

Thought for the day

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Friends of York Minster invite you to join then for a **‘Winter Warming Recital’** at St Chad’s Church, Campelshon Road on Monday 17th February at 2.30pm. Tickets are £12 to include tea & cake. Tickets can be paid for on the door but for catering purposes please phone 557237.

Alpha Course – beginning Tuesday 6th May 2025 7.00 – 9.00pm running for 10 sessions. Contact Richard if you would like to join this.

An informal **Illustrated Community History** with Dorothy Reed on Friday 21st February 10.30-11.30am here in the Meeting Room. All very welcome and ideal for those who prefer events during daylight hours!!!

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St Edward the Confessor Church
Sunday 2nd February 2025
Presentation of Christ in the Temple
(Candlemas)

*Following Jesus, we are Called to be Caring,
Committed and Courageous.*

Hello and welcome to St Edward’s Church

Services

Sunday 2nd February 2025 – Candlemas

8.30am BCP Holy Communion President: The Revd Canon Richard Carew Preacher: The Revd Anna Burr 10.00am All Age Service Leader: Team 6.30pm Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing President: The Revd Letitia Chester Preacher: The Revd Anna Burr	<i>Hebrews 2: 14-end</i> <i>Luke 2: 22-40</i>
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Thursday 6th February 2025

10.00am Holy Communion President: The Revd Canon Richard Carew Preacher: The Revd Mark Russell-Smith	<i>Psalms 48: 1-10</i> <i>Mark 6: 7-13</i>
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Sunday 9th February 2025 – Fourth Sunday before Lent

8.30am Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion 6.30pm No Service	<i>1 Corinthians 15: 1-11</i> <i>Luke 5: 1-11</i>
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Church Opening Times

Monday 3rd 1.00-3.00pm, Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th 9.30am - 3.00pm,
Thursday 6th 11.30am to 3pm, Friday 7th 12.30 to 3.00pm

Monday 3rd Office opens 1.00pm	9.30am-12.00	Café open
	1.30-4.00pm	
Tuesday 4th	10.00am-12.00	Needlecraft Group
	9.30am-12.00	Café open
	1.30-4.00pm	
Wednesday 5th	10.00-11.00am	Exercise for Fitness & Health
	7.00-9.00pm	Alpha Reunion
	9.30-12.00	Café open
	1.30 – 4.00pm	
Thursday 6th	12.00 noon	Praying in Company
	7.00 – 8.30pm	Youth Group
	9.30-12.00	Café open
	1.30 – 4.00pm	
	10.00	Holy Communion
Friday 7th	11.00-12.00	Exercise for Fitness & Health
	2.00-3.00	Contact
	9.30-12.00	Café open
	10.30 – 12.00	Little Teds
	12.00-2.00pm	Friday Lunch
	6.30-7.30pm	Choir Practice

Parish Pass 2025 available from the Parish Office for anyone who would like to visit the Minster free of charge. No need to book online before visiting but you will need to bring a copy of the Pass for each visitor and be prepared to say which Parish, fresh expression, church plant or chaplaincy they are part of.

Many thanks to all who support St Edward's café. In 2024 we raised £6,054.12 (Café & Sunday Morning Coffee donations)!

Temporary Cleaner – many thanks to those who have volunteered to cover whilst our Caretaker takes annual leave. We still have 2 mornings to cover (1

hour) on Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th March. If you could assist please speak to either Wendy in the Office, Helen Wren or Richard. Thankyou.

Bakers' Basket Our wonderful regular Bakers would be very grateful for any contributions to the Bakers' Basket (at the top of the internal ramp). Flour, caster sugar, dried fruit, chocolate, eggs, butter, cheese, baking margarine etc would be most welcome. Thank you in advance.

Happy Hour - Volunteer Drivers Wanted! Our now well attended Happy Hour session would benefit from more Volunteer Drivers to collect those who find Public Transport challenging. We have several dedicated Volunteers who collect and return home those attending but we now have insufficient Volunteer Drivers. Please could you help, even if it is for only one session? Contact the Parish Office if you can assist. Thank you.

Foodbank items – if you are able to donate, here is the list of most needed items. Tinned tomatoes, packets of biscuits, Long Life Juice, UHT/Powdered milk, Instant mashed potatoes, tinned vegetarian meals, tinned soup, toilet rolls, shaving foam. Thank you.

Dates for your diaries:-

£6 Friday Lunch 12.00-2pm Friday 7th February. Hot lunch (vegetarian option available), dessert and tea or coffee. All Welcome!

Flower arranging lessons are starting Saturday 1st March in the Community Hall 10.00 – 12.00 noon. Please speak to Margaret Titman if you would like to attend and learn a new skill. Tel: 708942

World day of prayer The service this year will be held at St Edward's at 2pm on Friday 7th March.

Lent Course beginning Tuesday 11th March 2025 7.00 – 9.00pm running for 6 sessions. Contact Richard if you would like to join this.

Wine Tasting Event on Saturday 15th March 2025 in the evening, time to be confirmed. More details to follow but pop this in your diary NOW!!

"The Gift of Years" – a four week course on ageing well with Susan Collier & Linda Sykes. Sunday 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th May 2025. 12.30 – 3.30pm.

Looking even further ahead:-

Annual Maintenance – in order that maintenance can take place this year the Premises will be **closed to all** from Monday 18th – Saturday 23rd August 2025.

**Sunday 2nd February 2025 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
(Candlemas)**

Introduction to Confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

cf Titus 2.11-14

Collect for Candlemas

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.

(or)

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.

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, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore 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. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Luke 2: 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'
²⁵ 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. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided 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, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'
³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then 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 ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'
³⁶ 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, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At 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. ³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Introduction to the Peace

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.78,79

Prayer after Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
and the blessing ...

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