



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 29th January 2017

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany The Presentation of Christ in the Temple Candlemas

9:30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon
Hymns: 332: 234

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns: 188: 338: 44: 234

12.30pm Baptism - Kieran Piercy

End of Procession

✠ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

✠ **He is worthy of all thanksgiving and praise**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe! You make our darkness to be light. For with you is the well of life and in your light shall we see light. Blessed be God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

725 Suscepimus

700 Introit We have waited, O God, for thy loving kindness in the midst of thy temple; according to thy Name, O God, so is thy praise unto the world's end: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Psalm Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised: in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill. Glory be to the Father...

725P Gradual We have waited, O God, for thy loving kindness in the midst of thy temple: according to thy Name, O God, so is thy praise unto the world's end. ✠ Like as we have heard, so have we seen the city of our God: even upon his holy hill.

Alleluia Alleluia, Alleluia ✠ The old man carried the Child: but the Child governed the old man. Alleluia.

Offertory Full of grace are thy lips: because God hath blessed thee for ever.

Communion It was revealed unto Simeon by the Holy Spirit: that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Anointed.

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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.

Old Testament Reading - Malachi Ch3 v1-5

¹See, 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.

New Testament Reading - Hebrews Ch2 v14-18

¹⁴Since, 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, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore 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. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel – Luke Ch2 v22-40

²² 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 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.’

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

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

³⁶ 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, ³⁷ 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. ³⁸ 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.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ 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;

Please remember in your prayers

Edgar Blampied, Elizabeth Opie, Joyce Craske, Sheila & Alex Mather,
Judy Bobbitt, Penny Taylor, Maureen Pitman, Jean Bonnefin,
Pippa Hearn (daughter of John & Hazel Greany) and Dulcie.
Pray also for the soul of Hugh Bygott-Webb & Georgina Short:
May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Services for this week

Monday 30th January 12.00pm - Funeral - Hugh Bygott-Webb

Tuesday 31st January 11.00am Said Mass BCP - Charles - King & Martyr,

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Wednesday 1st February 7.00pm Said Mass - Brigid - Abbess, c525

Friday 3rd February - 11.00am - Funeral - Jayne Amanda Downes

Friday 7.00pm Said Mass - Anskar - Bishop, 865

Sunday 5th February

The Fourth Sunday before Lent

9:30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

APCC

The APCC will meet this Wednesday (1st February) at 7.00pm in the Vestry

Payment to a Guernsey Charity Tax forms

If you pay Guernsey Tax and have given £500 or more to the church in 2016, please remember to fill in a form (copies on the Black Chest) and return it to Alan, so we may claim the refund on your tax contributions for the church.

This is valuable income for the church at no cost to you.

If you require any more information please speak to Alan or one of the Church wardens. Thank You

Please join us for refreshments in the vestry after the 11:00am Mass

After Mass please put the kneelers back on the shelf. Thank you!

Deadline for notices for next bulletin – 6.00pm Thursday

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