

Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints

Getting Ready

Simeon and Anna are in the Temple preparing themselves for their death—for the splendid prospect of being in God’s presence. In just over a month, we will be starting to prepare ourselves for the great celebration of life and death which is Easter—and as every year this will be through the observance of Lent.

The Lent addresses will take a look at where the Church has been, is now and will be in the future; and the Holy Week addresses will ask where we are in relation to the Cross.

The Lent book will give pause for thought on the psalms that take us through Lent and into Easter. Take a Lent leaflet and learn what else will be on offer.

It isn't only Simeon and Anna and it isn't only the elderly who need to prepare for the prospect of being in God's presence eternally. Each one of us needs urgently to be ready for God to be present with us TODAY and then for ever.



Presentation / Candlemas (2nd February 2025)

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
- 10.30 Choral Mass & Procession
- 18.30 Choral Evensong

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

MONDAY-SATURDAY

MORNING PRAYER 09.00

EVENING PRAYER 16.00 (Thursday 17.00)

MONDAY Mass 12.15

TUESDAY Mass 09.30

WEDNESDAY Holy Communion (1662) 09.30

THURSDAY Mass 17.30

FRIDAY Mass 12.15

SATURDAY Mass 09.30

NEXT SUNDAY See back page

The church is open for private prayer and visiting Monday-Saturday 09.00 - 16.00

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Full details of events may be found at crookedspire.org, on the notices displayed in church, or from the organisers.

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 - CHORAL MASS & PROCESSION

Processional Hymn: 209

Setting: Darke in F

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: 339

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: 12

Communion Motet: When to the Temple Mary went
(Johannes Eccard)

Post-Communion Hymn: 211

Voluntary: Fugue in C BWV564
(Johann Sebastian Bach)

CHORAL EVENSONG

Responses: Sanders
Psalm(s): 122 & 132
First Lesson: Haggai 2.1-9
Office Hymn: 210
Canticles: Brewer in D
Second Lesson: John 2.18-22
Anthem: Lead, kindly light (Howard Goodall)
Hymn: AM396 (*see separate sheet*)
Voluntary: *Fiat Lux* (Théodore Dubois)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 2nd February - Presentation / Candlemas

- For the light of Christ in our lives, that we may walk as his disciples and be transformed in His love
- ◇ The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Monday 3rd February - Anskar

- The Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting today
- ◇ London - The Church of England
- ✦ *Claude Handford, priest; Jean Holden; Madge Lewsley; Laraine Bowen*

Tuesday 4th February - Gilbert of Sempringham

- Parish of Derby Cathedral Church of All Saints
- ◇ Long Island - The Episcopal Church

Wednesday 5th February

- Parishes of St Edmund, Allestree and St Matthew, Darley Abbey
- ◇ Los Angeles - The Episcopal Church

Thursday 6th February - The Martyrs of Japan

- The Bishop's Leadership Team meeting today
- ◇ Louisiana - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ *Maurice Short*

Friday 7th February

- Parish of St. Nicholas Allestree and St Paul Quarndon
- ◇ Western Louisiana - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ *Val Brain; Louisa Bradley; Doreen Whysall*

Saturday 8th February

- Parish of St Michael and All Angels, Alvaston
- ◇ Luapula - The Church of Central Africa
- ✦ *Doris Cave; Keziah Fisher*
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Our prayers have been asked for:

John Robinson; Jean Madin; Colin Hutson; Jean Morris; Wendy Layton; Ambrose Mason; Paul Bates; Tony Ragan; Sue Hastings; Barbara Carter; David Pedrick; Joseph Watson; Imelda Davies; Ralph Turner; John Nickols; Terry; Les & Lynn Metcalfe; Jackie Turner; David McGhie; Shirley Francis; Olivia, Sebastian & baby Ophelia; Cathy; June Robinson; Joe Martin; Lodovico Mirani; Rosemary Cain

✦ *Andrea Sutcliffe, RIP*

✦ *Roxanne, RIP*

✦ *Joan Berry, RIP*

Post-Mass Refreshments

Today, 2nd February, tea/coffee will be served in the Saints Function Room, from 12 noon until 1pm.

Dates for your diary (details to follow):

Friday 28th February

6pm - 9pm: Events Night in the Saints with refreshments and in-house entertainment. If you're willing to contribute a 'turn' (musical or otherwise) to our premiere variety show, please contact Peter Shepherd.

Saturday 1st March

12 noon - 2pm: 'Come and be a chorister'

Friday 18th April

4.30pm: Come and sing Stainer's Crucifixion, with solemn performance afterwards

Next Sunday - 9th February -

Fourth Sunday Before Lent

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's, Spital)

10.30 Choral Mass
Readings: Isaiah 6.1-8
Luke 5.1-11

18.30 Choral Evensong
Readings: Psalm(s) 1 & 2
Wisdom 6.1-21
Colossians 3.1-22

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