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Sharing the Love of Christ, the Light of the World, with the people of Ewell

St Mary's Concerts

Feb 18 2.30pm – Eine Kleine Viener Musik

Jamie Akers, Susana Teixeira and friends perform a programme of Viennese salon music for flute, viola and guitar, with lieder including Beethoven, and Schubert.

March 11 7.30pm – Jonathan Holmes plays Widor

The final symphony, where Widor was inspired by age-old Easter plainchant in 'Symphonie Romane' plus Dupre's American-inspired Symphonie 2, originally improvised on the organ in Macey's Department Store in Philadelphia.

April 29 7.30pm – Parish Choir 'Royal Connections'

We celebrate the Carolean era with music from Coronations, in preparation for King Charles III Coronation, including favourite choral items Handel's 'Zadok the Priest' and Parry's 'I was glad'.

May 20 7.30pm – Mark Dancer on the 'Father' Willis organ

Mark is organist at Petersfield Parish Church, he was organist at St Mary's, and we frequently sing his popular Mass in G. We look forward to welcoming him back to St Mary's.

June 17 7.30pm – Jonathan Holmes plays Max Reger

Reger's kaleidoscopic magnum opus, the Mahlerian-like Op 73 Variations on an original Theme.

Feb 7, March 7, April 11, May 9 and June 13 –

Bach Tuesdays from 1.05pm – 1.35pm

Jonathan Holmes plays the major Preludes and Fugues.

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Fr Mark Stafford writes

Have you bought a Valentine's Day card for your nearest and dearest?

The tradition of sending greetings cards seems to go way back in history. It is thought that the ancient Chinese exchanged messages of goodwill to celebrate a New Year and that early Egyptians used papyrus scrolls to send greetings to each other.

It may not have been until the 1400's that the Europeans began selling and exchanging handmade greetings cards, there are records of a Valentine's Day card having been sent in 1415.

However, in 1840 with the arrival of the penny black stamp, cards began to become more popular.

In 1843 the first known Christmas cards were published in London when Sir Henry Cole hired the artist John Calcott Horsley to design a holiday card for his friends.

Since this time, the sending of cards for almost any and every occasion has become the norm and Hallmark and Moonpig have turned this tradition into massive business.

But why is it so important to us to send and receive cards? Cards remind us that someone is thinking of us, they are a sign that someone cares and has had the forethought to go out and choose a card, to write it and send it. We have been remembered and the card is a visual sign of that remembering. Receiving cards is all the more poignant when they are received from people you are unable to see, a reminder that out of sight does not mean out of mind.

On Valentine's Day we think of love and the ultimate love is the love that God has for each and everyone of us. A love stronger than death, a love that knows us and understands our every joy and sorrow. God longs to hear us, for us to communicate with Him, to share our lives with Him, to hear our prayers.

Since we have moved to Ewell some people have commented that they have heard the Church bell ringing at 9am each morning.

The ringing of the bell is a little like a greetings card. It is a reminder that someone in the Church is praying for you.

The bell is rung each day at 9am, when the clergy go to Church reminding our community that we are praying for them, and for you.

The bell is also a call to prayer to remind people that they can come into Church to pray. The Church is open for prayer from Monday to Saturday at 9am and all are welcome to come and say Morning Prayer in Church. The service is also live streamed through our Facebook

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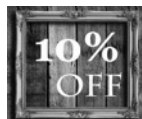
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page for those who are unable to attend physically.

This Valentine's Day I would like to invite you all to spend some time in prayer, to re-open the line of communication between yourself and God.

On February 12 at 9.30am we will be holding a special service to celebrate love and marriage, why not make a special effort to come and join us as we connect with the King of Love?

WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

Mission Action plan – as part of our mission action plan we will be asking you all to complete a short questionnaire. This will be available on Sunday February 5. Following this we will be holding a series of forums looking at the activity of our Church. Once this has been completed, we will have a whole Church meeting to prioritise our activities and see how we can best grow the Church, increase our faith, and better enable us to be disciples of Christ.

