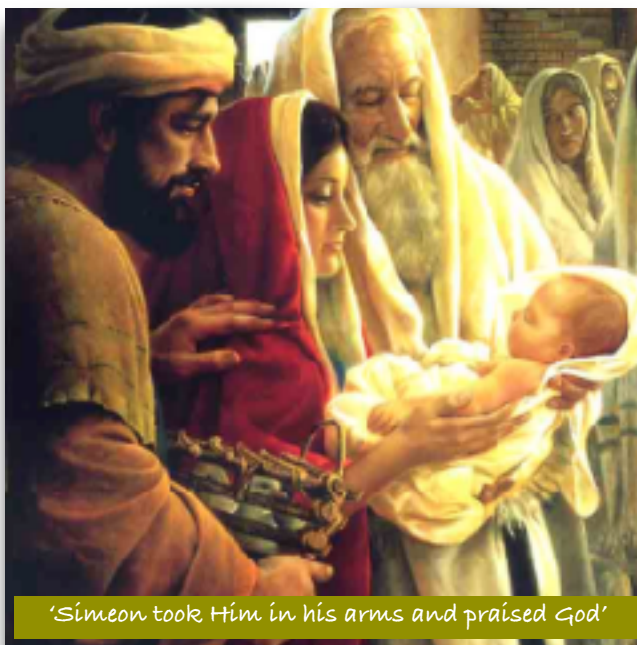


St George



'Simeon took Him in his arms and praised God'

The Feast of the Presentation 28 January 2024

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to St George's Church for our 8.00am Holy Communion Service, 9.30am Parish Eucharist and 5.30pm Epiphany Carol Service. Large Print service-books are available. There is a loop system; please adjust the setting of your personal hearing aid. Join us for refreshments and conversation after the service.

PRESENTATION

The Christ Child is recognised by Simeon and Anna when he comes to be Presented at the Temple, in accordance with the Law of Israel. To bring redemption he must first pass through suffering, and the words of Simeon turn our attention away from the celebration of Christmas, towards the mysteries of Lent and Easter.

SUPPORT

Thank you for supporting St George's Church. You can make your donation even more valuable if you use the envelopes provided as we are able to reclaim the tax on your gift, but only if you fill in the details on the front of the envelope. **Or** use the **new contactless payment** unit by the front door (choose the gift aid option)

readings

Malachi 3.1-5 The Book Malachi was compiled in the late 4th Century BC, in a society that was chaotic and corrupt. In the Book, God and the people engage in a series of charges and counter-charges. The people want God but may not be able to endure God's judgement.

Hebrews 2.14-18 The leadership role of Jesus is compared to that of the high priest who has the role of making expiation for the sins of the people, especially on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur).

Luke 2.22-40 The passage from St Luke evokes the atmosphere of old Israel. Simeon and Anna are typical of the venerable holy sages and their great age gives power and wisdom to speak God's truth.

hymns

Processional: 157 Hail to the Lord who comes

Gradual: 8 Lift up your heads ye might gates

Offertory: 392 Lead, kindly light

Post communion: 391 King of glory, King of peace

music

Psalm: 24. 7-10

Setting: *St George's Mass (Gloria)* - Caesar

Harwood in A flat (Sanctus and Agnus dei)

Offertory anthem: *Senex puerum portabit* - Byrd

Communion anthem: *O sacrum convivium* - Messiaen

Voluntary:

5.30pm Epiphany Carols

Introit: *Epiphany Carol* - Merrick

Hymn: 21 A great and mighty wonder

Quem pastores laudavere - Rutter

Hymn: 36 The first Nowell

Here is the little door - Howells

Hymn: 49 Brightest and best

Nunc dimittis - Wesley in E

33 Of the Father's heart begotten

(omit verse 2 and 3)

Voluntary: *Choral Song and Fugue* Wesley

psalm 24. 7- end (8am service)

Lift up your heads, O gates;

be lifted up, you everlasting doors;

and the King of glory shall come in.

‘Who is the King of glory?’

‘The Lord, strong and mighty,

the Lord who is mighty in battle.’

