

Today we celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, a turning point in the church year, a new beginning. Its other name, Candlemas, commemorates the blessing of the year's new candles. As Epiphany ends and we begin the countdown to Lent, we rejoice that God makes all things new. Today is also the day when our church in Capel hold their annual Christingle Service with all proceeds going towards the work of the Children's Society.

In Jesus, God was revealed as a light to the Gentiles as well as the glory of Israel. Let us pray for all God's people, that the light of Christ may shine throughout the world, like a candle in the darkness.

As we give thanks for those who have seen and shared the joy of salvation, we pray for all who long to be saved from fear and doubt. As we give thanks for the work of the Children's Society we pray that children, young people and families may be saved from poverty and abuse. As we give thanks for those who heal and comfort, we pray for all who long to be saved from their suffering and pain and we pray for those who have asked for our prayers: Tessa, Nicky, Nick, George, Sally, Doreen, Joy, Shirley, Chris, Margaret, Chris, Pete, Paul, Hannah, Phil and Megan.

As we give thanks for those who have departed this world in peace, we pray for all who fear death and for those who mourn; that they may find comfort in the promise of new life in Christ. We remember before you Stephen Burridge, Philomena Bunce, Raymond Sadler, Hayley Newman and Chris.

Alpha

Will begin on Tuesday 10th February at 7pm at The Cottage, 97 The Street, Capel. If you would like to be included or would like to help with the catering please let Revds Liz or Gill know.

February InSpire

The latest edition of InSpire is now available online via the church website or printed versions in both churches. This February edition is sponsored by Jessie Sutcliffe in celebration of Eric's birthday on 28th February. We remember Eric with much love and gratitude for all he contributed to our church family.

Contributions to this newsheet are always welcome so if you would like something to be included please contact Revd Liz who currently edits these sheets!

Vicar: Rev Liz Richardson

01306 711260 Day off Friday
vicar@capelandockleychurch.org.uk

Curate: Rev Gillian Christie

01306 711917 Day off Monday
curate@capelandockleychurch.org.uk

Pastoral Assistant

Sylvie Beckett 07711 849338

Church Wardens:

Capel: Stuart Cole 01306 711449

Joy Harman 01306 711482

Ockley: James Lee-Steere 07766 466656

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Leigh Smith 07732 825908

AND New diocesan contact number for reporting safeguarding concerns:
01483 790379 or email safeguarding@cofeguildford.org.uk

www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk

Parish of Capel and Ockley

Sunday 1st February 2026

**Presentation of Christ in the Temple
and Celebration of Candlemas**



Sunday 1st February - Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

9.30 Matins - Ockley

10.30 Christingle Service - Capel

Wednesday 4th February - Funeral

2pm Funeral and Service of Thanksgiving for Stephen Burridge - Capel

Sunday 8th February - Second Sunday before Lent

9.30 Holy Communion CW - Ockley

10.30 The Sunday Session - Capel

Monday 9th February - Funeral

11am Funeral and Service of Thanksgiving for Philomena Bunce - Capel

Tuesday 10th February - ALPHA COURSE

7-9pm Alpha Course begins at The Cottage, The Street, Capel

Sunday 15th February - Sunday next before Lent

9.30 Parish Communion - Ockley

Saturday 28th February - Organ Recital with Benjamin Morrell

6pm St Margaret's Ockley

**Every Wednesday 9 - 12 Pavilion Café in Ockley, Cricket Pavilion
with visit from Community Fridge**

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation
a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel’.

Luke 2. 29-32

In case of changes to events in these notes,
the latest information can be found on:
www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk/events-calendar/

