

**We pray for the church around the world:**

Especially those who are persecuted for their faith. We pray for compassion and kindness, inclusion and love for all. We pray for all who have not yet let Jesus into their lives.

**We pray for our world:**

All the casualties of war and conflict; victims of natural or manmade disasters; those who are living in poverty or under oppressive regimes; for all who have no safe place to live in. For the earth and all the damage done to it by humankind. For more empathy and compassion

**We pray for our local community:**

[1: Hamlet Rd, Princes St] [2: Ashburnham Rd, Gordon Pl] [3: Gordon Rd, Napier Av] [4: Elmer Av, Elmer Approach] [5: Luker Rd, High St] [6: Queen's Rd, London Rd] [7: College Way, Park St]

**We pray for all on our long-term list.**

**Prayers for all sick in hospitals, hospices, care homes and at home. For those who are caring for them. For all sick or in need:** Margaret, Mark, Terry, Valerie, Tony, Kat, Judith, Rosetta, Jean Wren, Diana, Sarah, Laura, Gabby, Ann and Terry, Gary, June and Sally Binks, Rosie, Clare.

**For All in Need.**

**Recently departed: Joan Young, Jim Wren, Gloria Burwell, Jane Read, Sandy**

**In Memoriam: February. 15/2: Len Morrison, 18/2: Eileen Walker, 27/2: Sandy Sandover, 28/2: Ann Harvey**

**All who have died with no-one to pray for them.**

**NOTE: Words for final prayer for the departed and for Hail Mary is in Mass Book**

**Notices:**

Monday 2 : Morning Prayer at 9am, Low Mass 1pm

Sat 7: Trans Clothes Swap

Sun 8: Social Sunday



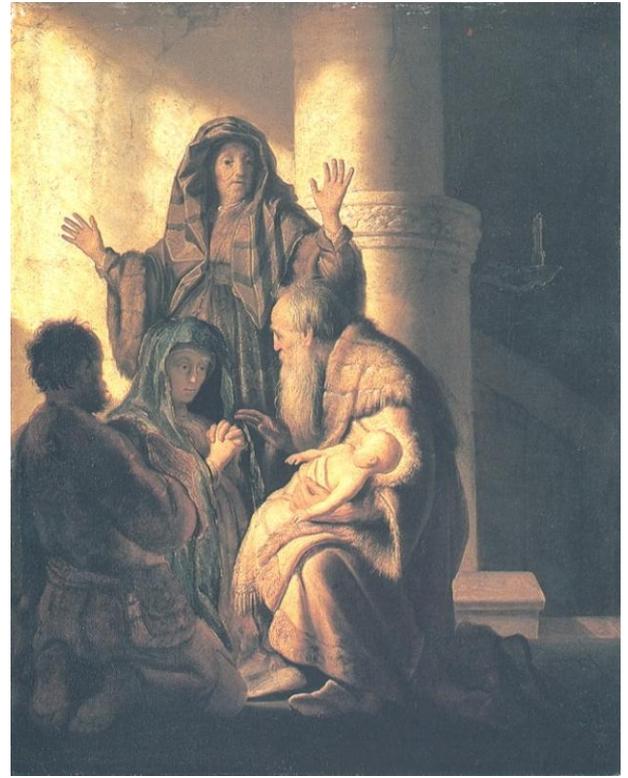
Our parish is a member of Inclusive Church. This means that we are committed to work towards being a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate on grounds of disability,

economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality. Please help us to work towards our aims.

**Parish of St Alban, Martyr & St Mark the Evangelist, Southend**

1 February 2026

Candlemas [Presentation in the Temple]



Rembrandt, **Presentation in the Temple**, [1628]

Last week's image was produced during the Baroque period of the arts, and so is this week's painting by Rembrandt. Again, we notice the dramatic use of dark and light as well as the deep emotional reactions of the elderly prophtess, Hannah, Simeon and Mary who gazes intently at her baby. The light which shines so brightly through the windows to the left, is easily matched if not outdone by the light that emanates from the Christ Child. Of course, this light reminds us of Simeon's prayer of thanksgiving, "My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all nations, the light to enlighten the Gentiles, and give glory to Israel, your people." **Blessings, Mother Cherry**

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