

Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

Pew Sheet for Candlemas - Sunday 31st January, 2021, 10.30 am
on Zoom, ID 675-014-6024, Password 859013

Opening Hymn & Call to worship:

Kyrie Confession:

God be gracious to us & bless us & make your face shine upon us. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.** May your ways be known upon earth, your saving power among nations. Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.** You Lord have made known your salvation, & reveal your justice to all. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Amen. **Absolution.**

Gloria: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on Earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you only are the Lord, you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect: All: Amen.

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. 2But 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; 3he 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. 4Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

5Then 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. All: Thanks be to God.

Singing of 'Alleluia': "Today the Lord is presented in the Temple, in substance of our mortal nature".

Gospel Reading: (Luke 2: 22-40)

The Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. All: Glory to you O Lord.

22When 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. 23(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), 24and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

25Now 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. 26It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27Guided 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, 28Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 29'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; 30for my eyes have seen your salvation, 31which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

33And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 34Then 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 35so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

36There 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, 37then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. 38At 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.

39When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.***

Homily - Revd Stephanie Warner

Prayers - Beverley Howard

The Peace & Offertory Hymn

Eucharistic Prayer

Blessing & Closing Hymn

Notices.

Seasonal Homilies. *These can be accessed via the Church What's App groups, the website and the St Andrew's Facebook page.*

Telephone Numbers for Covid-19 Vaccinations. 0204 542 8288; & for Guy's Hospital: 0207 188 4040.

Service for 2nd Sunday before Lent, Sunday 7th February, 2021, 10.30 am, on Zoom.

Mid-week Communion, Wednesday 3rd February, 10 am, on Zoom.

Evening Prayer, Thursday 4th February, 5 pm, on Zoom.

Morning Prayer, Friday 5th February, 9 am, on Zoom.

PCC, Wednesday 3rd February, 7.30 pm on Zoom. Minutes and Agendas have been sent out.

Deanery Forum, Slides from this meeting are available on request.

Lent Course for 2021, Commencing Tuesday 23rd February, 8 pm. This year's course will be based on the new book,

"After Life...Afterlife?" by John Symons.

Bishop Christopher's Lent Appeal for 2021, is in favour of food poverty projects in Southwark Diocese, and in the link Dioceses of Zimbabwe and Jerusalem. Ideas for supporting the Appeal are warmly welcome.

MAP (Mission Action Plan) Initiative. Support for the Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice. A fund-raising auction in support of GBCH will be held on Zoom on Saturday 20th March, 7.30 pm. Items for auction warmly welcome. Please deliver items to the Rectory in the first instance.

Diocesan Lay Conference for 2021. Saturday 6th March. Full details available for all who are interested. Please contact Revd Ian.

Mottingham Foodbank. Provisions for the food bank may be donated Mon, Thur, Fri, Sat 9.30 am – 1 pm, and Wed 6-7 pm at St Edward's Church Hall.

Prayers for the sick: John Potts, Eddie Green, Brian Abbot, Pip Bampton, Jackie Ungar, Tom Biro, Christiana Ajiuya, Fiona Bailey-Sylvester, Rachel Stevens, Roger Welch, Revd Dave Warren, Roz Ware, Chloe Sissons, Ray Hole, John Symons, John Bulford, Jim Bulford.

We continue to hold our dear departed loved ones & friends In particular Joan Lawley, Lucas Andrews, Gary Brace and all whose Year's Mind falls at this time.