

Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints

Something to Present to God

The Feast of the Presentation is all about offering to God the first-fruits of a woman's womb. That same act is an act of offering the now-opened womb to God and not to any wrongdoing—hence the 'purification' of the woman, and the other well-known name for today's celebration.



Not a bad idea, then for us to be thinking about our own purification so that might be ready to offer what we have back to God. Lent (which will soon be upon us) is of course the best of times to take a good look at our lives and come out the other side a better person (and by that I don't mean thinner or hungrier!)

What would you be offering to God if the occasion arose today? And how pure do you think God would find you when you come before him?

Please respect those who wish to prepare for Mass in quiet prayer; also those who wish to listen to the closing Organ Voluntary.

PRESENTATION / CANDLEMAS (28th 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 29th January

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 30th January

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 31st January

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

Thursday 1st February

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 17.00 Evening Prayer
- 17.30 Mass

Friday 2nd February

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer
- 18.30 Choral Evensong
- 19.30 Pie & Quiz Night, Saints

Saturday 3rd February

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

PRESENTATION / CANDLEMAS - CHORAL MASS & PROCESSION

Processional Hymn: 408

Setting: Ireland in C

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 Letter to the Hebrews 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.

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

Gradual Hymn: 393

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: 362

Communion Motet: Make me a light (*Philip Wilby*)

Post-Communion Hymn: 391

Nunc Dimittis - Morley Fauxbordons

Voluntary: *Fiat Lux* (*Théodore Dubois*)

CHORAL EVENSONG

Responses: Sanders

Psalm(s): 122 & 132

First Lesson: Haggai 2.1-9

Office Hymn: 426

Canticles: Morley Fauxbordons

Second Lesson: John 2.18-22

Anthem: Teach me, O Lord (*Thomas Atwood*)

Hymn: 44

Voluntary: *Allegretto* (Organ Sonata) (*Edward Elgar*)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 28th January - Presentation/Candlemas

- The light of Christ to shine in all our hearts
- ◇ The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- ✦ *Margaret Hill; Leonard Gordon; Stanley Moore*

Monday 29th January

- Benefice of Blackwell and Tibshelf
- ◇ Calabar - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Peggy Smith*

Tuesday 30th January - Charles, King & Martyr

- Benefice of Blagreaves
- ◇ Calcutta - The Church of North India

Wednesday 31st January - John Bosco

- Parish Support staff at Church House
- ◇ Caledonia - The Anglican Church of Canada
- ✦ *Bess Short*

Thursday 1st February - Brigid

- Better stewardship of all God has given us
- ◇ Calgary - The Anglican Church of Canada
- ✦ *Bertha Stockton; Barbara King*

Friday 2nd February

- Fulfilment of our hopes through the Christ child
- ◇ California - The Episcopal Church

Saturday 3rd February - Anskar

- Benefice of Bolsover
- ◇ Northern California - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ *Claude Handford, priest; Jean Holden; Madge Lewsley; Laraine Bowen*

- 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
Robinson; Jean Madin; Valerie Alice Seeney;
Colin Hutson; Christopher Cain; Jean Morris;
Wendy Layton; Ambrose Mason; Paul Bates;
John Lockwood; Tony Ragan; Sue Hastings;
Terry Bell; Iain Bushe; Jane Bushe; Fiona
Solberg; Marian Mathews; Barbara Carter; Jack;
Charles Gaskell; Violet McGhie; David Pedrick;
Joseph Watson

✦ *Roger Morton, RIP*

✦ *Cynthia Watson, RIP*

✦ *Ian Bennett, RIP*

A Feast for Candlemas

There will be a special Candlemas Evensong at
6.30pm on Friday 2nd February.

This will be followed at 7.30pm by the choir's
Pie & Quiz night in the Saints. Tickets for the
Pie & Quiz are £7 adults and £5 children.

Tickets available from the Gift Shop, or RSVP to
choir@crookedspire.org

Donations for raffle prizes gratefully received!

Palm Crosses

Palm crosses from previous years can be
handed in to the Sacristy or the Gift Shop ready
for producing the ash for Ash Wednesday.

Flower Arrangers Wanted

Volunteers invited to join our small, friendly
team of flower arrangers. No more skills
needed than putting flowers in a vase! Contact
Dorothy Turner on 07974 829350.

Next Sunday - 4th February - Sexagesima

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 Choral Mass

Readings: Colossians 1.15-20
John 1.1-14

18.30 Choral Evensong

Readings: Psalm(s) 65
Genesis 2.4b-end
Luke 8.22-35

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