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Sunday 2nd February 2025

CANDLEMAS - THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE.

COMING UP AT ST PETER'S

Sunday 2ndth Feb	08.00am	Holy Eucharist
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
Weds 5th Feb	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
Sunday 9th Feb	08.00am	Holy Eucharist
	10.00am	Parade Service Service of the Word.

NOTICES & DATES FOR THE DIARY.

- Next Sunday, 9th February, the 10 am Parade Service will be a **Service of the Word**. There will be No Eucharist during that service; however, there will be some activities for children.
- **Breakfast** – On **Sunday 9th February**, after the 8am Holy Eucharist, breakfast will be served in the Vicarage. Even if you're attending the 10 am service, you're most welcome to join us a bit earlier for the breakfast. Please sign the sheet at the back of the church for catering purposes.
- **Weekly Lent Home Groups**
 From 10th March, there will be an opportunity to join a Home Group in the Parishes of St Peter and St Laurence, studying Bishop Philip's Lent Course, "**Hear Our Prayer**", as part of the Year of Prayer. Gather with us:
Mondays at 2pm, St Laurence's Rectory
Wednesdays at 7pm, St Peter's Vicarage
 A time for reflection, connection, and prayer.
- **Morning Prayer and Breakfast**
 From 13th March, we will have Morning Prayer on Thursdays from 9.30am to 10.00 a.m., followed by a light breakfast in the church during the Lent.
- To learn more about What's Happening in the Church, please fill out the pew slip to receive the weekly email or message Fr. Cornelius to add you to the mailing list.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria, Sudan, and all places affected by warfare, violence or state oppression.

Those who have asked for our prayers:
 the Rev'd Mo Baldwin, Pam McLoughlin, Dorothy Kerr, Beryl Diggles, Dot Bolan, Roy Wilding. Margaret Almond.

all recently departed, especially those known to us;
 Sharon Smith, Diana Downing, Wilma Tossato and Margaret Heald.

those who we remember at this time:
 Jessie Livesey, Adam Philip Wood, Margaret Jones, Kenneth Jones, Margaret Howarth, John Francis Grodnicki, Carl Speak, Dorothy Patton, Ada Compton, Lily Thurston, Ray William Greenhalgh, Sara Atkinson, Roy Parkinson, Robert James Gray, Jessie Livesey.

To allow for privacy, names are not added on to the sick or departed lists unless requested and permission from the person named is given.

To add a name onto our prayer or memorial lists, please email chorleystp.office@gmail.com

THE LYCIG PRAYER FOR CHURCH GROWTH

GOD OF MISSION, WHO ALONE BRINGS GROWTH TO YOUR CHURCH: SEND YOUR HOLY SPIRIT TO GIVE VISION TO OUR PLANNING, WISDOM TO OUR ACTIONS, AND POWER TO OUR WITNESS. HELP OUR CHURCH TO GROW IN NUMBERS, IN SPIRITUAL COMMITMENT TO YOU, AND IN SERVICE TO OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN

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Collect

Let us pray:

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

We sit to attend to the scriptures

Liturgy of the Word

The Reading: *Hebrews 2.14-end*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since 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,¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.¹⁷ 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.¹⁸ 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

All stand for the Gospel

The Holy Gospel | Luke 2.22-40

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations; and believed in throughout the world.

Alleluia

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'),²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

²⁵ 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.²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not

see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.²⁷Guided 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,²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.³⁴Then 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 opposed³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶ 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,³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day.³⁸At 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.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.⁴⁰The 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.



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

Please join us for refreshments after the service.
