

Inspiration sheet

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

SUNDAY SERVICES

This Sunday - 25 January

10 am **3rd Epiphany:** The final Epiphany season exploration of who Christ is in his adult state during our Holy Communion service.

Next 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL runs during the service in church.

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

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.

Clothes for the Homeless

If you would like to donate clothes, sleeping bags or coats for the homeless, please leave them in our church porch. The church is open till 4 pm on Wednesdays and Sundays.

eSpire magazine

Please could you send your contributions for the February copy of our church magazine by Tuesday 27 January? Send to Howard Mason as usual: howard.mason1@btopenworld.com

PRAYER & THANKSGIVING

Please email the vicar (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 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.

For our PCC: we meet on Tuesday to discuss and decision the governance of this church.

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

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.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK:



Monday 26 January

9.00 am Retreat Day at Foxhill
9.30 am Faith Matters Course in church

Tuesday 27 January

3 pm School assembly
6 pm Eco Group
6.45 pm Choir practice
7.00 pm PCC meeting at the vicarage

Wednesday 28 January

10 am Holy Communion

Thursday 29 January

7.30 pm The Bible Course in the choir vestry in church

Friday 30 January

9.15 am Toddler Group in the hall

Saturday 31 January

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 at 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.

Learning more about Christianity

The Bible Course - a revised version of this excellent course designed by The Bible Society with Dr Andrew Ollerton. Eight sessions led by Bip at the vicarage starting on Thursday 15 January at 7.30 pm.

Faith Matters - a five week course to explore the basics of Christianity; Mondays at 9.30 am in church led by Alison Cox.

Help UK garden birds this winter

Our Eco Group would like us all to take part: The RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch (Friday 23-Sunday 25 January) is the world's largest garden wildlife survey! Last year, nearly 600,000 people took part and over nine million birds were counted.

We've lost a staggering 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 60 years. To take part, spend one hour counting the birds you see in one location – your garden, balcony or a local park. Submit your findings to the RSPB. You can download a free guide and ID chart to help you identify the birds you spot on the RSPB website. Find out more at: rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch

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