

# Inspiration sheet

your weekly update of what is happening at St Anne's

## SUNDAY SERVICES

### **This Sunday - 1st February**

**8 am** **BCP:** Holy Communion

**10 am** **Candlemas:** We celebrate the arrival of the Christ child at the Temple in Jerusalem for the first time when he was greeted by Simeon and Anna.



### **Next Sunday - 8 February**

**10 am** **Songs of Praise:** Members of the congregation tell us about their favourite hymn and what it means to them during this service of Holy Communion.

**12 noon** **Christening:** Summer Roberts will be baptised.

SUNDAY SCHOOL runs during the service in church.

**All our services are live streamed; watch via our YouTube account 'St Anne, Sale'**

## PRAYER & THANKSGIVING

Please email the vicar ([alisoncox19@hotmail.com](mailto:alisoncox19@hotmail.com)) with your prayer requests. Deadline for inclusion in the Inspiration Sheet is 9 am on Saturday.

### **For those in any kind of need:**

- Doreen Cropper; David and Ruth Getgood, Sheila Bhati, Colin Greene, Chris Lawlor, Darren Armstrong, Eunice Wright, and the Revd Julian Heaton.

**For those who mourn:** we pray for the family and friends Fred Purslow who died recently; Fred's funeral will take place in church on Wednesday 4 February at 11.30 am.

**We give thanks for:** the imminent marketing of the land we own on Budworth Avenue; for the first woman Archbishop of Canterbury.

**For those being baptised:** For Summer Roberts and her parents, Johnathon and Amanda Roberts and their families.

**For peace:** for the conflicts in Venezuela; Sudan, Ukraine and Russia; Gaza and Israel, and Iran and Greenland.

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## Songs of Praise

On Sunday 8 February, our 10 am service will be another 'Songs of Praise' so we are looking for people to choose their favourite hymn and talk about why it matters to them. Please speak to Olwyn or Alison if you want us to sing your favourite hymn next month.

### Future Foundations project

At last, progress is being made for the sale of the site on Budworth Road. Our agents, Fisher German, are preparing to market to site to potential developers. (Future Foundations is the name for the re-ordering project for St Anne's Church and our hall. It started in 2019 and was formally launched by Bishop Mark in the summer of 2021. Although we have since been granted a faculty to make changes to the church interior, Trafford Council will not approve changes to the church exterior).

Guest preacher Nadene Wright will be coming to preach at St Anne on Sunday 15 February. Nadene is the Diocesan Racial Justice Officer. We look forward to welcoming her to our church.

## EVENTS THIS WEEK:



### Monday 2nd February

9.30 am Faith Matters Course in church

### Tuesday 3rd February

3 pm School assembly  
6 pm Eco Group  
6.45 pm Choir practice

### Wednesday 4 February

10 am Holy Communion  
11.30 am Funeral for Fred Purslow

### Thursday 5 February

1.30 pm Craft and chat in the hall  
7.30 pm The Bible Course in the choir vestry in church

### Friday 6 February

9.15 am Toddler Group in the hall

### Saturday 7 February

9.30 am Morning Prayer via zoom

### CANDLEMAS BUFFET LUNCH

We mark the arrival of Christ at the temple in Jerusalem when he is recognised as the Messiah at **Candlemas**. After worship on **Sunday 1st February**, there is an opportunity for socialising over a buffet lunch at The Sale pub from 12 noon. Full details to follow.

### WORKS TO THE HALL

Craig Bell will be working in the hall to prepare the toilets and the toilet corridor for painting and installing electrical heaters, and also painting the kitchen. Please be kind to him as he works around groups using the hall.



### New Archbishop of

### Canterbury

We rejoice at the confirmation of Bishop Sarah Mullally as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury, the first woman to take this role. Archbishop Sarah said: "These are times of division and uncertainty for our fractured world. I pray

that we will offer space to break bread together and discover what we have in common - and I pledge myself to this ministry of hospitality.

"I want us to be a Church that always listens to the voices of those who have been ignored or overlooked, among them victims and survivors of church abuse who have often been let down. I am committed to equipping the Church to be a kind and safe place that cares for everyone, especially those who are vulnerable, as we rise to the challenge of God's call to justice, equity, peace and the care of creation". Archbishop Sarah will be installed at Canterbury Cathedral in March.

### LENT AND EASTER 2026

#### Ash Wednesday - 18 February

10 am Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion  
7 pm Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes

#### First Sunday of Lent - 22nd February

Guest preacher: Revd Lisa Redfern

#### Mothering Sunday - 15 March

Members of the MU will be assemblies posies in church on Saturday 14 March at 2.30 pm.

#### Guest preacher - 22nd March

Funa Joseph is our new CAP Centre Manager for our joint project in Sale.

Other dates (details to follow):

#### Palm Sunday - 29 March

#### Maundy Thursday 2nd April

#### Good Friday 3rd April

#### Easter Sunday 5 April

