

Notices:

1. Baptism Enquiries: Monday 4th February at 8pm in The Upper Room of the Church Hall. Please let Laurence know if you are coming along on: 01892 525455.
2. Do you have a baby, child &/or teen of school age? Do you like spending time with children and young people? Are you able to spare 30 minutes during the church service one Sunday a quarter? If so, we'd love to hear from you as we're looking to expand our volunteer pool for the creche; Cavaliers (juniors) and Cafe Cavaliers (teens). Lisa Halsall is co-ordinating the rota for 2019, please text her on 07770 834 998 or email on lisahalsall@hotmail.com and she'll be in touch. Thank you in advance for your support! PS: Lisa would also be interested to hear from anyone keen to take over a regular evening social event for our young people -
3. The 10am Sunday morning coffee rota is in need of new volunteers, please contact Sarah Alford (01892 514452 or Lynette Hilton (01892 750113) if you can help.
4. T@3: Next Monday 11th February at 3pm in the Hall - all welcome!
5. Call for young readers-please asking for any children / young people who would like to join the roster of readers for the church. Contact Lisa Halsall lisahalsall@hotmail.com / 07770 834998.

This Week:

Monday 4th February:
8pm Baptism Enquiries

Tuesday 5th February:
9.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 6th February:
11.30am Holy Communion

Friday 8th February:
1pm Prayers in the Church



**King Charles the Martyr
Tunbridge Wells**

**Fifth Sunday
before Lent
3rd February 2019**

Today's Services:

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

President: Revd Laurence Powell

10am: Family Service

Presidents: Revd Laurence Powell
Revd Canon Sarah Partridge
Revd Claire Allwood

6.30pm: Holy Communion (CW)

President: The Revd Claire Allwood

***Please join us in the Hall after the 10am
Service for refreshments***

Next Week's Services:

Fourth Sunday before Lent

8am: Holy Communion

President: The Revd Claire Allwood

10am: Parish Communion (CW)

President: The Revd Laurence Powell

Deacon: The Revd Claire Allwood

Preacher: Mrs Elizabeth Doyle

6.30pm: Evening Prayer (BCP)

President: Mr Paul Clark

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The Collect

Almighty God,
by whose grace alone we are accepted
and called to your service:
strengthen us by your Holy Spirit
and make us worthy of our calling;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

First Reading: Ezekiel 43.27-44.4

²⁷When these days are over, then from the eighth day onwards the priests shall offer upon the altar your burnt-offerings and your offerings of well-being; and I will accept you, says the Lord God. Then he brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces east; and it was shut. ²The Lord said to me: This gate shall remain shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it; for the Lord, the God of Israel, has entered by it; therefore it shall remain shut. ³Only the prince, because he is a prince, may sit in it to eat food before the Lord; he shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gate, and shall go out by the same way. ⁴ Then he brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple; and I looked, and lo! the glory of the Lord filled the temple of the Lord; and I fell upon my face.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians CH. 13

¹³ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast,* but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in

a mirror, dimly,* but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2. 22-40

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him 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.

Charity Collection for February

Connect Mentoring

Gift Aid envelopes at the back of the church,
with a retiring collection next week