

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. **Amen.**

Psalm 24: 7-end

7. Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

8. 'Who is the King of glory?' 'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.'

9. Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

10. 'Who is this King of glory?' 'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen

First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-5

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

Second Reading: 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.

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. **Amen**

Please pray for ...

- Stuart and the Ministry team.
- *Our Mission links*: The Sisters of the Church in Bristol.
- KOW Chaplain: Ruth Motion
- Those living and working in our Benefice
*The sick**: Roger Reeson, Irene Turner, Geoff Bathe, Val Bulpitt and Marion Clegg.
- *The departed*: Donald Butt and Shane Churches
RIP

**after 6 weeks, we move names from this list to the Prayer Tree in St Andrew's for continuing prayer.*

Notices

This Sunday in St Andrew's

We are using a new Morning Prayer Order of Service, please feedback to Ruth or Hilary your thoughts at the end of the service.

Benefice website and calendar

Please look at our website at

www.beneficecdrs.org We have a new benefice calendar and diary on this website viewable by everyone! PLEASE check all dates on the calendar BEFORE planning any event for any of our three churches in the benefice, including for Friends/Supporters dates. If a date is free, please email your date to Samm in our office, so that she can confirm it is available, get it into our calendar, and avoid clashes. This way we can all support each other as churches who belong to one family. Thanks very much. Stuart

Together Parish Magazine (for Cheddar only)

Please note that the new February issue of *Together* will be available in **St Andrew's church today**. Those who have paid their £10 subscriptions will find your copy/ies in an envelope marked with your name. If you have paid, but there is no envelope for you, please speak to me. If you have not yet subscribed and still wish to do so, please ensure our Benefice Administrator Samm receives your cash remittance in the envelope supplied in December. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me, Ade (Editor) **07856006493**. (If struggling to pay this amount, please DO speak to Stuart in confidence. We would like you to still receive the magazine.)

Lent Groups

will start week beginning Feb 23rd. 5 studies on aspects of our Communion Service. The groups meet on various days and times so please sign up for the group most convenient for you. Lists are in each church.

A very big thank you!

to all of those who supported the Re ordering group's concert on Saturday evening.

The church was packed with Cheddar and further field folk who were singing, swaying and even a few dancing along to the highly talented Paul and Simon who took us on a journey through a repertoire of Simon and Garfunkel tunes.

Huge thanks go to all the volunteers from both our church and personal families. We will publish monies raised as soon as we can and watch out for the review in the March edition of the Together Magazine.

SOSP Valentine themed Curry Night

Join SOSP for their Valentines themed Curry Night at the Strawberry Special, Draycott. Friday 13th Feb, 7.30pm for 8pm. Tickets are £15pp, available from the Strawberry Special, The Draycott Community Shop or Thea 0776 789 2313 – Tickets selling fast!

Candlemas by Zoom

Monday 2nd February Holy Communion on Zoom at 8pm for Candlemas, please have a candle ready to light. It is the usual login, but if unsure, please email Thea revthea@outlook.com

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PEW NOTES

Benefice of Cheddar, Draycott and Rodney Stoke 1st February 2026 – Candlemas

Services this Sunday

****HC- Holy Communion / MP- Morning Prayer**

9.30 St Peter's, Dr, HC, Stuart & Julie H

10am St Andrew's, Ch., MP, Ruth & Hilary

11.15 St Lenoard's, RS, HC, Stuart & Julie H

Diary

Mon 2nd 8pm Candlemas Zoom Service

Tue 3rd 11am Study Group, Den

2.15pm Mothers Union meeting,
Cheddar Village Hall

2.30pm (SB) Draycott and Rodney Stoke
First School Collective Worship, St Peter's

7.30pm (TO) Wedding meeting, Den

Wed 4th 11am Holy Communion (Common
Worship), St Andrew's

12.30pm (SB) Ashes interment,
St Andrew's

7.45pm Bell ringing practice,
St Andrew's

Thur 5th 9.30am – 11am Clergy meeting, Den

Fri 6th 9.30am (TO) Ashes interment,
St Leonard's

11am (TO) Funeral in St Andrew's,
S. Churches RIP

Sat 7th 10am Morning Prayer, Den
10.30am SOSP Coffee and Cake,
St Peter's

Sunday 8th February – 2 before Lent

9.30 St Peter's, Dr, MP, Thea & Judith

10am St Andrew's, Ch., HC, Stuart, Alan & Deborah

11.15 St Lenoard's, RS, HC, Thea & Judith