

**THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (Candlemas)**

Dear All

Welcome to our second Joint Benefice service. Strictly, it should have been at St Philip and St James but because of the continuing pandemic it seemed sensible to use the largest building in order to facilitate social distancing.

It seems as though most restrictions will be lifted at the end of January and in 2022 we are going to have to 'get used' to living with the virus. This will provide us with some challenges as to how we operate in church. I appreciate that not all will be of the same opinion and it is important we continue to talk and try to understand how each other feel. Undoubtedly, we have been more cautious in Church life than most people have been elsewhere. Therefore, as we seek to reach out and invite others to services we risk appearing 'out of step'. That is not always a bad thing, but it needs consideration. The PCC and I are interested in your opinions. I don't see any perfect solution, only imperfect options – all of which could of course be upset by new variants.

I anticipate by February that we will return to hosting refreshments after the service. Many see a contradiction in wearing masks during a service and removing them for refreshments afterwards. However, people do not have to stay for refreshments if they feel uncomfortable. Also, singing remains a 'higher risk' activity for transmission. Restarting Church events in the Parish Hall may adopt a more relaxed approach, as once again people have freedom with respect to attending. Your prayers for wisdom would be appreciated.

Yours, *Nicholas*

**DONATIONS TO THE MINISTRY AND MISSION OF THIS PARISH**

Our financial year is coming to a close. It is a year in which we have had to invest a significant sum in the care of our buildings. Unfortunately, our regular giving has dropped and plate offerings at all services have been significantly reduced by not passing the plate around as part of our COVID protection measures. Traditionally, our stewardship campaign is in the autumn but we will probably bring it forward to the early part of 2022.

Donations can be made at our services by cash or cheque in the collection plate, a stewardship envelope or standing order for regular giving please speak to Nicholas, the Churchwardens, Sue Jones or Alison Mings.



We are now also offering this QR code in our printed materials. Scanning the code with the camera on your smart phone will take you to the Give a Little page for our parish. You can choose how much, whether to Gift Aid, and request a receipt.

**SUNDAY 30 JANUARY – FIFTH SUNDAY PARISH WORSHIP**

This Sunday will be a Parish Communion at 10am. We have decided to hold the service at All Saints this month to facilitate social distancing. However, from May we will follow a pattern of alternating between the services for the remaining Fifth Sundays this year.

## **SAFEGUARDING – VOLUNTEER ROLE AGREEMENTS**

The Church of England Safeguarding Requirements expect all members who have already have a voluntary role in church to complete a Volunteer Agreement. These will start to be sent out to you by email or post. If you need a printed copy, please contact Sue Jones on 01634 296050. Please sign and return within the next week if possible. You will require two referees, and these will be provided by the Church Wardens.

## **VIRTUAL DROP-IN CAFÉ – ‘ZOOMOFFEE’**

This continues to ‘meet’ on Wednesdays at 10.30am via the Zoom application. Message Sue for more details.



## **PARISH QUIZ**

Our weekly parish quiz, hosted by David and Alison Mings via Zoom, has started again for 2022 on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm. If you would like to take part contact Sue or Alison for details.

## **LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH**

Strood Deanery is running Living in Love and Faith: *How do questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ? What does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church?* This is a five week course led via Zoom by Jane Winter, Assistant Director of Formation and Ministry for Rochester Diocese on Monday evenings at 7.30pm. Please contact Sue or Nicholas for details of how to take part.



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## **PRAYER CHAIN**

Carole Morrad has asked me to remind you that the Prayer Chain are always willing to take prayer requests. If the prayer is not for you then we do ask that you have the permission of the person you are asking us to pray for.

## **DEMENTIA RESOURCES**

At this time, those who live with dementia are understandably disoriented and upset. It has been a difficult and concerning time for their families too. Carole and Annie, our Anna Friends, have gathered some resources which are now available on the website. In particular there are a number of online training and awareness courses available at no cost.

## **SAFEGUARDING RESOURCES**

RELEASE THE PRESSURE - new helpline from Kent County Council

Mental well-being remains a huge concern at this time.

A new phone line is available through Kent County Council, offering 24/7 access to a highly trained and experienced team, to provide expert support no matter what a person is going through. People are encouraged not to suffer in silence and to text the word Kent to 85258 or call the number 0800 107 0160, for free confidential support.

## **SAFE HAVENS**

Mental Health Matters can help any resident of Kent or Medway aged 16+ by offering a warm, welcoming, safe and comfortable environment. Contact: 07850 901151 or 07808 79503

## **CONTACT US**

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## Prayer Diary 30 January -5 February 2022

“...in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”  
(Philippians 4:6)

<b>Church's Ministry</b>	<i>Praying for the people, groups and mission and outreach of the churches in our parish, diocese and worldwide Anglican communion</i>
<b>Community</b>	<i>Praying for our community, our parish and Medway</i>
<b>People of the Parish</b>	<i>Praying for those who live in Frindsbury and Wainscott, (FW), Upnor (U), Chattenden (C) and those who work on Medway City Estate (MCE)</i>

	<b>Sunday, 30 January</b>
<b>Church's Ministry</b> <b>Presentation of Christ in the Temple</b>	<i>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.</i>
<b>Community</b>	On <b>Leprosy Sunday</b> pray for those with leprosy and the work of the Leprosy Mission and other agencies supporting them.
<b>People of the parish</b>	Choir Close (FW), Rolvenden Road (FW), Wingrove Drive (FW)
	<b>Monday, 31 January</b>
<b>Church's Ministry</b>	Pray for the Deanery Living in Love and Faith course
<b>Community</b>	Pray for all in education: teachers, support staff and administrators, pupils and students; pray for Temple Mill School
<b>People of the parish</b>	Songbird Crescent (C)
	<b>Tuesday, 1 February</b>
<b>Church's Ministry</b>	Pray for our Staff Team
<b>Community</b>	Pray for the elderly, isolated and vulnerable; pray for those who care for them that they would be strengthened and encouraged. Pray for staff and residents of Shawswood
<b>People of the parish</b>	Church Green (FW), Royal Eagle Close (MCE), Winston Drive (FW)
	<b>Wednesday, 2 February</b>
<b>Church's Ministry</b>	Give thanks for our pastoral team keeping in touch with the elderly and isolated
<b>Community</b>	Pray for the economic well-being of our country – pray for local businesses in Frindsbury, Wainscott, Chattenden and Upnor
<b>People of the parish</b>	Cliffe Road (FW), Schooner Walk (U), Woodfield Way
	<b>Thursday, 3 February</b>
<b>Church's Ministry</b>	Pray for Archbishops Justin and Steven
<b>Community</b>	Pray for Time to Talk Day 2022 – pray for all struggling with their mental health issues. Give thanks for the work of agencies and charities offering support.
<b>People of the parish</b>	Clipper Close (MCE), Hancock Close (FW), Yalding Close (FW)
	<b>Friday, 4 February</b>
<b>Church's Ministry</b>	On <b>World Cancer Day</b> , pray for healing for all with, or recovering from, cancer, for skill for those treating them and strength for those caring for them; give thanks for research and advances made with treatment.
<b>Community</b>	Pray for all NHS and community keyworkers; pray for our police service.
<b>People of the parish</b>	Commissioners Road (FW), Haven Street (C), Gill Avenue (FW)
	<b>Saturday, 5 February</b>
<b>Church's Ministry</b>	Pray for our mission and outreach to the community
<b>Community</b>	Pray for all who are struggling in body, mind or spirit
<b>People of the parish</b>	Cooling Road (FW), Hawkenbury Rise (FW) Glimmer Way (FW)