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Sunday 31st January 2016

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

SERVICE TODAY

10.15 Sung Parish Eucharist
The Vicar

Services and events for this Week

Please Note Morning Prayer will be said
at 09.00

On Monday and Friday Only Next Week



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| 1 Mon | 09.30 | Said Eucharist |
| | 10.00 | Monday Munchkins |
| | 19.30 | Bell-ringing Practice |
| 2 Tues | 10.00 | Healing Mass |
| | 10.30 | Foodbank until 12.00 |
| | 19.30 | PCC Meeting in Church |
| 3 Wed | 14.30 | 'Be Still' Meditation Group meet in Church |
| 4 Thurs | 09.30 | Holy Communion |
| | 19.30 | Choir Practice |
| 5 Fri | 09.30 | Reconciliation Eucharist |
| | 10.30 | Foodbank until 12.00 |
| 6 Sat | 10.00 | Churchwarden's Social |

NEXT SUNDAY 7 February is the Sunday before Lent

10.15 Parish Eucharist The Vicar

Please take this booklet with you when you leave

Introduction to the Season

In the western churches, the Epiphany ('manifestation') became an occasion to celebrate one element in the story of Christ's birth, the visit of the far-travelled Magi, understood as the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. Matthew's account speaks simply of 'wise men from the east'; later tradition fixed their number at three, made them kings, and recalled their resonant names: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. In this perspective, Epiphanytide is an apt season to pray for the worldwide mission of the Church. The feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, appropriately falls in the Epiphany season, as does the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. In the eastern churches, the Epiphany is, rather, the celebration of Christ's baptism at the hands of John, when the heavens were opened and a voice from heaven declared Jesus to be God's beloved son. The miracle of Cana in Galilee, where Jesus 'first manifested his glory', follows immediately:

*Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding-guest
In thy Godhead manifest (Christopher Wordsworth)*

The arrangement of the first Sundays of Epiphany in the Revised Common Lectionary deliberately draws out these aspects. The season of joyful celebration which begins at Christmas now continues through the successive Sundays of Epiphany and the festal cycle ends only with the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, or Candlemas (2 February). The child who has been manifested to the Magi at his birth is now recognised by Simeon and Anna when he comes to be presented in the Temple according to the Law of Israel. He is both 'a light to enlighten the Gentiles' and 'the glory of God's people Israel'. But the redemption he will bring must be won through suffering: the Incarnation is directed to the Passion; and Simeon's final words move our attention away from the celebration of Christmas and towards the mysteries of Easter.

6th Feb between 10am and midday. Come along and enjoy a sherry, light refreshments and a raffle in aid of Church Funds and learn what activities and events are being planned for the coming year. This is an opportunity for you to have your say in determining the direction we take as a parish. All are welcome.

If anyone has any good quality items that can be raffled off such as unwanted Christmas presents, sale items etc please see Gary or Simon.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

You may be familiar with the cartoon which shows a man sitting on a swing, and reflecting, 'I always wanted to be a child when I grew up.' Perhaps it's the tendency most of us have, to see our own childhood through rose-tinted spectacles. And it's a view of childhood that would have been totally unrecognisable to Luke. He lived in a pragmatic world; a world in which a baby was named on the eighth day because, if it survived a week, there was at least a 50/50 chance of it making it through the rest of its first year; a world where perhaps between a third and half of all children born failed to reach their fifth birthday. Which makes those pronouncements of Simeon and Anna all the more remarkable.

Anyone looking at us as an eight day old baby would have been hard put to foretell any greatness, apart from possibly a career as a Winston Churchill impersonator. And yet each of us is, in Christ, the inheritor of those words of greatness. As stewards of the gifts of Christ, we are called to bring light, peace, joy, hope in our own generation.

We go to carry his light.

Let us shine with the light of your love.

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

Chorale Prelude *Herr Christ, der einig' Gottes Sohn*, BWV601

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685—1750)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

OUR SISTER CHURCHES IN ST IVES:

Today we remember Fr Karol Porczak and the people of The Sacred Heart . We ask for God's blessing on their lives, and pray that we may grow closer to him, so that we may grow closer to each other, for the sake of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

THE SICK:

Spencer Mitchell, Ella Nairn, Mick Bacon, Cheryl Cook, Anna Mogford, Ethel Cooper, Gary James, Sophie Phillips, Cyril Whitfield, Mary Leggett, Gillian Shire, Elaine Bunnett, Anne Spencer, Audrey, Denis, Christine Stephens, Marie, Philip, Muriel, Christopher, Paul, and Fr Jeff Vaughan

YEAR'S MIND:

Peggy Robbins (1st), Barbara Bushnell(2nd), Peter Timms (3rd), Constance Tyson (6th),

NOTICES

Mothers Union The Mothers Union will meet in Church on Thursday 4th Feb at 2:30pm. Our speakers will be Revd Charles and Mrs Judith Dixon, The talk is entitled "Two weddings and an afternoon in prison".

