

Events & Services this week

Saturday 2 nd	3.30pm	Winnall Messy Church – Winnall Primary School
Sunday 3 rd	9am	Holy Communion – St Andrew's
	10am	All In All Saints
	10am	Holy Communion - St John's
	4pm	All Saints@4 - informal contemporary worship
Tuesday 5 th	3.30pm	Church@T – Chesil Lodge <i>To study chapter 6 of "Cave, Refectory, Road"</i>
Wednesday	10.30am	Midweek Communion – All Saints <i>Communion, coffee and relaxed conversation</i>
		<i>10.30am-Noon: Coffee All Saints' every Saturday</i>

Prayers

For Blessing: For Winnall Messy Church this Saturday 2rd Feb

For Healing: Claire & Family; Alix Griffiths

Send all prayer requests to Wendy in the office: office@eastwinchester.org

Coming up

Sunday 10 th	10am	Holy Communion – All Saints
	10am	Holy Communion - St John's
	4pm	All Saints@4 - informal contemporary worship
Tues 12 th	2.30pm	Tea & Cakes – All Saints
Sunday 17 th		After the 10am Church Service we invite the All Saints congregation to an informal chat about where we are today and where God may be calling us to be as a Church

Readings for next week: 10th February – 4th Sunday before Lent

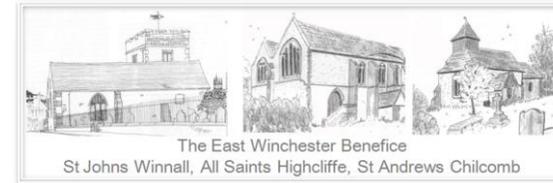
Isaiah 6.1-8 | 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 | Luke 5.1-11

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The Presentation of Christ in the Temple



Simeon & Anna recognise the Lord in Jesus
Painting by Rembrandt (1667)

The 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.

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.

Hebrews 2.14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he 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.

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.

Father, we have sung your praise with shepherds and angels: may Christ be born in our hearts today. **Praise to Christ our light.**

We have shared in the joy of Simeon and Anna;
help us, like them, to trust your word.
Praise to Christ our light.

We have greeted Jesus, the light of the world;
may we be filled with the light of your love. **Praise to Christ our light.**

We stand near the place of new birth. **Let us shine with the light of your love.**

We turn from the crib to the cross. **Let us shine with the light of your love.**

We go to carry his light. **Let us shine with the light of your love.**
Thanks be to God.