

St Saviour's Church

3 February 2019 - Presentation of Christ in the Temple



Today we remember when Mary and Joseph obey the law of Moses and presented the child Jesus to the priests in the temple. Throughout this scene, the parents seem to be in the process of presenting/offering their son as was customarily done with sacrifices and the Levites, while through the persons of Simeon and Anna it seems rather God who offers/presents the son for the salvation of us, God's people. He would be the light that shines in the darkness and so our blessing of candles symbolises this light, and our gratitude for Christ, the light that will illumine the nations.

Parish Notes:

Nightshelter Appeal - This year, we are looking specifically for coats (male and female) that are in a very good condition (new or nearly new). We are also in need of gloves. Please continue to pray for our guests and helpers each Saturday and Sunday morning.

Croeso - Please take a copy of the latest edition of our diocesan magazine home. Available at the back of the church.

First Aid - There are still places available for the first aid training to help us become more safe as a church. See Fr Phelim (Tues 12 Feb 10-4pm).

Unique Website Visitors - After a recent analysis we are delighted to share that on average 2,000 people visit our main website each month. (The St Saviour's specific pages also had 500 unique visitors in the last month.)

Thank You - Val, Lesley and Judith would like to thank everyone that came to Bert's funeral. Thanks too for the support and prayers over the last four years. From Judith, Lesley and Val Hopkins.

PCC Meeting - the Parish Council next meets on Tues 19 Feb 2019 at 7pm.

Walsingham Pilgrimage Advance notice - 22-25 July 2019. If you'd like to book a place see please see Liz or the wardens. More details soon.

Concert - Geraint and his choir will be visiting St Saviour's for a concert on Tuesday 5 March (Shrove Tuesday).

Recently Departed: Ron Judd, Peggy Davies, Arthur Hopkins, Rob Evans *RIP*

This week:

Sun 3

8am Said Mass (St G)

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 4:

6pm Mass (St G)

Tues 5:

10am Mass (St S)

St Agatha

Wed 6:

10am Mass (St G)

Sts Paul Miki and

Companions

Thur 7:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 8:

6pm mass (St S)

Sat 9:

11am Mass (St S)

Sun 10:

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass

St German's:

8am Said Mass

11am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Malachi 3:1-4

Ps 24:7-10

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Isa 6:1-2a, 3-8

Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5,

7-8

1 Cor 15:3-8, 11

Luke 5:1-11

PSALM:

**Who is the King of
glory? He, the Lord,
he is the King of
Glory. (4vv)**

COLLECT:

Almighty and everliving 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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*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 the glory of thy
 people Israel.

GATHERING:

Faithful vigil ended,
 watching, waiting cease;
 Master, grant your servant
 his discharge in peace.

All the Spirit promised,
 all the Father willed,
 now these eyes behold it
 perfectly fulfilled.

This your great deliverance
 sets your people free;
 Christ their light uplifted
 all the nations see.

Christ, your people's glory!
 watching, doubting cease:
 grant to us your servants
 our discharge in peace

OFFERTORY:

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.

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

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

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

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

Many the gifts, many the people,
 many the hearts
 that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,
 making your kingdom come.

COMMUNION:

Kindle a flame
 to lighten the dark
 and take all fear away.

FINAL HYMN:

Lord, the light of your
 love is shining
 In the midst of the
 darkness, shining
 Jesus, Light of the world,
 shine upon us
 Set us free by the truth
 you now bring us
 Shine on me, shine on me

**Shine, Jesus, shine
 Fill this land
 with the Father's glory
 Blaze, Spirit, blaze
 Set our hearts on fire
 Flow, river, flow
 Flood the nations
 with grace and mercy
 Send forth your word
 Lord, and let there be light**

Lord, I come to
 your awesome presence
 From the shadows
 into your radiance
 By the blood I may
 enter your brightness
 Search me, try me,
 consume all my darkness
 Shine on me, shine on me

As we gaze on your
 kingly brightness
 So our faces display your likeness
 Ever changing
 from glory to glory
 Mirrored here may our lives
 tell your story
 Shine on me, shine on me

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Malachi.

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of Hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fullers' alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

This is the word of the Lord.

Malachi 3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Who is the king of glory? He, the Lord, he is the king of glory.

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory.

Psalms 19

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter to the Hebrews.

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Christ too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been

held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

This is the word of the Lord.

Heb 2

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

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 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 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Luke 4