

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 back to God, and 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 that to God's service.

PRESENTATION/CANDLEMAS (1st February 2026)

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
10.30 Choral Mass
& Candlemas 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 OF CHRIST / CANDLEMAS

CHORAL MASS & PROCESSION

Processional Hymn: 209

Setting: Little Organ Mass (Josef Haydn)

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, Jesus 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: 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, the parents of Jesus 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: 368

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

Post-Communion Hymn: 211

Canticle: *Nunc Dimittis* (Geoffrey Burgon)

Voluntary: *Fuga III* (Felix Mendelssohn)

CHORAL EVENSONG

Responses: Smith

Psalm(s): 122 & 132

First Lesson: Haggai 2.1-9

Office Hymn: 210

Canticles: Dyson in C

Second Lesson: John 2.18-22

Anthem: Light of the World (Johnny Dankworth)

Hymn: 345

Voluntary: Processional (William Mathias)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Tuesday 1st February - Presentation / Candlemas

- Those prayed for as part of Thy Kingdom Come
- ◇ The Church of England
- ✦ *Bertha Stockton; Barbara King*

Monday 2nd February

- Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting today
- ◇ Te Pihopatanga o Te Tairāwhiti - The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Tuesday 3rd February - Anskar

- Parishes of All Saints Aston-on-Trent, St Bartholomew Elvaston, St Mary Weston-on-Trent and Shardlow, St Wilfrid Barrow-upon-Trent with Twyford and St James Swarkestone
- ◇ Taita-Taveta - The Anglican Church of Kenya
- ✦ *Claude Handford, priest; Jean Holden; Madge Lewsley; Laraine Bowen*

Wednesday 4th February - Gilbert of Sempringham

- Parishes of St Saviour Foremark and St Wystan Repton with Newton Solney
- ◇ Taiwan - The Episcopal Church

Thursday 5th February

- Parish of St Mary and St George Gresley
- ◇ Tamale - The Church of West Africa

Friday 6th February - The Martyrs of Japan

- Parishes of St Michael and St Mary Melbourne, St George Ticknall, St James Smisby and St Michael Stanton-by-Bridge
- ◇ Tanga - The Anglican Church of Tanzania
- ✦ *Maurice Short*

Saturday 7th February

- Parish of St John Newhall
- ◇ Central Tanganyika - The Anglican Church of Tanzania
- ✦ *Val Brain; Louisa Bradley; Doreen Whysall*
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Parish Reader: John Gascoyne

Churchwardens: John Hague
Colin McKenna

Organist & Choirmaster:

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Our prayers have been asked for:

Tony Ragan; Linda Weston; Ralph Turner; Ian Mackenzie; John Nickols; Ambrose Mason; Cathy; Joan Melbourne; Trevor Crane; Elise Wilson; Joshua Wilson; Anthony Duce; Rose Evans

✦ *Dorothy Crawshaw*

✦ *Bill Godfrey, bishop*

✦ *Celia Barnes*

✦ *Michael White*

Parochial Church Council

The next meeting of PCC will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th February in the Parish Centre.

Next Sunday - 8th February - Sexagesima

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's, Spital)

10.30 Choral Mass

Readings: Romans 8.18-25
Matthew 6.25-end

18.30 Choral Evensong

Readings: Psalm(s) 148
Proverbs 8.1, 22-31
Revelation 4

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