



The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) 2 February 2019



“I will be swift to bear witness...against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien” Malachi 2:5

This morning's music

105 Christ whose glory fills the skies
481 Lord thy word abideth
223 Glorious things of thee are spoken
268 Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost
114 Colours of day
Mendelssohn: Hope

This morning's readings and prayers

Malachi 3.1-5 (reader: Barbara Purvis); **Psalm 24**;
Hebrews 2.14-18 (reader: Jenny Black); **Luke 2.22-40** (Gospeller: Helen Reid)
Intercessor: Leslie Fletcher

Prayer in the silence after communion

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us, and present us pure and
holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

Collect for Candlemas

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.

Gospel acclamation *Reader:* Alleluia, Alleluia. This child is the light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. *All:* **Alleluia!**

Post Communion for Candlemas

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Next Sunday, Third Sunday before Lent (Proper 1)

Isaiah 58.1-12 (reader: Diane Wynn); **Psalm 112**; **1 Corinthians 2.1-16** (reader: Pam Race);
Matthew 5.13-20 (Gospeller: Opal Walsh); Intercessor: Jenny Black

Tea and coffee are served in the Community Hall after the Sunday morning service

Raffle of excess chocolate from Christmas to be drawn this morning, before Lent begins! Tickets from Judy or Leslie Fletcher, profits towards the baby change unit

Thanks to all who helped with Thursday's *Meet the Organ Restorer* afternoon and again to those who helped with the Burns' Night celebration and raised £303 for church funds.

Hymns & Psalm

6.30pm today

839 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

Psalms 122, 132

Evensong

449 Make me a channel of your peace

200 Forth in the peace of Christ we go

Readings: Haggai 2.1-9, John 2.18-22

This week and further ahead

Tuesday 4 February 7.00pm Holy Communion, 7.30pm PCC meeting

Thursday 6 February 10.00am Holy Communion (in the Vestry)

4.30 – 7.00pm at Holy Innocents: *A Quiet Place in the Eye of the Storm*. A conversation focusing on responses to ageing led by Helen Aczel.

Tuesday 11 February 7.30pm in the Hall: Cheese and Wine and Raffle, all welcome

Friday 28 February 7.30pm at St Nick's: Rector's 50th Birthday Quiz Night. Doors open from 7pm (till 10pm). £3 per person. Teams of up-to six welcome; if anyone wishes to come alone, teams will be found! There will be a bar with soft drinks available.

Saturday 21 March 7.30pm Inaugural recital on the restored organ given by Paul Hale, formerly Cathedral Organist at Southwell Minster. Refreshments afterwards.

... help monitor how we are doing as an Inclusive Church? To see what it involves talk to Mark or take a look here <http://inclusive-church.org/inclusion-is>

Would you like to ...

... serve at the altar? Talk to Mark or Leslie Fletcher about being trained as a server.

... write an article for Parish Magazine? Submission date is the 15th of each month. Talk to Christine Hindley if you are interested.
