

Sunday *@ St Andrew's*

Candlemas

Sunday 2nd February 2025

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Later today

10.30am Worship All Together

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Deacon: Helen Bryant, Children's and Families' Minister

6.00pm Zoom Evening Prayer

Officiant: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Preacher: The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

Collect

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Reading: Malachi 3:1-5

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.

But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;)

And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

News and Notices

*Any item for News & Notices should be with the office by Wednesday,
12 noon.*

More on offer for Children and Young People - in an exciting development there is a new pattern to provide for the young people of our congregation due to their growing numbers. Church Mice Corner: 0-4. Godly Play: 4 - 10. Café Space -10 upwards. This will be alongside their continued involvement as acolytes in Worship All Together. Do let Helen know if you feel called to help in any way.

Bereavement Point 2pm - 3.30pm on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month (plus the 5th if there is one!). Opportunity for group conversation and relationship building where everyone is welcome and comfort is offered <https://compassionaterugby.co.uk/>

Women Mystics: Female Theologians through Christian History. Over the first five months of the year we will be streaming a series of lectures, organised by Sarum College and the Church Times, on Women Mystics. The next lecture will be on the 10th February 7.30—9pm on Clare of Assisi, by Michael Hahn.

Omega Course. A course offering a safe space for participants to learn about preparations for our own mortality and how to support others. The course content includes: living life fulfilling your wishes, preparing and planning for the future, Mental Capacity Act, Lasting Power of Attorney, choices for end of life, how to talk to people who are sick or bereaved; as well as topics raised by partic-

ipants. Have a word with Sharon to find out more. Look out for the leaflets and sign up to attend.

Equip Hub: The diocese provides opportunities for life-long learning and training, in person, online and on Zoom. There are courses to explore your faith, training for lay ministry and free resources, videos and podcasts. Head onto ww.equiphub.org.uk/ to find out more.

Did you know that **Choral Evensong** happens at Rugby School Chapel every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 6pm. All are welcome, ask Helen for further details.

Warm Hubs: Slow Cooker Classes. At the Benn Partnership starting 25th February, 1.30 - 3.00pm.

Diary for the week

3rd – 8th February

- Monday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
10.00am Ball of Yarn knitting & crochet group
11.00am Church Mice Baby & Toddler Stay & Play
6.30pm Community Singers
7.30pm Bell ringing practice *New members welcome*
7.30pm Women Mystics
- Tuesday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
9.30am Reflective Eucharist *followed by coffee*
1.00pm Tuesday Lunchtime Concert
6.00pm Free Voice
- Wednesday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
10.00am Community Conversation
12.00pm Eucharist
2.15pm Mothers' Union Eucharist
5.00pm Young Choristers
7.00pm Adoptive Parents Group
- Thursday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
2.00pm Bereavement Journey I 7.15pm
Choir Practice
- Friday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
10.00am Big Table Gospel group
- Saturday** 10.00am-12noon Café open
10.00am Second Saturday Songs