February 7 Bach Tuesdays from 1.05pm - 1.35pm featuring the major Preludes and Fugues - why not come and join us for your lunch break and listen to the wonderful Willis and enjoy a cuppa and slice of cake?

9.30am Holy Communion February 12 - We will be focusing on Marriage at this service and inviting couples we have married in the past to come and join us as we thank God for the gifts of love and marriage; followed by refreshments in Church.

St Mary's Gin - The Spirit of Ewell - Our specially commissioned and distilled gin is an ideal Valentine's Day gift. It is on sale at All Things Nice, 90 High St, Ewell, Epsom KT17 1RE. A great gift that helps support our Church, All things Nice and a local small distillery. £35 a bottle.

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Our next on-line quiz using Zoom is on February 21. If you have not joined one of our on-line quizzes, then do consider it this month. Our quizzes really are great fun. You will need to register using a link that will be given in the Weekly Notes nearer the time, or you can email zoom@stmarysewell.com.

The start of Lent, Ash Wednesday, is on February 22. There will be services with imposition of ashes at 2.00pm and 8.00pm, Morning prayer will also be said at 9.00am. Our Lent course this year will be based on the 40 day reflection booklet "Dust and Glory", copies of the reflection guide will soon be available in Church. The booklet gives you a chance for reflection each day in Lent, we will then gather on Wednesday evenings starting on March 1 at 7.30pm for refreshments before an 8.00pm start for our Lent group. In addition to the course, the Archbishop of Canterbury is also recommending the book "Failure", by Bishop Emma Ineson, as Lent reading.

Apart from the items mentioned above, do check the Calendar on the back page for the full list of services and events happening in February.

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Fr Mark

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This is a vital part of our outreach so if you think you may be able to help, please contact the churchwardens, our clergy or John Larkin.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

FUNERALS

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord

Ashes Interments

14 December David Ivor Rowlands, aged 84

19 December Harold Colin Elson, aged 71

EPN Subscriptions in 2023

REMINDER

Thank you to all who have paid their annual subscription to the Ewell Parish News for 2023.

For those who have previously subscribed for the delivery by hand, the annual subscription remains at £6.

Please make cheques payable to 'PCC St Mary's the Virgin, Ewell'. We hope you will continue to subscribe and enjoying reading the EPN.

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FEBRUARY CONCERTS

February 7 at 1.05 pm

Free Tuesday lunchtime Bach organ recital

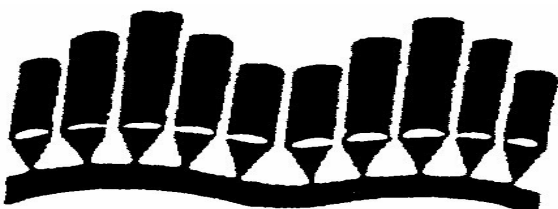
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Admission to the Saturday Concerts is £10 suggested donation for over 18s. The Tuesday concerts are free and are followed by afternoon tea. Every penny raised goes towards restoration of the Willis organ.



BRAINTEASER



A lady named her children: Dominique, Regis, Michelle, Fawn, Sophie, and Lara.

What will she name her next child? Jessica, Katie, Abby, or Tilly?

Answer in next month's EPN

ST. MARY'S ON-LINE QUIZZES



We hold monthly on-line quizzes using Zoom

These have proved very popular and are fun for all the family, so why not join us?

Our next quiz will be on Tuesday February 21

As always, you will need to register beforehand. You can use links provided in the Weekly Notes or you can also register by emailing

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Prayers for February



'Candlemas', which this year is celebrated on February 2, marks the end of the Christmas season and is the time for turning our thoughts towards Lent and the road to Calvary and Easter.



O Lord, we find ourselves at a crossroad.

As we look back and reflect on the past year, with all its worries and uncertainties, help us to remember the story of Christmas and the Good News of your birth. Good News shared with ordinary, everyday people, and even those living on the fringes of society, that you came to show us all the way back to a closer relationship with God. We pray that your guiding light may continue to shine out in this often-dark world.

