

All Saints: the Parish Church of St Ives

Welcome to All Saints' today

Sunday 1 February 2026

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple



***also called
The Purification
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary,
or Candlemas***

SERVICES TODAY

10.15 Sung Parish Eucharist

Services and events for this Week

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: Morning Prayer will be said at 09.05

| | | |
|-----------------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| 2 Mon | 19.00 | Bell Ringing Practice |
| 3 Tue | 10–12 | Community Café in Church |
| 4 Wed | 19.30 | Choir Practice |
| 5 Thurs | 11.00 | MU Branch Meeting, Broad Leas Court |
| 5 Thurs – 7 Sat | | Booze in the Pews |

NEXT SUNDAY, 8 February

The Second Sunday before Lent

10.15 Parish Eucharist with Baptism

Please take this booklet with you when you leave

*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 they are for guidance only. Should it suit you better
to adopt an alternative posture please feel free to do so.*

*Large print copies and gluten-free wafers are available.
Please speak to a steward if you need either of these.*

**We welcome the Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Wisbech,
the Ven Richard Harlow,
who presides at our Eucharist this morning.**

Please remember in your prayers

THE SICK: Sylvia Boyce, Dorothy Goodhew, Christopher Jackson,
Sally Jackson, Harold Marie, Mike Tassell, Roger Vardy,
Karina Woods, Brandon.

THE DEPARTED: Peter Lavender

YEAR'S MIND: Barbara Bushnell (2nd), Ronald Greenwood (7th)

Copyright texts are reproduced with permission.

Liturgical texts in this booklet are copyright

© 2000, 2010 the Archbishops Council of the Church of England.

Other material is reproduced under Christian Copyright Licence CCLI 1987578

¶ *Stand when the bell is rung for the* **Processional Hymn**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

*Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts,
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled,
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us,
Make us your living voice.
Christ be our light! ...

Longing for food, many are hungry,
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.
Christ be our light! ...

Longing for shelter, many are homeless,
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stones.
Christ be our light! ...

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.
Christ be our light! ...

Words and music: Bernadette Farrell (b.1957)

† *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* **Responsory**

Father, we have sung your praise with shepherds and angels:
may Christ be born in our hearts today.

Praise to Christ our light.

We have shared in the joy of Simeon and Anna;
help us, like them, to trust your word.

Praise to Christ our light.

We have greeted Jesus, the light of the world;
may we be filled with the light of your love.

Praise to Christ our light.

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Gloria in excelsis**

Setting Mass for All Saints: Martin Everett



Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the high-est.



Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the high-est and peace to his peo-ple,

peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al -
 migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God,
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have
 mer - cy, have mer - cy on us. You are sea - ted at the right
 hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.
 Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est. For you a - lone are the
 Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the glo - ry of
 God, of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.
 A - men, A - men, A - - - - - men.

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Collect**

The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words

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

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*

¶ *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



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*)

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*)

¶ Sit 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.

¶ Stand for the **Gospel Acclamation**

and turn towards the Gospel reader



Cantor: The light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel, your people.

All: **Alleluia** (*as before*)

¶ Remain standing for the **Gospel** (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 end of the Gospel the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

¶ Sit for the **Sermon**

The Ven Richard Harlow, Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Wisbech.

¶ 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.**

¶ *Kneel or sit for the* **Prayers of Intercession**

The priest introduces the intercessions:

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.**

At the end of the Intercessions, silence is kept. 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.**

¶ *Remain kneeling or seated 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.



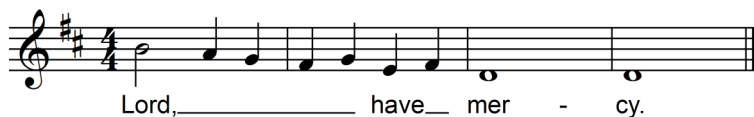
Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary.

Christ, have mercy.



Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father.

Lord, have mercy.



May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself and † cleanse you from all your sins, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

¶ *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 for the* **Offertory Hymn**

A collection is taken for the work and upkeep of the church.

The altar is prepared and gifts of bread and wine are placed on it.

Dear Father God, we gather here
In this great house of prayer.
We come just as we are to you
As one who knows us through and through,
And keeps us in your care,
In love beyond compare.

Dear Father God, we praise the name
Of Jesus Christ your Son,
The light for all the nations shines,
We see how your salvation binds
All people into one,
And brings your children home.

Dear Father God, we sing your praise
For promises come true.
As young and old our voices raise
And joyfully proclaim, 'God's ways
Are heaven breaking through
To make the earth anew.'

We praise you, Father, for you own
Our future and our past.
Your promised kingdom soon shall come,
And then, when earthly life is done,
Your love will hold us fast,
In heaven's peace at last.

So Father God, may each of us
 Go out into this night
 To share the joy you give to us,
 To praise, to sing, to teach, to bless
 All people with your light,
 And make earth's darkness bright.

