

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 everything we have and are, and to offer all of it to God's service.



PRESENTATION / CANDLEMAS (29th January 2023)

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
- 09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's)
- 10.30 Choral Mass & Procession
- 18.30 Choral Evensong

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 30th January

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 31st January

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 1st February

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Thursday 2nd February

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 17.00 Evening Prayer
- 17.30 Mass

Friday 3rd February

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Saturday 4th February

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer



PRESENTATION / CANDLEMAS - CHORAL MASS & PROCESSION

Processional Hymn: 157

Setting: Nicholson in G

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 Book of 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**

Gradual Hymn: 44

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

Offertory Hymn: 408

Communion Motet: Hail, gladdening light (*John Stainer*)

Post-Communion Hymn: 391

Voluntary: Mit Fried' und Freud' ich fahr dahin
BWV615 (*Johan Sebastian Bach*)

CHORAL EVENSONG

Responses: Sanders

Psalm(s): 122 & 132

First Lesson: Haggai 2.1-9

Office Hymn: 377

Canticles: Brewer in D

Second Lesson: John 2.18-22

Anthem: O Thou the central orb (*Charles Wood*)

Hymn: 252

Voluntary: Fugue in B minor BWV544
(*Johan Sebastian Bach*)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 29th January - Presentation / Candlemas

- Benefice of Swanwick and Pentrich
- ◇ The Church of Pakistan (United)
- ✦ *Peggy Smith*

Monday 30th January - Charles, King and Martyr

- Benefice of Pinxton
- ◇ Patna - The Church of North India

Tuesday 31st January - John Bosco

- Diocesan officers working within Church House
- ◇ São Paulo - The Episcopal Church of Brazil
- ✦ *Bess Short*

Wednesday 1st February - Brigid

- Better stewardship of all God has given us
- ◇ Pelotas - The Episcopal Church of Brazil
- ✦ *Bertha Stockton; Barbara King*

Thursday 2nd February

- Benefice of Quarndon
- ◇ Pennsylvania - The Episcopal Church

Friday 3rd February - Anskar

- Benefice of Ripley
- ◇ Central Pennsylvania - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ *Claude Handford, priest; Jean Holden;*
Madge Lewsley; Laraine Bowen

Saturday 4th February - Gilbert of Sempringham

- Benefice of Dale Abbey, Risley & Stanton-by-Dale
- ◇ Northwestern Pennsylvania - The Episcopal Church
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Our prayers have been asked for:

June Frankland; Andrea Sutcliffe; John
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Valerie Alice Seeney; Colin Hutson; Susan
Barber; Judith Dixon; Christopher Cain;
Jean Morris; Wendy Layton; Ambrose
Mason

✦ *Helen Phipps, RIP*

✦ *Michael Catton RIP*

Lent Information

The leaflet containing information for Lent
will be available from next Sunday.

Volunteers

There is a need for additional volunteers in
the Gift Shop, as well as additional people
who are prepared to train as servers.
Volunteers to chaperone for the choir on
Thursdays (4.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. and/or
6.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.) would also be very
welcome. This role requires previous
experience and/or training. Please speak
to the Vicar if you can help (even
temporarily) with any of the above.

Next Sunday - 5th February - Septuagesima

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

09.30 Mass (St Leonard's, Spital)

10.30 Choral Mass

Readings: Isaiah 58.1-12
Matthew 5.13-20

18.30 Choral Evensong

Readings: Psalm(s) 1, 3 & 4
Amos 2.4-end
Ephesians 4.17-end

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