

Today's reading at 9.15 and 11.00 am

First Reading

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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.

Events this week

The Morning Liturgy is celebrated from Monday to Saturday at 8.00 am

Monday 1	12.30 pm 4.30 pm	Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer <i>said</i>
Tuesday 2	Presentation of Christ in the Temple 1.00 pm 7.00 pm	Lunchtime Concert : Samzeo Georgian Choir The Eucharist Nunc dimittis with antiphons <i>Bielby</i> <i>Charpentier</i> Mese de Minuit Psalm 24 When to the temple Mary went <i>Eccard</i>
Wednesday 3	10.30 am 6.00 pm 7.00 pm	Holy Communion Choral Evensong Cathedral Live
Thursday 4	12.30 pm 6.30 pm	Prayers for Peace Choral Evensong
Friday 5	8.00 am 10.00 am 12.30 am 4.30 pm	Morning Liturgy in the Eastwood Room Funeral Service for Rifleman Luke Farmer Holy Eucharist for Healing and Wholeness Evening Prayer <i>said</i>
Saturday 6	10.30 am 3.30 pm	Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer
Sunday 7	2nd Sunday before Lent 8.00 am 9.15 am 11.00am 4.00 pm 4.30 pm	Holy Communion The Eucharist with Junior Church The Eucharist Evening Prayer <i>said</i> Holy Communion at the Chantry Chapel

Notices

- **Parking on Friday** – due to the Military Funeral for Rifleman Luke Farmer it would be a great help if you can avoid parking in the Cathedral grounds on Friday morning.
- **Christian Nurture Course:** Want to know more about the basics of Christian belief? Please indicate your interest to any of the clergy as soon as possible.
- **Junior Confirmation** If you are interested in being confirmed please have a word with Canon Michael Rawson.
- **Our friends at Wakefield Rent Deposit Scheme urgently need goods to help**

the homeless. Gifts of pot noodles, chocolate, biscuits, cereal bars – anything that you can eat without cooking facilities – would be much appreciated. Please leave with the vergers.

- **Pamper Friday** In aid of the Wakefield Cathedral development, Friday 26 February 5 – 8.30 pm. First choice of treatment included in the ticket: Reflexology, Chair Massage, Hand or Facial Massage, Nail treatments, various stalls, raffle. Tickets £5 from the Bookshop or pay on the night.
- **Ash Wednesday** – please bring last year's palm crosses to be burned for ash and used at the Ash Wednesday liturgy.
- **Cathedral Development** Would you be interested in helping us spread the Good News – particularly about the Cathedral Development – to the Media etc. If so, Jane Bower, the Diocesan Communications Officer, is very happy too run some informal training sessions. It would be great to put together a small communications group to take on this role. Please let the Dean know if you'd like to be part of this.
- **Tony Benn is coming to launch Cathedral Conversations**
Building on our highly successful programme of Tuesday lunchtime concerts, we are now introducing Cathedral Conversations on Wednesdays. These will be from 1-1.45 pm and a variety of speakers are coming to talk or converse about things that matter to them. Entrance is free, tea and coffee will be available and people are welcome to bring their lunch to eat as they listen. There's a retiring collection to cover expenses. If you can help make the tea or coffee, please let one of the clergy know.

Cathedral Conversations are starting on 17 February and lined up so far are:

17 February	Tony Benn
24 February	Sir Norman Bettison, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire
3 March	No conversation - Radio 3 is broadcasting Evensong from the Cathedral
10 March	Joanne Roney OBE, Chief Executive of Wakefield MDC

Please pray for

The Church

Our Bishops, Stephen and Tony; Mara, Bishop Hilkiyah and the Parish of Mugumu in Mugumu Deanery. The Deanery of Huddersfield - Rural Dean Catherine Ogle and Lay Chair David Corps All involved in Safeguarding and Child Protection, Jenny Price.

The World

The people of Haiti, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Zimbabwe, Pakistan, Sudan

The Sick

Eileen Bird, Deborah Burnley, Isabel Marsden, Peter Scholfield, Joseph Baxby, Margaret Toplis, Clare, Michael Power, Nigel Gill, Pat Armitage, Graeme, Winifred Beech, Ernest Bradley, Nikki Cheetham, Gillian Joyce, Peter Ryan, Carolyn Laybourn, Elsie Bouckley, Tony Hurd, Anne Owen, Dawn Webb

The Departed

Julian Nassau, Betty Murtagh, David Holmes, Gillian Barron, Rifleman Luke Farmer