

Parish of St Peter & St Paul
Tonbridge

Prayer card # 45

A resource to share
as we support one another
and reimagine church
without walls.

Scattered and gathered
people of God.
Each day we encourage you
to read, reflect, pray and sing.

You are encouraged to pray
for the ongoing process for
the appointment of a new
Vicar for the Parish.



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Monday 8/3/21

Read: Luke 2:25-32

Reflect:

Simeon was 'righteous and devout' - at one with God, devoted to his purposes and patiently confident of His promises. Would Luke be able to write the same of you and I?

Pray:

That the Holy Spirit may increase our commitment to, and trust in, God's promises even when it requires patience. For those who doubt the purposes of God, who can't see past the problems of the world.

Hymn/Song:

**God is working
His purpose out**

Tuesday 9/3/21

Read: Luke 2:25

Reflect:

He was waiting for the 'consolation' of Israel. 'Consolation' - to modern ears sounds bit like the runner-up prize but if we think of it as 'encouragement' what a difference!

Pray:

To live like those who believe that we are 'on the victory side'. For the compassion to come along side those who need 'consolation'. Thank God for those front-line workers who serve others selflessly and courageously.

Hymn/Song:

**Be still and know
that I am God**

Wednesday 10/3/21

Read: Luke 2:26

Reflect:

He did something about it - he put himself in the right place - in the temple - the place for meeting God. Is that how people think of the Church today?

Pray:

For the wisdom to put ourselves in the 'right place' to see God at work. That the Church may be the place where people expect to meet God.

Hymn/Song:

**Be still for the presence
of the Lord**

Thursday 11/3/21

Read: Luke 2:27&28

Reflect:

**He embraced Jesus -
or was he 'gripped' by Jesus?
The Christ-child was in his
arms. His heart was in God's
hands. Perhaps we need to
put ourselves in that place
afresh from time to time!**

Pray:

**Pray that we might feel the
embrace of God afresh.
That we might be
the means by which others
feel God's touch.
For those who need to feel
God's embrace in the midst
of their loss and pain.**

Hymn/Song:

Hold me Lord, in Your arms

Friday 12/3/21

Read: Luke 2:29

Reflect:

**He was content.
His life's purpose
was complete,
and he was ready for God
to 'take him home'.**

Pray:

**For those bearing illness,
for those enduring pain,
for those living with loss:
that they may know Jesus
close to them.**

Hymn/Song:

**I do not know
tomorrow's way**

Saturday 13/3/21

Read: Luke 2:30-32

Reflect:

**He saw God's plan - for us.
The Jews of Jesus' time
thought that God's plan only
related to them. Simeon saw
beyond - to the vast compass
of God's love for all.**

Pray:

**Thank God for including you
and I in His loving purposes.
For the ability
- and generosity -
to share The Good News.
For those who resist
the message.**

Hymn/Song:

Joy to the World

**Collect of the Fourth
Sunday of Lent**

**Merciful Lord,
absolve your people from
their offences,
that through your bountiful
goodness we may all be
delivered from the chains of
those sins which by our
frailty we have committed;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for Jesus Christ's sake,
our blessed Lord and Saviour,
who is alive
and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever.**

Amen

