**Summary of the Vestry Meeting on 24th January 2023.**

* **Worship:** Consensus that Hall Worship working well. Clergy to try a few more new things before moving back into church for Easter. Putting away is being monitored. Prayer time and church clean up to be held on Sat 8th April.
* Vestry Away day planned later in the Spring to focus on our Mission Action Plan and local community engagement
* **Buildings:** Chancel remedial work to ceiling scheduled for w/b 13th March.
* **H&S:** New Health and Safety Officer sought to support Vestry and Administrator carry out all necessary governance matters as well as revised policy.
* **Safeguarding:** Vestry briefed on SEC Safeguarding policy and our responsibilities.
* **Finance:** income and expenditure close to budget. Offertory plate to be re-introduced for those who wish to donate cash, as well as at coffee.
* **Staffing:** shortlisting candidates for the Admin post on 31st January, 5 applicants to date.

Bishop to provide Jane M with details of 2 poss. candidates for Associate Priest for when Jane Green retires in April.

* **Eco group** to move church notice board to a more prominent position and explore possibility of an Exhibition of Environmental Art in the church south aisle.
* **Website** now regularly updated by Duncan.
* **World Day of Prayer** on 3rd March at Inverleith St Serfs
* **Foodbank** donations to be encouraged at local supermarket, rather than in church.
* **Leprosy Mission speaker** Norman Lazonby to speak at coffee on 12th Feb.

**St Philip’s and St James’**

**Church Goldenacre**

**Holy Communion**

**5th February 2023**

**The Presentation of the Lord**

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| Hymn 375  | King of Glory, King of peace |
| Liturgy of the Word  | Jenny |
| *Collect for the Presentation of the Lord*Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to recognize him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. |
| Readings – Robert  | Malachi 3.1-4; Hebrews 2.14-18 |
| Gospel – Jane M  | Luke 2.22-40 |
| Reflection | David Bunyan |
| Intercessions | Margaret |
| Hymn 381 | Let all mortal flesh keep silence |
| Communion | Rev Jane Maclaren |
| Hymn 137  | Crown him with many crowns (omit v 2) |

Scottish Liturgy 1982 – Epiphany St James Goldenacre Reg Charity SC000910

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**Today** we celebrate the ‘Presentation of the Lord’ at the Temple, also known as ‘Candlemas’.This marks the end of Epiphany. We celebrate Christ, ‘the light to lighten the Gentiles’. We see the old man Simeon rejoice as he recognises the redemption of God in Jesus, and we see Anna the Prophetess, bursting into praise on seeing him, and telling everyone of the freedom Christ brings.

**Dates for your diary:**

12th Feb – Norman Lazonby from the Leprosy Mission will be with us at coffee time for a presentation about their work.

**Communion services every Sunday at 11am** – in the Hall including:

* Sunday 26th February – **first Sunday in Lent**
* Sunday 2nd April – **Palm Sunday**

Please keep the morning of Holy Saturday 8th April free for a morning of prayers and church clean-up before moving back in for Easter Sunday 9th April. More info to follow.

**Wednesdays at 10.30am – Growing with the Gospel:**

A time of reflection, chat and prayer looking at this weeks’ Gospel reading in the Church Sitting Room. Come down the north (Ferry Road) side of church to the side door beyond the railings.

22nd February - **Ash Wednesday –** join us in the Sitting Room at 10.30am for a quiet reflective communion at the beginning of Lent.

24th February - **Book Group** - 2.30pm in the Sitting Room. The book is Robert’s choice, "Munich" by Robert Harris. All are welcome whether Church members or not

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**THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT**

Give thanks to our gracious God

**Whose mercy endures forever**

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 eternal life**

**For he is alive and reigns, now and forever. Amen.**

*We say together the Nunc Dimittis*

**Lord, now let your servant go in peace**

**For your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation**

**which you have prepared in the sight of every people**

**A light to reveal you to the nations**

**and the glory of your people Israel. Amen**

**The Blessing**

Christ whose glory fills the skies

Fill you with radiance and scatter the darkness from your path.

Christ the Sun of Righteousness

Gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

Christ the Dayspring from on high

Draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

Be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

**The Dismissal**

Go in the Light and peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**