

Noticeboard

NO EVENING PRAYER this evening. Evening prayer will now take place on the 1st Sunday of the month only with the Healing Service.

At St Alban's we would like to welcome and thank Jonathan Hedgecock from Holy Trinity who is leading our worship today.

Today at St Mary's we welcome the family and friends of Teagan Gillett who is being baptised during our service.

Susan Bloomfield would like to announce that sadly her hearing dog Heidi has died. Many people knew Heidi, who although officially retired, accompanied Susan regularly to both our churches.

Please note work has now started on the LIGHTING and electrical work at St Mary's. Please take care when using the church during the week as contractors will be working.

Now is the time to return any PALM CROSSES to prepare ash for Ash Wednesday. Please leave at the back of the church or hand in to the church office.

TIDY UP DAY – NEXT Saturday 6th Feb 10am at St Mary's.

The PAIN SUPPORT group need two people to serve tea and coffee at their meeting on March 15th. Please contact Brian & Tricia Williams (G. 825954) if you could help.

Due to the recent weather the BREAKFAST for WATERAID due to have been on Saturday 23rd Jan. has been rescheduled for Saturday 27th February, from 8am at Jacob's Well Village Hall. All Welcome.

LENT BOOKS – both Lent books are on display at both churches today together with a list to sign if you would like to place an order.

Following the presentation of the report by Woking Church Recorder Group many people offered further INFORMATION regarding furnishings, furniture and textiles in St Mary's. If you have information to be included in the report please put it in writing and send in to the Church office.

The deadline for items for inclusion in the weekly Crossway Supplement is:

Wednesday 12 noon c/o the Church Office G. 233091 or churchoffice@worplesdonparish.com



The Parish of Worplesdon
Crossway Supplement
Readings, Prayers & Notices
Candlemas



**Calendar for Week beginning
January 31st 2010**

Sunday 31st

2.30pm Baptism at St Mary's

6.00pm **NO** evening service at St Mary's.

Monday 1st

8.00pm Ministry Team

Tuesday 2nd

3.30pm StoryZone at St Alban's

8.00pm GFW planning at Tangley Cottage

Wednesday 3rd

11.00am Holy Communion at St Alban's

1.30pm Edward Bear Club at ST ALBAN'S

Thursday 4th

9.45am Parent & Toddler at St Alban's

10.00am Home Group 44, Fairlands Ave.

Friday 5th

2.30-4.30 Café Fairlands – All welcome, Tea,
Coffee, Homemade Cakes, Fairtrade.

7.00pm Choir Practice at St Mary's

8.00pm Bell-ringers at St Mary's.

Saturday 6th

10.00am Tidy up day at St Mary's – many jobs
for all abilities, everyone welcome!

Advanced Notice

Sunday 7th

6.00pm **Healing Service** at St Mary's

6.00pm Parish Youth Group at St Alban's

Monday 8th

8.00pm Growing Ministering Congregations

Tuesday 9th

8.00pm Witness Group

Wednesday 10th

1.00pm Mothers Union at St Alban's.

8.00pm Lyons Drive House Group

*Weekday Morning prayer is said at St Mary's at 8.30am
& Evening Prayer at St Alban's at 5.00pm.*

On Saturdays Morning Prayer is 9.00am at St Mary's.

Welcome to our Worship

Hymns: 465, 139, 586, 73, (599), 475 (v1,2,6)

Sentence before Collect

Open for me the gates of righteousness:
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

Psalm 118.19

The Collect (said by all)

**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.**

The First Reading: Mal. 3. 1-5

Reader: St Alban's: Nigel Thornback

(In today's Gospel, Simeon will greet the infant Jesus in the Temple. Malachi speaks of the Lord coming suddenly; he knows, like Simeon, that to encounter the Lord is a mixed blessing because we have to face his testing and purifying.)

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.

V. This is the word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

The Second Reading: Hebrews 2. 14-18

Reader: St Alban's: Roger Toulson

(Christ became flesh and blood like us, says this writer, and we shall hear how his parents did the same as for every first-born child in Israel. Jesus fully shared our human condition, so that he could unite us all to God.)

Since the children share flesh and blood,
Jesus 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.

V. This is the word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading: Luke 2. 22-40

V. Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

R. Glory to you, O Lord

(As the law requires, Jesus the first-born is brought to the Temple with a thank-offering. Two old and holy people, Simeon and Anna, perceive that this child is the fulfilment of ancient prophecies of redemption, but the glory will not be without pain and suffering.)

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.

V. This is the gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you, O Christ

Post Communion Sentence

This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many and to be a sign that will be opposed; and a sword will pierce your own soul too.

Luke 2.34-35

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.**

Requests for Prayer

Intercessions:

St Alban's: Gill Cross St Mary's : Eric Thomas

The Church in the World: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia Aotearoa - (New Zealand) Archbishop William Brown Turei.

Our Diocese: *Pray for more vocations to all forms of ordained and authorised ministry and for Liz Boughton's work as Vocations Adviser.*

Our Parish: *Yourself, the growth of your faith and the part you play in the life of this parish,*

Your own street and your neighbours.

Those in need: John and Pat Evason, Noreen Hodgson, Alicia Pettit, Catherine Mosely, Gill Cross, Pauline Hinks, Michael Blossie, Penny Mallett.

The Departed:

In Yearly Remembrance: Henry rapson, Janet Sprinks, Constance Peters, Irene Janes, Kathleen Godfrey, John Jarvis.

Assisting with our worship today

Sidespersons: St Mary's: 8.00 Ann Brown

	St Alban's 9.15	Brenda Moore Chris Sturdee
	St Mary's: 10.45	Kevin Davison Joy Corner
Lay Assistants:	St Mary's: 8.00	Steve Reeds
	St Alban's: 9.15	Brenda Moore Jeanette Grey
	10.45	Anthony & Mary Hillard
Servers:	St Alban's 9.15	Roger Welch
	St Mary's:	10.45 Bryony Davison Emily Kelly

Assisting with our worship next week

8.00 St Mary's: Sidesperson Lynn Collier

Parish Communion

	St Alban's	St Mary's
1st Reading	Gen.2 4b-9,15-end	Gen.2 4b-9,15-end
Reader	Kathleen Vallins	Bryony Davison
2nd Reading	Rev. Ch 4	Rev. Ch 4
Reader	Rachel Waugh	Margaret Firmston
Gospel	Luke 8. 22-25	Luke 8. 22-25
Intercessor	Kathleen Vallins	Pat and Wally Gathercole
Lay Assistants	Elizabeth Toulson	8.00 John Collier
	Roger Toulson	Christopher Peacock Eric Thomas
Servers	Betty Leach	Sarah Peak Helen Baker
Sidespersons	Deirdre McGowan	Anthony Hillard
	Steve Mochrie	John Collier
	Roger Welch	Chris Hughes
Refreshments		Sue Odell Mary Broughton