All are welcome.

Churchwardens Social There will be a Churchwardens social on Saturday

Welcome to All Saints today

If you are new or just visiting, please do stay in Church after the service for coffee and fellowship.

Throughout this booklet, where indications for posture are given please treat them as being for guidance only. Should it suit you better to adopt an alternative posture, please feel free to do so.

Large Print Copies are available, as are *Gluten Free Wafers*.

Please ask a steward.

¶ The Gathering

¶ *Please stand when the bell is rung to sing* **The Processional Hymn**

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine;
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiance divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1797—1788)

Tune *Ratisbon*: Melody from the *Choralbuch* of Johann Gottlob Werner (1777—1822),
harmonised by William Henry Havergal (1793—1870)

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Invocation and Greeting**

† In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord of glory be with you.

The Lord bless you.

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Introduction**

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing.

In their old age Simeon and Anna recognised him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this Eucharist we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his Passion.

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Prayers of Penitence**

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ: 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.' Let us therefore bring our sins into his light and confess them in penitence and faith.

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and prince of peace. Lord, have mercy.



Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary. Christ, have mercy.



Like Anna, like Simeon, may we have such trust,
The eyes to see Jesus, and peace at the last.

The candles invite us to praise and to pray
When Christmas greets Easter on Candlemas Day.

Words: Elizabeth Cosnett (b.1936)

Tune *Lourdes*: French traditional

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Solemn Blessing**

The Lord be with you
and with your spirit.

Please bow your heads and pray for God's blessing

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
fill you with radiance and scatter the darkness from your path.

Amen.

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,
gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

Amen.

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Notices, Conclusion and Dismissal**

We stand near the place of new birth.
Let us shine with the light of your love.

We turn from the crib to the cross.
Let us shine with the light of your love.

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Collect**

Let us pray that we may know and share the light of Christ.

Silence is kept.

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.

¶ **The Liturgy of the Word**

¶ *Please sit for* **The First Reading** (Malachi 3: 1—5)

at the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¶ *Remain seated for* **The Responsorial Psalm** (Ps. 24)
and join in singing the Response

Response and Chant: MHE



Who is the king of glo - ry? It is the Lord.

O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! (*Response*)

Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war. (*Response*)

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

¶ **The Dismissal**

*Processional Candles are distributed (Glowsticks for young children).
Please do not pull the protective shields up the candle because this
causes the tangs to break. If you need to adjust the shield upwards,
please pull it all the way off the bottom of the candle and then re-
insert the candle through the bottom of the cup. Thank you.*

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Candlemas Procession**

The president prays:

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light,
pour into the hearts of your faithful people
the brilliance of your eternal splendour,
that we, who by these kindling flames
light up this temple to your glory,
may have the darkness of our souls dispelled,
and so be counted worthy to stand before you
in that eternal city where you live and reign,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Distribution of the Sacrament

Anyone who has been baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and wishes to receive the love of the Lord Jesus in their life, is welcome to receive communion at this service. Alternatively you may wish to come for a blessing: please keep your hands down and your head bowed to indicate that this is your preference. Otherwise please remain seated.

¶ *During Communion please join in singing the* **Canticle**

Faithful vigil ended,
Watching, waiting cease;
Master, grant your servant
His discharge in peace.

All the Spirit promised,
All the Father willed,
Now these eyes behold it
Perfectly fulfilled.

This thy great deliverance
Sets thy people free;
Christ, their light, uplifted
All the nations see.

Christ, thy people's glory!
Watching, doubting cease:
Grant to us your servants
Our discharge in peace.

Words *Nunc dimittis servum tuum*: paraphrase by Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)
Tune *Pastor Pastorum*: Friedrich Silcher (1789—1860)

¶ *Please stand for* **The Prayer after Communion**

The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words
Let us pray.

O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory. (*Response*)

Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory. (*Response*)

¶ *Remain seated for* **The Second Reading** (Hebrews 2: 14—18)

at the end the reader says:
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

¶ *Please stand for* **The Gospel Acclamation**
and turn towards the Gospel reader

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor: A light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel, your people.
All: Alleluia (as above)

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Gospel Reading** (Luke 2: 22—40)

The Lord be with you
and also with you.
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel the reader says:
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Address

¶ Please stand for **The Profession of Faith**
from the Athanasian Creed

God, of the being of the Father, the only Son from before time began;
human from the being of his mother, born in the world;
fully God and fully human;
human in both mind and body.

As God he is equal to the Father, as human he is less than the Father.
Although he is both divine and human,
he is not two beings but one Christ.

