

St Thomas Church, Lent 2024

## Women of Holy Week: an Easter Journey

### 4 Anna's Story

For Mothering Sunday we are going back in sequence to an event which took place in the temple, where a woman dropped two coins, all she had, into the treasury box.



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Listen to Anna's Story, either read aloud from the book, or read by Paula Gooder from the link [here](#).

### Discussion

The following questions may help to guide the discussion:

- What most struck you about Anna's story?
- Was there anything in the story that surprised you or puzzled you?
- Was there an aspect of the story that you particularly relate to?

### Read Luke 2:22-38 and Mark 12:38-44

- What motivated those in power to disregard the weightier aspects of the law? What were they?
- Does reading Jesus's condemnation of the scribes who 'devour widows' houses' before the story of the widow with her two coins make any difference to how you read this story?
- Why do you think Jesus was so complimentary about the widow who gave everything she had to live on?
- What might it have felt like to be a woman - like the widow in this story - who could not go further in the Temple than the court of women?
- In what ways does the story of the widow's mite encourage us to go beyond simply affirming generosity? What areas of injustice today might it inspire us to take on?
- What new insights are you going to take with you for your Lent journey?