

Today we commemorate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, a turning point in the Church year, a new beginning. As Epiphany ends and we begin the journey towards Lent, we rejoice that God makes all things new. Let us give thanks for the devotion of Simeon, the dedication of Anna, and pray that we may be resting places for the Holy Spirit. We pray for those especially on our hearts this morning and those named here: Kim, Jennifer, Philomena, Nicky, Tessa, Nick, George, Rebecca, Shirley, Sally, Clare, Freda and Cairns Nelson. May they know God's loving care for them and never lose hope. We pray for ourselves, in our continuing journey of faith. In good times and in bad, may we never lose sight of the glory of God. We give thanks for those we love who have reached their journey's end, and now rejoice in God's eternal kingdom. We pray for all who mourn and especially the family and friends of Ian Crook and for Christopher Cobb whose funeral took place earlier this week.. We also pray for and hold in our hearts Peter and Jackie Boothby whose beloved daughter Claire died recently. May each know that God promises to be with them and is with us always even in the darkest of times.

#### Lent Groups

Some of us have gained a lot from meeting weekly throughout Advent and continuing into this year with the excellent book 'Women of the Nativity'. We have just finished and after a week off (!) will continue to meet running into Lent with a similar format but using Paula Gooder's previously published 'Women of Holy Week' which also runs for nine weeks. This group will meet at 3pm at 1 Old Barn Drive Capel. There are lots of other resources for Lent Groups and if anyone is interested in studying a different course, please let me know as I am mindful that not everyone can meet in the daytime.

InSpire for February is here! Collect your copy today in both churches and online - another wonderful edition sponsored this month by Eric and Jessie Sutcliffe in celebration of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary - 15th February 2025!

#### Retirement of our Team Rector

Revd Andrew Coe has announced his retirement from ministry with his last service being on Sunday 27th April at St Peter's Newdigate. Andrew has been the Rector of Newdigate church for 22 years and Team Rector of our Surrey Weald Team for most of that time. Andrew will be joining us on Mothering Sunday at Capel as part of his farewell 'tour'. Please do keep Andrew, Noelle and the family in your prayers as they prepare to leave Newdigate and the parish and congregation as they prepare for a vacancy.

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## Parish of Capel and Ockley

2nd February 2025

### Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Candlemas



#### Sunday 2nd February - Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

9.30 Matins - Ockley  
10.30 Christingle Service in aid of The Childrens Society - Capel

#### Tuesday 4th February - Women of the Nativity - final session 3pm Study group meets at 1 Old Barn Drive Capel

Sunday 9th February -  
9.30 Holy Communion (CW) - Ockley  
10.30 Cafe Church - Capel

Monday 10th February  
2pm Funeral of Ian Crook at St John the Baptist Capel

Tuesday 11th February  
3pm Study group begins again with Women of Holy Week  
1 Old Barn Drive Capel - all welcome!

Sunday 16th February  
9.30 Parish Communion - Ockley

Every Wednesday 9 - 12 Pavilion Café in Ockley, Cricket Pavilion  
with visit from Community Fridge

"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!"

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