

## Notices

### The Altar Panels

The Altar Panel Meeting will next meet on Monday 12 February, at 7.30 pm downstairs in the church. This meeting follows quite soon after last week's meeting. Please make a note of it in your diaries.

### Can you host a visitor from Chile?

A lady from Chile who is known to Bob and Penny Allen is seeking accommodation with a family in Edinburgh for six months. She is a Spanish speaker. If you are able to help or know anyone who might be, please speak to Bob or Penny.

### Training for Sunday School teachers

Claire Benton-Evans, the Diocesan Youth and Children's Officer, is organising a training afternoon called Re-Fresh. The date is Saturday 17 February, the time 2-5pm and the venue is the Church of the Good Shepherd, Murrayfield. There is no charge, but you need to book. Bookings can be made at <https://ti.to/edinburgh-diocese-youth-and-children/refresh-training-for-sunday-school-leaders> and if you aren't on-line, Claire can be contacted on 0131 346 9081.

### Shrove Tuesday (13 February)

We are cordially invited to a Pancake Party & Quiz Night at St Michael's, 7pm-8.30pm. Admission free and no tickets needed, but please let David know if you are going so he can give them an idea of numbers.

### Ash Wednesday (14 February)

Celebrating Communion and Imposition of Ashes, 7.30pm at St Martin's. The preacher will be Martin Pearce, Locum Minister at St Michael's

### Evening service at St Michael's – a date for your diaries

There will be a shared evening service at St Michael's conducted by their Locum Minister Martin Pearce on the last Sunday of this month, 25 February. The service, which will not include Holy Communion, will begin at 6.30pm

## The Feast of the Presentation

Sunday 4 February 2018

*Preacher: William Mounsey*

*President: David Warnes*



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through prayer, reflection and action*

### Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3.1-5

*Read by: Jenny Robertson*

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 judgment; 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.

### The Epistle: Hebrews 2:10-18

*Read by: Jenny Robertson*

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason, Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

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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.

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

*Read by: Susan Warnes*

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 turtledoves 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 worshiped 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.

**The Collect**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God,  
for you have sent us your salvation.  
Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to recognize him  
who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Sunday 11 February 2018 The Sunday before Lent**

**10.30am Celebrating Communion**

President: David Warnes

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Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

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