

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 [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][8: Park Rd, Avenue Rd]

We pray For those who are sick or in need Margaret Jones, Terry, Maff, Ken, Valerie, Tony, Kat, Judith, Mark, Diana, Audrey, Chris Binks, Louis, Natasha & family, Rosetta, Janet, Jean Wren, Mark, Sarah.

And 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.

Recently departed:

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

In Memoriam: February

Eileen Walker 18/2, Sandy Sandover 27/2, Ann Harvey 28/2

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

Dates for the Diary

Music Events: 15/2: The Calmers
16/2: Tribute to Carole King's Tapestry Album

Church Events: 17/2: Messy Church
2-4.30pm

Parish of St Alban. Westcliff &
ST MARK, SOUTHEND

2 February 2025

Presentation in the Temple



Pietro Magatti, **Presentation of Christ in the Temple** [c1725]

There is not much known about this Baroque artist who came from Varese, Italy not too far from Milan. However, his work speaks for itself, this is a small devotional piece, probably intended for a private chapel. The diagonal composition lends to it a sense of the drama of the moment when Simeon, the faithful old servant of the Lord finally is blessed with seeing the long awaited Messiah with his own eyes. In the lower left hand side we can also see the silhouette of Anna, the prophetess, who is also an example of a person who lives their life in close proximity to God. In our western society today our elders are often ignored or even poorly treated. Here, in this story we are reminded that God sees all and knows all. And it is in how we treat all people, whatever their age, their background, their gender, their sexuality, their race, that we will be judged.

[Blessings, Mother Cherry](#)

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