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Sunday 2nd February
Welcome to All Saints Bingley

Hymn: 54 At the name of Jesus

Collect: Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. **Amen**

A reading from 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.

This is the word of the Lord: Thanks be to God

A reading from Hebrews [2:14-18]

Since 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.

This is the word of the Lord: Thanks be to God

Hymn: 605 Sing we of the blessed mother

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke [2:22-40] Glory to you O Lord.

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord: Praise to you O Christ

Hymn: 28 A man there lived in Galilee

Communion Hymn: 574 Purify my heart

Post Communion Prayer: 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**

Hymn: 485 O for a thousand tongues to sing

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We ask God's healing for: Oliver, Christopher, Michelle, Jacob, Mary, Marie, Mary, Alice, Chris, Richard, Edward, Stuart, Stue, Debbie, Chris, Christopher, Janet, Dorothy, Brian, Anne, Daniel & Ann. We pray for those of our congregation in nursing homes and residential care: Janet, Jean & Tony.

We pray for our work with children: Our local schools, Mini Church, Messy Church, Youth Group, First Steps Toddlers and Toddler Praise.

NOTICES

Bible Study Group

We are starting a new daytime monthly Bible home study group. **This will be held at 2pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, starting on the 19th February.** This will be a informal friendly group to look at the Bible and discuss related issues over a cup of tea and coffee. **For further information, and for the venue address, please speak to Shirley Firth or Rosemary Grainger, or contact the parish office. All welcome!**

The next MU meeting is Tuesday 11/02 from 2pm @Church House .
"Who's up for the Smartie Challenge ?"

All Welcome.

Church Electoral Roll - This year the Church Electoral Roll has to be completely renewed. This means that everyone who wishes to be on it has to complete an application form even if they are on the current roll. Those who are currently on the roll will receive a form in due course which should be completed and returned by Sunday 23rd March at the latest. If you are not on the current roll but would like to be on the new roll please ask for a form.

I AM MARK

a new staging of the Gospel of Mark

2.30 pm Sunday 6th April

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Sunday 2nd February

Candlemas

Parish Diary

Sunday 2nd February

8.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
10.30 am	Parish Eucharist
6.00pm	Choral Evensong

Tuesday 4th February

2.00 pm	Holy Communion at St Aidan's
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Thursday 6th February

10.30 am	Holy Communion
11.15 am	Community Café

Friday 7th February

10.00 am	Knit & Natter at St Aidan's
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Sunday 9th February

10.30 am	Parish Eucharist
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Dates for your diary

19th February

2.00 pm	Bible Study Group
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Sunday 2nd March

6.00 pm	Choral Evensong
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Tuesday 4th March

6.00pm	Pancake party
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Sunday 6th April

	Choral Evensong
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Sunday 13th April

11:45am	APCM
6.00 pm	The Cross of Christ

Church Opening - the church is open daily for visitors and private prayer between the hours of **10.00 am and 4.00pm**