



# St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

31st January 2016

## CANDLEMAS

### Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Welcome to St. John's church, and a particular welcome to any visitors here today. If you are a newcomer or visitor to St. John's, please do make yourself known to one of our Pastoral Carers who are wearing red sashes, and join us for refreshments at the back of church after Sung Mass. Communicant members of all Christian denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

**LOOP SYSTEM** - Please turn your hearing aid to the T position.

#### 08.00 Said Mass

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd. Anne Clarke

#### 10.00 Sung Mass

Celebrant: The Revd. Anne Clarke

Preacher: The Revd. Alistair McCulloch

Introit: Light of the world - John Dankworth

Processional: 506 The Candlemas Ceremony (Antiphon and Nunc Dimittis)  
- see page 2, followed by hymn 33, **omit verses 2 & 3**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Offertory Hymn: *Please see page 4*

Anthem: When to the temple Mary went - Johannes Eccard

Communion Hymn: 187

Final Hymn: *Please see page 5*

The Angelus *Please see page 6*

Voluntary: Alla Marcia - John Ireland

Organist: Nicky Jones

**CHILDREN:** Every Sunday there is a Crèche (pre-school) and most Sundays there is Sunday School (primary school age). Please ask one of our Churchwardens or Pastoral Carers and they will direct you. If you have children with you and they become restless please take them into the Centre Foyer so as not to disturb those who may be listening or praying. **PARENTS AND CARERS PLEASE NOTE: UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** should children, toddlers or babies be left on their own at any time on these premises.

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## Procession - Antiphon and Nunc Dimittis:

### Choir:

A light to lighten the *Gentiles*, and the glory of thy people Israel.

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;

To be a light to lighten the *Gentiles*:  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

A light to lighten the *Gentiles*, and the glory of thy people Israel.

Celebrant: Your light is come, O Jerusalem.

**All: And the Glory of the Lord is risen upon you.**

Celebrant: O Lord Christ, yourself the temple of the heavenly city,  
and its light, and its surpassing splendour: Grant that we  
who in this earthly house offer to you our worship, may be  
brought in peace to the vision of your glory in heaven;  
where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and  
reign, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen**

### The 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 (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.

This is the Word of the Lord

### **Responsorial Psalm 24**

**R\:** The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory

### **A reading from the letter of Paul to the 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

**All:** and also with you.

Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world says the Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness  
but will have the light of life.

**All:** Alleluia.

## Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

## Offertory Hymn

When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day  
the dark is behind us, and spring's on the way.

*Refrain: A glory dawns in every dark place,  
the light of Christ, the fullness of grace.*

The kings have departed, the shepherds have gone,  
the child and his parents are left on their own.

*Refrain:*

They go to the temple, obeying the law,  
and offer two pigeons, the gift of the poor.

*Refrain:*

But Anna and Simeon recognise there  
the Christ-child who came at the turn of the year. *Refrain:*

The old who have suffered and waited so long  
see hope for the world as they welcome the young. *Refrain:*

They gaze at God's wonderful answer to prayer,  
the joy of the Jews and the Gentiles' desire. *Refrain:*

The light is increasing and spring's in the air.  
Look back with thanksgiving! Look forward with awe! *Refrain:*

They see before Mary a heart-piercing grief,  
but trust is complete at the end of their life. *Refrain:*

For Mary will follow, with tears in her eyes,  
her Saviour and Son to the foot of the cross. *Refrain:*

O Spirit of God, with courage inspire  
your everyday saints who face up to despair. *Refrain:*

They pass through temptation, through failure, through death.  
When darkness descends, they plod onward in faith. *Refrain:*

Like Anna, like Simeon, may they have trust,  
the eyes to see Jesus, and peace at the last. *Refrain:*

The candles invite us to praise and to pray  
when Christmas greets Easter on Candlemas Day. *Refrain:*

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## Final Hymn

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Refrain: Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

*Refrain*

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come. *Refrain*

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**Please turn to the Lady Chapel and join in with the words in bold type**

## **THE ANGELUS**

*The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary:*

**And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

*Behold the handmaid of the Lord:*

**Be it unto me according to thy word.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace .....**

*And the Word was made flesh:*

**And dwelt among us.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace .....**

*Pray for us, holy Mother of God:*

**That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

*Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts;*

*that as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ*

*by the message of an angel,*

*so by his cross and passion we may be brought*

*to the glory of his resurrection.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen.**

## TODAY

**THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** today have been given by Jacqueline and Jhada Walton-Brown, in loving memory of father and grandfather Wilfred Walton.