Words: Ally Barrett (b.1979) (Associate Vicar, St Mary the Great, Cambridge)
 Tune *Repton*: Sir Hubert Parry (1848–1918)

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Prayer Over the Gifts**

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;
 accept the gifts we bring before you and grant that Christ may shine
 in us to the praise and glory of your name. **Amen.**

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



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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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:



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. 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, 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.



¶ *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**

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.

¶ 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.**

¶ Kneel or sit for the **Lamb of God**

Lamb__ of God, you__ take a - way the__ sin of the
world: have____ mer - cy on____ us.
Lamb__ of God, you__ take a - way__ the sin of the
world: grant us__ peace,__ grant us__ peace,__
grant_____ us_____ peace.

¶ **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.*

*If you are worried about receiving the Chalice, please remember
that making your Communion in one kind is entirely valid.*

We ask you not to dip the wafer into the chalice.

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.

¶ *Remain kneeling or seated for the* **Communion Hymn**

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, based on *Nunc dimittis servum tuum*: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926–2024)
Tune *Pastor Pastorum*: Friedrich Silcher (1789–1860)

¶ *Stand for the* **Prayer after Communion**

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

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.**

¶ **The Dismissal**

Processional Candles are distributed (glowsticks or alternative for 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.

¶ Remain standing for the **Notices**

¶ Remain standing for the **Candlemas Procession**

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.

¶ Remain standing for the **Processional Hymn**

All are encouraged to join the procession as we go around the church, ending under the tower. If you are unable to join the procession, please go straight to the back of the nave and gather by the Font after the procession has passed you.

When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day
The dark is behind us, and spring's on the way.
*A glory dawns in every dark place,
The light of Christ, the fullness of grace.*

The kings have departed, the shepherds have gone,
The child and the parents are left on their own.

A glory dawns ...

They go to the temple, obeying the law,
And offer two pigeons, the gift of the poor.

A glory dawns ...

But Anna and Simeon recognise there
The Christ-child who came at the turn of the year.

A glory dawns ...

The old who have suffered and waited so long
See hope for the world as they welcome the young.

A glory dawns ...

They gaze at God's wonderful answer to prayer,
The joy of the Jews and the Gentiles' desire.

A glory dawns ...

The light is increasing and spring's in the air.
Look back with thanksgiving! Look forward with awe!

A glory dawns ...

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

A glory dawns ...

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

A glory dawns ...

Words: Elizabeth Joan Cosnett (1936–2024)

Tune *Lourdes*: French traditional melody

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Solemn Blessing**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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* **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.

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

Noël en Grand Chœur: A cei-ci le maître de tô l'univar
(To him, the Master of all the Universe)

Antoine Lefébure-Wély,
also known as Isaac-François-Antoine Lefebvre (1756–1831)

NOTICES

New Bishop of Ely

Downing Street has announced the King's approval that the Right Reverend Sarah Clark, currently Acting Bishop of Durham and Suffragan Bishop of Jarrow in the Diocese of Durham, is to be the next Bishop of Ely. Bishop Sarah is due to be installed in the summer.

Booze in the Pews will be all over by this time next week!

There is still time to sign up to help, advertise the festival and, of course, come and join us from Thursday to Sunday! For more information please speak to Verity, Deirdre or the Churchwardens.

Thank you from Barry Wills for the gifts from his collection which were presented two weeks ago. A reminder also that the PCC is looking to find someone (or a team of people) to take over the roles of Sacristan and Verger from 4 April. If you feel that God might be calling you to this please speak to Barry or the Churchwardens.

APCM Reports

An early reminder that we are approaching the time of year when these will be due. Please would all those who normally write a report begin to prepare these for the year ending 31 December 2025 and forward them to Gavin Midgley for collation.

John and Sally Bacon would like to thank everyone for their cards and kind wishes on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Next Sunday (8 February) will be the baptism of Otto Trynka-Johnson. The congregation is invited to remain in church after coffee to celebrate with a buffet lunch with Otto and his family and friends. Please let Verity know of any dietary requirements.

CONTACT DETAILS

If you would like to know more of what is happening in your parish,
please visit the calendar on the parish website
www.stivesparishchurch.org.uk or contact us:

**The parish is in vacancy; please contact the churchwardens
to enquire about the services of the church**

Churchwardens

Callum Dickerson 07747 189732
John Bacon 07535 063459
churchwardens@stivesparishchurch.org.uk

Readers (Licensed Lay Ministers)

Richard Hough, Elaine Midgley, Canon Simon Kershaw
readers@stivesparishchurch.org.uk

Treasurer

Elaine Midgley c/o Parish Office 07967 045984
treasurer@stivesparishchurch.org.uk
For BACS payment details please contact the Treasurer as above

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Peter Smith 01480 461329 or 07711 131573
safeguarding@stivesparishchurch.org.uk

General Enquiries and items for inclusion in the sheet

should be directed to admin@stivesparishchurch.org.uk
Requests for Baptisms, Marriages (including Banns) and Funerals:
please look on the website

Musical enquires (to join the choir or to discuss wedding music)
please contact music@stivesparishchurch.org.uk

For enquiries relating to the Bells

bells@stivesparishchurch.org.uk