

A warm welcome from St Edmund's Parish Church

Sunday 2nd February 2025 The Presentation of Christ

*We extend a warm welcome to everyone who will
worship with us whether in church or at home.*

8am HOLY COMMUNION

Revd Michelle Lepine is presiding and preaching.

10am PARISH COMMUNION

Revd Michelle Lepine is presiding and preaching.

Junior Church meets today.

This service will be available on-line.

6.30pm IONA WORSHIP

Led by Terry Robson.

Our live streamed services are shared live on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/StEdsRoundhay>

You do not need a Facebook account to watch them.

Services this week

Wednesday 5th February

11am Mid-week Communion

Led by Revd Paul Tudge

Thursday 6th February

8.30am Morning Prayer

Services next Sunday

Sunday 9th February

Discipleship: Come & See

8am Holy Communion,

**10am Parish Communion
with Junior Church.**

6.30pm Holden Evening Prayer

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and insights into life at St Ed's

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**COLLECT FOR THE
PRESENTATION OF CHRIST
IN THE TEMPLE**

**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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 2:14-18

¹⁴ 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, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.

¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ Because he

himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:22-40

²² 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 ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴ 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.'

²⁵ 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.

²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ 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, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’

³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ 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 ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

³⁶ 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, ³⁷ 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. ³⁸ 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.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Are you interested in being confirmed?

Confirmation is an important landmark in many people’s faith journey:

God confirms and deepens the work of the Holy Spirit in your life.

You confirm the vows made at your baptism, and your desire to be known as a disciple of Jesus.

The Church confirms that you are a member and that you have a role to play in God’s mission.

The Bishop of Kirkstall, The Rt Revd Arun Arora, will be at St Edmund’s Church at 10am on Sunday 4th May to officiate at a confirmation service for anyone choosing to be confirmed.

We are very excited for this special and joyful occasion. There will be some confirmation preparation sessions in March to help explore faith and confirmation.

If you are an adult or a young person of secondary school age and are interested in finding out more details, please speak to Michelle or contact her on

michelle.lepine@leeds.anglican.org

If you haven’t yet been baptised but would like to be confirmed, please also contact Michelle.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who have asked for prayer:

*Mary Lu & Terry; Rosie, Sarah,
The Wood Family, Paul & Julie,
Rose, Richard, Jocelyn,
Hilary and Pat.*

The departed and their families

**Andy, our CMS mission partner in
Brazil, and his family.**

NEW TODDLER GROUP: Little Sparks @St Ed's has started and will run every Thursday during term-time from 9.30 – 11.30am at St Edmund's. There will be crafts, toys, stories & songs. The cost is just £3 per family for up to 3 children (additional children £1 each) and includes refreshments and snacks. Please come along if you have babies or toddlers, share it on our Facebook page and spread the word. All are welcome!

THE MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets on **Monday 3rd February** at the back of the Church from 10:30 till 12. We start with a chat and coffee, with the main meeting starting at 11. We will be looking at the following Sunday's readings, Ephesians 1:3-14 and John 1:35-51. Do come along or speak to Penny Gray.

TEA COSY+ Memory Cafe for those living with dementia will be on **Thursday 6th February 11-1.30** at The Highwood Building, Brackenwood Drive, off Lidgett Lane. We will be enjoying singing, reminiscing, group conversation, a craft activity and music quiz and offering support for carers. A light lunch will be provided including hot drinks, homemade sandwiches and cakes. £3 per person. If

NEWS AND NOTICES

you have a question to ask then please contact Susie Broome on 2666476 or Gillian Mathie on 2888633.

MID-WEEK WALK on Tuesday 11th February: Rodley – canal and river. A pleasant 3.4 mile walk along the banks of the Aire and the Leeds-Liverpool canal with no stiles. We meet in the church car park for a 9.30am start. Please contact Brian Livesey for details 2937403 or b.livesey@ntlworld.com.

THE JULIAN PRAYER MEETING, meets on Thursday 13th February at 2pm. We are an ecumenical group following the traditions of Julian of Norwich, meeting for a guided short reflection and a time of contemplative prayer, followed by refreshments if you would like to stay on for that. Information is available from Julie Meakin: jpmeakin@hotmail.co.uk or Terry Robson: terry1robson@icloud.com

MID-WEEK WALK on Tuesday 18th February, Lead Church and Saxton: 3 miles starting from the Crooked Billet visiting Lead Church and then cross Cock Beck. We return via Saxton where the Lancastrian Lord Dacre was buried with his horse.

NEW TO CHURCH? Want to be in the church directory? Moved house? New phone number? Changed email? If you are already in our church directory and need to update your details please complete a new GDPR form (these are at the back of church) and give it to Mary Irving or send her a message on miirving@hotmail.com