

You can contact Rev. Jon for all enquiries: baptisms, weddings, funerals home visits or just a chat

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Just a reminder that Rev Jon will take his rest day on Friday



A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen

Our prayer for Growth

**God of mission,
Who alone brings growth to your church
Send your Holy Spirit to give;
Vision to our planning
Wisdom to our actions
Joy to our worship
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you
And in service to our local community
Through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen**

A prayer for humanity

Merciful Father
Hear our prayer for
all people who are persecuted
because of their faith, creed,
colour or sexual orientation
Help us to live together
in harmony without hatred
We give you thanks that we are
able to worship you Lord in
freedom
Enable us to show Gods love to
all whom we meet through our
words and our actions
We pray this in the name of Jesus
Amen

Sunday 2nd February - Luke 2: 22 to 40

Presentation of Christ in the temple

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."^[a] ²⁴ So they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord—"either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."^[b]

The Prophecy of Simeon

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. I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. 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."

The Prophecy of Anna

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.^[c] 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 favour was on him.

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Noticeboard this week

Monday Hour of Prayer 9.00am until 10.00am in The Old Chapel
10.30am Churchwardens meeting at Rectory
6.30pm Wedding meeting

Tuesday 7.30pm Homegroup – continuing study “Fruits of the Spirit”

Wednesday

Thursday 9.30am Rev. Jon meeting with Reader in training
7.00pm Ministry Team meeting at Rectory
7.00pm until 9.00pm – Bell ringing practice

Friday 2.00pm Homegroup @ Maple Crescent

Today: 10.30am Holy Communion

February

Sunday 9th – 10.30am Worship 4 All Ages
Wednesday 12th – 10.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 16th – 10.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd 8.00am Holy Communion, 10.30am 20-20-20
Wednesday 26th – 10.30am Holy Communion

St Andrew, Quatt Churchwarden Ann Lee - Tel: 01746 761138

Noticeboard: Bible Study group will continue soon (date to be confirmed)

February
Sunday 9th – 10.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd – 4.00pm Teatime Praise

Church Flowers - Diary

There is a new diary at the back – please sign up
If you have any questions or would like some help, please ask
Thank you – Wendy Aldwinckle

Bridgnorth Food Bank



By placing items in the food bank box in the porch we are showing God's love to our neighbours in need
Please help by donating something this week
Tinned goods, Pasta, Soup, for example are always welcome as well as toiletries, soap, nappies and sanitary items
Thank you

Date for your diary

Invitation to
St Marys Pancake Morning
Tuesday 4th March
10.00am until 12 noon
at The Pavillion
coffee, tea, pancakes,
stalls and a raffle



Please come and enjoy some pancakes and a chat
We look forward to seeing you there
If you could offer to help in any way
then please see jenny Sirrell

All proceeds to St Marys church funds