



Holy Trinity Church, Horfield, Bristol
Creating connections through the inclusive Catholic
tradition in worship, welcome and service



Sunday, 1st February 2026

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple – Candlemass

Collect: 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.

First Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

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

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

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 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), 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.'

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. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.* 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, Simeon* took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant* in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you

have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’

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

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, 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. 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.

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

HYMNS & MUSIC FOR THE MASS

Mass Setting: *Mass of St. Thomas*, by David Thorne

719 Lord, the light of your love
358 Be still for the presence of the Lord
763(iii) Praise to the holiest in the height (tune: Billing)

The Procession to the Font

113 When candles are lighted

***The liturgy for the conclusion of the Christmas & Epiphany season is on
p. 18 of the Mass books.***

Nunc Dimittis – The Canticle of Simeon

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel. **(Luke 2.29-32)**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.**

Organ Voluntary: Sortie In Eb Major - Lefébure-Wély

PRAYERS

Please pray for those who are unwell: Jon Crow, Stuart Crow, Marcia, Annie, John Crocker, Dorothy Charlton, Sophia Vryoni-Dickson, Ray Harris, Bryan and Joan Bufton, Phillada Ware, Martin Nicholls, David Ryan, Geraldine, Frank, Michael, Matthew, Robin, Christine Menzies, Michael Lewis, Henry Wills, Sian Pearson, Kaydee Short, Baby Cruz, Mollie Lievesley, Eileen Cleaver, Ann and Bryan Plaister, Celia Wells, Rachel Harris, Vanessa Blundell, Wanda Prosser, Hannah Spink, Steve Poole, Keith Tomkins, Nigel de Bray, Caroline Wales

Please pray for those recently departed: Margaret Smith, George Poole
and for those in our Year's Mind: Arthur George Chapman, Canadian Infantry
(6th February 1919)

If you wish to add a name to the prayer list, please contact either Fr David, Caroline Plaice or Carolyn Larcey.

The Welcome Project Prayer

Lord, our God, source of all life, you reveal your compassion and mercy in the life we share. Bless us as we respond to your Spirit's invitation to open wide our doors to Christ. May the doors of our hearts remain ever open in holy and unconditional welcome. Bless *The Welcome Project* – that our welcome may be wide enough to receive all who need love and fellowship, as we reach out to welcome the stranger and friend alike and so welcome your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Peace

Holy and gracious God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia; of Israel and Palestine. We pray for all those who are afraid; for those who are suffering and traumatised; and for those who are grieving, that your everlasting arms may hold them in this time of great suffering. We pray for those who choose war; that they will turn their swords into ploughshares and seek for peace. We pray for the leaders of nations; that they may follow the wisdom and compassion of Christ. We ask this in the name of your blessed Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Our Lady of Kyiv, pray for your children!

Prayer and Pastoral Care Needs

If you need prayer support either for yourself or for someone you know do let Fr David know in confidence. Fr David is also in church most Saturday mornings to offer counselling, prayer, hear confessions or just for a chat. If you, or a member of your family, is in hospital, or housebound through illness, please let Fr David or Caroline (warden) know, and a pastoral or holy communion visit can be arranged.

Prayer and Meditation for February

Through every moment of this day, be with me Lord.

Through every day of all this week, be with me Lord.

Through every week of all this year, be with me Lord.

Through every year of all this life, be with me Lord.

So that when time is past, by grace I may at last be with you, Lord. Amen.

“Blessed be God the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.”

(Ephesians 1:3)

The funeral for **Margaret Smith** will be held at Canford on Tuesday 24th February at 1.30pm. All welcome.

The funeral for **George Poole** will be held at Canford on the same day at 3.45pm and all are welcome.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

Churchyard plan review 2026.

It's time to review our Churchyard plan - a group of churchyard volunteers has started to do this, but wider church feedback is truly welcome. A discussion paper setting out some initial thoughts is available at the back of the church and has been sent out via the church e mail. Please take some time to read this through and add give us your feedback - we welcome this from everyone even if you are not able to help with churchyard work at the moment. Thank you, Nick Stephenson

Key points and decisions made at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on Wednesday 28th January 2026

- To install two bicycle racks outside the Helliwell Room
- New spending limits agreed in the light of increased costs for materials and services. Work up to £500 requires 1 quote and is approved by Finance Advisory Board (FAB). Work between £500 and £2500 requires 2 quotes and is approved by FAB, report back to PCC at next meeting. Work over £2,500 needs 3 quotes and approval by PCC as well (via email).
- To develop a directory of trusted tradespeople who can be approached to carry out works in church (over and above those carried out in house).
- To set up a Churchyard Steering Group
- To arrange a visit to Holy Trinity from the Senior Buildings Officer and the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) Secretary to look in detail at the developing church refurbishments plan which will in time form a bid for Heritage Lottery funding.

