



## 8am Holy Communion, in Church

### 10am Service of the Word for the New Year, in Church & via [Zoom](#)

You are welcome to share in our worship in the following ways:

**1. Come to Church** All are welcome! Remember to bring your order of service.

#### 2. Join with Zoom on your computer

When you are signed in you can 'Join a Meeting'.  
(Meeting ID **846 662 9590**, Password **834900**).

#### 3. Join with Audio Zoom via phone

- a) Call **0131 460 1196**
- b) Enter Meeting ID: **846 662 9590** followed by #
- c) You may be asked to enter Participant ID: press #
- d) Enter Meeting Password: **834900** followed by #

*You will be muted automatically when you join the 'meeting' (service).*

Whether or not you might like to do this, let's be aware of the prayerful communion in God's Spirit that we all share, wherever we are, whether or not we are able to talk, video-call or communicate with one another.

### A Psalm for The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, Psalm 84

#### **Refrain: Blessed are they who dwell in your house.**

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:  
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house: they will always be praising you. **[R]**

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion,  
Who going through the barren valley find there a spring,  
and the early rains will clothe it with blessing.

They will go from strength to strength and appear before God in Zion. **[R]**

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; listen, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God, and look upon the face of your anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand. **[R]**

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is both sun and shield; he will give grace and glory;  
no good thing shall the Lord withhold from those who walk with integrity.

O Lord God of hosts, blessed are those who put their trust in you. **[R]**

Lord God, sustain us in this vale of tears

with the vision of your grace and glory,

that, strengthened by the bread of life, we may come to your eternal dwelling place;  
in the power of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Collect 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.

### Gospel for The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, Luke 2. 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus 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.

### An anthem for today

Last year on this day our Choir sang 'My eyes for beauty pine' (Howells), at our 11:15am Sung Eucharist service. You might like to listen to [this version](#), by the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire Chamber Choir:

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddes grace,  
no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above:  
'tis named when God's name is said, 'tis love, 'tis heavenly love.

And every gentle heart that burns with true desire,  
is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.



# Newsletter and Notices

**The church will be open for personal prayer for an extra hour: from 11am to 1pm every day, from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February.**

***An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.***

*In this time of Lockdown and during these shorter days our sessions might be an extra occasion for our church's light to shine in the darkness.*

*With thanks to the volunteers who have offered to serve as stewards and manage social distancing and infection control measures whenever the church is open.*

**If you'd like the Prayer Chain to pray for some concern which is on your heart,** please make your prayer request to the coordinator: [diane.pettitt@hotmail.com](mailto:diane.pettitt@hotmail.com) / 461845. Requests are strictly confidential to the Prayer Chain, who will simply pray as asked and a request won't lead to further contact or action. If a request to the Prayer Chain would help, don't hesitate to make it.

**Keeping in touch.** With so much disruption to church worship and activities over the past 11 months now, it has been hard to keep as connected as a community as we would like. We've tried, through general email and website messages, hard-copy delivery to those not online, plus phone calls, personal emails, letters and even Zoom-chats, to offer ways of staying in touch. Thanks to all the very many people who have played a part in that, and for all the informal reaching-out that has been going on so that we can support one another. Above all let's keep one another in our regular prayers. But if you feel you have 'slipped the net' and missed having contact with anyone from church for a while, do let the Parish Office know by phone, letter or email. A member of the ministry team will be happy to be in touch, to talk and listen, as we try to stay connected and help one another, while pandemic and lock down persist. Thank you.

**Singing in Services** – Due to recent changes in government guidance, we sadly cannot invite a scratch choir to sing together anymore. Would anyone be willing to offer ministry either as a lone Cantor, and/or, conceivably, as a member of a small, household/bubbled singing group? Please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

**Online cookery courses from 9<sup>th</sup> February** – One of the charities that we support, Freedom from Torture, are running 2 hour courses with a Sri Lankan chef and survivor of torture, to help raise funds and awareness. For more information see our [website](#) or go direct to the [Eventbrite booking page](#). Tickets going fast!

**'Tearing up the Year'** – David Arkell has written a new poem relating to the pandemic, one which looks forward as well as back. [Click here to read it in full.](#)



# Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021

## Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

**Prayers for our Community via Zoom, 9:30am, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January** – A half hour session of informal prayer, via Zoom: Meeting ID 458 034 0358, Password 435609. All welcome.

**Holy Communion, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 10am** – In church and via Derwyn's Zoom. You can also dial in by phone; instructions on previous page. (Meeting ID 846 662 9590, Password 834900).

**DIY Christingle, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 10am** – We are planning to make Christingles (in church or at home) during our 10am worship (in person and on Zoom) on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February. There is no need to make a special trip to the shops: you will need to provide for yourself a large round fruit, some small sweets or dried fruit and red ribbon/paper/cloth. However, you might not have cocktail sticks or small candles so we have carefully prepared individual sets of those, laid out on a table in Church, to collect if you come in to **worship** or **for private prayer**.

**Zoom prayer with June on Mondays** – A support chat and prayer room each week. If you're interested in joining, do call her for more details (771756).

**In these times when it's not feasible for the Junior Church to meet we've created a few children's resources for families to share together on Sundays**

- There's a [printable sheet on our website](#) which offers a prayer and activities that will help young people get to know the person of Jesus. This week's is based on today's Gospel reading from John.
- You might also like to share in this week's Godly Story, 'The Candlemas Story', also from today's Gospel. It's a fantastic visual version of the scriptures, with wondering questions for families to share together. The video's on YouTube [here](#). Do have a look and explore the links on our [Children and Young People](#) page: there are lots of fun things including craft activity templates, quizzes and a video made by our Youth Group.

**Do you have a laptop you might wish to donate to disadvantaged schoolchildren?** Here's a link to a local company: [www.ITVET.co.uk/donate](http://www.ITVET.co.uk/donate) The link takes you to a form to fill in your details, and explains what to do with them.

More details of all services and events are available on the [Calendar](#) page on our website. Do follow us on Social Media too, for regular updates.

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