O Lord, we find ourselves at a crossroad

Help us to pause and reflect on your ministry here on earth, a life of service to your heavenly Father and how you paid the ultimate price for our wrongdoing.

We pray for the world; we pray for our country; we pray for the communities where we live.

We pray for a new awakening of your Spirit in the lives of your people. We pray for a new awakening of your Spirit here at St Mary's.

We pray that we may have an unquenchable thirst for You and a deeper awareness of the power of the Cross.

May our eyes be clear to see your Work; our ears open to hear Your Word; our hearts and minds filled with your Love that Your Kingdom may come, and lives be changed.

In your Holy Name, we pray. **AMEN.**

BACH & A CHRISTMAS CRACKER

6 & 10 December

Jonathan and Sarah Holmes

By all accounts, Christmas in eighteenth-century Germany was a pretty rumbustious affair. Bach's services would have been much in demand; no doubt he had to rush from one function to another.

Tuesday 6 December saw the last recital for the year of Jonathan's ongoing exploration of Bach's oeuvre for organ. Four works today: two shorter works flanked by two larger-scale ones. Earlier in the series, we learned how Bach came across the work of Antonio Vivaldi. Today, we encountered another Italian, whose music penetrated beyond the Alps - Arcangelo Corelli. Bach certainly knew his sonatas for two violins and continuo, i.e. harpsichord, though exactly how he became acquainted with them is not known. Clearly, they impressed him enough for him to transform one into the Fugue in B minor BWV 579. The suite of movements that we know as Pastorella BWV 590 contains a hint of Christmas spirit, at least in the 'Prelude'. The other movements are 'Allemande', 'Aria' and 'Gigue'. Partite diverse sopra 'Christ, der du bist er helle Tag'. BWV 766 incorporates variations on a Chorale - a Lutheran hymn - 'Christ, thou art the bright day'. Lastly, the Prelude and Fugue in E minor, BWV 533. This is a showpiece by young Bach, designed to impress the church authorities at Arnstadt where he had been appointed organist.

Jumping to the twenty-first century, we come to Christmas Cracker. Success at last year's event, led to a repeat performance today. Sarah and Jonathan again presented a programme of organ solos and duets, interspersed with audience carols displayed on the big screen. Proceedings were opened with Christmas Fantasy, by Jonathan Scott. Scott is on the teaching staff at the Royal Northern College of Music and the piece received its first performance at Bridgewater Hall, Manchester in 2013. Ian Tracey is another young English composer, and is organist at Liverpool Cathedral; we heard his Variants on 'We Three Kings'. Next Charles Callahan in Christmas Fantasy: organ duet where there is plenty of opportunity for the hands to clash. Then audience participation to lead us to the interval: Twelve days of Christmas, Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer, Sleigh Ride and It's Beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

Sarah and Jonathan's duetting skills were called into play again in a piece by another up-and-coming composer, this time an American, Robert Hobby. It was "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen". Of an older generation is Leroy Anderson who achieved fame between the wars in such pieces as Sleigh Ride. The British composer Howard Blake is justly famous for We're Walking in the Air used in the film The Snowman. Denis Bedard may not be a familiar name to all, but he is a French-Canadian composer for the organ, including fine pieces like Fanfare and Scherzando from Petite Suite. By the same composer is the Toccata on 'Il est né, le divin enfant' for organ solo. The audience - not allowed to rest on its laurels - now sprang into action with Jingle Bells, Let It snow, Winter Wonderland and White Christmas. For a suitably festive conclusion, what better than the Sortie on 'Jingle Bells'; homage to Louis Lefebure-Wely? The composer is a young Italian, Grimoaldo Macchia. Note that a 'sortie' is French for 'final voluntary' and it is a clever pastiche. Lefebure-Wely was a friend of Offenbach, the composer of popular operettas, whose style is vividly portrayed in this piece.

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WHAT DO THE COLOURS IN CHURCH SIGNIFY?

