

Sunday 29th January 2023

Presentation of Christ in the temple / Candlemas

Welcome to everyone in church today and to those joining us online. This special service brings us to the end of the Christmas & Epiphany season and marks, for our parishes, the end of Fr Andrew's ministry with us.

There is a special service sheet and another with words of hymns on.

Towards the end of the service, we light our candles as we hear the Song of Simeon. Please take your candle home with you and use it to bring the light of Christ into your home.

The Week Ahead & Information

Monday-

Friday 9am Morning Prayer *on St Thomas' Facebook page*

Monday 8.45-10.30 Tea, Toast & Tots *at St James'*

Tuesday 9.30 Thomas' Tots *in St Thomas' Hall*
10am Eucharist *at St James'*
1pm Helmshore Primary School visit *at St Thomas'*

Wednesday 9am Eucharist *at St John's School, Stonefold*
10.15 Funeral service for Madge Tennant RIP *at St James'*
2pm Over 50s Social Group *at St Thomas' Refectory*

Thursday 10am Eucharist *at St Thomas'*
11-1 Refectory Café open *at St Thomas'*
2pm Mothers' Union Eucharist & Meeting *at St James'*

Friday 1pm Helmshore Primary School visit *at St Thomas'*

Next Sunday – 5th February – 3rd Sunday before Lent

9.15 Parish Eucharist *at St Thomas'*
10.45 Parish Eucharist *at St James'*
11.15 Holy Baptism of Tommy *at St Thomas'*
3.30 Holy Communion (BCP) *at St Thomas'*

School Eucharist

This Wednesday morning, 9am, at St John's School, Stonefold. We're all invited to share the Eucharist with the children and staff. Please do come and join in. The service will last about 30 minutes. Remember to allow time to park and walk!

Thomas' Tots Coffee Morning

Saturday 11th February, 10.30-12, raising funds for children's activity tables. Please come and join us for tea/coffee and cake. There will be preserves, hand-crafted cards, knitted items, pre-owned toys for sale and a raffle. Raffle prizes would be appreciated as would help on the day. See Lin or call, 07484 36390.

Eco Church

St Thomas' PCC are exploring applying for **Eco Church** status. This will help us make informed decisions about how we care for church and churchyard and the decisions we make. Please make sure to take an information leaflet today! If you would like to be involved in a group to monitor and oversee this, please speak to Heather Bickford.

Bacon butties

Today 2nd April (St Thomas) & 16th April (St James). We're helping our Scouts raise money for the World Scout Jamboree. Cash & Card donations welcome!

Prayers

Please let Fr David know of anyone who should be included on our weekly prayer list. (frdavidstephenson@gmail.com, 07539 264279)

Please also let us know when someone is unwell or goes in to hospital.

For your prayers

For the sick: Ian, Charley, Lizzie, Rachael, Sarah, Quentin, John, Frances, Gladys, Leona, Olivia, Barbara, Cynthia, Alfie, Barbara, Mother Enid, Margaret, Christine, Lola, Arnold, Alicia, Jacqueline, Juliette, Jackie, Vivienne, Edna

For all who have died in the past week and all whose anniversaries fall in the coming week. *Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.*

The Churchwardens & PCC of St Peter's & St Stephen's, Burnley, invite you to the **institution and induction of Rev'd Andrew Holmes** as Rector. St Stephen's Church, Oxford Road, Burnley BB11 3JA, Monday 20th February, 7.30pm
Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you plan on attending.