

**Chesterfield Parish Church
Saint Mary & All Saints**

Coming
before the
Lord

Joseph and
Mary offer
Jesus back to
the Lord whose
gift Jesus is.

They do it
because the
Law says it has
to be done.

The Law says it
has to be done
because
everything
comes from

the Lord and should be offered back
to God, especially the first-born.

Though we are not bound by the
Law of Israel, the injunction to offer
God's gifts in God's service remains.
Psalm 24 proclaims *The earth is the
Lord's, and all that therein is*. That
means ourselves, the world we live
in, and all those things we hold
most dear, including those things
we call our possessions.

***Today is a chance to bring before
the Lord all that we have and are,
and to offer all of that to God's
service.***



**Presentation of Christ
(Candlemas)
(31st January 2021)**

10.30 Sung Mass

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 1st February

09.00 Morning Prayer
12.15 Mass
16.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 2nd February

09.00 Morning Prayer
12.15 Mass
16.00 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 3rd February

09.00 Morning Prayer
12.15 Holy Communion (BCP)
16.00 Evening Prayer

Thursday 4th February

09.00 Morning Prayer
12.15 Mass
16.00 Evening Prayer

Friday 5th February

09.00 Morning Prayer
12.15 Mass
16.00 Evening Prayer

Saturday 6th February

09.00 Morning Prayer
09.30 Mass
16.00 Evening Prayer

***Please note revised Mass times
for Tuesdays, Wednesdays
and Thursdays.***

***Mass on Wednesdays and
Sundays is live-streamed on
Facebook, and also uploaded to
the Crooked Spire YouTube
channel.***

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (CANDLEMAS) - SUNG MASS

Collect Prayer

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**

A reading from the Prophet Malachi

Malachi 3.1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me,
and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.
The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he
is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of
his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a
refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of
Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present
offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah
and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old
and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear
witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against
those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired
workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those
who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of
hosts.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

*For the time being there will be no
Choral Evensong on a Sunday*

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 31st January - Presentation / Candlemas

- Those working to bring the Gospel to children
- ◊ The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil
- ✦ Bess Short

Monday 1st February - Brigid

- For lives transformed by the love of Christ
- ◊ All Saints - The Anglican Church of Kenya
- ✦ Bertha Stockton
- ✦ Barbara King

Tuesday 2nd February

- St James, Harpur Hill
- ◊ Aluakluak - Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Wednesday 3rd February - Anskar

- Christ Church, Burbag
- ◊ Amazônia - Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil
- ✦ Claude William Handford, Priest
- ✦ Jean Barbara Holden

Thursday 4th February - Gilbert of Sempringham

- Christ Church, King Sterndale
- ◊ Amichi - The Church of Nigeria

Friday 5th February

- St Michael & All Angels, Earl Sterndale
- ◊ Amritsar - The (United) Church of North India

Saturday 6th February - The Martyrs of Japan

- St Anne, Buxton
- ◊ Andaman & Car Nicobar Islands - The (United) Church of North India
- ✦ Maurice Short

- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◊ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Our prayers have been asked for:

John Robinson; Sheila Laverick; Joan Lidgate; Teddy; June Frankland; John Herring; Michael Catton; Patricia Mitchell; Sue Hastings; Jean Madin; Jane Jackson; David Staves; Laura; Robin Glasson; Kenneth Hughes; Jane Stretton; Paul Taylor; Margaret; Ray Hearn; Tom Pierce; Anthony & Katie; members of the Wolf-Kidd family; Valerie Alice Seeney; Lewis Glossop; Daisy Wallis; Lodovico Mirani; Christopher Browne; Sandra Jones

✦ Kenneth Unwin, Priest, RIP

✦ Elizabeth Stevenson, RIP

Weekday access to the church building will be severely limited during the roofing and lighting works which will last for the coming three months.

COVID19 HAS DEFINITELY NOT GONE AWAY, AND ALL THE MEASURES WE HAVE TAKEN TO REDUCE THE RISK OF INFECTION STILL CANNOT ELIMINATE IT. PLEASE, IF YOU ARE ILL STAY AT HOME; IF YOU ARE VULNERABLE IN ANY WAY, PLEASE ALSO STAY HOME; IF YOU ARE UNSURE, STAY HOME FOR THE TIME BEING.

If you need support in prayer or any other way please contact the team on 01246 206506 or contact@crookedspire.org

Next Sunday - 7th February - Sexagesima

10.30 Sung Mass

Readings: Proverbs 8.1, 22-31
John 1.1-14

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