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The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th January 2025

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We concept of a jubilee year had its origin in the ancient Near East. According to Leviticus, every fifty years debts would be forgiven, servants would be released, property would be restored to its original owner, and fields would lie fallow. When Jesus is invited to read in his hometown's synagogue, he finds the passage in Isaiah that speaks of the jubilee year, then announces that this passage is fulfilled then and there in him. Since Jesus is with us when we gather in his name, it is fulfilled here and now as well. As we are now celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, may we find in Jesus the hope that this jubilee year may be fulfilled in our hearing.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Buntingford

Sunday 26th January	**The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**	9.15am Margaret Halpin RIP
Tuesday 28th January		7.30pm
Sunday 2nd February	**The Presentation of The Lord**	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 26th January	**The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**	11.00am People of the Parish
Thursday 30th January		12.30pm
Sunday 2nd February	**The Presentation of The Lord**	11.00am People of the Parish

Prayer Intentions. During Ordinary Time, we are asked to pray for: Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed.

For those who are ill: **For those who have died recently:** Margaret Halpin,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £79.82 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford **£124.01; and for your regular standing orders.**

The Crib. Please take the opportunity to pray at the crib this Sunday and next because, after next week's celebration of the Feast of the Presentation, the crib will be taken down until next Christmas.

Baptism. This weekend we welcome the newest member of our community - Darcie Petts - who will be baptised at St Thomas's Puckeridge at 12.30 on Sunday 26th January.

Lent Groups. Please sign up on the list in the porch if you would be interested in meeting with other parishioners for an hour each Wednesday evening in Lent for a talk about our faith.

Mass Intentions. If you would like a Mass Offered, please write the details on an envelope along with your Offering, and hand it in at the Sacristy after Mass. Deacon Paul will arrange a suitable date for you.

Parishioners Details Forms. If you are new to the Parish, or have not done so already, please take one light green form per household from the porch to complete and hand in to Deacon Paul.

Holy Hour. Each Friday between 5.00pm and 6.00pm St Richard's in Buntingford will be open for a time of quiet prayer and adoration. Please feel free to join us for the whole hour or to pop in for just a few minutes.

Refreshments after Mass. There will be refreshments in Benson Hall after the 9.15am Mass as usual. We look forward to seeing you there. You are especially welcome if you are visiting this parish this weekend.

BASH. This local group of volunteers offer lifts to local people who need help getting to medical or dental appointments. If you would like to help, please contact Val on 07787 183288.

Lights for Ukraine. Thank you to everyone who donated candles for the 'Lights for Ukraine'. We have now sent all the candles over to the Ukraine Community, and the collection has now closed.
It has been suggested that the box at the Altar Rail in Puckeridge, which has been used for the Advent Giving Calendar, and the Lights for Ukraine Collections should stay in place as an ongoing drop off point for people who wish to donate items to be passed on to one of the local Food Banks.