One, not by turning God into flesh, but by taking humanity into God;
truly one, not by mixing humanity with Godhead,
but by being one person.

For as mind and body form one human being
so the one Christ is both divine and human.
The Word became flesh and lived among us;
we have seen his glory, the glory of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.

¶ Please sit or kneel for **The Intercessory Prayers**

Let us pray to the Father through Christ who is our light and life.

To the bidding Lord, have mercy
Please respond by saying **Christ, have mercy.**

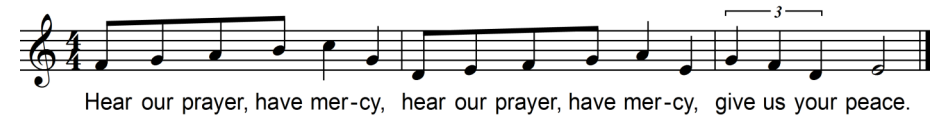
After the Prayer for the Faithful Departed the intercessor says:
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine upon them
May they rest in peace
and rise in glory.

Silence is kept, after which the Priest concludes:
Lord God, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna,
and showed them the infant King.
Give us grace to put all our trust in your promises,
and the patience to wait for their fulfilment;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

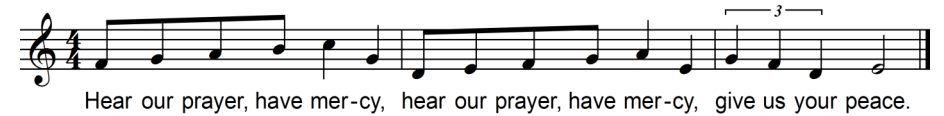
¶ Please sit or kneel for **The Lamb of God**

While the Altar Party receives the Sacrament, the choir leads the singing of the 'Agnus Dei' (Lamb of God). Please join in singing the response at the end of each verse.

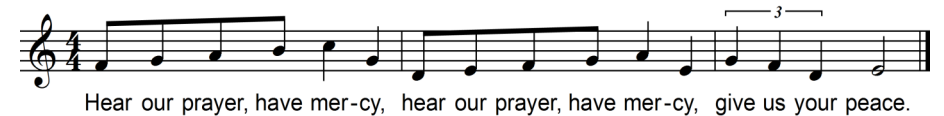
Choir: Jesus, Lamb of God, the Word made flesh;
Jesus, Son of God come down on earth:



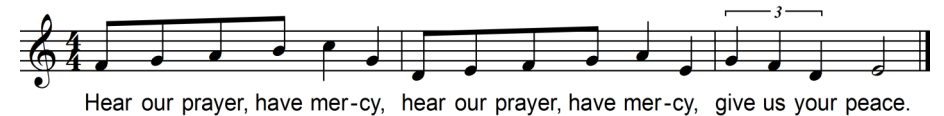
Choir: Jesus, King of glory, Prince of peace;
Jesus, shining in our darkened world:



Choir: Jesus, Lord whom Simeon recognised,
Jesus, promised one among us now:



Choir: Jesus, Lord of life and Lord of light
Jesus, here in form of bread and wine



¶ Remain standing for **The Invitation to Communion**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Apostles, the Martyrs
and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

*¶ Remain standing for **The Lord's Prayer***

Believing the promises of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*¶ Remain standing for **The Breaking of the Bread***

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*¶ Please stand for **The Peace***

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*¶ Remain standing to sing **The Offertory Hymn**
during which a collection is taken for the mission and upkeep of the
Church. The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

***Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.***

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine...

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
 So our faces display your likeness,
 Ever changing from glory to glory,
 Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
 Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine... (Chorus twice to finish)

Words and tune: Graham Kendrick (b.1950)

¶ *Remain standing throughout* **The Eucharistic Prayer (B)**



The Lord be_ with you **And al - so_ with you.**



Lift_ up your hearts **We lift them to_ the Lord._**



Let us give thanks to_ the Lord_ our God



It is right to give thanks_ and praise._

It is indeed right and good,
 always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
 through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity.

For on this day he appeared in the Temple
 in substance of our flesh
 to come near to us in judgement.
 He searches the hearts of all your people
 and brings to light the image of your splendour.

Your servant Simeon acclaimed him as the light to lighten the nations,
 while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your redemption.
 Destined for the falling and rising of many,
 he was lifted high upon the cross
 and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart
 when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.

And now we rejoice and glorify your name that we too,
 have seen your salvation
 and join with angels and archangels in their unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
 and according to your holy will,
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
 took bread and gave you thanks;
 he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
 he took the cup and gave you thanks;
 he gave it to them, saying:
 Drink this, all of you;
 this is my blood of the new covenant,
 which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it,
 in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died, Christ is ri-sen, Christ will come a - gain.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
 his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
 rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
 and looking for his coming in glory,
 we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.