



## The Messenger

1<sup>st</sup> February 2026  
*Candlemas*

**Services today:**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Choral Evensong for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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Today's hymns:

- 96 Christ is made the sure foundation
- 800 We love the place, O God
- 40 Angel-voices ever singing
- 452 Longing for light, we wait in the darkness

*Please do feel free to keep The Messenger*



St Anne's  
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# St Anne's Repaint Christmas Appeal

## St Anne's Repaint Christmas Appeal

December to February



In December we will be kicking off a major fundraising campaign to repaint the church. As I'm sure you are aware, we have had a serious problem with peeling paint throughout the church. We are planning to sort this out early in the new year. This is a major job, which will require stripping back the paint to the brickwork, and much of the work is at a high level which will need scaffolding. It's going to take several weeks to complete, and we will just have to work around a certain amount of disruption. The church services will continue as usual. But when it's done, the whole place is going to look amazing. And don't worry, we won't be changing the colours.

Can you help us? We need £60,000 to complete the whole job. And so we are asking if you might consider donating to the church repaint appeal for Christmas. The appeal will last from December to February. If you would be willing to help, please can you make a donation through our giving page on the web site, marking the donation St Anne's Repaint Appeal. Thank you so much for the care and love which you continue to show towards this church and its mission in Kew!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Giles".

Fr Giles

## Diary for the Week

<p>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February <i>Candlemas</i></p>	<p>8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Choral Evensong for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple</p>
<p>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</p>	<p>8.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom</p>
<p>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</p>	<p>8.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom 7.00pm Eucharist 7.30pm CTK Lenten Reflections introductory talk with Rhidian Brook in the Parish Hall</p>
<p>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February</p>	<p>8.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom 11.00am Bible Study in the Parish Hall</p>
<p>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February</p>	<p>8.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom</p>
<p>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February</p>	<p>8.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom</p>
<p>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February</p>	<p>7.30pm Kew Sinfonia Spring Concert in St Anne's Church, featuring Beethoven, Shostakovich, Roussel and Bizet</p>
<p>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February <i>Second Sunday before Lent</i></p>	<p>8.00am Said Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist</p> <p><b>Readings:</b> Genesis 1.1-2.3 Romans 8.18-25 Matthew 6.25-end</p>

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February

## Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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*Collect*

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.

**Readings**

*Malachi 3.1-5*

3 See, 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. <sup>2</sup>But 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; <sup>3</sup>he 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. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. <sup>5</sup> Then 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

***All* Thanks be to God.**

*Psalms 24*

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,  
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.**
- 2 For he has founded it upon the seas  
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**
- 3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,  
or who can rise up in his holy place?'**

4 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,  
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,  
nor sworn an oath to a lie;  
5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,  
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'  
6 Such is the company of those who seek him,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.  
] 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in.  
8 'Who is the King of glory?'  
'The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord who is mighty in battle.'  
9 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in.  
10 'Who is this King of glory?'  
'The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.'

*Hebrews 2.14-end*

14 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 <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.’ 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. <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.’ 33 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.’ 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, <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. 39 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Post Communion*

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus  
when he comes to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## **The Sick and Departed**

Please remember in your prayers:

The sick, including Margaret Vince, Caroline Streatfeild, Jo, Jed, Ann Eldridge, Janet Kingston, Jackie Scott and John Morris.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Harry Duff, Katie Skeat, John Booth, Vera Petit, Hilda Murray and Peter Russell.

RIP Peter Ohlson. Peter's funeral will take place at St Anne's Church on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 11.30am.

The flowers are in memory of Ron Sloman and Sir Roland Jackson.

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### ***Reflection for the week ahead:***

To the Lord all, In the Lord all. God be your hope, God be your fortitude, God be your firmness. He be your prayer, He be your praise. He be the help by which you labour. He be the end in which your rest.

*St Augustine*

## Notices

**Church Redecoration Works** - the decoration works to the North and South Aisles will be starting in early January. To carry out the works, scaffold will be erected in all three areas. While it will be erected safely in the knowledge the church will remain in use, please take extra care when near the scaffold especially going in and out of the Parish Hall. Please avoid the scaffold at all times and especially prevent children climbing on it. Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience during the works.

**Churches Together in Kew** ("CTK") are pleased to confirm that local writer and broadcaster Rhidian Brook's new book **Notes on an Execution** is to be the basis of our Lenten reflections in the CTK house groups this year. Rhidian will be giving an introductory talk and answering questions at a meeting at St Anne's Church on **Tuesday 3rd February at 7:30 pm**. All welcome! On **3<sup>rd</sup> February** the book will be available to buy at the discounted price of **£5 – cash** only. Please do let us know if you are willing and able to host a small group at your home for the 5 weeks of Lent starting Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026.

