

Readings Sunday February 8

Second before Lent

1st reading: Genesis 1: 1-2:3

2nd reading: Romans 8: 18-25

Gospel: Matthew 6:25 - end



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Prayers for Merrisie and her family as Merrisie is dedicated to the Lord today.

Tuesday 3 February 10.30am - 2.30pm

Coffee morning/soup lunch/bring and buy at Hunter's Moon, Horsepool Street in aid of the St Mary's Brixham Restoration work.

THE GRAPEVINE

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Candlemas, Presentation of Christ

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, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First reading: Malachi 3:1-5

Second reading: Hebrews 2:14-end

Gospel: 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 turtledoves 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.

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK All Saints'

Clarice Westlake, Chris Chinnery, Christine Watt, Anne Vickery **St Mary's, Brixham**
Gordon Smith, Graham Ward, Helen Kelly and her daughter Sarah, Ivor John, Robin Hale, Paul Stamp, Paul Oxenbury, Joshua Jackson, Judy Jolly, Rev'd Ken and Val Dixon, Jean Buttersworth, Hannah Hockings, Rita White, Josephine Paddon, Joan Christley **St Mary's, Churston** Eric Smith, Jo & David Lambert, Vikki Sheen, Derek Brown, Wendy Tonkin, Jamie, Sandra Marley, Phil (Ally's father); Andrew, Denisse and baby Lucas, Diana Lord-Lear **Kingswear** Tessa Gibson, Marcia and Christine Abdilla, Stela

PRAYERS for RECENT DEPARTED

Susan Francis; Tony Wellspring

SERVICES THIS WEEK

All Saints' Tuesday 3rd Feb 10am: Holy Communion **St Mary's, Brixham** Weds 4th February 10.30am: Holy Communion

SUNDAY 8th February Second before Lent

All Saints', 9.30 Holy Communion **St Mary's, Brixham** 8:45 Holy Communion; 11:00 Sunday Worship **St Mary the Virgin, Churston** 10:00 Holy Communion **St Thomas of Canterbury, Kingswear** 10:30 Holy Communion **The Barn, Galmpton** 8:45 Morning Worship

Advance notice: Susan Francis' funeral: Friday 13 February 2pm St Mary's.