Parish Contacts

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Regular Services:

Sunday 10am Mass.

Tuesday 12 noon Mass.

Thursday 10am Mass.

Friday 6pm Mass

Refreshments are served after Sunday and Thursday Mass.

Next Messy Church – 15th February

Additional monthly Services in the Chapel of Reconciliation & Peace at 10am

First Saturday - the Holy Rosary will be prayed for peace.

Last Saturday - a Mass for healing with anointing will be offered.

Holy Hour of prayer – Last Sunday of the month at 4pm

Live streams of Sunday Mass (10 am), Tuesday Mass (12 noon), Thursday Mass (10 am) and any other advertised services being streamed, and recordings of previous services are available at

<https://www.youtube.com/@HolyTrinityHorfield>

Bookings for the Hall, Helliwell and Blancharde rooms can be made via:

<https://www.sharesy.com/v/holy-trinity-horfield>



Getting involved: 1st February 2026

Activities

- **Sapling Saturday** volunteers work to remove plants and saplings growing by and damaging graves. We also work on increasing churchyard biodiversity and access. In 2026 there will be two opportunities each month to volunteer for this work - the 2nd and 4th Saturday each month, 9.30 to 11, finishing with coffee, cake and a chat. The next dates are 14th and 28th February.
- **Gravestone and memorial recording project.** Supported by local historian Andy Buchan, we are creating a record of every church and churchyard memorial which will be lodged with the local records office and the church. Training is provided and we arrange to work in pairs to complete this exciting project. This activity is arranged at times convenient to volunteers. A session is available on the 4th Saturday in the month where volunteers can work together - next dates 28th February.

For information about any of these volunteering opportunities, please talk to Nick Stephenson or Caroline Plaice (warden).

- Restarting in April **Green Gym** runs from 2-5pm on Mondays, mowing, strimming and trimming the churchyard. Training is given in using any equipment.
- **Welcome Conversations** – Third Saturday of the month, usually 11am – midday.
- **Shared Reading**
2026 is the UK National Year of Reading, so there is no better time to treat yourself to the pleasure of reading with others! Helen Currie will be starting

a Shared Reading group will run in church on selected Saturday mornings each month from 10.45 – 11.45 am. The next sessions will be on 7th February and 14th March.

Shared Reading is a perfect community activity - it involves coming together through a text, sharing our own responses and developing our thinking by listening to other people's ideas. There is no pre-reading or preparation involved and no HW is set! Helen will provide one or two readings each session which may be a short story, an extract from a longer text, a poem, an essay or even a play. Readings will come from authors from all places, cultures and periods in history. We read through the text together, with no efforts to be 'literary', just giving our personal responses to the text.

It's handy to know how many copies of the texts we need, so if you would like to come along then please let Helen know or email her on fergandhelen@blueyonder.co.uk,

- **Craft Club** - "Weekly 'Craft Club' every Monday. Bring along your own craft work to do or have a go at the craft of the day (materials supplied).
- **Visit to Muller Museum** You are cordially invited to an afternoon excursion to the George Muller Museum. We will be meeting at church on Saturday 25th April at 1.45pm, for those who would like to car share. The museum is a short trip away in Ashley Down. There will be a sign-up sheet in the welcome area in church so we can confirm numbers and ensure car spaces for the trip. We will be back at church by 4PM to enjoy tea and cake together. The museum website offers an interesting taster into the life and work of George Muller in Bristol: <https://www.mullers.org/museum>
- **Open Afternoon @ HTH**— following the success of the event last October, a provisional date of Saturday 30th May 1-5pm, has been agreed for the 2026 Open Afternoon – have a go at ringing, playing the organ, joining a churchyard tour, eating delicious cake and so much more. Further details to follow.
- **Performance of *Pianoforte*** Saturday 6th June 7.20pm in the Hall. A play about the life of Mary Frost, Chartist. More details to follow. Save the date.



Rembrandt van Rijn Simeon with the Christ Child
National Museum, Stockholm (1669)