**The Friends of St Anne's Church** - our next event is on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 11am** (coffee served from 10:30am) in the Parish Hall. Rosalind Freeborn will talk about her recent novel, *Prince George & Master Frederick: Royal Friends and Secret Brothers*, based on the true story of Frederick Blomberg, thought to be the secret son of King George III. Tickets are available from our website [www.friendsofstanneskew.org.uk](http://www.friendsofstanneskew.org.uk).

**Kew Theology and Gardening.** Peter Popham, journalist, author and a member of the St Anne's congregation, will give a talk after the Eucharist on **Tuesday 10th March at 7:30pm** on *Sam's Paradise - How an old-fashioned Englishman in Sri Lanka brought a tropical forest back from the dead - by weeding*. For further information and tickets, see [www.kewtheologyandgardening.org.uk](http://www.kewtheologyandgardening.org.uk).

**Flowers** – would you like to sponsor the flowers? Dates are available from the beginning of March onwards - please contact Judy Perkins at [judyperkins@gmail.com](mailto:judyperkins@gmail.com).

**Pastoral Support:** If anyone needs pastoral support or knows of anyone that might need this support, please contact the Parish Office or one of the Churchwardens.

**Morning Prayer - online.** A group from our congregation meets regularly each weekday at 8.30am to say the Daily Office together. If you would like to join us, please contact: [catelyon@talk21.com](mailto:catelyon@talk21.com).

**Coffee after 8.00am and 10.00am services.** Please join us for coffee after each service to meet with members of the congregation. All are welcome. If you would like to help with serving coffees after the 10.00am service, please contact Rebecca on email at [r.phelps119@btinternet.com](mailto:r.phelps119@btinternet.com).

**Hall hire is available.** Please contact the Parish Office on 020 8332 7156.

**Zaytoun**, fair trade Palestinian products. These are now available from Zaytoun rep. in Ham, Richard Smith. Richard is always well stocked and welcomes customers from Kew. Contact him on: [rsmith27@gmail.com](mailto:rsmith27@gmail.com) or 07815 107973.

To join the **Parish WhatsApp** group text Fr Giles on 07811 444011.

For **Safeguarding** concerns, please contact Kristen Anderson on 07791 960000, email: [safeguarding@saintanne-kew.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@saintanne-kew.org.uk), or contact the Churchwardens.

**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**



## Medieval Theology Deep Dives -

2025/6 Term Rev'd Canon Dr Giles

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This course takes place at St Anne's Church, mostly on the last Tuesday of every month, after the 7pm Eucharist. It is the fourth year of this series, on the history of Christianity, though newcomers are most welcome. The lecture is usually about 40 mins with questions afterwards, then we go over to the Coach & Horses for refreshment.

23<sup>rd</sup> September: **Boethius (480-524) - Stoicism and Christianity**

21<sup>st</sup> October (NB date): **Anselm (1033-1109) - Why a God-Man?**

25<sup>th</sup> November: **Peter and Heloise Abelard (1079-1142, 1100-1164) - On Love and Salvation CANCELLED**

NB No December Deep Dive

27<sup>th</sup> January: **Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) - Preaching the Crusades**

24<sup>th</sup> February: **Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179) - Girl Power in the Middle Ages**

31<sup>st</sup> March: **Maimonides and Nachmanides (1138-1204, 1194-1270) - Jewish takes on Medieval Christianity**

28<sup>th</sup> April: **Thomas Aquinas 1 (1225-1274) 1 - A Philosophy of Being**

26<sup>th</sup> May: **Thomas Aquinas 2 - Proofs of the Existence of God**

30<sup>th</sup> June **Dante (1265-1321) - Sin, Death and Hell**

28<sup>th</sup> July **Meister Eckhart (1260-1328) - Mysticism and Emptiness.**

25<sup>th</sup> August **Duns Scotus and William of Ockham (1266-1308) - On Reason**

## Finance

It costs £5,000 a week to run the whole ministry of this beautiful and historic church. We do not have any endowment and rely solely upon the generosity of individuals to keep going. We hugely appreciate the support that we receive from you. Thank you for helping us contribute to the Christian presence in this part of the world.

You can support the work of the church in any of the following ways:

- With cash or contactless credit/debit card on leaving the church. Use a white envelope for cash if a UK taxpayer.
- Online donation at <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/donation/st-annes-church-kew-green>
- Using the QR code on your smartphone:



- Join our planned giving scheme – Standing Order & Gift Aid forms are available at a desk on the left at the back of the church.

Many thanks!

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