

This week's services



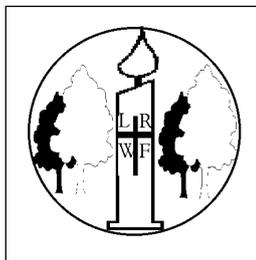
Sunday 31st January

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Ramsden

Sunday 7th February

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW

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PEW SHEET

*Presentation of Christ
In the Temple
Candlemas
31st January 2021*

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you when you leave.**

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These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday 1 Corinthians 12: 12-end

Tuesday 1 Corinthians 13

Wednesday 1 Corinthians 14: 1-19

Thursday 1 Corinthians 14: 20-end

Friday 1 Corinthians 16: 1-9

Saturday 1 Corinthians 16: 10-end

Please pray for the following throughout the week

Monday *Those who are sick or grieving
within our community.*

Tuesday *Those who are suffering in this country and
around the world.*

Wednesday *The Queen and other leaders in this country.*

Thursday *For the troubled areas around the world, we
pray for peace and justice.*

Friday *For the ministry of the Forest Edge Benefice and
for those who lead us.*

Saturday *For an abundance of love, peace, harmony and
forgiveness to reign within families and relationships.*

Please also pray for the Chipping Norton Deanery, and particularly this week:

All Saints, Spelsbury.

Please pray for Mark Abrey & Ilona Cheyne
and the Church Warden Ken Wakefield.

The Collect



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.

First Reading 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

We publish the banns of marriage (2) between:

Laura Ellen Winter and Andrew John Douglas Earnshaw
to be married on 20th March 2021
at St James', Ramsden

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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.

Second Reading **Hebrews 2: 14-end**

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, 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.

Gospel Reading **Luke 2: 22-40**

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.

Today is the feast day of Saint John Bosco, who was born in Turin, northern Italy. Of a very poor family himself, he knew what poor and unemployed people were going through. Some 400 boys (many of them orphans and street children) gathered round Father John Bosco, and he begged money to educate them and give them somewhere to live. So that the boys could get a job, he set up workshops. Some were then able to become apprentices in making shoes and clothes, and others gained work experience with a printing press that John had set-up. He learned acrobatics and magic tricks which appealed to the boys. He accompanied groups of young people on country walks, picnics and games, and he ended everything with prayer.

**Lord, show me how to live today
with genuine concern for others.
In expressing my care,
may I show people that they are valued,
loved and appreciated for who they are.
Amen**

