



WELCOME

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PRESENTATION OF CHRIST

1st February 2026

Welcome Song (see below)

Entrance

129 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Before the Gospel

288 I cannot tell

Offertory

434 Majesty, worship his majesty (x2)

Communion

559 Put peace into each other's hands

272 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord

Final

568 Rise and shine



WELCOME SONG

Happy to share, happy to share,
Our blessings with one another.
That's why we are here.

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

Janet & Jason, Yemi, members of our family who are not very well. We pray for Diane O-L, who recently died, and any others we have lost as well as Diane's family and all those mourning a loved one.

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, our God, and our God.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

PRAYER & OUTREACH GROUP

There is a prayer meeting at the church on the **first Tuesday of every month** at 10:30. The next one will be **Tuesday 3 March 2026** at 10:30.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026

The service this year is **Friday 6 March, 10:30**, at the Grove Centre on Jews Walk, Sydenham SE26 6PL. All are welcome.



ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Meeting ID: 849 2977 1613

Password: 356850



CHILDREN IN CHURCH

We're so grateful for the presence of children in our worship. Our hybrid Lady Chapel is available as a sensory space for children with additional needs and can also be used for parents and carers to take babies and very young children. For children of school age, a colouring table is provided at the back of the church. They can also use the chapel for careful play before and after the service. To help these spaces work well for everyone, parents/carers are asked to stay with their children in the chapel after the collect and return after intercession prayer, or keep an eye on their child at the colouring table, ensuring noise is a minimum especially during the sermon and intercessions. Thank you for your care and cooperation.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 2 February

Hall: 09:30-11:30 - Toddler Group

Church: 15:30 - 18:00 - Homework Club

Hall: 17:30 - 18:30 - Rainbows

Hall: 18:30 - 20:00 - Brownies

Tuesday 3 February

Hall: 18:30 – 20:00 - Pilates

Wednesday 4 February

Church: 10:30 - Prayer & Outreach group

Church: 09:30-11:30 - Toddler Group

Hall: 12:00 - 1:30 - **Food bank**

Online: 17:00 - Bible study

Thursday 5 February

Hall: 18:30 - 20:30 – Guides

Friday 6 February

Hall 18:30 - 20:00 - Learning & Physical Disabilities Club

Saturday 7 February

Hall: 09:00-17:00 - 7th Day Adventists

Sunday 8 February

Church: 10:00 - Holy Communion

Hall: 13:00-17:00 - I AM Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 25 February

Hall: 12:00 - 1:30 - Food bank

Tuesday 3 March

Church: 10:30 - Prayer & Outreach group

Wednesday 4 March

Hall: 12:00 - 1:30 - **Food bank**

Friday 6 March

Grove Centre: 10:30 – World Day of Prayer service

The Old Testament Reading

*The Old Testament reading is from: **Malachi 3: 1 - 5***

“Look! I am sending my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. Then the Lord you are seeking will suddenly come to his Temple. The messenger of the covenant, whom you look for so eagerly, is surely coming,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.

² “But who will be able to endure it when he comes? Who will be able to stand and face him when he appears? For he will be like a blazing fire that refines metal, or like a strong soap that bleaches clothes. ³ He will sit like a refiner of silver, burning away the dross. He will purify the Levites, refining them like gold and silver, so that they may once again offer acceptable sacrifices to the Lord. ⁴ Then once more the Lord will accept the offerings brought to him by the people of Judah and Jerusalem, as he did in the past.

⁵ “At that time I will put you on trial. I am eager to witness against all sorcerers and adulterers and liars. I will speak against those who cheat employees of their wages, who oppress widows and orphans, or who deprive the foreigners living among you of justice, for these people do not fear me,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

*The Gospel reading is from **Luke 2: 22 – 40***

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke**.*

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

²² Then it was time for their purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child; so his parents took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. ²³ The law of the Lord says, “If a woman’s first child is a boy, he must be dedicated to the Lord.” ²⁴ So they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord—“either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵ At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him

²⁶ and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, ²⁸ Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ “Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace,
as you have promised.

³⁰ I have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared for all people.

³² He is a light to reveal God to the nations,
and he is the glory of your people Israel!”

³³ Jesus’ parents were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby’s mother, “This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. ³⁵ As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul.”

³⁶ Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. Her husband died when they had been married only seven years. ³⁷ Then she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting and prayer. ³⁸ She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem.

³⁹ When Jesus’ parents had fulfilled all the requirements of the law of the Lord, they returned home to Nazareth in Galilee. ⁴⁰ There the child grew up healthy and strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God’s favor was on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.