

Notices

Organist

It is with sadness that we announce that our organist, Les, will be leaving St John's. His last service will be Sunday 9th February. We will be holding a presentation after the 9.30 service and it would be wonderful to get as many people as possible together to wish him farewell.

GDPR

We at St John's may from time to time publish photos, some which would include children, of Church events on our website and our Facebook page to promote what we do here at St John's. We have been reviewing the permissions already given by parents and to update our records, we would ask parents to sign the permissions forms which will be available with the attendance folder at the back of Church if they are happy for this to continue.

Children Vacancies

We would very much like to involve children within the service so that they may feel more a part of the Church. We are looking for volunteers to start a rota of roles - bringing the wine & bread from the back of Church, collecting hymn books, collection plates etc. If your child is interested, please add their name and contact number on the form at the back of Church.

Charity Shop

We have some items which we need some help in taking to local charity shops. If you could help, please see Veronica Royle or Kath Sellers.

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for:
Church Wardens
PCC Members
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Sunday School Teachers

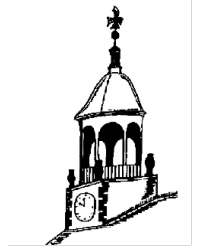
If you feel you can help to fill any of these vacancies or know of anyone who you think may be able to, please see any member of the PCC.

Message from Dave Bussey

"We are currently doing small plumbing and electrical repairs on a voluntary basis (nothing too big) if the parishioner's need any assistance." - *Please see Eddie Baines for further details.*

Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee/tea and biscuits after the 9.30 service in the Church Hall.

St John the Baptist Hey



Receiving & Sharing the Love of God Everyday

Sunday 2nd February 2025 Presentation of Christ in the Temple/Candlemas

8.00 am. - Holy Communion
9.30 am. - Holy Communion

Readings & Hymns

Processional	39	Angels from the realms of glory
First Reading		Malachi 3.1-5
Second Reading		Hebrews 2.14- <i>end</i>
Gradual	279	Hail to the Lord who comes
Gospel Reading		Luke 2.22-40
Offertory	200	Forth in the peace of Christ we go
Communion	167	Faithful vigil ended
Communion	661	Sing lullaby!
Final	479	Lord, the light of your love

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.

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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.

### Post Communion Prayer

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.

*Please take this pew sheet home to guide you in your bible study, aid your prayers and remind you of forthcoming events.*

## **This Week**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
10.00 am Holy Communion



### **Our Prayers are asked for:**

#### **The World**

For the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice & truth. We pray for peace & the laying down of weapons in Ukraine. We pray for restraint on all sides in the violence in Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Yemen & the Middle East.

#### **The Church**

Our Bishops David, Mark & Mathew. Archdeacon Karen, Area Dean Daniel and visiting clergy. All those who work in the background to provide a welcoming Church here at St John's.

#### **The Community of the Parish**

Staff & Pupils at Hey with Zion Primary School, Springhead Primary & Junior School. The staff & residents of Oakdene Care Home, Millfield Care Home.  
The street of our Parish – the residents of Vicarage Close.

#### **The Sick**

Grace Stansfield, Terence Davies  
Geoff & Hazel Gee, Jake and any one close to our own hearts.

#### **The Anniversary of Death**

Betty Heap, Peter Wilde, Vera Cain, Bertha Chadburn,  
Elaine Flatley, Jackson Harrison, Eliza Goodson.

#### **Day-by-day**

5 Feb - Birthday memories of Uncle Albert

#### **What do I do at Communion?**

If you receive Holy Communion at any Christian Church, you are welcome to receive it here. Otherwise please come forward with everyone else to receive God's blessing, keeping your head bowed. If you are unable to come forward, please speak to a warden to arrange for Communion to be brought to you.

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## **Psalm 24**

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,  
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.  
For he has founded it upon the seas  
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.  
'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,  
or who can rise up in his holy place?'  
'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;  
'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,  
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'  
Such is the company of those who seek him,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.  
Lift up your heads, O gates;  
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in.  
'Who is the King of glory?'  
'The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord who is mighty in battle.'  
Lift up your heads, O gates;  
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in.  
'Who is this King of glory?'  
'The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.'

#### **A Prayer for Our Diocese**

Almighty God,  
we thank you for the life and witness of your people in Manchester Diocese over many years, and we are grateful for the signs of your kingdom today.  
As we look to the future, may we grow younger, develop more missional leaders, and see many churches revitalised and new churches planted.  
As the gospel of Jesus is proclaimed afresh in our generation, pour out your Spirit and renew our parishes, chaplaincies and schools in ministry and mission, changing precious lives and transforming our much-loved communities.



"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith;  
be courageous; be strong." - *1 Corinthians 16:13, NIV*

*Please forward any items to be included in the pew sheets by the end of Wednesday each week to*  
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