

Presentation of Christ in the temple – Feb. 02, 2025

(Candlemas)

WELCOME

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PSALM 111

¹Praise the Lord.

I will extol the Lord with all my heart
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

²Great are the works of the Lord;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

³Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and compassionate.

⁵He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶He has shown his people the power of his works,
giving them the lands of other nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸They are established for ever and ever,
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹He provided redemption for his people;
he ordained his covenant forever—
holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good
understanding.

To him belongs eternal praise.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen

SONG:

Hail to the Lord's anointed (150)

CONFESSION and Absolution

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **Amen**

Silence (for personal confession)

Let us confess our sins together:

**O God our gracious Father,
we confess that we have sinned against you and done many things to grieve you:
we have often been selfish,
we have often forgotten to pray,
in our busyness we have neglected your word,
and we have not loved you or one another as we should.**

For these and all other sins and failures forgive us we pray, through Him who died for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you (*us*), pardon and deliver you (*us*) from all your (*our*) sins, confirm and strengthen you (*us*) in all goodness and keep you (*us*) in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SONG: 2422

Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
Without You, I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defence, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

Where sin runs deep,
Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

**READING: Hebrews 2:14 – end
*This is the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.***

COLLECT (Special Prayer):

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was 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

SONG: Longing for light (2417)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to You
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see

*Christ, be our light
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light
Shine in Your church gathered today*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless
Longing for warmth, many are cold
Make us Your building, sheltering others
Walls made of living stone

Many the gifts, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong
Let us be servants to one another
Making Your kingdom come

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22 – 40

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to...*

Glory to you, O Lord

*This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ*

DISMISS CHILDREN

SERMON: Christ – the light to the nations

SONG: Light of the world 1419

CREED: (*Nicene – 1700th year anniversary*) p4

INTERCESSION:

***Merciful Father accept these prayers for
the sake of your Son our Saviour, Jesus
Christ. Amen***

The Lord's Prayer

Let's join together with confidence...

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us
from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and for ever. AMEN.**

PEACE

We are the body of Christ, in the one Spirit we
were all baptised into one body. Let us then
pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our
common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERING: *If you prefer to contribute through the
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sort code: **090155**; St. Saviour's Parochial Church
Council. If you prefer to give using the **Parish Giving
Scheme** visit their website:
<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/>. We also now
have the ability to receive **contactless** contributions.*

**Gracious God, for all you have given us, all you
will give us and all you give us here and now, we
offer you our thanks and praise. Bless this offering
of our money and of ourselves to be used in your
service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

NOTICES AND BIRTHDAYS

FINAL SONG:

Shine Jesus shine 362

Prayer and Blessing

O God, we cannot measure your love, nor ever
count your innumerable blessings:
we thank you for all your goodness;
for in our weakness, you make us strong, in our
darkness you give us light,

and in our sorrows you bring comfort and peace. And from everlasting to everlasting, you are God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

And now onto Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before his glorious presence with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, now and ever. **Amen**

(Jude 24,25)

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you now and forever. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

NOTICES

1. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO DRESS WARM** as the weather gets colder because our heating is not very effective.

2. **Please take a copy of the Good News**



Newspaper. It is a good read.

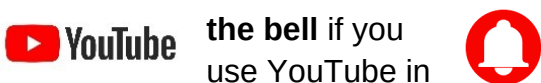
3. **Please complete an electoral roll form** if you are a regular member here. The electoral roll must be revised this year.

4. **An opportunity to meet our new archdeacon, Mike Powers** - Feb. 5th at 7:30pm at St. Bart's church in East Ham. Email: Janet Bone, (Lay Chair) janet.bone17@virginmedia.com

5. **Young Christians Together will be meeting this Friday Feb. 07th at 7:30** at Dorothea's house. Please invite and bring someone between the ages 18-35.

6. **Women's meeting** after the service today.

7. Please remember to **subscribe and use**



the bell if you use YouTube in

your morning and evening prayers.

• **Friday fortnight bible Study on zoom every other Friday from 7:30**

• **Tuesday evening Bible Study each week on zoom from 8pm.**



ALL ARE INVITED

8. Church of England daily prayer:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER

*I arise today,
through God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's host to save me
From snares of devils,
From temptation of vices,
From everyone who shall wish me ill,
afar and near.*

*Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of everyone
who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen*

What is Candlemas?



Candlemas is 40 days after Christmas and during Medieval times was the official end of Christmas. It celebrates the 40-day purification rites of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **the presentation of Christ in the temple** for blessing and the blessing of candles that will be used throughout the year to symbolize the light of Christ to the world. Before electricity candles were very important especially in the church.

PRAYER FOCUS:

If you would like someone to pray with you, please go to the prayer corner and a member of our prayer team will pray with you.



Please keep these and others in your prayers this week.

Ex15:26...for I am the Lord who heals you.

Cast all your cares and anxieties and worries and fears upon the LORD for he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)

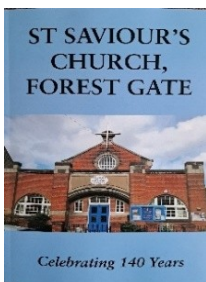
Roy and **Pauline** Haywood, **Samuel** and **Pauline** Bookal-Downes, **Doreen**, **Noel** Morris, **Suriyakala** Johnson, **Attlee** (and Revd Janetta), Jean and **Walter**, Monica, **Sue** (**Daisy** and family), **Veronica** and Chester, **Dolly** and Desmond, **Jean** Murphy, **Pat** and Ray Vincent, **Muriel**, **David** Martins, **Veronica** James, **Monica** and daughter (**Sheryl**), Radcliffe and **Pauline**, **Andy** and Anita, Una, Ann and Richard (*in Wales*), **Kianna** – (*Ann's granddaughter*) and her stepmum – **Lucy** and brother Ian, **Spencer** (*Sophie's son*), **Jennifer**, **Kay** Brown and **Michelle** (*in Jamaica*); **Ilene** (*Hillary's mum*), **Karen** (*Hillary's sister*), **Hillary**, **Tia** (*Maxine's great grandniece*); **Marcia** (*Noel's sister whose husband passed away recently*)...

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Upcoming funerals in church:

- Feb. 05th at 11am
- Feb. 14th at 11am



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