

## Thought for the day – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021

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### Anna in the Temple

Luke writes about a number of women who meet Jesus.

One of the first was Anna, a prophetess, she was married for seven years and widowed for eighty-four. We are told the name of her father Phanuel and her tribe Asher. She was over a hundred years old.

She spends her time in the temple, worshipping, fasting and praying. She met Mary, Joseph and Jesus. She gives thanks to God; AND SPOKE ABOUT THE CHILD TO ALL WHO WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE REDEMPTION OF JERUSALEM.

She was one of the first witnesses to Jesus.

At St James we are privileged to share witness with elders who have great experience.

Janet Morley wrote a collect for the Presentation of Christ in the temple.

Christ our cornerstone,

You were recognized at your presentation

as a sign of hope for the world,

but also as a stumbling block for many.

May we so present our bodies to your service

that, sharing your scandal,

we may become a people acceptable to you,

in your name. Amen.

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Luke 2. 23-35