

# Sunday

## @ *St Andrew's*

### **Candlemas**

**2nd February 2025**

#### **10.30am Worship All Together**

*President: and Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey*

*Deacon: Helen Bryant, Children's and Families' Minister*

#### **6.00pm Zoom Evening Prayer**

*Officiant: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey*

*Preacher: The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster*

**Welcome to St Andrew's — may God's peace be with you.**

After the service, please feel free to stay for refreshments—a chance for us all to get to know each other better.

If you have felt something special in this service and want to talk about faith, have a chat with one of the clergy or ministers after the service.

The service sheet gives directions on when to stand or kneel, but please feel free to remain sitting if you prefer. Toilets are available through the arch beside the main entrance.

We have a plate at the back of church for offerings; you will find a link to online giving with the offertory hymn.

Please remember to turn off your mobile phone!

# **The Gathering**

*The president welcomes the congregation and makes any announcements.*

**Introit:** Nunc dimittis in D minor, *Walmisley*

*Please stand*

**Opening Hymn: I 10: Hail to the Lord who comes,**

## **The Greeting**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit

**All Amen**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All And also with you.**

*Please sit or kneel.*

## **Prayer of Preparation**

*The Candlemas Candles are brought forward and placed upon the altar.*

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.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

Lord God,  
the springing source of everlasting light,  
pour into the hearts of your faithful people  
the brilliance of your eternal splendour,  
that we, who by these candles and kindling flames light  
up this church to your glory,  
may have the darkness of our souls dispelled,  
and so be counted worthy,  
to stand before you in that eternal city  
of light where you live and reign,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

*The Deacon says*

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus: 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness.' Let us therefore bring our sins into his light and confess them in penitence and faith.

*A brief time of quiet is kept.*

For the times that we have not brought your light into the world.

Lord have mercy

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For the times we have not loved our neighbour or cared for our planet as we should.

Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

For the times we have failed to bring peace to the world  
and its peoples;  
Lord have mercy

**All Lord, have mercy.**

## **Absolution**

*The President says*

Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the world,  
guide and enlighten you,  
bring you pardon and peace,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*Please stand as you are able*

Glory to God, glory to God  
Glory in the highest.  
**Glory to God, glory to God**  
**Glory in the highest.**  
To God be glory forever  
**To God be glory forever.**  
Alleluia, Amen.  
**Alleluia, Amen.**  
**Alleluia, Amen.**  
**Alleluia, Amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God  
Glory to Christ Jesus.  
**Glory to God, glory to God**

**Glory to Christ Jesus.**

To God be glory forever

**To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, Amen.

**Alleluia, Amen.**

**Alleluia, Amen.**

**Alleluia, Amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God

Glory to the Spirit.

**Glory to God, glory to God**

**Glory to the Spirit.**

To God be glory forever

**To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, Amen.

**Alleluia, Amen**

**Alleluia, Amen**

**Alleluia, Amen.**

## **The Collect**

Let us pray.

*A time of quiet is kept.*

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.

**All Amen.**

*Please remain standing*

**Gradual Hymn: 112: New light has dawned,**

**Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Our eyes have seen your salvation,  
a light to enlighten the nations  
and the glory of your people Israel.

*cf Luke 2.30,32*

**All Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Luke

*Luke 2:22-40*

*We sing together*

**All Glory to you, O Lord**

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.

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.

This is the Gospel of Christ

*We sing together*

**All Praise to you, O Christ**

*Please sit*

**Talk**

*The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey*

*A short period of quiet follows the talk.*

**Affirmation of Faith**

*Please stand*

**All We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is  
named. *and***

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through Faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

*Please sit or kneel as we are led in prayer. As we prepare to  
prayer together, the children will light the Christ Clay e, signifying a time  
of quiet and prayerful stillness.*



Let us pray to the Father through Christ our light and life.

**Healing prayer:** Irene W, George W, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M, Noel, Caroline, Lily, Denise, Mary G, Marion, Cheryl W, Teresa V, Jane G., Kate F, David. S.M,

**In memoriam:** Lesley Prothero

Father, as the glory of Israel:

look in mercy on your Church, sharing his light ...

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Father,

your Christ in the Temple

your Christ is acclaimed brings judgement on the world:

look in mercy on the nations who long for his justice.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Father,

your Christ, who was rich, for our sake became poor:

look in mercy on all who are in need

and those who suffer with him ...