## DIARY

Tue 2 February 18.30 *Goose Green Centre Sub Committee (Vestry)*  
20.00 *Sunday School Leaders Meeting in Flying Pig*

Thu 4 February 12.00 *Said Mass*  
12.30 *Goose Green Lunch Club*  
19.30 *Parish Support Fund Meeting at St Barnabas*  
20.15 *Choir Practice (Vestry)*

**Sun 7 February      Sunday next before Lent**

8.00 *Said Mass*  
10.00 *Sung Mass*  
(Fair Trade Stall after the 8.00 and 10.00 Mass)  
11.30 *Children's Mass*  
18.00 *Silent Prayer Group*

## OTHER NOTICES

Michael and Rachel, our Churchwardens, wanted to give everyone an outline of the proposed timetable for the recruitment of our new Incumbent:

- 19 January - The PCC Section 11 meeting appointed Rachel Mills and Michael Robinson as the 2 Parish representatives
- 29 January - Patron to advertise vacancy on behalf of St John's
- 15 February - Closing date for applications
- 2 March - Short-listing
- 14 March - Short-listed candidates to visit the parish and meet the congregation
- 15 March - Interviews
- Easter - Announcement of appointment
- July - Licensing of new Incumbent

If you have any queries or questions, please speak to Michael or Rachel.

**PALM CROSSES** - Would you please remember to bring back your Palm Crosses from last year so that we can make the ash for the Ash Wednesday services. There is a basket for them at the back of church. Thank you.

## **WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP 8.00 pm Tuesday 9th February**

Our next meeting will be 28 Westwood Park. As this is Shrove Tuesday we are going to have pancakes together and talk about fasting and feasting in the Christian tradition. All women welcome. Further details contact Clare Brown 020 8291 5295.

## **LENT 2016**

The pattern for Lent this year will be similar to last year. There will be five Wednesday evening sessions beginning on 17 February. We will be meeting in the Lady Chapel at 7.30pm (aiming to finish by 8.45pm). We shall begin with informal Evening Prayer with some singing and opportunities for quiet reflection. There will then be a short presentation which will continue to explore the themes of the previous Sunday's gospel followed by questions for discussion in small groups. There is no need to sign up for the course and all are welcome to come to any or all of the sessions. The course looks like this:

### **A Way through the Wilderness**

<b>Week 1:</b>	<b>17 February - Temptation</b>	(Luke 4.1-13)
<b>Week 2:</b>	<b>24 February - Sorrow</b>	(Luke 13.31-end)
<b>Week 3:</b>	<b>2 March - Repentance</b>	(Luke 13.1-9)
<b>Week 4:</b>	<b>9 March - Acceptance</b>	(Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32)
<b>Week 5:</b>	<b>16 March - Love</b>	(John 12.1-8)

We very much look forward to drawing closer to Our Lord Jesus and to one another as we make this journey through Lent together. Father Alistair

## **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

*'Lord, you have made us for yourself alone, and our hearts will always be restless until they find their rest in you.'*

Our deanery confirmation this year is in the evening on Sunday 8 May 2016 at St.Clement's Church, Friern Road. If you would like prepare for confirmation please tell Mother Anne or Father Bill preferably before Ash Wednesday. There is a form available at the information desk for you to complete. We will fix the dates for the two preparation sessions when we know who is involved. You are warmly invited to attend the Lent course on Wednesday evenings.

## **CONCERT OF CHAMBER MUSIC AND SONG Saturday, 30 January**

7.30 pm at Copleston Centre, Copleston Road SE15 4AN. In aid of Southwark Day Centre for Asylum Seekers. Music by Tchaikovsky, Beethoven, Ligeti and others  
Tickets £6 at the door.

**PEW SHEET**-All notices for the Pew Sheet should be passed to the Parish Office (020 8693 3897/e-mail: stjohnsse22@hotmail.com), preferably via e-mail, by 10.00 on **TUESDAY** mornings please, **with a copy to christine.bannan@virgin.net**

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