

### SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Morning Prayer: Mon – Fri 8:30am, Sat 9:30am  
Evening Prayer: Mon – Thu, Sat 5:30pm, Fri 5pm  
Tuesday: 10.00am Pram Service  
Tuesday: 7.15pm Holy Communion  
Wednesday and Thursday: 9.30am Holy Communion

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### DIARY FOR THIS WEEK:

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Abbey Circle meet 7.30pm in Abbey Hall for a talk on Buckingham Place.  
Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Spooner Row Committee meets 7pm at the Vicarage.

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### NOTICES FOR THIS WEEK:

**Electoral Roll** This will be exhibited on the Steward's Desk on Sundays 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February and on request from a Steward on weekdays between 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February. If you wish to vote at the APCM and your name is not on the Roll, or if you have any amendments or wish your name to be deleted, please complete a form and leave in the folder on the Steward's Desk by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at the latest. Those already on the Roll need **not** reapply. – *Emma Wright, Electoral Roll Officer*

**ALL OUR YESTERDAYS** 2012 IS HERE! Special Abbey Festival from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Can you find us some Forties memorabilia? Uniforms, costumes, wedding dresses, photographs etc. required.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Preview Party in Abbey in the evening.  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Exhibition opens in Abbey.  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Grand Street Fair, Dog Show and Garden Fete, finishing with Big Band Concert in Abbey in the evening.  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Themed lunch in Abbey Hall and special Evensong in church.  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Treasure Hunt.

Do dress up to suit the occasion. Sponsorship most welcome! **Doris Waymark:**  
Tel: 01953 604879 or **Joyce Reynolds** (Tel: 01953 604904)

**Farewell Service** for David Hayden, Archdeacon of Norfolk at the Cathedral next Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm. All welcome to attend.

**Bishop's Day of Prayer on Saturday 18 February** led by the Bishop of Whitby Martin Warner. Book in advance if possible.

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# WYMONDHAM ABBEY

*The Abbey Church of St Mary and St Thomas of Canterbury,  
Wymondham, Norfolk*  
**with Spooner Row**

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## THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

*Sunday 5th February 2012*

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**The 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.

### **Gospel: Luke 2.22-40**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus 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 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.

**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.

*We welcome all visitors to the Abbey, especially those who are worshipping with us for the first time today. Please make yourself known to the clergy and to other members of the congregation. Details of today's services are below:*

**8:00am – HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)**

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, p.205

**9:15am – INFORMAL COMMUNION (CW)**

*The Nine o' Clock Club meet in the Abbey for the 9.15am service.*

- Hymns:** 746 What a Friend We Have In Jesus  
 415 Let Us With a Gladsome Mind  
 Sheet O Lord All The World Belongs To You  
 325 I'm Special  
 882 Lord of All Hopefulness

**10:30am – SUNG EUCHARIST (CW)**

*We welcome Mr. Mike Webb, from Langley School, as organist this morning.*

- Hymns:** 157 Hail to the Lord who comes  
 44 Faithful vigil ended  
 338 At the name of Jesus  
 187 Virgin-born, we bow before thee  
 466 Thou whose almighty word

**Music at the Sung Eucharist:**

- Setting: *Harris in F*  
 Anthem: *Dear Lord and Father - Parry*  
 Organ Vol: *Improvisation*

**Readings:**

- Old Testament: Isaiah 40.21-31 Reader – Robert Ayers  
 Gospel: Luke 2.22-40  
 Intercessor: Kay Dorling

**Coffee in Church** after this service. Everyone welcome.

**6:30pm CHORAL EVENSONG**

- Readings: Haggai 2.1-9 Reader – Emma Wright  
 John 2.18-22 Reader – Jennie Rackham  
 Psalm: 122 Chant: 125  
 Service: *Walmisley in D minor*  
 Hymns: *Comfort, O Lord - Crotch*  
 Organ Vol: *Allegro Maestoso from Symphony 3, opus 28*  
 – Louis Vierne

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**PRAYER INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:**

Date	Day	Observance	Intention
5	Sunday	<i>The Presentation</i>	Parish Community
6	Monday	Accession of Queen Elizabeth II	Her Majesty The Queen
7	Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>	Peace in the Holy Land
8	Wednesday	<i>Feria</i>	Our Retired Clergy
9	Thursday	<i>Feria</i>	Spiritual Directors and Confessors
10	Friday	<i>Scholastica, abbess, c.543</i>	The Religious Life
11	Saturday	<i>Feria</i>	Those who are afraid