One of the things I love about our country is the changing seasons. The bright, green growth of spring, and the blue skies and warm haze of summer; the wonderful yellows and oranges of autumn, and the crisp, bright days of winter. At least when it's not raining! The changing seasons give us variety, and colour, and add extra richness to our lives.

In St. Mary's we use colour to help us focus on the different seasons of the church's year. A few weeks ago someone asked what the different colours signify.

Purple is for penitence, prayer, and preparation - so it's used in Advent and Lent. White is for celebration. We enjoy celebration at St Mary's and use white to decorate the church whenever there is the opportunity! So that's on Christmas Day, Epiphany Sunday, Candlemas, Holy Saturday, Easter Day, Ascension Day, Trinity Sunday, our Dedication Festival, our Patronal Festival, and Christ the King. White is used too during the festive periods associated with Christmas and Easter and also for All Saints' Day, as well as for other feast days, except when red has a claim. Red can represent either blood or fire. So red is normally the colour of Holy Week, except on Maundy Thursday, when white is used. Red is also the colour for saints who were martyrs and for the period after All Saints' Day, including Remembrance Sunday. But red is also for tongues of flame, and so it's for any festival that celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit, particularly Pentecost. At St Mary's, the colour rose is used a couple of times during the year, once in Advent and once in Lent, but the colour we see most often is green - the colour for growth - because we use that at all other times.

So far in 2023, the white altar frontal and hangings, and the clergy vestments, were used during the festive period of Epiphany, and when that period comes to an end with Candlemas which we'll be celebrating on 5th February, we'll switched to green. During Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday on 1st March, the church will be decorated with purple. On Mothering Sunday, 19th March, the colour will be rose, just for the day, and on Palm Sunday, on 2nd April, we'll change to red. We shall have white on Maundy Thursday, again just for the day, and then celebrate the glorious days of Holy Saturday and Easter Day with the splendour of white!

The changing seasons of the church's year and colours will matter more to some people than to others, because each of us will find that different things help us to connect with God. I believe we should not leave outside the church the beauty and the variety of colours we see in creation, but rather use them to give honour and glory to God, and to help us appreciate the truths and mysteries of our faith.

Sue Ayling

THE ESTATES COMMITTEE

What it does - and why New Members are required

The Estates Committee is tasked with looking after the condition, and keeping in good repair, the whole of the church property, comprising the Church Building, the Church Hall and Churchyards, so that the whole can function as intended.

In order that it is performing this task adequately and correctly, every five years there is a thorough check and survey, known as a Quinquennial Inspection, carried out by a Diocese recommended architect or surveyor, of the Church building and grounds, and who prepares a report on the condition of these - adversely, if necessary (although I am very pleased to say that due to the dedication and hard work of the committee members we have never received other than commendations for the manner and good order in which the property is kept).

There is such an inspection due later in this year, and depending on what is found the recommendations are normally categorised in order of priority, namely, urgent, within the next 18 months, within the next five years, and long term & desirable.

The Committee then has to decide for each the above categories, which tasks the committee members can undertake themselves - obviously all dependent on the time required and available, and the skills required - thus saving the church from unnecessary expenditure; or whether, and when, it will be required to prepare specifications and invite tenders from contractors for the remaining necessary works.

Which brings me to the main purpose of drafting this appeal.

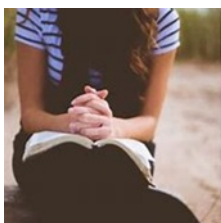
Over recent years the committee size has not only reduced in numbers, but, as readers will realize, age has also inevitably crept up on us, and we could do with a few new members to assist with the tasks with which we are continually faced. The Committee has been in hibernation during the Covid period, but hitherto, and in continuation, has normally met in the evening about five times a year.

Whilst any do-it-yourself skills would be very welcome, no particular expertise is required, or necessary. The main ingredient required is the willingness to assist in, or supervise, relatively straightforward tasks, thus reducing the church expenditure, and in maintaining the premises and surrounds in good order and condition. Should you consider that you can assist in any way we would be delighted to hear from you, and do, please, contact or E-mail either the undersigned, or one of the churchwardens.

