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## WEEKLY NOTES

### Candlemas

(or 'The Presentation of Christ in the Temple')

31<sup>st</sup> January 2010

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*If this is your first time at St Mary's today, you are very welcome. Please come for coffee in the church hall across the road after the 9.30 service.*

*Today we celebrate Candlemas. When Jesus was brought as a baby to the Temple in Jerusalem, an old man named Simeon called him 'a light to lighten the Gentiles'. For this reason, the festival is usually associated with light and candles.*

### Sunday Prayer Cycle

We pray today for the church and for the world, and especially  
in the Anglican Communion, for the province of Central;  
in our diocese, for all who serve in the Reader ministry;  
in our parish, for all who have been baptized at St Mary's;  
and for those living in Courtlands Drive.

### Collect and Post-communion Prayer (at 8am)

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.**

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.**

# SUNDAY SERVICES

## **8.00am SAID EUCHARIST** (*Common Worship*)

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The service begins on page **167** of the black book.

Eucharistic Prayer **E**: page **196** with the Extended Preface for Candlemas on p. **307**.

We continue with the Lord's Prayer on page **178**.

## **9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST** (*Common Worship*)

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*See separate service booklet. The organ voluntary is Gospel Prelude – What a friend we have in Jesus – Balcom [JSH]*

## **11am Choral Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)**

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The service begins with responses on page 8 in the *Shorter Prayer Book*

Introit: We wait for thy loving kindness – *McKie*

We wait for thy loving-kindness, O Lord, in the midst of thy temple.

O God, according to thy name, so is thy praise unto the world's end. (*Psalm 48: 8,9a*)

Responses: *Rose*

Venite

**OFFICE HYMN: NEW ENGLISH HYMNAL 156** (TUNE NEH 288)

Psalm 146 (on p. 309 in the Prayer Book)

First Lesson: Exodus 13.1-16

Te Deum: *Sumsion* in G

Second Lesson: Romans 12.1-5

**HYMN: NEH 157**

The service continues on page 12 with the Creed and following. The "Collect of the Day" for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple is on page 83.

Anthem: Hail Gladdening Light– *Wood*

Hail, gladdening light, of his pure glory poured  
Who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,  
Holiest of holies, Jesu Christ, our Lord.

Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,  
The lights of evening round us shine,  
We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Divine.

Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung  
With undefiled tongue,

Son of our God, giver of life alone!

Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own. Amen. (*2<sup>nd</sup> century, tr. John Keble*)

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Sermon: The Vicar

Prayers: Reg Saunders

**HYMN: NEH 33** (OMIT STARRED VERSES)

Blessing & Voluntary: Toccatta from Second Symphony – Dupré [JSH]

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**5.30pm Evening Prayer** (*Book of Common Prayer*)

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Psalms 122, 132; Haggai 2.1-9; John 2.18-22

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**THIS WEEK**

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**In Church this week**

*(all welcome at these services)*

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>

**Morning  
Prayer**

9am

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**Holy  
Eucharist**

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10am

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**Evening  
Prayer**

5pm

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*(Tuesday's Eucharist at 10am in the parish room; all other services in church.)*

**ALSO** this Wednesday: **Coffee morning** in the church hall, 10.30am-12.

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**ALSO** this Saturday, at 7.30pm:

**PIANO DUET RECITAL**, played by our Rural Dean, the Revd Stuart Thomas and Lourenco Cesar Finatti in aid of the Mayor of Epsom and Ewell's Charity.

Programme to include Schubert, Debussy, Robert Fuchs, and Moszkowski. Admission £6.00 (no concessions). Tickets available after services! (or from the parish office, or by phone 020 8337 2160 or email [llamedos@f2s.com](mailto:llamedos@f2s.com).)



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**NEXT SUNDAY**

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**7<sup>th</sup> February 2010 – The Second Sunday before Lent**

8am Said Eucharist. 9.30am Sung Eucharist. 11am Mattins.

5.30pm Choral Evensong.

# NOTICES

Envelopes are available at the back of church for those who would like to make a donation to Christian Aid's **emergency Haiti appeal**.

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the **Christmas Day Appeal** in aid of Chase and Smile Train. Cheques amounting to £485.48 have been sent to each of the charities concerned.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY:

On 13<sup>th</sup> February there will be a parish social, a **Shrove Saturday Supper**, just before Lent begins. Tickets (£8) available after 8am and 9.30am services on Sundays, or from the parish office.



On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 11am there will be **Valentine Mattins**. The theme of the service will be thanksgiving for marriage. Everyone is most welcome, and a special invitation is extended to those who have been married here at St Mary's.

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February, there will be a **churchwardens' surgery** at "The Larder" in the High Street, 9.30-10.30am. David Crick (07850 709461) and Jonathan Gocher (020 8224 5942) will buy you a coffee.

## LENT:

Lent will begin on 17<sup>th</sup> February (**Ash Wednesday**) with a said Eucharist at 12noon and a Sung Eucharist at 7pm, both with imposition of ashes.



There will be a **Lent course**, talks and discussion in the church hall, 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb till 23<sup>rd</sup> March inclusive, 8 for 8.15 start, finishing by 9.15pm. (Volunteers to make coffee much appreciated!) The topic will be "What is an Anglican?" and all are most welcome.

There will be a **Save the Children fund-raising quiz night** 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7.15 for 7.30 at St Andrew's URC Church, Northey Avenue, Cheam. £10pp including fish and chip supper. Call Mary on 020 8393 4907.

There will be **Lent lunches** every Wednesday between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March in the Church Hall in aid of Jeel al Amal Home for Boys in Bethany. 12.15 – 1.45pm, cost of £3.50 per person. Offers of help with the lunches would be greatly appreciated (see February Ewell Parish News magazine for more details). Also, at the coffee morning on 10<sup>th</sup> March at 11am there will be a special presentation about both the girls' and boys' home by Alan Anderson: watch this space for more details.

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