

## Churchwardens' Chat

**Choral Evensong tonight at 5pm:** Hymns 242, 407, 338 (omit v6), Psalm 122, Readings: Haggai 2: 1–9, John 2: 18–22, Setting: Collegium Regale by Herbert Howells, Responses: Ayleward, Anthem: When to the temple Mary went by Johannes Eccard, Voluntary: Rhapsody in C# minor by Herbert Howells.

### Midweek services:

Morning Prayer at 10am Monday to Friday  
Christian Meditation and Contemplation on Tuesdays at 10.30am  
Midweek Eucharist on Wednesdays at 10.30am

### Next Sunday 9 February – The Fourth Sunday before Lent

8am Said Communion (BCP)  
10.30am Sung Eucharist  
5pm Evensong

**Confirmation preparation:** if you would like to be confirmed, or are pondering it, please talk to Fr Andrew. The Confirmation service will be on Sunday 25 May at 10.30am. Preparation sessions will take place in the weeks preceding this.

**Lent Course: 'Godly Reading'.** this will take place on Thursdays in Lent, at 7pm, beginning on 6 March 6. More information will be available on a special leaflet.

### Developing our Vision 2025 – 2030

Back in November the PCC held a "Vision Day" to share ideas about the future direction and activities of the Abbey, Since then three Task Groups have been formed to follow up these ideas and produce a Mission Action Plan which will inform the policies of the Abbey for the next two to five years.

The groups will explore how we:

- engage with and care for the wider community
- help each other grow in our Christian faith
- communicate with each other and the wider community and how we grow financially.

A summary of the results of the Vision Day and details of the Task Group members are on the PCC notice board. Further information from Fr Andrew or Jim Hartley.

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## Wymondham Abbey ❖ Sunday 2 February 2025

### The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

*Welcome to the Abbey, especially if you are newly with us or visiting. Use this sheet together with the main Eucharist booklet for the hymns and readings. Today we are using the New English Hymnal.*

**Hymns: NEH 157 (omit v 4), Psalm 24:7–10, 33 (omit vs 2, 3, 4), 44 (tune 282), 234**

*Note to **families with young children:** the children will be invited during the Vicar's welcome to go into St Benedict's for Sunday Club. They will then come back into church at the Peace. The children are then welcome to be in the play area or with you in the main seating, as you prefer.*

*After the bell rings, the servers, choir and clergy enter and we all stand to sing **Hymn 157** (omit v 4).*

*We begin on page 3.*

*Page 6: we sing the **Gloria** from the Mass of the Holy Angels by Chiusano.*

*Page 7: **First Reading – Malachi 3: 1–5.***

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely,

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against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We remain seated for **Psalm 24: 7–10.***

*The Choir will sing the response first, which we repeat, and which we then sing after each verse (sung by a solo cantor):*



**R            The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glo-ry**

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.' **R**

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.' **R**

*Page 7: we stand for the **Gospel Reading – 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.

*Page 7: **Sermon.***

*Page 9: **Prayers of Intercession**, during which we pray especially for:*

The sick and housebound: Philip Aldred, Zorina Bell, Di Capocci, David & Marion O'Connor, Julia Parker, Elizabeth & Roy Pulsford, Jennie Rackham, Heather Yaxley  
Recently departed: Mark Berwick, Audrey Clitheroe  
Years' Mind: Edward Aldous.

*Page 9: after **The Peace**, we sing **Hymn 33** (omit verses 2, 3 and 4).*

*The **Eucharistic Prayer**, during which the bread and wine are consecrated, begins on page 10. Please join in the singing of the 'Holy, Holy' (p11) and 'Lamb of God' (p13) from the Mass of the Holy Angels by Gerard Chiusano.*

*Page 13: during the distribution of **Communion** the choir sing:*

*Nunc Dimittis by Philip Moore and Prayer for the Blessing of Light by Malcolm Archer. We all sing the **Communion Hymn 44.**  
Then the junior choir sing Make me a Light by Phillip Wilby.*

*After the **Blessing** and dismissal (p15) we sing **Hymn 234.***

*Organ Voluntary: Caprice sur les grands jeux by Louis-Nicolas Clérambault*

*Please join us for refreshments after the service.*

#### **Pastoral visits**

If you know anyone who might welcome a pastoral visit please let Fr Andrew know: vicar@wymondhamabbey.org.uk, 07543 593903  
Please note that Fr Andrew's usual day off is a Monday.