

St Andrew's Church

Candlemas

Pew sheet for 30th January 2022

10.00am Mass in Church and on YouTube

Celebrant - Fr John and Preacher - Carole

*If you are in church, please remember to turn off your mobile phone during the service.
Please take this sheet home with you at the end of the service. There are prayers which you
may like to use at home at the end of the newsletter.*

Hymn numbers for the Mass 479 105 762 167 200

Collect

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. **Amen.**

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, 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 turtledoves 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.

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 for ever. Amen,

Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer: Charlotte Hartwell and family, Kyen, Mrs Begum, Linda, Aubrey and Gloria, baby Leo, baby King, Beverley and Elaine Mitchell, Fr Douglas, Hayden Lewis, Beryl Clayton, Rene, Gill Ludford, Pat Rowley, Heather Jones, Ify Okoi.

For those who have recently died: Penny Fleming, Mick Morris.

Anniversary of death: Len Walter, Harry Loveridge, Gilbert Wildman, Phil Hussey, Cecily Eden.

Notices

- Wednesday 2nd March at 7.30pm – Ash Wednesday group service at St James' Church, Crocketts Road.
- Baptism of Xena Williams-Young today at 1 pm.