

# Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 Candlemas

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8 am BCP Holy Communion at St Andrew's Also livestreamed on Facebook 9.15 am All Together Eucharist at St Mark's Also livestreamed on Facebook 11.00 am Morning Worship at St Andrew's Also livestreamed on Facebook 6 pm Choral Evensong at St Andrew's Also livestreamed on Zoom

# Mid-week services

**Morning Prayer** will be said and livestreamed on Facebook Live:

- Tuesday(9:00am) at St Mark's
- Wednesday(9:00am) at St Andrew's
- Thursday (9:00am) at St Mark's

**Thursday** 10:30 am BCP Communion at St Mark's **Friday** 8:30am The Eucharist at St Andrew's and online on Facebook.

## **Notices:**

**Parish Breakfast** after this morning's 9.15 service. Please stay and join us

Please join us for our **Parish Lunch** at The Sorrento in Tolworth on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 12.30pm. Please contact Olga Wickenden 07963878218 if you would like to attend

# Staying Connected

#### With St Andrew and St Mark Church

## How can I get in touch?

Robert and Janice can be contacted via email or phone. Please use the details below.

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Parish Office

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The parish office is open at St Mark's Church from Tuesday to Friday, 9am – 4.30pm. Please make an appointment or get in touch by phone 02083909129 or email

surbitonchurchoffice@gmail.com

#### How can I stay in touch?

The best way to know what is happening at St Andrew & St Mark is to receive the weekly parish email sent on a Friday afternoon. It contains all you need to know about our Sunday services with online codes, plus information about our midweek services and events. To receive these emails please contact the parish

Parish website: <a href="www.surbitonchurch.org.uk">www.surbitonchurch.org.uk</a>
Parish Facebook:
<a href="www.facebook.com/SurbitonChurch">www.facebook.com/SurbitonChurch</a>

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To donate to church funds you can set up a regular or one-off payment using the following details:

Payee: The PCC of St Andrew and St Mark, Surbiton. Sort code: 40-52-40. Account number: 00028530. Alternatively, you can send a cheque to the Parish Office payable to the 'PCC of St Andrew and St Mark, Surbiton'. You can also make a one-off donation or a regular donation on our website through the Donate button. Please visit: https://surbitonchurch.org.uk/about-us/giving/

#### **Opening Hymn**

293 Lead us, heavenly father, lead us

### 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.

Reading: Reader: Malachi 3:1-5 Charlie Bamford

See, 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. But 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; he 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. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then 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.

# Gospel Luke 2:22-40

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

**Sermon** Rev'd Robert Stanier

**Intercessions** Rev'd Robert Stanier

**Offertory hymn** 321 Love divine, all loves

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**Anthem** Nunc Dimittis

**Communion Hymn** 269 Jesus, good above all other

**Notices** 

**Final Hymn** 317 Lord, the light of your love is shining

Prayer requests can now be placed in the box at St Mark's church, to the left of the entrance. Prayers will be offered at weekday morning services. All requests will be treated in confidence.

God of compassion,

be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

**For prayer:** Sadie Beesley Sue Paine Margaret Parker David Gerrard Genevieve Rush

## This week please pray for:

Candlemas, Ministry Team, parish office staff, hospital chaplains, the lonely, the hungry, donations to foodbanks, local businesses, for the ability to know the difference between climate and weather

**RIP:** Derek Barford - Funeral Date 21 February, 11am at St Andrews.

#### Next week's readings

Isaiah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11