Lift up your heads, O gates;

be lifted up, you everlasting doors;

and the King of glory shall come in.

‘Who is this King of glory?’

‘The Lord of hosts,

he is the King of glory.’

Sunday 4 Feb 2024 - The Second Sunday before Lent - (Year B)

8.00am Holy Communion (said)

9.30am Parish Eucharist

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Eucharist

First Reading: Proverbs 8. 1, 11-31

Second Reading: Colossians 1. 15-20

Gospel: John 1. 1-14

Evening Prayer

Genesis 2. 4b-end

Luke 8. 22-35

notices.

The Peace Table near the Lady Chapel has prayer cards and resources dedicated to the ongoing conflicts in the world.

Craft and Chat Group will meet on Mon 29 January at 11.30am bring your craft or come and learn a new one. Refreshments are served.

Living Well Foodbank - We are a foodbank collection hub for Living Well Bromley. Please continue to bring donations for food or finance to the church between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday. These are collected by our volunteers on Thursday morning for delivery to LW.

With many thanks Anne and Nigel

RNIB Used Stamp Collection. We will be supporting the RNIB Christmas appeal again this year so now is the time to dig out your used stamps in a good cause and maybe encourage your friends to do the same. Rev. Maggie

Palm Crosses - Please return your palm crosses so that Joan can burn them to make ash for Ash Wednesday (14 February 2024). Thank you Joan

Friends of the Churchyard - We will return to our churchyard gardening on **Sun 11 Feb 2024 at 2.30pm**. Please come and join us if you can spare an hour.

Walking through Lent - Lent 2024 - **Study groups:**

Mon Group:- 7.00pm by zoom - **19 Feb**, (5 sessions)

Lent with the Beloved Disciple Michael Marshall - ISBN 978-1-3994-0439-8 - £10.99 - From Beckenham Bookshop (1/2 days order)

Wed group – after 10.30 HC, in the narthex - **21 Feb**, 5 sessions - *Godforsaken* Stephen Cottrell - ISBN 978-1-339-80525-4 - £9.99 - From Beckenham Bookshop (1/2 days order)

For individual use: *A Truth Universally Acknowledged: 40 days with Jane Austen* Rachel Mann ISBN: 9781786225030 - £12.99 - Order on line - Canterbury Press Norwich or Amazon dispatched in 48 hours [Special Order 2 – 3 weeks from Beckenham Bookshop] Please sign up for your preferred course on the Noticeboard at the rear of the church.

Come and Sing Choral Evensong - Sunday 18 February 2023 details to follow enquire at the office.

Holy Week Play - Witness - rehearsals have now begun in the church. The Play will be performed over three evenings during Holy Week. 24, 25 and 26 March 2024.

Charitable Giving - The Refreshments Team would like to thank the congregation for their generous support over the last year. In December we managed to donate £150 to both Crisis and Living Well Foodbank. Your support is very much appreciated. Tessa

Christingle Service Collection for the Children's Society with grateful thanks to everyone who helped make this service possible and to all those who attended and generously donated - £1418.70 was raised for the Children's Society.

Wanted - loan of props for Holy Week Play - see list below. Many thanks Joan
4 earthenware mugs, a white apron, gardening trug

calendar

Sunday 28 Jan

Feast of the Presentation

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Sung Eucharist

5.30pm Epiphany Carol
Service

Monday 29 Jan

Feria

9.00am Church open

11.30am Craft and Chat

Tuesday 30 Jan

Charles, King and Martyr

9.00am Church open

Wednesday 31 Jan

John Bosco, Priest

10.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 1 Feb

Brigid, Abbess

9.00am Church open

Friday 2 Feb

Candlemas

9.00am Church open

12.30pm Music Recital

Saturday 3 Feb

Anskar, Archbishop

11.00am Music Recital



'This child is destined for the falling and rising of many'

intercessions

For those who are sick

Pam Carpenter

Michael Clarke

Leslie Dean

Ingrid Richards

Nick Sales

Margaret Tonkin

Anthony Wilkins

Valerie Winton

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**

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