

THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, FURNHAM, CHARD

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To welcome, serve and reach out with faith and love in the example of Jesus Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING - Malachi 3.1-5 **Alison Cruickshank**

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM - Psalm 24

The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

SECOND READING - Hebrews 2.14-18

Jane Nicholas

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel, your people.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL - Luke 2.22-40

HYMNS

Processional - Sheet

Gradual - 44

Offertory - 295

Communion - 280

Recessional - Sheet

INTERCESSIONS

Fr Michael Wishart

In the Anglican Communion:

For the Church of England.

In the Diocese of Bath and Wells:

For the Axbridge, Bath, and Bruton and Cary Deaneries. For the Bishop of Taunton Designate, being consecrated on Friday 6th February.

In the See of Oswestry:

For Bishop Paul and Fr Gary Ecclestone.

In the Deanery:

For all Readers in the Diocese and for all with Permission to Officiate.

In the World:

For peace across the world. For all affected by flooding.

In the Parish:

For all who live or work in Avishayes Road, Beeching Close and Black Bench Drove.

For the Sick:

Names are remembered privately.

For the Recently Departed

Names are remembered privately.

At their Years Mind:

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 1st February - PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

9:45am Sung Mass (**in church and online**) Fr John Fairweather

Friday 6th February

10am-12noon Bereavement Café (**in church**)

Sunday 8th February - 2 BEFORE LENT

9:45am Sung Mass (**in church and online**) Fr Julian Laurence

COMMUNION

Our church has many steps which can make going up to the altar to receive Communion and coming back down again precarious! Please keep to the organ side as you go up and to the Lady Chapel side as you come down. This should mean that those coming down can use the brass gates for support which is not always possible when those going up are queuing on both sides. Thank you!

WEEKDAY MASS AT CRICKET ST THOMAS

A reminder that there is a Mass every Thursday at 11am at Cricket St Thomas which all are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend but need transport, Fr James Finnemore may be able to offer a lift. Please be in touch with me in the first instance.

Alison

Somerset South Deanery invites you to

SYNOD FEB 2026 REVD ANN FULTON

Spiritual Care at End of Life

Aim: To inspire and equip lay members to support others during life's final stage.

Join us for a gentle, reflective evening exploring:

- What spiritual care and end of life mean
- How we can accompany and comfort others
- Ways lay members can get involved in this vital ministry

Open to Deanery Synod members, parish pastoral teams, and other lay ministries.

There will also be an opportunity to speak with Sonya Clarke about her mission bereavement group 'Keeping Company'

**5th Feb, 2026
7pm for refreshments
7.30pm start.**

**St Peter's and St Paul's
South Petherton.**

