Prayers


**Recently Departed:** Dorothy Bill, Joan Billingham, Barbara Brettell, Joan Burgwin, Christopher Egginton, Howard Hughes, Joyce Preece.

**Years Mind:** 31st - Nellie Davies, George Drew, Dennis Taylor; 1st - Mary Mills, Daniel Northall, Les Waldron, Mervyn Whitehouse; 2nd - Peter Wolverson; 3rd - Margery Chell, Ike Morgan; 5th - Florence Morris, Clive Whitehouse; 6th - William Baker, Patrick Quinn;

**Birthdays:** 3rd – Gill Rickett;


**Residents in Care Homes:** Doris Barnes (The Firs) Lynda Blakemore (Castlewellan); Josie Fiske (Island Court), Emmie Steventon (Bloomfield); Pearl Wardhough, (Camelot Rest Home), Floss Webb.(Lime Tree Court).

Names in Italic print are provided by the Kingsword Deanery Mother’s Union for inclusion in our intercessions. Underlined highlight new or changed circumstances for the reasons of confidentiality no other details are offered.

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**Church Hall Hire:**

For Hiring the Church Hall - ring Claire Love on Monday or Wednesdays evenings only from 7.00pm - 9.00pm on 07749 888864. I will pass on any Email you sent to me on alan.howes.49@gmail.com.

St Chad’s, Coseley

Sunday Bulletin

The Presentation of Our Lord 31st January 2016

To Know Christ & make Christ Known through Worship, Outreach, Caring & Education

**Sunday 31st**

**The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)**

**Worship in the Church Hall**


8.30am Low Mass
10.15am Family Mass
11.45am AGM of Social Club in Hall

Monday 1st

7.00pm Karate and Kick Boxing in the hall
7.30pm Pilgrim Lent Group at the Vicarage

Tuesday 2nd

**The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)**

Art Group in Hall
9.40am
11.00am Funeral in Church: Christopher Egginton
6.00pm Slim4Good - Slimming Group in the Hall
7.00pm Line Dancing in the Hall

Wednesday 3rd

Feria
9.00am Low Mass
7.30pm Ballroom Dancing in the Hall

Thursday 4th

Feria
9.40am Art Group in the Hall

Friday 5th

St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr
2.00pm Choir Practice in the Lounge

Saturday 6th

Saints Paul Miki and his Companions, Martyrs
9.30am Walsingham Mass

Sunday 7th

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Worship in the Church Hall**


8.30am Low Mass
10.15am Family Mass
12.00 Vestry Hour

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Opening Prayer

Lord God, you are the source of everlasting light. Your son, our beloved Lord Jesus was presented in the temple 40 days after his birth. He was recognised by Simeon and Anna, and welcomed as the promised Messiah. May we like them, behold the glory of the Lord Jesus. Grant that we may stand before you with hearts cleansed by your forgiving love. May we serve you all our days and make your name known as we worship you as our Lord. So may we come by your grace to eternal life. Through the same Jesus Christ your Son our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says Yahweh Sabaoth. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiners fire and the fullers alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to Yahweh as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by Yahweh as in former days, as in the days of old.

Psalm: Ps 22:7-10

Response: Who is the king of glory? He, the Lord, he is the king of glory.

Let him enter, the king of glory! R:
Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. R:
Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. R:

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, he too shared equally in it so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.


Hear the holy gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord

And when the day came for them to be purified as laid down be the Law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the spirit he came to the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and he blessed God; and he said:

"Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel."

As the child’s father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare."

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in her years. Her days of girlhood over, she was now eighty-four years old and never left the temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he filled with wisdom; and God’s favour was with him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Forthcoming Events for Social Club

60’s Night  Saturday 20th February 8.00pm in the Hall
Brass Band Concert - Saturday 27th February 7.30pm in the Church - tickets £5.00 Money raised for St Chad’s Church
Barn Dance & Buffet - Saturday 5th March  8.00pm in the Hall - tickets £7.00
Coffee Morning - Saturday 12th March 10.00am - 12.00noon in the Hall

All tickets available from  John and Carol, 01902 671710 or 07770 976817