



St Mary's Honley & St George's Brockholes

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Services for the week beginning 28th January 2024

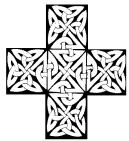
Epiphany 4

9.30 am Holy Communion at St Mary's
11.00 am Holy Communion at St George's

Wednesday 9.30am
in St Mary's. Mid-week Holy Communion



Everyone is invited to join us
A warm welcome can be found at
Thursday Coffee Morning
In St Mary's 10.00-11.30am.



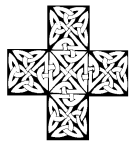
Pause, pray and remember people from the years mind

Harry Heaps – Priest, Trish Dinnie,
Richard Stewart Hay, Brian Swallow

and the family and friends of the recently departed.

Revd David Barnes

Please pray for Jean and the family.



Services for the week beginning 4th February 2024

2 Before Lent

9.30am @ St Mary's Family worship
11.00am @ St George's Family worship



The Children's Society

If you have a Children's Society box at home, please could this be brought into church or delivered to
Diana Kaye, 12 Far End Lane, Honley.

Many thanks - Diana

GIVING

All our funding comes from the giving of the people who attend or those who feel that they want to support us. Give confidently knowing that online giving is secure.



You can now make donations online just use the QR code.

Volunteers for coffee, cleaning and welcomers' teams are needed, at St Mary's

To continue serving coffee after Sunday services at St Mary's we need volunteers to be on the rota. If you can help it would be very much appreciated, if you are interested, please have a word with Di, who will explain what is involved.

We also need to add to our team of welcomers, as it is important that people are greeted, welcomed, and helped as they come to church both the regulars and visitors. Please speak to Charles who will explain what is involved.

Also, can you spare an hour or so once a month to help Clean & Tidy church? We are looking for people to join the rota to do this. Please speak to Shona if you are able to help.



Woodhead Mountain Rescue Team

Join St Mary's us at for our next meeting on **Wednesday 7th February**, 10am for a cuppa and a 10.30 start.

We welcome our speaker John Halstead who will be highlighting this important charity and the rescue work they do in this glorious countryside in which we live.



**Woodhead
Mountain
Rescue Team**

All are welcome as always, non-members and not just ladies or mothers!

Members: the AGM will follow after a short break but will not take too long, hopefully.

Malachi 3.1-5

Thus says the Lord God: ¹See, 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. ²But 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; ³he 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. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵Then I will draw near to you for judgement; 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.

Luke 2.22-40

When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons".

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

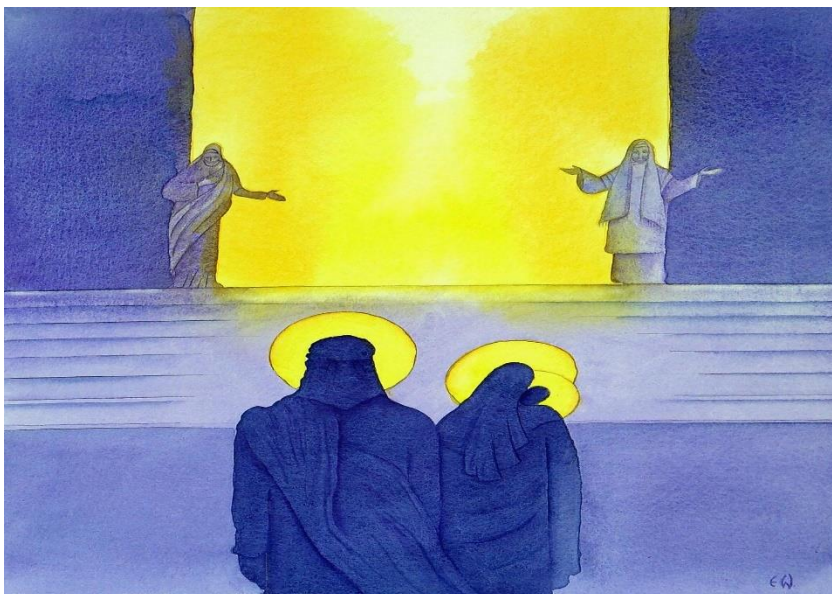
"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace.

For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.



Joseph and Mary are bringing Jesus to us too, hoping we will embrace and love their Son. It is not just a one-off opportunity. Jesus is there to be encountered every day of our lives; not just occasionally, but every day. To follow Jesus is not a

decision taken once in a lifetime... it is a daily choice...



Honley Civic Society February Events

Czech School in Wales during WW2

**Eva Smith
Wednesday 14th February**

**St Mary's Church, Church Street at 7.00pm
Members - free, Visitors - £2.00
Refreshments**

Huddersfield Parish Church: Evensong.

Extend a warm invitation to you all to our

"Come & Sing" Evensong

on Sunday February 11th.

The invitation is there to join the choir for the afternoon and sing – and if that is your thing please come for 1.30pm to rehearse.

The service is at 3pm and people who don't wish to sing are, of course, just as welcome to come along for 3pm.

The service will be followed by a light supper in our crypt community room for anyone who wishes.

Please let us know if you'd like to join us for supper, and if you would like to sing and would like music in advance. Please book with our office on 01484 427964.

A prayer for peace in the Middle East.

O God of all justice and peace we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples.

Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

For Baptisms and Weddings please Contact:

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