

## NEWS AND NOTICES

**Are you interested in being confirmed?** Last year 10 people from our church family were confirmed or welcomed into the Anglican Church by The Bishop of Kirkstall, The Rt Revd Arun Arora, in a joyful service at St Ed's. **The next confirmation service in our deanery is on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm at St Peter's Church, Thorner.** There will be some confirmation preparation sessions before May to help explore faith and confirmation. If you are an adult or a young person of secondary school age and are interested in finding out more details, please speak to Michelle or contact her on [vicar@stedmundsroundhay.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stedmundsroundhay.org.uk). If you haven't yet been baptised but would like to be confirmed, we can arrange for baptism at St Edmund's Church before May 17<sup>th</sup>. Please also contact Michelle.

**MONDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP** meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> February at the back of church from 10:30 till 12. We start with a chat and coffee, with the main meeting starting at 11. We will be looking at the following Sunday's readings, Romans 8:18-25 and Matthew 6:25-34.

**TEA COSY+ Memory Cafe** for those living with dementia will be on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 11-1.30** at The Highwood Building, Brackenwood Drive, off Lidgett Lane. If you have a question to ask then please do contact Susie Broome on 2666476 or Gillian Mathie on 2888633.

**ST ED'S YOUNG ADULTS GROUP.** 18+ for young people in and around the Roundhay area at any stage of life (work/ uni etc). Meeting every **Thursday, 7pm at Hesco Lounge, Street Lane.** Please contact Isabelle Lepine on 07847622184.

**SOUP LUNCH** in support of Christian Aid. All are invited to St Andrew's church on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February from 12 until 1.30pm.**

**MID-WEEK WALK Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February.** We meet in the church car park for a 9.30am start, Please contact Brian Livesey at [b.livesey@ntlworld.com](mailto:b.livesey@ntlworld.com) or on 293 7403 for more information.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP** for school years 11 to 13. **The next meeting will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February from 7 - 8.30pm** in the church hall. There will be pizza! Please join us.

**THE JULIAN PRAYER MEETING, on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm.** For details, please contact Julie Meakin: [jpmekin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jpmekin@hotmail.co.uk) or Terry Robson: [terry1robson@icloud.com](mailto:terry1robson@icloud.com)

**YOUTH LOUNGE** for school years 7 to 10, in the church hall on Sunday evening, **15<sup>th</sup> February from 7 till 8.30pm.** With games, crafts & activities, tuck shop, pizza & hot chocolate, table football, chats & discussions.

**MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING** in church on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February** between 10am and 12 noon. Lots of home made cakes, book sales and hopefully some fairly traded goods.

**EXHIBITION OF ART & CRAFTS on Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Feb** at Lidgett Park Methodist Hall by members of Royal Voluntary Services local groups. All welcome.

**CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March in church, 6.30pm for food, 7.30pm quiz starts.** Tickets - £12 with food; £6 quiz only, under 16's £6.

## **A warm welcome from St Edmund's Parish Church**

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026 The Presentation of Christ**

*We extend a warm welcome to everyone who will worship with us whether in church or at home.*

**8am**

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

Revd Michelle Lepine is presiding and preaching.

**10am**

#### **FIRST SUNDAY WORSHIP ALL TOGETHER**

Led by Revd Michelle Lepine.

**6.30pm**

#### **TAIZÉ SERVICE**

Led by Terry Robson.

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The 10am service is streamed live on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/StEdsRoundhay>

You do not need a Facebook account to watch it.

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#### **Services this week**

##### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

**11am Holy Communion**

Led by Revd Michelle Lepine

##### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

**8.30am Morning Prayer**

#### **Services next Sunday**

##### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

The second Sunday before Lent

**8am Holy Communion**

**10am Holy Communion**

Visit the website or follow us on social media for more information and insights into life at St Ed's

[www.stedmundsroundhay.org.uk](http://www.stedmundsroundhay.org.uk)

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### **THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE**

**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.  
Amen**

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

#### **Hebrews 2:14-18**

<sup>14</sup> 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, <sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

<sup>16</sup> For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.

<sup>17</sup> Therefore 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. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

### **GOSPEL READING**

#### **Luke 2:22-40**

#### **Jesus Is Presented in the Temple**

<sup>22</sup> 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 <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

<sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.

<sup>27</sup> Guided 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,

<sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup> ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.’

<sup>33</sup> And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then 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 <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

<sup>36</sup> 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, <sup>37</sup> then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there

with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> At 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.

<sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Those who have asked for prayer:  
*Martin, Joanne, Doreen, Wayne,  
Rachael, Andrea, Julie, Evelyn,  
Sarah and Jocelyn.***

### **The recently departed.**

**Andy & Kati, our CMS mission  
partners in Brazil.**

***Andi & Kati’s latest letter from  
Brazil will be found here:*  
[Andy & Kati](#)**