With many thanks,

George Jarrett - Committee Chairman.

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EWELL VILLAGE FAIR 2023

Saturday 15 July 10:30 – 16:00



It's great news to announce that, at long last, we will be holding the Ewell Village Fair this year. Ewell Castle School have kindly agreed to allow us to use the grounds at Glyn House, so the preparations and meetings now begin!

The Ewell Village Fair has been much missed, the Fair has been a yearly event for many a long year. Not only does it raise much needed funds (about £10k each year) for St Mary's, it brings the community of all ages together for a fun-filled day of entertainment.

The Morris Men usually start the event outside the Green Man and then come to the arena with the Mayor, who normally opens the Fair itself. In the arena many groups entertain the 1000+ people who attend. In the past we have had Ambition Dance, Ewell Grove School and Fitznells School of Music come to entertain us as well as the Southern Golden

Retrievers Display Team, Shetland Pony rides, both of which are always a great attraction, bric-a-brac, books, toy stalls, etc. There are traditional side shows such as roll-a-penny, hook-the-duck and the much-loved coconut shy and of course Punch and Judy. A grand draw also takes place with some fantastic prizes to be won. Plenty of food and refreshments are available so that you can stay all day to enjoy the Fair!

If you have any questions or would like to get involved in helping (there are plenty of roles available!) with the Fair, please contact me.

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Chair of the Fair Committee



ST. MARY'S ECO GROUP

St Mary's Environmental Policy

To take St Mary's forward on our journey of being an Eco Church, which began on 10 July 2021, the PCC approved on 17 January an Environmental Policy for St. Mary's. The policy was drafted by a working party from our ECO Group and subsequently approved with minor modifications by the full Group on 22 November. The policy has the full support of our clergy and is available on the church web site in the same way as our Safeguarding and Data Protection Policies.

Both as Christians and as a church we are stewards of God's creation. As well as explaining why this is the 'foundation stone' of our Environmental Policy the document sets out our aims for the various areas we plan to address and outlines some of the mechanisms to be used. The lists of these are not exhaustive and are intended to illustrate what might be possible for us and the decisions that we have taken already. The policy will be supplemented with detailed plans and reports for the different areas where we can fulfil these commitments as they develop over time. Where possible, these will have realistic timelines and completion targets.

Essentially we want to ensure that decisions about St Mary's are made bearing in mind our responsibility to better care for God's creation with one consequence being that we shall make a difference for the better to climate change.

We acknowledge that the problems that our world faces can seem overwhelming but that the small steps our church and each of us take as individuals are worthwhile and will make a difference.

The Eco Group is chaired by The Revd. Sue Ayling and the other members are Fr Mark Stafford, Helen Crossley, Denise Donovan, David Dance, Mavis Macaskill, Angela Spragg and Bridget Stevens.

If you would like to join our Eco Group we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with Sue Ayling at: assistantpriest@stmarysewell.com or 020 8337 6347.



Thank you for all of your donations.

Urgently needed: longlife sponge puddings, coffee (100g jars), male deodorant, sanitary pads/tampons, custard, tinned soup, gravy granules, chocolate spread and dog food.

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BACSECT Newsletter No 8 December 2022

First and foremost may I, on behalf of the Headmaster Richard, the Teachers, and all the school children wish you all a Happy Christmas, and a Peaceful 2023!

Dorothy and I were able to go out to The Gambia in November and spend much time with the school catching up on all the news, good and not quite so good, and making some important decisions.

The building work on the new classrooms has progressed well and at least the roof is on keeping everything more watertight. The rooms still need internal work for ceilings, walls, windows and electrics etc. but work had to stop so that the school could function normally. It had delayed its reopening after the summer holidays to try and get the building work finished but the exceptional heavy rains prevented a lot of days working so work halted at the end of September.

It is apparent that the unusually heavy rainy season has caused damage to some of the buildings' foundations and substantial work to repair and protect for the future will have to be done. After a great deal of discussion with Richard, the Headmaster, we have agreed to personally fund the work which will be done over the Christmas period. The cost of this work will not be underwritten by the charity but it will mean that the work on the new classrooms will have to wait for the time being.

