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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2019 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)



The Presentation in the Temple (c.1465-1475) by the Meister de Marienlebens (working c.1463 - c.1490)

HYMNS THIS MORNING

ENTRANCE	436
GRADUAL	341
O FFERTORY	586
COMMUNION	393 & 605
FINAL	261

Before the Parish Eucharist
Quiet, please, from 0955 (a bell will be rung)
"Talk to God before the service, and to one another afterwards"

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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.**

The Reading from the Old Testament – Malachi 3:1-5

Thus says the LORD God: '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.'

The Gospel Reading - Luke 2: 25-35, 39-40

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.' 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.

Prayers of Intercession

The sick and those who care for them: John Leech, Esmé von Habsburg, Andrew, Susan, Jenny Edwards, Margaret Montagu, Deirdre West, Barbara Webb, Beryl Scott, Jean Johnson, Elizabeth Perkis, Sarah Neve, Pippa, Jill Crossland, Lily, Yvonne Goddard, Susan Wiltshire

The recently departed: Nigel Pett

Anniversaries of death this week: Elvi Rhodes (3rd); Keith Miller (4th); Angus McLarty (5th); Valerie Rayner (6th); Ellen Wilson (7th); Roger Jones (7th); Gwyn James (7th); John Ernest Jackaman (8th); Pamela Colclough (8th); Nigel Kitchen (9th)

Post-communion Prayer

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. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 5:1-11 Related readings – Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11



Urgently needed this week: Tinned mixed vegetables, hot dog sausages, long life juice, tinned fruit. Many thanks for your ongoing support of the Foodbank. Please pray for its work, and for the increasing number of people who rely on its services and our donations.

The Journeys of Captain Silver Crow Dirty Footprints Theatre Saturday 23rd February at 1930

(not suitable for under 14s – it's sophisticated!)

Synopsis - When Captain Silver Crow's ship, the Mary Ellen, is conjured up to a mysterious island, there is only one way for the crew to regain freedom: storytelling. Three stories must be told, and they have to be 'most unbelievable, most unimaginable, yet unequivocally true'. It is a matter of life and death. A

wise crow once said that 'a soul who



doesn't like listening to stories is a wasted soul'. However, can one listen to one story too many? *What are people saying about the show?*

'The adventures of a cunning seaman told as a series of short stories and shanties punctuated by flute and melodeon, of how they needed to avoid a nasty end by the hand of a petulant prince, is charming, witty and entertaining. A wonderful twist to finish'. John & Nicky

Mamma Mia!

A wonderful evening of film. song and dance in church was enjoyed by about 90 people on Friday night. After costs, the event raised over £800 for the Tower Fund. Many thanks to Heather and Kieron Butler for organising and arranging the evening, to everyone who gave their time to run the event and to all who came along and digged the Dancing Queen!

Healing Service

Our first monthly Healing Service will be held on Sunday 17th February at 1700. Do come and pray for those who are sick or in need of healing/wholeness, especially if it is you yourself. An explanation of the service will be offered at the beginning of the evening. All are welcome.

Floodlighting

The church is being floodlit at night in the month of February by Rosemary Tee in loving memory of Dudley Tee RIP. Also by Sally Phillips in loving memory of Freddie Kemp RIP. If you would like to sponsor the floodlighting, we suggest a minimum donation of £30 for a month.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 23rd February at 1930 – Theatrical Storytelling by Dirty Footprints Theatre

The Journeys of Captain Silver Crow (not suitable for under 14s)

Friday 1st March 1900- Beetle Drive and Fish & Chip Supper in St Margaret's Cottage £10pp, payable to Maureen Blakey or on the night, sign up now at the back of church.

Saturday 25th May – Recital by John Mann and Cream Tea

Friday 21st June – evening The Hanover Band (programme to be confirmed)

Saturday 13th July at 1900 – 'The New Men' The Academical Clerks of New College, Oxford

Saturday 20th/Sunday 21st July – St Margaret's Day celebrations

Saturday 27th July – Piano Recital by Dan Phelps

Saturday 3rd August – Village Fair

Thursday 19th – Saturday 21st September – The Great Harvest Village Show

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 3 rd	0730	Morning Prayer
PRESENTATION OF CHRIST	0800	Holy Communion
IN THE TEMPLE	1000	Family Parish Eucharist
	1700	Evening Prayer

The Season of Christmas and Epiphany ends

Monday 4 th	0830 1800	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	
Tuesday 5 th	0830 1000 1030 1800	Morning Prayer Eucharist Singing Kettle <i>in St Margaret's Cottage</i> Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 6 th Accession Day	0830 1000 1800 1830	Morning Prayer School worship in church Evening Prayer Eucharist & Bible Study/Discussion	
Thursday 7 th	0830 1000 1800	Morning Prayer Eucharist Evening Prayer	
Friday 8 th	No public	No public services today	
Saturday 9 th	1000 1700	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	
Sunday 10 th 4 BEFORE LENT	0730 0800 1000 1700	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Parish Eucharist Evening Prayer	