



For our prayers this week

Those who are ill or in need... Alex Boorer, Laurie Hamilton, Ashleigh Anand, Felix Snell, Val Hancock.

Those who have died... Sarah Hamilton, Esther Lawrence, Charles Lucas.

Anniversary of death... Jean Harrison (2017), James Hannaford (2021), Jack Dabbs (1987), Tony Hollis (2021), Celia Berwick (2014), Therese Whitworth (2005).



THIS WEEK...

WEDNESDAY 04 FEBRUARY

9.15am TODDLER GROUP *Hall*
12 noon PRAYER GROUP *Church*

THURSDAY 05 FEBRUARY

2pm FUNERAL SERVICE
for the late Charles Lucas

NEXT WEEK...

SUNDAY 08 FEBRUARY 2026

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

8am HOLY COMMUNION
10am PARISH EUCHARIST
6.30pm EVENSONG

WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

9.15am TODDLER GROUP *Hall*
12 noon PRAYER GROUP *Church*

FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY

10am FRIDAY GROUP



NOTICES

CHURCH CLEANING

Volunteers keep the church clean and two teams currently need new members. Can you spare about 1½ hours once every 4 weeks? One team currently meet Tuesday morning the other Saturday morning. Please speak to Pat Spencer or contact Sara in the Parish Office.

Collection TODAY - SUNDAY 01 FEBRUARY

As last year, we will be making a special collection at our Patronal Festival for our local hospice **St. Raphael's**. Please use the blue envelopes or the special collection button on the card readers. More information about their work is in the magazine on the table at back of church or their website straphaels.org.uk.

Vacancy at the **Cinque Cottages Charity, Crooked Billet**. Chris Larkman (clerk to the charity's trustees) informs us that they have a vacancy in one of their first floor one-bedroom flats. Please speak to Chris or email via the parish office.

RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH 2026 at Christ Church

Thank you to the six people who helped us to take part in this national survey of garden birds. For most of the hour, we were serenaded by a robin. We counted 10 species of bird which is similar to previous years. There were larger numbers of birds compared to other years except for the boom during the 2021 Covid-19 lockdown. Thanks for all the reports from those of you who enjoyed counting birds in your own garden or local park too.

FAIR TRADE STALL - 2025

Thank you for supporting the Christ Church Fair Trade Stall last year. Together we bought over **£1,875** of fairly traded goods (that's a lot of chocolate)! We made a profit of **£372** and donated **£370** to church funds. You may be aware that chocolate prices have risen due to poor harvests in West Africa, mainly due to extreme weather patterns. We realise this affects our chocolate-loving customers but not nearly as much as the poor farmers. Thank you for helping us trade differently and support producers in lower income countries – a small step towards justice for the world's poor.

Thanks to all our customers from the Fair Trade Team – Ian, Julie Barnes, Tish & Lucy. We really need help with ordering & stock taking of the Fair Trade Stall.

Speak to Tish or Lucy Christie if you are able to help.

BRF GROUP SUBSCRIPTION

The order for the church group subscription for BRF Bible notes has to be renewed early in February. If any current subscribers wish to change their order, or if anyone is interested in joining the subscription, please speak to Jenny Tomlinson or email via the parish office.

Would you have a more effective prayer life?

LENT COURSE ON PRAYER 2026

*in the Truman Room
7.45pm to 9pm*

Tuesday 24th February

Topic: Personal Prayer (Hannah)

Tuesday 3rd March

Topic: Ambitious Prayer (Elijah)

Tuesday 10th March

Topic: Hopeful Prayer (Ezekiel)

Tuesday 17th March

Topic: Communal Prayer (Ester)

Tuesday 24th March

Topic: Constant Prayer (Daniel)

All Welcome:

**Please sign up on the sheet
at the back of the church**

PATRONAL BIRTHDAY BRUNCH

SUNDAY 01 FEBRUARY -

TODAY after the 10.00am service we will be serving a brilliant Brunch to celebrate the Patronal and 167 years of glorious Christ Church. *ALL are welcome.*

There is a list at the back of church with a suggested donation of £5 - we are buying everything in advance. Children are free.

*The Parish Office will be closed
on Tues 3 Feb.*

This week's readings

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hebrews 2.14-end

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus 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 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.

Luke 2.22-40



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SUNDAY 01 FEBRUARY 2026 CANDLEMAS – PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

Amen

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 forever.

Amen

Green / World Prayer

Merciful God, we believe that you uphold and sustain all that you have made, while also lovingly giving us the freedom to live in relationship with the rest of creation. We ask your forgiveness for the ways we have abused that freedom, through what we have done and what we have left undone. We bring our lament and our longing for a renewed earth to you now. **Amen**

8am HOLY COMMUNION

Readings Hebrews 2.14-end; Luke 2.22-40

10am ALL AGE SERVICE followed by *Patronal Birthday Brunch*

Reading Luke 2.22-40 Hymns 64, 183, 371, 240

6.30pm EVENSONG

Readings Haggai 2.1-9; John 2.18-22 Hymns 688, 373, 390 Psalm 132
