

Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas)
3rd February, 2019

Collect.

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

A reading from the book of the prophet

Malachi. (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.

Psalm 24: "Let the Lord enter. He is the King of Glory!"

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Hebrews 2.14-18

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, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. 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. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hear the gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. 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 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.

Notes on today's service

At the end of the service during the final hymn Our candles will be lit, and the choir and altar party will make their way to the font, for the ending of the Candlemas ceremonies, please turn towards the font and make the responses as shown below.

The Responsory for the Candlemas ceremonies

- Priest: Father, here we bring to an end our celebration of the Saviour's birth.
- All: **Help us, in whom he has been born, to live his life that has no end.**
- Priest: Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.
- All: **Help us, who have received the bread of life, to be thankful for your gift.**
- Priest: Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.
- All: **Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple, to trust in your eternal promises.**
- Priest: Here we have greeted the Light of the world.
- All: **Help us, who now extinguish these candles, never to forsake the light of Christ.**
- All now extinguish their candles.*
- Priest: Here we now stand near the place of baptism.
- All: **Help us, who are marked with the cross, to share the Lord's death and resurrection.**
- Priest: Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.
- All: **Help us, for whom Lent is near, to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**
- Priest: Here we bless one another in your name.
- All: **Help us, who now go in peace, to shine with your light in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

NOTICES.....

ELECTORAL ROLL: The Electoral Roll has to be totally renewed this year. **Please note that there isn't a space to write telephone numbers... please**

add it somewhere on the form. Please return form asap, to the RED BOX at the back of the church. Thank you.

LENT COURSE 2019: Please fill out the questionnaire, selecting your preferred time, if you are planning to attend and place it in the RED BOX asap. We will then hold the session at the **most popular time**. ONLY A FEW PEOPLE HAVE SHOWN AN INTEREST SO FAR.

These sessions are for everyone!

WALSINGHAM 2019: 2nd deposit of £20 is now due. Please hand your payment to Maureen Warwick. **FREE COAL:** If anyone uses coal I have 2 x 10 kilo bags of house coal FREE. Contact Jane on 07917756908, located East Wittering. Could drop off locally for anyone without a car.

DIARY DATES.....

CHANGE OF DATE AND VENUE FOR

DEANERY SYNOD: This will now take place on Wednesday 13th February, 7.15pm at St. Pancras Church. Parking in the market carpark.

EARNLEY PARISH FUND RAISING DINNER:

Book a ticket (or a table) annual dinner on **Saturday 23rd February**, 7.00 for 7.15pm. The meal £15 a head! BRING YOUR OWN WINE OR SOFT DRINKS. Contact Pauline Norris now on 0774 852 1183 or 670754 or mediapack@btinternet.com to reserve your tickets. Or John Stant on 01243 670227, email: stant815@btinternet.com

VALENTINES/ABBA EVENING on **Saturday 16th February** at East Wittering Village Hall from 7.30pm to 10.30pm. Included in your ticket price of £15 will be supper and there will be a licensed bar, tickets are available from Jean Church on 670799 and Roger Leggett on 673490. All proceeds to St. Wilfrid's Hospice.

Services this Week

Morning and Evening prayer is said weekdays Tues to Fri at 9.00am and 5.30pm & Saturday at 9.00am (1st Friday of the month 7.00pm Compline & Benediction)

All services at St. Anne's unless otherwise stated

Tuesday 7.00pm Said Eucharist
Wednesday 10.00am – Said Eucharist
Thursday 10.00am – Said Eucharist
Friday 7.00pm – Said Eucharist
Saturday 9.30am – Said Eucharist

Services Next Sunday

(Last Sunday in the month 8.00am BCP)

4th before Lent

10th February, 2019

8.00am Said Eucharist
9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley
10.00am Sung Eucharist

Readings:
Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-33)
1 Corinthians 115: 1-11
Luke 5:1-11

CHOIR PRACTICE: 2nd, 4th (5th) Thursday

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP AN EYE ON OUR CHURCH. IT WILL BE KEPT SAFER IF THERE ARE FREQUENT VISITORS.

The Parishes of Earnley with East Wittering and Almodington

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We welcome all visitors to our churches.

All communicant members of Christ's church are warmly invited to receive the Sacraments. If you do not receive the sacraments then please come forward for God's Blessing. (All services are at St. Anne's unless indicated)

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Before the service and after the second bell, talk to God through quiet prayer and silent devotion, bringing to the Lord those events of your past week, and after the service, then talk to your friends.

If you are a visitor to our church, making a donation in the collection, and you are a taxpayer, the PCC would be very grateful if you could put your donation in one of the envelopes available at the end of the pews, and sign the Gift Aid Declaration on the envelope. In this way, the Church can claim a further 25p for every £1 you give. Thank you.

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8.00am Said Eucharist
9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley
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WE WELCOME Fr. PETER

Hymns: 416, 557, 309, 496, 241

Intercessions

The sick and those who have asked of our prayers:

Fr. Clifford, Brenda & Lee Whitton, Fr. Dennis,

From our families and friends we remember

Clare Beamish, Chris Cumming, Jenny Mackintosh,

Doug Errett, Kiri, Tricia, Emily Moulton, Caroline Rex, baby Romanhy, Dolly Swann, Connie Homer, Carol Clark, Trudy Hoskins, Leanne Chandler, Shabana Jazbi, Jo Wheeler, Sheila Evans and all those in our local nursing homes & rest homes, the housebound, those who care for them, and all who have been recently bereaved

The Recently Departed

John Whittington, Joan Pettman, Kennard Miles

Those whose years mind falls at this time

Frederick Bicknell, Betty Hankins, Yvonne Bayley,

Paul Robson, Gladys Porter, Eileen Norbury,

Phyllis Winfield, Bob Rumbelow, Rita Stevenson,

Minna Littlejohns, Laura Tilley, John Harrison,

Eric Cooper, Diane Hawkins

If you know of some one who is sick or has not been to church for a few weeks and may welcome a visit please notify Fr. Steve or one of the Churchwardens.