

**Please remember in your prayers**

Pray for those who are not well at this time and pray for the souls of the recently departed, may they rest in peace.



**Prayer Line**

There will be a Prayer Line Meeting after the 10.45am Eucharist today (Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January)  
Audrey

**The Well Food Bank**

Our latest collection of gifts for the Food Bank weighed 18.5kg.  
Many thanks to everyone who contributed.

**Memorial Service**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm.  
Everyone welcome.

**Place of Welcome**

If we are to continue to provide a 'Place of Welcome' on Saturday mornings, we will need more volunteers!

If you are able to spare a Saturday morning on an occasional basis, please sign up on the notice board at the back of church. Full training and support available. Thank you, Mike

**Magazine Advertising**

A revenue from the Church magazines is dependent upon sales and advertising income. If you can suggest any shops/companies who could advertise in the magazine, please let me know. Mike



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**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Candlemas**

**10.30am Sunday Club**

**10.45am Sung Eucharist**

(Celebrant: Revd Allen Roberts)

**Coffee/Tea will be served at the back of church after the 10.45am Eucharist.**

**Please stay and join us.**

**Hymns for Sung Eucharist**

Introit: **329** Make way, make way

Gradual: **65** Born in the night

Offertory: **34** Angels from the realms of glory

Communion: **288** King of glory, king of peace

Recessional: **317** Shine Jesus shine

**This Week**

Mon	29	2pm Bible Study Group
Tues	30	2pm Craft Group <b>7pm Eucharist</b>
Wed	31	6.30pm Friendship Club
Thur	1	<b>9.30am Eucharist</b> 10am Coffee Pop-In
Fri	2	<b>12noon Eucharist</b>
Sat	3	10am Place of Welcome 7.30pm Beetle Drive
Sun	4	<b>8am Eucharist</b> 10.30am Sunday Club <b>10.45am Sung Eucharist</b> <b>4pm Memorial Service</b>

**Sunday 28th January 10.45am**

**Welcomers:** Jean M, Mary  
**Reader:** Revd Patrick Bryan  
**Prayers:** Mike  
**Offertory:** tba  
**Assist:** Carole, Mark  
**Pebble Pool:** tba

**Sunday 4th February 8am**

**Sides, Reader, Offertory, Assist:** Mike

**Sunday 4th February 10.45am**

**Welcomers:** Jean H, Victor  
**Reader:** Andrea  
**Prayers:** Carole  
**Offertory:** Rita, Sheila, Malcolm  
**Assist:** Janet, Malcolm  
**Pebble Pool:** Victor

## **Candlemas**

### **Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

#### **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 forever.

#### **FIRST READING Malachi 3.1–5**

**A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.**

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.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

#### **SECOND READING Hebrews 2.14–18**

**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, 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.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

#### **GOSPEL**

**Luke 2.22–40**

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

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

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.

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

#### **POST COMMUNION**

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 forever.