



Together, serving the
communities of
Teignmouth,
Bishopsteignton, Ideford,
Luton, Ashcombe,
Shaldon and Ringmore

Praying and Growing in Christian discipleship and
Serving the people of Devon with joy

Welcome to our churches **Sunday 2nd February 2025** **CANDLEMAS**

Malachi 3.1-5

The Coming Messenger

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

Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

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.

The Return to Nazareth

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.

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.

Amen

Post Communion Collect

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.

Amen

Requests to Guide Your Prayers

(Please contact clergy for inclusion)

Residential home: Thornley House

The healing and wholeness of:

Nicholas Brixton, Chris Newton,
David Wright (St Michael's), Len Parkyn,
Verity Langley and Pamela Langley.

Circle of Care: Andy Dyson, Maggie Halford,
Margaret Baxter, Yvonne Crispin, Tony Corlett,
Janet Paget, Max Guy, Marion Delaney,
Nobby Bray and Cynthia Mosely.

The recently departed and their family and

friends: Iris Miller, Teresa Cleary,
Andrew Snell, Mary Perry, John Perryman,
Jacob Prowse, David Williams and
Geoff McAllister

Services During the week

Tues 4th 9.30am - St Michael's: Holy Communion.

Wed 5th 10.00am – St John's Bishop : Holy
Communion followed by Coffee Cup.

Thur 6th 9.30 – St Peter's: Morning Prayer

Services Next Sunday 9th February Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am -- St James: Holy Communion

9.30am - St Michael: Holy Communion

9.30am - St Nicholas: Matins

9.30am – St. John's: Family Church and Holy
Communion,

11.00am – St James: Morning Worship

11.00am – St Peter's: Holy Communion

6.30pm - St John the Evangelist, Luton –
Evening Service

Future events open to everyone across the Mission Community

**"Come Follow Me" – A Quiet Day in the
Ignatian Tradition** at St Peter's Church,
Shaldon, TQ14 0DB Thur. 20th Feb. 10 - 3pm.

Come and explore Jesus' unique invitation to
you to follow Him.

Drawing on some spiritual practices of St
Ignatius of Loyola, we will spend time with
scripture, led meditation, silence,
optional times for sharing and an invitation to
creativity. With Nicola Smedley, spiritual
director and trainer, www.artsd.org.uk
Book: Malcolm watsonmaladie@aol.com,
873492 or Lesley rosshell1@btinternet.com
01803 324150. Bring your own lunch; hot
drinks provided. Donations for peace in our
world.

Administrator Appointment. Sarah Whitty
has been appointed as our new administrator
and will start on Monday 3rd Feb. See her bio
on the website. Congratulations Sarah, we
look forward to seeing you around the Team
churches.

Pilgrimage to Cornwall. Rev Carol is taking a
small group to stay in Epiphany Retreat House
from Mon 3rd -Thurs 6th March. We'll visit
Cornish churches hear about their saints
spend time together in prayer & study. Cost
£265 DBB plus small contribution travel.

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