Using some BACSECT funds we were able to purchase school books and paper which was needed for the end of year exams. We also were able to settle outstanding invoices for printing work.

It is good to be able to spend in The Gambia as it supports their economy and we continue to build excellent relationships with school stationery suppliers.

Over one weekend we arranged a food distribution to the local community from the school and a representative from the Ministry of Education came to see how the school was assisting the local area. It was a very good opportunity to get feedback from the Ministry Official who confirmed that the education the children were getting was of a very high standard.

The Minister of Education asked the representative to

press upon us the need to complete the additional classrooms so that senior school education could expand. The government is very keen for this to happen because of the high standards set. That is very good to hear but it will need the school, through BACSECT, to invest in more teachers of a higher level and more books and equipment.

Success breeds more problems but they are good ones and we will endeavour to fulfil all the schools requirements as it continues to grow and flourish.

We took out with us a large sports bag full of sports equipment, mainly footballs, basketballs and pumps. The school is very keen to get some team strips for the football teams so if anyone knows any youth football teams that have a spare kit they could donate, size age 6 to 11, please do get in touch. We are still able to ship items out from UK although the costs have almost doubled in the last twelve months!

We will be back at the school in January and March and will particularly be monitoring the effect of rapidly rising prices. Most of the equipment used by the school is imported and prices have nearly doubled in some instances.

Seeing all the children working hard to learn and enjoying the fact that the school is providing a safe environment for them is really rewarding. If only we could bottle their enthusiasm!!

Thank you so much for your support, both financially and prayerfully. It means everything to the children and will at least give them a chance of a better life.

Just to remind that, apart from CAF bank charges, 100% of all donations to BACSECT are spent on the school without any being used for expenses.

God Bless

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CHRISTMAS ATTENDANCES



Christmas Eve for children and families
The Story of Christmas 87
Arrival at Bethlehem 321



4 services for children and parents from
Ewell Castle School 1188

18 December

Nine Lessons & Carols 94

Christmas Eve

Midnight Mass 151

Christmas Day

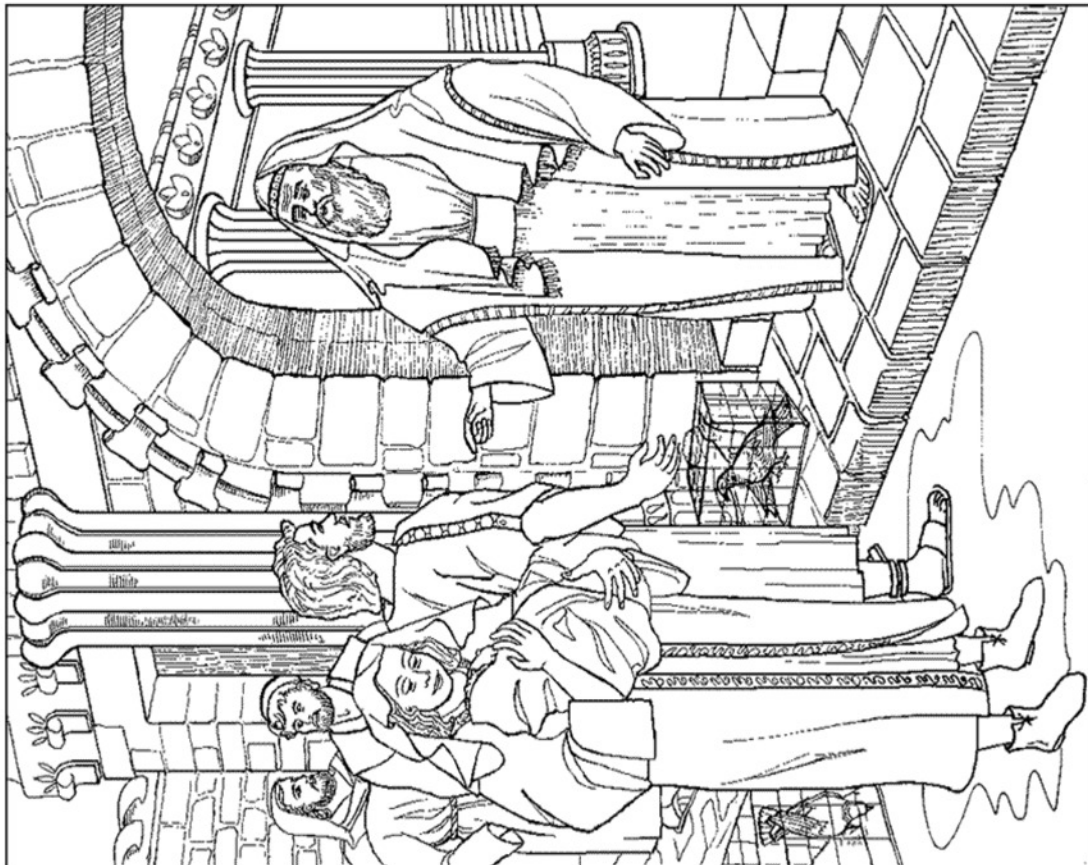
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Young Church mag

