after.

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

We remember in prayer each day all those both known and unknown to us who are suffering in mind, body and spirit, for those who have care of them, for all who are living with difficulties and trouble at this time and for all who will enter eternity this week.

Anniversaries for February: 2nd George Radford, 3rd Emily Brewis, 5th Gladys Travis, 6th Walter Rolfe, 16th Angela Birchnall, 17th Ted Bulled, 20th William Sherman, 21st Gordon Wilkinson, 22nd Beryl Lovitt, 23rd Arthur Runeckles, Victor Foster, 24th Dorothy Potter, Albert Gates, 25th Maureen Cope, Sheila Treadwell, 26th Gladys Gloyn, Kenneth Gwynn, 27th Lillian Bates. 28th Teresa Carroll.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them,
may they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen*