



**The Presentation of Christ at the Temple
Candlemas**

Sunday 2nd February

9.30 am

All-Age Sung Eucharist

Please don't take photos or videos during the service unless you have consent.
Please be aware that this service may be live-streamed

Collect for Today

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day
presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion Collect

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 to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and
for ever.

Amen

Hebrews 2: 14 - end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Luke 2: 22 - 40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.



We pray for all those who are sick in body, mind or spirit and by name:

Keith and Dorothy
 Josie and Pat
 Gina
 Jason and his Family
 Graham
 Arthur and Pauline
 Colin and Judy
 Helen (Muriel's
 Granddaughter) and her
 Family



Joshua Manning
 (Grandson of Jo and
 Derek)
 Penny and Mike
 Derek and Jo
 Sheila Vince
 Alan
 Carole
 Sue (Muriel's Niece) and
 her Family

Lord, send us the gift of peace. We pray for the gift of peace, that hatred may turn to understanding, anger to compassion and horror to hope.

Important collections

Jesus said: "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are my brothers and sisters you did it to me."



1. Babystuff Braintree
 0 - 5 clothing and toiletries. See
 Susan Pedder for more details.
 Toothbrushes and tooth paste go
 very quickly



BBC

2. The Wethersfield collection
 Clothing for men and boys

Please find boxes in the porch for donations

Holy Communion

Wafers will be offered and the common cup. If you feel uncomfortable about sharing the chalice, receiving the bread alone is not a lesser action.

If you would like a Blessing only, please bring your service booklet to the Altar rail. During this time the choir will be singing. Please do wear a mask if that would make you feel more comfortable.

I Protocol concerning the dipping of wafers in the wine: The recommendation from the Church is that we should not dip the wafer as a matter of hygiene. If this at all worries you, please do not hesitate to discuss it with a member of the Clergy.

The Coming Week

Morning Prayer There will be Morning Prayer **on Zoom** this week
Zoom Meeting ID 884 8189 2518 Passcode cj7500



Morning Prayer **in Church** Please refer to the Newsletter

Other sites for personal prayer are available at:

- <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>
 - [Pray-as-You-Go App](#) (free)
 - [Northumbria Community Prayers](#)
 - [Everyday Faith](#) is the new daily devotional app (free) from the Church of England
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February 9th Sung Eucharist **11.00 am** 4th Sunday before Lent - Proper 1

Readings: I Corinthians 15:1 - 11; Luke 5: 1 - 11; Psalm 138

God of Mission,
Who alone brings growth to your
Church, Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning, Wisdom to our
actions, Joy to our worship, And power
to our witness. Help our church to grow
in numbers, In spiritual commitment to
you, And in service to our local
community, Through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.



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