Presentation of Christ in the Temple; Luke 2:22-40



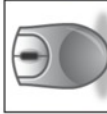
Jesus is presented in the Temple

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Who did they meet at the Temple?

Write the first letter of each picture to find out

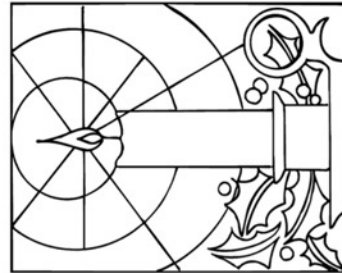


and



Simeon's prayer

Now, Lord, you have kept your promise,
And you may let your servant go in peace.
With my own eyes I have seen your salvation,
Which you have prepared in the presence of all
peoples:
A light to reveal your will to the Gentiles
And bring glory to your people Israel.



Simeon's prayer is called the Nunc Dimittis
Nunc Dimittis is Latin and means "now you can go"

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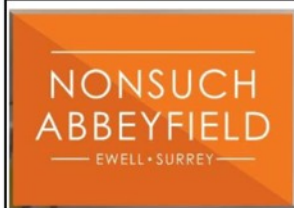


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Calendar for February



Morning Prayer will usually be celebrated at 0900 Monday to Saturday and shown online

- Th 02 1000 St Mary's Toddler Group (Hall)
 F 03 1200-1600 Fireside Friday (Hall)
S 05 CANDLEMAS/Presentation of Christ
 0800 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
 0930 Jesus and Me (JAM) (Hall then Church)
 0930 Sung Eucharist
 T 07 1000 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
 1305 Lunchtime Bach Organ Recital
 Th 09 1000 St Mary's Toddler Group (Hall)
 F 10 1200-1600 Fireside Friday (Hall)
S 12 2 BEFORE LENT
 0800 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
 0930 Jesus and Me (JAM) (Hall then Church)
 0930 Sung Eucharist celebrating Valentine's Day
 T 14 1000 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
 W 15 1900 Ewell Village Fair Meeting (Parish Room)
 Th 16 1445 Bereavement Café (Hall)
 F 17 1200-1600 Fireside Friday (Hall)
 S 18 1430 Eine Kleine WienerMusik
S 19 NEXT BEFORE LENT
 0800 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
 0930 Jesus and Me (JAM) (Hall then Church)
 0930 Sung Eucharist
 1730 Choral Evensong
T 21 Shrove Tuesday
 1000 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
 2000 Quiz on Zoom
W 22 Ash Wednesday
 1400 Said Service and Imposition of Ashes
 2000 Sung Service and Imposition of Ashes
 Th 23 1000 St Mary's Toddler Group (Hall)
 F 24 1200-1600 Fireside Friday (Hall)
S 26 LENT 1
 0800 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
 0930 Jesus and Me (JAM) (Hall then Church)
 0930 Sung Eucharist
 T 28 1000 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)

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