



# Parish of Whaley Bridge



## THIS WEEK

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18th—25th January

#### **Sunday 21st January**

10.30am Family Church  
at Holy Trinity

6.00pm Joint Service  
at the Uniting Church

#### **Tuesday 23rd January**

10.00am Churches Together  
Prayer at Holy Trinity

#### **Thursday 25th January**

12 noon Churches Together  
Prayer at the Uniting Church  
with soup and roll

#### **Friday 26th January**

9.30am Trinity Stitches  
12.45pm Warm Hearted Fridays

#### **Sunday 28th January**

10.30am Holy Communion at  
St James

Welcome to our  
service today



we're so glad that you have  
joined us!

## PRAYER FOR TODAY

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.

Amen.

**LOVE GOD • LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR • LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

# READING FOR TODAY

## ***Luke 2:22-40***

### **Jesus Is Presented in the Temple**

<sup>22</sup> The time came for Mary and Joseph to do what the law of Moses taught about being made pure. They took Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> It is written in the law of the Lord: "Give every firstborn male to the Lord." <sup>24</sup> Mary and Joseph also went to offer a sacrifice, as the law of the Lord says: "You must sacrifice two doves or two young pigeons."

### **Simeon Sees Jesus**

<sup>25</sup> A man named Simeon lived in Jerusalem. He was a good man and very religious. He was waiting for the time when God would help Israel. The Holy Spirit was in him. <sup>26</sup> The Holy Spirit told Simeon that he would not die before he saw the Christ promised by the Lord. <sup>27</sup> The Spirit led Simeon to the Temple. Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the Temple to do what the law said they must do. <sup>28</sup> Then Simeon took the baby in his arms and thanked God:

<sup>29</sup> "Now, Lord, you can let me, your servant,  
die in peace as you said.

<sup>30</sup> I have seen your Salvation with my own eyes.

<sup>31</sup> You prepared him before all people.

<sup>32</sup> He is a light for the non-Jewish people to see.  
He will bring honour to your people, the Israelites."

<sup>33</sup> Jesus' father and mother were amazed at what Simeon had said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, "Many in Israel will fall and many will rise because of this child. He will be a sign from God that many people will not accept. <sup>35</sup> The things they think in secret will be made known. And the things that will happen will make your heart sad, too."

### **Anna Sees Jesus**

<sup>36</sup> Anna, a prophetess, was there at the Temple. She was from the family of Phanuel in the tribe of Asher. Anna was very old. She had once been married for seven years. <sup>37</sup> Then her husband died and she lived alone. She was now 84 years old. Anna never left the Temple. She worshiped God by going without food and praying day and night. <sup>38</sup> She was standing there at that time, thanking God. She talked about Jesus to all who were waiting for God to free Jerusalem.

## Joseph and Mary Return Home

<sup>39</sup> Joseph and Mary finished doing everything that the law of the Lord commanded. Then they went home to Nazareth, their own town in Galilee. <sup>40</sup> The little child began to grow up. He became stronger and wiser, and God's blessings were with him.

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Churches Together in Whaley Bridge will be hosting eight days of prayer from 18th - 25th January, with materials compiled by Christians from Burkino Faso.



Do join us!

DAY 1 – Thurs 18th Jan – Good News Church – 7.30pm – Tea/Coffee

DAY 2 – Fri 19th Jan – Uniting Church – 12 noon – Soup & Roll

DAY 3 – Sat 20th Jan – Good News Church – 9.00am - Breakfast

DAY 4 – Sun 21st Jan – Uniting Church – 6.00pm – JOINT SERVICE!

DAY 6 – Tues 23rd Jan – Holy Trinity – 10.00am – Tea/Coffee

Day 8 – Thurs 25th Jan – Uniting Church – 12 noon – Soup & Roll

All the material for the week can be viewed/downloaded for FREE from the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland's (CtBI) website.

## QUIET MORNING : PSALM 23

Pastor Rob Cross is leading a quiet morning at Good News Church on **Saturday 2nd February** from 10.00am until 12noon with refreshments from 9.30am. The focus will be on Psalm 23 with some teaching, some group work and some quiet reflection.

All are welcome.

If you are interested please contact Rob on 07979 904098.



## DIOCESE OF CHESTER VISION

"Together in Christ, sharing hope" summarises the Diocesan Vision.

This vision is underpinned by four themes:

- Growing braver, fuller faith
- Blessing 1.5 million lives, one life at a time
- Transformative loving service ( in practice)
- Engaged locally, working together in loving generosity

There is more information about the Diocesan Vision at the back of church.



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