

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

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



Readings for today: Hebrews 2 vs 14-end; Luke 2 vs 22-40

Dear Friends, last week Phil and I went on trip to Krakow in Poland (Phil's present for my 40th birthday), a place I have wanted to visit since Ruby went there on a school trip and came back raving about the city.

The first thing I noticed when we arrived was that they still had their Christmas decorations up and were still actively celebrating the birth of Christ (I wonder if anyone has theirs up still?!) I have since learnt that in Poland, they keep the decorations up until the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, which happens to be the 2nd February.

I was really struck by just how much the people of Poland, a predominantly Catholic country, so boldly and unashamedly displayed their faith in shops, restaurants and randomly around the streets with sculptures and displays. Their faith was so visible and clearly so important to them, that it made me question whether we could learn something from them. Can we honestly say that we show and share our faith boldly and unashamedly?

During our trip, Phil and I visited two of the Auschwitz concentration camps, including the Birkenau death camp, just a few days before the 80th anniversary of their liberation - a very poignant time to visit which has given me lots to think about. It is so difficult to comprehend the horrors of what happened just a relatively short time ago, but it's important to remember the people who lost their lives, many just because of their faith! I read that Christians imprisoned within the camp risked their lives to meet for Holy Communion in secret. Sadly, in some countries around the world today, people are still persecuted and even killed for their beliefs; we are fortunate to live in a country where we have freedom to practice our faith.

Last Sunday we heard "...the gospel the Lord has anointed me to preach good news..." (Luke 4:14-21) - so, in a world that needs to hear the good news of Christ, let's allow the Holy Spirit to help us to share our faith with others. **Kimberley**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS:

Thursday 30th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Friday 31st 10am Musical Toddlers in the parish centre

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Sunday 2nd Feb 10am Holy Communion in church, also on Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan)

Monday 3rd 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Monday 3rd 2pm Monday Meet meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 4th 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 4th 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Support church & parish centre

Wednesday 5th 12pm Best Community Charity Lunch Club in parish centre.

Thursday 6th 10.30 Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 6th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Thursday 6th 10am BCP (said) Holy Communion in church

Thursday 6th 10am—12noon Open Church in church



This coming Sunday 2nd February we are delighted that Revd Sharon Plant, Assistant Curate at St. Anne's Church, Western Park, will preside and preach for us at our 10am service of Holy Communion followed by refreshments in the parish centre. All are welcome.

Safeguarding at St. Denys From now on, if you have any questions or queries about Safeguarding, or need to raise a Safeguarding issue, please contact [Sian Rigby](#), who is again, our Temporary Safeguarding Officer. Her telephone number is: 07538 756709, or e-mail: sian.rigby2@outlook.com



Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion (said) will take place on [Thursday 6th February](#) at 10am in church. We are grateful to Revd Canon Philip Norwood for presiding and preaching for us at this service.

I am still looking for people to join the Reading and Intercessing rota as we are short of people again. If you would like to try reading a bible reading during a service, or preparing and delivering the prayers, please have a word with me. Guidance will be given if wanted. **Qyan**

Bulletin Letter Writing We now have 'Guest' slots for this. If you are not one of the few who normally writes the front page letter, and would like to try this occasionally, again, please get in touch. **Qyan**

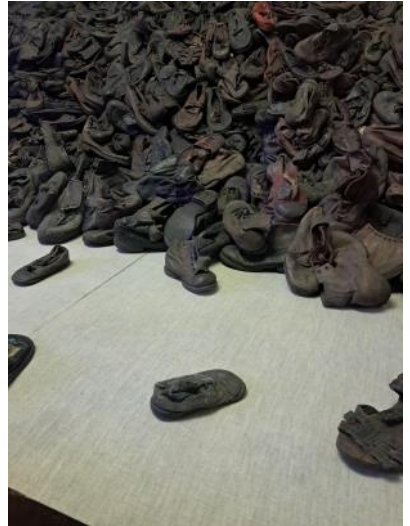
Living with Loss, A Bereavement Retreat! Friday 7th to Monday 10th Feb.

Come and join with others who have also experienced life-changing loss through bereavement. This is a gentle retreat with a Christian perspective, sensitively led by Abi May and team, suitable for those who have lost a husband or wife, children or other close family members, or who have suffered multiple losses. Info and booking details are on [the Launde Abbey website](#).

Pictures from Phil and Kimberley Tyler's recent trip to Auschwitz:



**20th to 25th
January 2025**



Monday 27th January was Holocaust Memorial Day. These pictures are a poignant reminder of that terrible time, when 6 million innocent Jews were murdered by the Nazis in World War 2. Never forget!

"Never shall I forget that night, the first night in camp, which has turned my life into one long night, seven times cursed and seven times sealed. Never shall I forget that smoke. Never shall I forget the little faces of the children, whose bodies I saw turned into wreaths of smoke beneath a silent blue sky.

A Holocaust survivor.



**Christmas
in
Krackow,
Poland
(see
bulletin
letter)**

**20th to
25th
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Collect for 4th Sunday of Epiphany God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) 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.

Please continue to pray for Ukraine/Russia, Israel/Palestine, Sudan, Myanmar, Syria and other places across the world suffering conflict and war.

Pray for the sick: Barrie Coleman, Pat Davies, Ann Dixon, Rebecca Fort & baby Penelope, Alison Keddilty, Roy Lee, Daryle Pearson, Linda Perks, Kimberley Tyler, Andy White, Richard Williams

Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of anyone we know personally.



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