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SUNDAY 28 JANUARY (PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE)

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) in Church |
| 10.00am | Sung Eucharist in Church and online |
| 4.00pm | Taizé Prayer |

WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY

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| 9.00am | Prayer Meeting |
| 3.25pm | T Time Tales |

THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY

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| 12.45pm | Holy Communion (Iona) in Church |
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SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY (2 BEFORE LENT)

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) in the Hall |
| 10.00am | Sung Eucharist in the Hall and online |
| 4.00pm | Family Service in the Hall |

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

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.

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THE FIRST READING

Malachi 3: 1 to 5

Thus says the Lord God: 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.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 2: 22 to 40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus 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 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.

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need:
Ruston Biggs, Yvonne Powell, Jenny Toye,
Jacqueline McCallough, George Hook,
Margaret Steward, Lennox Hartman,
Euan Cooper, Susan Collyer,
David Bretherton, Rosemary Absalom.

For those living in Huntersfield Close

For Earlswood Baptist Church

RIP: Dr John Shaw

For anniversaries falling at this time:
Peter LeSueur Draper, Tony Burnett,
Gladys Whitelaw, Jack Hieatt,
Ian Kitteringham (Priest),
Dora Hancock, Florence Mary Roberts,
June Waddilove, Margaret Gilbert.

GREEN SUNDAYS

On the **1st Sundays of the month from November 2023 to March 2024 inclusive** all services will be in the Hall as we attempt to use less energy. The next Green Sundays are: 4 February 2024 and 3 March 2024.

ST MARK'S HOME GROUP

The dates for the Home Group are:
8 and 22 February, 7 and 21 March all in the evening. If you are interested, please contact Susannah Dyde 07775 735384 or Nigel Perkins 07710 110584.



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ST MARK'S OVERSEAS AID TRUST
REGISTERED CHARITY No. 28091

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We have launched our Christmas Appeal. This year we are supporting two projects: A Project Uganda project, supporting rainwater harvesting in a rural school in the Rukungiri District, Uganda; and an Our Moon Project, giving funding towards a solar power system for a learning forum in rural Zambia. Both projects, although quite different, will

support the education of children who, without the help of people like you and me, would not be able to get an education which can lift them and their families out of poverty. We would love to see you at our Appeal Launch to hear more about these wonderful projects.

BINGO AFTERNOON - COME AND BEAT THOSE WINTER BLUES!

We will once again be running our popular Bingo event from 2.00pm to 4.00pm on 25 February. Tickets will be priced at £6.00 per person and £20.00 for a family of four. There will be a Tombola and lots of lovely home-made cakes for the interval. The project is yet to be chosen but we will let you know in due course. This is always a well-attended event and is suitable for all ages from five upwards, so bring all the family! You can buy your tickets on TicketSource or email chair@SMOAT.org.uk.

*Barbara Perkins
Chairman*

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

Lent begins early this year as Easter is relatively early. Ash Wednesday is on **Wednesday 14 February** and there will be two celebrations of Holy Communion with Ashing to enable as many as possible to attend Church on this most important day in the Church Calendar: 11.00am and 8.00pm.

The Lent Course is *The Gift of Christ: Responding and Living Fruitfully* and will take place on Thursday mornings at 11.00am beginning on Thursday 15 February.

Details of our Lent lunches will be publicized shortly.

REGULAR GIVING TO ST MARK'S

If you are able to, please consider making a regular donation to St Mark's through the Parish Giving Scheme. This is the most effective way to donate as we receive 100% of your donation and Gift Aid is automatically claimed. Please follow the link below to sign up.

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/reigate-st-mark-reigate/>

Please contact me if you need any more information. Many thanks.

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