

Outlook

News & Information in the Life of Eastleigh Parish Church

This Sunday is known as 'Candlemas' in the church calendar. It's the final Sunday in Epiphany and it's the day on which we remember that Jesus, even though he was still a very young child, was recognised as the Messiah by 2 people named Anna & Simeon during this visit to the temple (see Luke 2). No doubt they'd seen countless parents bringing their young children to the temple over the years, but when they saw Jesus they were moved by the Holy Spirit to fully appreciate who he truly was.

Although he was 'just another infant', Jesus stood apart from all the other babies they'd ever seen. This of course remained true of Jesus all his life. On the one hand, "*He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.*" (Is 53:1) and yet when we take time to consider him, we can't help but notice that, "*The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being.*" (Heb 1:3). Jesus is both fully God and fully human. Like Anna & Simeon, let's make the effort to gaze upon Jesus to appreciate the fullness of his nature.

Collect for Sunday 29th January

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.



**"Your kingdom come,
your will be done."**

Matthew 6:10

Bible Readings for 29th January

Daniel 1: 8-20 (NIVUK)

But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself in this way. **9** Now God had caused the official to show favour and compassion to Daniel, **10** but the official told Daniel, 'I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and drink. Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men of your age? The king would then have my head because of you.'

11 Daniel then said to the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, **12** 'Please test your servants for ten days: give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. **13** Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see.' **14** So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days.

15 At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. **16** So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead.

17 To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.

18 At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. **19** The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. **20** In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.

**"And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our
debtors."**

Matthew 6:12

Matthew 6: 5-18 (NIVUK)

And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. **6** But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. **7** And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. **8** Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

9 'This, then, is how you should pray:
"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
10 your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us today our daily bread.
12 And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
13 And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one."
14 For if you forgive other people
when they sin against you, your
heavenly Father will also forgive you.
15 But if you do not forgive others
their sins, your Father will not forgive
your sins.
16 'When you fast, do not look
sombre as the hypocrites do, for they
disfigure their faces to show others
they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they
have received their reward in full.
17 But when you fast, put oil on your
head and wash your face, **18** so that it
will not be obvious to others that you
are fasting, but only to your Father,
who is unseen; and your Father, who
sees what is done in secret, will
reward you.

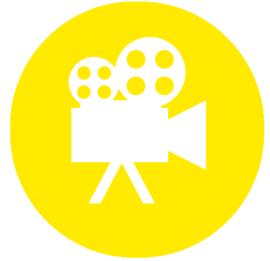
We're Hiring: Cleaner Wanted for the All Saints' Site

WE'RE HIRING! Are you looking for a part-time job, or do you know someone who might be interested? We need to appoint a new cleaner for All Saints'. The role is for 4 hours per week,

with extra hours after some events or services, or if needed. All groups using All Saints' are expected to leave the building clean & tidy, but the role of the cleaner is to help keep the standard of tidiness & cleanliness in the building as good as possible. Please speak to Sue (07502 427 693) for more details.

Children's Ministry - Kids' Cinema at the 11 o'clock

We'll be showing '*Jonah: A Veggitales Movie*' for the kids during this week's 11o'clock service. As always, snacks will be served. Also, parents please remember that you're responsible for your children during the kids' cinema time.



A House-Warming Gift for Katie & Andres, and a Card to Sign Too

If you'd like to contribute towards a gift for Katie & Andres Prieto, who have now moved to live in Shirley, you can either give cash/cheque this Sunday (please put it in an envelope & clearly mark it 'Prieto Gift' before popping it into the white mailbox at the back of the church building). Or you can send a



bank transfer to the PCC of Eastleigh (Account number: 00173273, Sort Code: 30-92-94). Again, please mark it 'Prieto Gift'. There'll be a card to sign too, which will also be available this Sunday. (For any queries, please email treasurer@eastleighparish.com or speak to Adrian Nance.)

Upcoming Men's Social

We'll be meeting at Steam Town Brew Co (on Bishopstoke Road in Eastleigh) for drinks, on Friday 10th February, from 7.30pm onwards. If you fancy it, there will even be the option to order a burger while you're there!



Speak to Andy Milligan if you have any questions.

Notes:

Keep in touch by signing up to ChurchSuite, on Facebook, or via www.EastleighParish.com

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