

The United Benefice of Henley-on-Thames with Remenham
THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN
Registered Charity

Candlemas
February 3rd 2019

Welcome to this ancient Parish Church. If you are a visitor or a new member of the congregation, you will find the order of service in the booklets. The hymns are not announced - they can be found on this sheet. The crèche is available throughout the service for toddlers and parents; Junior Church also takes place in the Chantry House. Tea & coffee are served in the Chantry House after the service: please join us and make yourself known.

Entrance Hymn: 234 Christ, whose glory fills the skies (second tune)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Malachi 3:1-5

The Coming Messenger

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

Then 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.

The Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24:7-end

R/ The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in. **R/**

'Who is the King of glory?'
'The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle.' **R/**

Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in. **R/**

'Who is this King of glory?'
'The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.' **R/**

The Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40

Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

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 turtle-doves 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.

The Return to Nazareth

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory Hymn: 187 Virgin born, we bow before thee

The Anthem: Oculi omnium *Charles Wood*

Oculi omnium in te sperant,
Domine et tu das escam illorum in tempore oportuno.
Gloria tibi, Domine, Amen.

*The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord:
and thou givest them their meat in due season.*

Words from Psalm 145 v15

The Final Hymn: 44 Faithful vigil ended (first tune)

The Organ Voluntary: Fugue No 1 on BACH *Robert Schuman*

Today's Sung Eucharist:

Sidesmen	Richard Fletcher and Lavinia Southern
Lessons	Kathryn Turner
Intercessions	Carol Brook-Partridge
Servers	Sue Hockley, Norman Topsom, Ginevra Tayler
Acolytes	Clare Croton and Tania Tindall
Chalice	Sue Hockley and Stuart Crippen
Coffee	Joan Edwards and Pauline Lester

Please replace the kneelers on your pew before leaving. Thank you!

Today

Youth Club 6pm-7.30pm (CH)

This Week

Mon 4	
Tues 5	Julian Group 7.45pm for 8.00pm (Forge Cottage, Hart Street)
Wed 6	Aliquando Choir Practice 7.15pm (CH)
Thurs 7	Eucharist (CW Trd) 10.00am (SM) Choir Practice 7.15pm (SM)
Fri 8	Praying Together 9.30am (CH) Eucharist 12noon (SM)

Sat 9

Morning Prayer will be said at 9am and Evening Prayer usually at 5pm at St Mary's on weekdays

Sunday February 10 ~ The Fourth Sunday before Lent

8.00am Eucharist (SM)
8.35am Parish Breakfast (CH)
9.30am Sung Eucharist, Junior Church & Creche (SM)
11.15am Holy Communion with Hymns (BCP) (SN)

Please pray for

The Church:

The Anglican Church of Burundi

The Most Revd Martin Blaise Nyaboho - Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba

Our Bishops:

Bishop Alan confirming at Wycombe Abbey School

The sick:

Nicola, Neil, Helen, Stella, Maria, John Ogden, Jennifer, Henry, Barbara, Colin

The departed:

Michael Forrest, John Hutchinson, Richard Sherwin, Donna Beringer

Those whose year's minds falls this week:

Pamela Wynne-Willson (3), Joseph Martin (5), HM King George VI (6),

Brian Ellerby (7), Betsy Griffiths, Sidney Lumley (9)

Notices for the week beginning 3 February

Everyone is invited to see the snowdrops at Henley Quaker Meeting, 45 Northfield End, 1.30pm to 3.30pm today. Tea and cake available too.

The next Julian Group meeting is on Tuesday 5 February, 7.45pm for 8.00pm, at Forge Cottage, Hart Street. All welcome.

The next parish breakfast will be on Sunday 10 February at 8.35am in the Chantry House.

Fr Jeremy will be leading a parish pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, from Tuesday 27 to Friday 30 August. It will include an optional day visit to the Shrine of Julian of Norwich, which, as one would expect, is in Norwich, just over an hour's drive from Walsingham. Further information will follow, but as space will be limited Fr Jeremy would welcome early expressions of interest in joining the pilgrimage.

2019 sees the preparation of a new church electoral roll. This takes place once in every six years. All who wish to have their names entered on the new roll, whether their names are entered on the present roll or not, are requested to apply for enrolment. Application forms can be found at the back of church, to be completed and returned to the parish office please.

On Sunday February 17 there will be a united benefice confirmation service with Bishop Colin at 10.30am at St Mary's.

The Chiltern Arts Festival is bringing two events to St Mary's Church. On Friday 15 February at 7.30pm, Stile Antico: Queen of Muses, with a programme inspired by the musical gems of the time of Elizabeth I. On Saturday 16 February, 10am-4pm, the opportunity to sing with the renowned composer and conductor, Bob Chilcott.

There's information about all the events online at chilternarts.com

For further information please contact Naomi Taylor: naomi.taylor@chilternarts.com / 07943875640.

Box office phone: 01442 920303 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm; Sat 10am-1pm).

'Beyond Forgiving' - to be shown on Wednesday 27 February at 3pm at The Forge Cottage, Hart Street. This 30 minute film was initially shown at the Quaker Meeting House in November. It is a moving account of 2 people caught up in the conflict in South Africa during the apartheid years: a General in the ANC who ordered a retaliatory killing of civilians and a woman whose daughter was among those killed. They met afterwards and now work together to bring reconciliation around the world. All are welcome to come to see the film and discuss it afterwards over a cup of tea and biscuits. Please let Cleone Augur know if you would like to come (413953).

The Henley Food Bank Box can be found by the crèche. Please bring donations on Sunday mornings - toiletry items, tinned veg, tinned fruit, savoury biscuits, tinned meat, long lasting milk, cereal, crisps, biscuits, squash, pasta sauce.

This year's World Day of Prayer service will take place at Christ Church Reading Road on Friday March 1 at 1.30pm.

Parish Office ~ Mon, Tues 9.30am-12.30pm : Wed, Fri, 9.30am-4.30pm

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Fr Jeremy is always happy to talk to parishioners about any subject, please call the parish office to make an appointment. Saturday is the his day off and Friday is his study day.

Fr. Jeremy would appreciate being spared calls on these days except in an emergency.