

St John the Evangelist

East Dulwich

Sunday 2 February Candlemas

8am Said Mass

10am Sung Mass

We welcome Guest Preacher, Archdeacon Jonathan Sedgwick

Music & Hymns

Introit: 506 The Candlemas Ceremony

Processional: 33 Of the Father's heart begotten (omit verses 2 & 3)

Psalm: 24 The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory

Offertory: When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day - see separate sheet for words

Anthem: When to the temple Mary went by Johannes Eccard

Communion: 187 Virgin-born, we bow before thee

Recessional: Angels sang in celebration - see separate sheet for words

Voluntary: Fiat Lux by T Dubois

With thanks to Neil Stevenson for playing the organ this morning.

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

Post-communion prayer

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 for ever.
Amen

This week's services and events

Monday 3 February

10am Funeral of Richard Cummins

Wednesday 5 February

11am Coffee Morning

Thursday 6 February

12pm Said Mass
12.30pm Lunch Club

Sunday 9 February

8am Said Mass
10am Sung Mass
3.45pm Messy Church

First Reading: 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

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

Second Reading: Hebrews 2.14-18

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.

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40 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. 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.

Notices

Racial Justice Group

The Racial Justice Group will meet after Mass today. Archdeacon Jonathan will join our discussion. All are welcome to attend.

Messy Church 9 February

We are short of volunteers for next Sunday's Messy Church. If you can help please let Revd Gill or Julie Whitney know. Thank you.

Lunch Club 13 February

Please note that there will be no said Mass before Lunch Club on 13 February as there is a Funeral taking place.

Robes

Thank you to everybody who has volunteered to support the Robes Project in any way. If you would like to support the project financially this will help us to provide breakfast and cover for our increased utility costs. You can donate cash or via our contactless giving machine - please speak to a church warden. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Are you looking for a fun and rewarding way to express yourself?

Join our choir and become part of a supportive community. Whether you're a seasoned vocalist who can read music, or a beginner who could follow a musical score, you'll have the opportunity to develop your skills, enjoy beautiful music, and create new connections. Be part of something special - speak to Director of Music John Webber to find out more.

Dear friends, thank you all so much for the wonderful farewell gifts. I absolutely loved the beautiful flowers, the handmade pottery tea pot and mugs set, the angel paintings and the very generous John Lewis gift card. Thank you also for the very many well wishes, kind messages and prayers. I was very touched by all your generosity and I will always remember, with great affection and joy, my time as assistant curate at St John's. I hope to see some of you this Sunday evening at my collation and induction at St Clement's but if not, I am sure we will see each other again soon. With all good wishes for the New Year, Gemma



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Music Notices

Evensong: Sundays at 6pm | 6 March, 22 June and 23 November 2025.

Saturday Morning Recitals for 2025, I am

- 10 May Lucy Morrell (Head of Academic Music and College Organist at Dulwich College)
- 14 June Calum Ward (piano recital)
- 19 July Dorothea Harris (Organist at the Stadtkirche St. Michael in Schlüchtern, Hesse)
- 20 September Peter Wright (former Director of Music at Southwark Cathedral).

Admission to these recitals is free; retiring collection.



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