

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

Sunday 2nd February 2020
Candlemas

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.

Mass: **Communion Service in C by John Ireland**

Entrance Hymn: **234(ii)** Christ whose glory fills the skies

The Opening Prayer

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 forever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Mal. 3 : 1-5

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 the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw ear to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, 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 29

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

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,
he compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
for he has founded it upon the seas
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

R/

'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,
or who can rise up in his holy place?'
Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor sworn an oath to a lie;

R/

They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
a just reward for the God of their salvation.'
Such is the company of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

R/

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

'Who is the King of Glory?'
The Lord of Hosts,
he is the King of Glory.' **R/**

The Gospel Reading: Luke 2 : 22—40

When the time came for the purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every first-born 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 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 the revelation to the Gentiles and for the 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 great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then was 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.

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: **157** Hail to the Lord who comes
During which an offertory collection will be taken

The Communion Hymn: **187** Virgin born we bow before thee

The Choir Anthem: Nunc dimittis George Dyson

The Final Hymn: **44 (i)** Faithful vigil ended

The Organ Voluntary Fugue on Bach by Robert Schuman

Today's Sung Eucharist:

Sidesmen	Jim Hurst and Rebecca Hindle
Lessons	Gill Aitchison
Intercessions	Carol Brook-Partridge
Servers	Sheila Croton, Norman Topsom, Sue Hockley
Chalice	Jim Hurst and Sue Hockley
Coffee	Joan Edwards and Jan Rowland

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

This Week

Mon 3	Memorial Service for Mary Hunter 1.00pm (SM)
Tues 4	Julian Group 8pm
Wed 5	Babies and Toddlers Session 10.00am BATS Eucharist 11.00am (SM) Aliquando Choir Practice 7.15pm (CH)
Thurs 6	Eucharist 10.00am (SM) Choir Practice: Juniors 6.00pm Seniors 8.00pm
Fri 7	Praying Together 9.30am (CH) Inspired to Follow 10.15am (CH) Eucharist 12noon (SM)
Sat 8	

*Morning Prayer will be said at 9am and Evening Prayer usually at 5pm at St Mary's on weekdays
Please note that because of the failure of our boiler most weekday services at St Mary's will be held in
the Chantry House until the Spring.*

Sunday 9th February ~ The Third Sunday before Lent

8.00am Eucharist (SM) 9.30am Sung Eucharist, Junior Church and Creche (SM)
11.15am |Sung Matins (BCP) (SN)

Please pray for

The church: *The Anglican Church of Burundi, The Most Revd Martin Blaise
Nyaboho—Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba*

The sick:

Nicola, Neil, Helen, Stella, Maria, Richard, Duncan, Robert, Caroline, Teresa

The departed: *Michael Jones, Murial Dibley and Pam Hambly*

Those whose year's minds falls this week:

*Tom Davison (2), Pamela Wynne-Wilson. Rev. John Ogden (3),
Joseph Martin (5), H.M. King George VI (6), Brian Ellerby (7)*

Notices for the week beginning 12th January

Parish breakfast will be next Sunday 9th February at 8.35am in the Chantry House

The Julian Group will meet on Tuesday 4th February at Forge Cottage, 7.45 for 8pm
The Benefice Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Monday 24th August—Thursday
27th August. Please let Fr. Jeremy know if you are interested in attending.
The second Inspired to Follow of this term will take place in the Chantry House on Friday
7th February at 10.15am. Unfortunately, there will be **NO** evening session on this day.
Fr. Jeremy will be holding another Gift Day in St. Mary's on Saturday 15th
February from 9am—5pm. Please feel free to pop in and have a chat and make a donation.
All contributions this year will be in aid of the choir fund.

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.

***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 his day off and Monday morning. Friday is
his study day. Fr Jeremy would
appreciate being spared calls on these days except in an emergency.***