

Next choir practice: Friday 8th February, 5.45pm.

Quiz dates: 15th Feb, 31st May, 26th July, 27th Sept, 29th Nov.

Book group- Thursday 14th February, 7.30pm at the Vicarage. New members always welcome. This time, for a change, you are invited to bring a book that has mattered to you - a book you love or, possibly, a book you hate! - to share with the group.

Leading your Church into Growth Day at St Chad's. Sat. 16th Feb. 10am – 3pm

World Day of Prayer Friday March 1st at St. Clement's Church, 2-3pm
REMEMBER WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER? Now it's dropped the "Women" so it's for everyone. The service was written by Slovenian women this year - with refreshments. Please ask Anne Paskett for more information.

Talking Jesus seminar day Sat. 23rd March 10am – 3.30pm at Manor School led by Rachael Jordon, the CofE's adviser in evangelism – Follow the link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-jesus-tickets-49384367974#>

St Chad's Holiday Weekend at Wydale Hall – see the leaflet and sign up.

Hymns for 10am: Lift up your heads NEH 8 (T 128,ii); You are the King of glory SPr 53 (choir); Now Lord you let your servant NEP 657; Hail to the Lord who comes NEH 157; Nunc Dimittis NEH 506; Praise to the Holiest NEH 439 (omit*)

Readings for next week (10th February): Isaiah 6: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11.

John's whereabouts this week: Monday 4th Bishopthorpe; Tuesday 5th St Chad's & Bishopthorpe; Wednesday 6th Visit to Southwell & Nott Diocese (Mansfield); Thursday 7th Bishopthorpe; Friday 8th St Chad's & Bishopthorpe.

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The Parish Church of St Chad, York

Welcome to St Chad's, especially if you are new or visiting. There are refreshments in the Church Hall after both Sunday services. Please join us if you possible can.



3rd February – Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

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| • Today: | 10.00am | Parish Eucharist |
| | 4.15pm | The 4.15 at St Chad's |
| • Tuesday | 10.30am | Holy Communion |
| • Wednesday | 2.30pm | Holy Communion at Care Village |
| • Wednesday-Saturday | 9.00am | Morning Prayer |

Do stay for brunch in the hall after the 10am service

Regular groups and events:

- Sunday: 'Discover' youth group (yrs 7-13), 6–7.30pm (school term only)
Tuesday: Knit & Natter, 2pm to 4pm, Church Hall
Bible Study Group, 7.30-9pm, Vicarage
Wednesday: Wednesday Café, 9am to 12 noon, Church hall
Friday: Mums & Toddlers 10am with Chatterbox at 10.30am
Saturday: Men's Breakfast Group, 8.30-10am, (last Saturday of month)

For our prayers this week

Those who are sick or suffering: David Hagyard.

Those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time: Val Austin, Alfred Porter, Betty Simpson.

For our neighbours who live in Brunswick Street & Butcher Terrace.

For the leading of the Holy Spirit at St Chad's.

- Thanks giving for all the ways St Chad's has been growing in the last year and for everyone's energy in making this happen.
- For the people of the City of York, that we may continue working together in these challenging times.
- For Christ's light in the world to guide world leaders in seeking peace, justice and love.

Collect for 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.

Malachi 3:1-4

3:1 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.
3:2 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;
3:3 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.
3:4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as
in the days of old and as in former years.

Hebrews 2:14-18

2:14 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,
2:15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of
death.
2:16 For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of
Abraham.
2:17 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.
2:18 Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help
those who are being tested.

Luke 2:22-40

2:22 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
2:23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be
designated as holy to the Lord"),
2:24 and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the
Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

2:25 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.

2:26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see
death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

2:27 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,

2:28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

2:29 "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your
word;

2:30 for my eyes have seen your salvation,

2:31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

2:32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

2:33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said
about him.

2:34 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

2:35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed--and a sword will
pierce your own soul too."

2:36 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 seven years after
her marriage,

2:37 then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but
worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day.

2:38 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.

2:39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they
returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

2:40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of
God was upon him.

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.