

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

30 January 2022

CANDLEMAS



Today:

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist with children
Admitted to Holy Communion

Welcome to our services. Today we celebrate Candlemas and we welcome children who are being admitted to communion.

The PCC continue to ask everyone who comes inside the church building to wear a mask, to use the hand sanitizer and to sign our 'track and trace' register. The chairs will be arranged in a safely-distanced way and we ask people to stay in their household groups. We will continue to monitor the Government and C of E guidelines and will respond accordingly.

Today's readings are:

Malachi 3.1-5; Psalm 24.7-end; Hebrews 2.14-end; Luke 2.22-40

Our hymns at 10 o'clock are:

Opening:	Praise to the holiest in the height	NEH 439, omit vv 3 & 4
Offertory:	Shine Jesus Shine	see page 4
Communion:	Faithful vigil ended	NEH 44
Final:	Songs of thankfulness and praise	NEH 56
Anthem:	<i>The heavens are telling</i> (Haydn)	

Collect for today

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

This week:

Monday 31 st	9.15 am	Morning Prayer in Church
	10.00 am	Meditation Group in the Study Centre
Wednesday 2 nd	10.15 am	Eucharist in Church
Friday 4 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer in Church

Malachi 3.1-5

The Coming Messenger

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 24.7-end

Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you ever/lasting / doors;
and the King of / glory / shall come / in.
'Who is the / King of / glory?'
'The Lord, strong and mighty,
the / Lord who is / mighty in / battle'.
Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you ever/lasting / doors;
and the King of / glory / shall come / in.
'Who is this / King of / glory?'
'The Lord of hosts,
/ he is the / King of / glory'.

Hebrews 2.14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he 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.

Luke 2.22-40

Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him 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.

The Return to Nazareth

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.

Readings for next Sunday, 6 February 2022 (4th Sunday before Lent)

Isaiah 6.1-8 [9-end]; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11

We will be holding a **holiday lunch club** on Monday 14 February, 11 am – 1 pm, and need volunteers to help. If you are around and can offer your support, please let Steve know.

We would very much like to regularly offer **tea and coffee after our 10 o'clock services**, starting as soon as possible, but are looking for more volunteers so that we can put a rota together. Please speak to Steve.

We are also looking for more support with **teas and coffees on Saturday mornings at the Food Hub**. We would like to reinstate our community coffee-style format in March but in the meantime we are continuing to serve refreshments to people whilst they queue. Again, let Steve know please if you can help.

Linda Appleby will be selling her poetry book 'Harvest' after both the 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock services on Sunday 20 February. The book costs £5 and Linda will give some of the proceeds to St James'.

Now that the Plan B guidelines are being lifted, **Caroline will be back in the office** on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, and working from home on Monday mornings.

The **Food Hub** is open again regularly on Saturdays, 10.30 – 12 noon.

Offertory Hymn: Shine Jesus Shine

1

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord,
And let there be light.*

2

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
 So our faces display your likeness,
 Ever changing from glory to glory;
 Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
 Shine on me, shine on me.

Graham Kendrick
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Rite of Admission of Children to Holy Communion

Priest addressing the parents and families of the children

The children have been committed and diligent in their preparation to be admitted to receive Holy Communion. Will you support your children as they grow in the Christian faith and encourage them to come in due course to be confirmed?

Parents and Families: Yes, with God's help.

Priest addressing the congregation

People of God, these children are part of our family. Will you also support and encourage them on their Christian pilgrimage.

All: Yes, with God's help.

Priest: God of life,
 you invite us to eat at your table;
 may we know your love, follow you in the world,
 and shine with your light all the days of our life;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The priest says to the children

Priest I admit you to receive Holy Communion.
 May you know Christ's special presence as we share the bread and wine together.

Each child receives a book of prayers and a certificate.

Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Judy and Ron Ferrari and family
Monday	Denise Finlay and family
Tuesday	Maureen Gibbs
Wednesday	Alison and Graham Giles
Thursday	Hatty Harris
Friday	Ann and Geoff Heathcock
Saturday	David Heslam

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Weekly Church Activities

Junior Choir Practice	Sundays, 11.15 am – 12 noon
Choir Practice	Mondays, 6.30 pm—7.30 pm
Meditation Group	Mondays, 10.00 am

Community Activities

Beavers (6-8 yrs)	16thcambridgebeavers@gmail.com
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Our parish magazine **Crosspiece** is available on the website.

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