



Newssheet 1st February 2026 (Candlemas)



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Hymns: 590 Seek ye first, 574 Purify my heart, 303 I cannot tell, 741 When we walk with the Lord (Trust and Obey)

Collect: Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

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.

Luke 2: 22-35

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him 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,

³¹ which 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.'

Luke 2: 36-40

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 for 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.

For prayer

- For those living in South Avenue, St Paul's Road, Stephen Close.
- For the deepening of our faith, and the courage to be open to God's leading.
- For the world, and for world leaders.
- For those who are unwell or have asked for prayer including: Alma, Beth, Richard, Ken, Taylor, Jon, Heather, Judith, Sophia, Jeffrey, Dawn, Carol.
- We remember with thanksgiving the life of Malcolm Loveday and pray for Sue and all who mourn. At their year's mind we remember John Coles, Derek Wildong, Ellen Burt.

What's on this week

Sunday 1st February	10am Communion service. Ben Niblett preaches. <i>Streamed to our YouTube channel and zoom</i> From 7.30pm StP@pub at Thames Side Brewery. All welcome
Tuesday 9.30am 3pm 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Youth Space Foodbank
Thursday 9.30-11 1pm	Stepping Stones Tea and Chat followed by 2pm Communion
Friday 12 noon	Malcolm Loveday's funeral at St Peter's Chertsey
Sunday 8th February	10am Communion service. <i>Streamed to our YouTube channel and zoom</i> Godly Play meets in the hall during the service.

Contact office@speh.org.uk for zoom joining codes or to sign up for email updates (approx. monthly)

26 IN 26: 26 ways to work for justice and help tackle poverty in 26. Sign up to our WhatsApp group to get involved and see the Church Action on Poverty website for more information. <https://www.church-poverty.org.uk/justchurch>



Easter Activities: Our schools activities at St Paul's are on the mornings of 16th and 17th March and then 23rd, 24th and 25th March. Please sign up at the back of church if you can help with the events or to prepare craft activities beforehand. And please can you save your egg boxes!

Godly Play: Particularly suitable for 3-14 year olds – meets next Sunday 8th February during the 10am service. If you've not been before please complete a registration form for your child.

February Feast: All are invited after the 10am service on **Sunday 15th** for a community Chinese lunch. Come and join us for a delicious lunch, cash raffle and celebration. Please sign up in advance using the sheet at the back of church, or by emailing the Parish Office. This is a fundraising event so donations are very welcome.

Ash Wednesday: 7.30pm on 18th February. Come along to this reflective service as Lent begins.

Lent Group: Monday evenings in church from 7.30-9pm – please sign up at the back of church.

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