

St. Paul's Heaton Moor

Part of the Heatons Team

Welcome to our Service of Holy Communion



Candlemas Third Sunday before Lent 5th February 2023

Today's Hymns

Numbered hymns are in New Hymns and Worship Songs
(yellow book)

God is our strength and refuge **97**

How lovely on the mountains **136**

Father Lord of all creation **68**

Only by grace can we enter **257**

You shall go out with joy **378**

Readings

Psalm 48.1-3, 8-10

Hebrews 12.18-19, 21-24

Luke 2.22-40

Today's 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.

We are praying for...

In memoriam

We pray for those whose anniversaries fall this week

Sheila Winifred Fleming 5th February 2017

John Ronald Wilson 8th February 2009

Margaret (Winifred) Sinclair 10th February 2017

Michelle Ann Hamilton-Ashby 11th February 2015

'May they rest in peace, and rise in glory'

Also in our prayers

Margaret; Ada; Raymond; Jeremy; Jean; Marcia; Derek; Peggy; Sandra; Pam.

Our neighbours

In February we are praying for Leegate Road, Leegate Gardens, Leegate Close, Princes Road and Emery Close.

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Services this week

(services are at St Paul's unless otherwise stated)

Tuesday 7th February St John's Morning Prayer followed by light breakfast and informal Bible Study led by Revd Janet Butterworth and Peter Smith. Please bring a Bible.

Wednesday 8th February 9.45-10.30 Holy Communion followed by 'Brew in a Pew' 10.30-12.00.

Thursday 9th February 5:30-6pm Evening Prayer Service of common worship and evening prayer. All are welcome. A lovely way to end the working day.

Sunday 12th February 9.30 Holy Communion with Revd Liz.

Diary Dates

(events are at St Paul's unless otherwise stated)

Tuesday 28th February St John's Lent Course starts, open to all Heatons Team churches.

21 NOURISHING WAYS TO READ THE BIBLE



There will be a series of five informal sessions where we will discuss the book 'How to Eat Bread' by Miranda Threlfall-Holmes. The book looks at different

ways of reading the bible through videos, discussion and conversation over coffee and cake. No expertise or prior knowledge necessary, please just come along and explore with us. **Tuesdays 10-11am or 7:15-8:15pm at St. John's Heaton Mersey.**

Saturday 11th March 2-4pm St Paul's Spring Craft Fair in the Church Hall.

Every Monday at St John's 1.30-3.30
Coffee and Conversation in a 'Warm Space' Light-hearted conversation and friendly company every Monday.

Every Wednesday 10.30-12.00
'Brew in a Pew' 10.30-12.00
(following Holy Communion) Tea, coffee and cake, with quizzes, piano and singing, or just to enjoy a 'Warm Space'.



Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to welcome people and help with refreshments during our services You don't need to have done it before or have been coming to church for a long time – just be able to smile and say hello. If you think you could help please see Liz or Eleanor.



We are also looking for help with our coffee morning on Wednesday mornings We are having a regular gathering from Heaton School. If you think you might be able to help, even if just occasionally, you would be very welcome!



Eco Church Be our church's Eco Champion! Let Revd Liz know if you would be interested in helping.

Choir – If you would be interested in singing with us, please see any of the welcomers or choir members.

NEXT 8 WEEKS' SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S

Sun 12th February 9.30 Holy Communion with Revd Liz

Sun 19th February 9.30 Morning Praise led by Beryl Divine

Sun 26th February 9.30 Holy Communion with Revd Liz

Sun 26th February 6.30 Choral Evensong

Sun 5th March 9.30 Holy Communion with Revd Liz

Sun 12th March 9.30 Holy Communion with Revd Liz

Sun 19th March 9.30 Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday with Revd Liz

Sun 26th March 9.30 Holy Communion with Revd Liz

Sun 26th March 6.30 Choral Evensong

Sun 2nd April 9.30 Holy Communion with Revd Liz (Palm Sunday)

Sun 9th April 9.30 Holy Communion with Revd Liz (Easter Sunday)

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Please take this sheet home with you for reflection and prayer and another one for someone who may like it.

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