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Father,

your Christ is the one in whom faithful servants find their peace:

look in mercy on the whole Church,

which glories in your salvation.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Father,

your Christ is the one destined for rejection:

look in mercy on us as we turn towards his passion.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**All Almighty Father,  
you kept faith with Simeon and Anna,  
and showed them the infant King.  
Give us grace to trust your promises,  
and patience to wait for their fulfilment;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

*Please stand*

In the tender mercy of our God  
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and in the shadow of death  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*cf Luke 1.78,79*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All and also with you.**

*The Deacon says*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We share with one another a sign of peace*

**Offertory Hymn: 403: We believe in God the Father**

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## **The Preparation of the Table**

*Please remain standing*

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;  
accept the offering of your Church  
and grant that Christ may shine in us  
to the praise and glory of your name.

**All: Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here

**All His Spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts

**All We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**All It is right to give thanks and praise**

It is indeed right and good,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise  
through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity.  
For on this day he appeared in the Temple  
in substance of our flesh  
to come near to us in judgement.  
He searches the hearts of all your people  
and brings to light the image of your splendour.  
Your servant Simeon acclaimed him as the light to lighten the  
nations,

while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your redemption.

Destined for the falling and rising of many,  
he was lifted high upon the cross  
and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart  
when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.  
And now we rejoice and glorify your name  
that we, too, have seen your salvation  
and join with angels and archangels  
in their unending hymn of praise:

*We sing together*

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest**

We praise and bless you, loving Father  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts  
that broken bread and wine out-poured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends,  
and taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, shared it with them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

*The sanctuary bell is rung.*

When supper was ended he took a cup of wine.  
Again he gave you thanks, shared it and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

*The sanctuary bell is rung.*

So, Father, as we remember all that Jesus did,  
we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon  
the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**All Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth,  
and your kingdom comes.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with St. Andrew,  
the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and all the saints  
to be with you for ever at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever

**All Amen.**

*The sanctuary bell is rung. Please sit or kneel*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## **Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)**

*We sing together*

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

Come to this table,  
not because you must but because you may,  
not because you are strong, but because you are weak.  
Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a  
right to come, but because you need mercy and help.  
Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to  
love him more.

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. Those who are baptized may receive communion as directed by the stewards. Those who are not baptized are encouraged to come forward to receive God's blessing. If you need a gluten free host, please let the minister know.*

*If you would like to be baptized, we would love to hear from you. Please talk to one of the ministers at the end of the service.*

**Communion Hymn: 396: Faithful vigil ended,**

**Anthem:** O thou the central orb, Wood.

## Post Communion Prayers

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.

**All Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

## The Dismissal

*Please stand.*

## Recessional Hymn: 113:When candles are lighted

*During this hymn the Candlemas Candles will be lit and the ministers  
process to the back of church.*

## The Blessing

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,  
fill you with his grace to trust his promises  
and obey his will;  
and the blessing of God the Father,



the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you all and those for whom you have prayed this day and always.

**All Amen.**

## **Conclusion**

*The Deacon says*

*Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The ministers depart.*

## **Organ Voluntary**

### **News and Notices**

*Any item for News & Notices should be with the office by Wednesday, 12 noon.*

**More on offer for Children and Young People** - in an exciting development there is a new pattern to provide for the young people of our congregation due to their growing numbers. **Church Mice Corner:** 0-4. **Godly Play:** 4 - 10. **Café Space** -10 upwards. This will be alongside their continued involvement as acolytes in Worship All Together. Do let Helen know if you feel called to help in any way.

**Bereavement Point** 2pm - 3.30pm on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month (plus the 5th if there is one!). Opportunity for group conversation and relationship building where everyone is welcome and comfort is offered <https://compassionaterugby.co.uk/>

Did you know that **Choral Evensong** services happen at Rugby School Chapel every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 6pm. All are welcome, ask Helen for further details.

**Women Mystics: Female Theologians through Christian History.** Over the first five months of the year we will be streaming a series of lectures, organised by Sarum College and the Church Times, on Women Mystics. The next lecture will be on the 10th February 7.30—9pm on Clare of Assisi, by Michael Hahn.

**Omega Course.** A course offering a safe space for participants to learn about preparations for our own mortality and how to support others. The course content includes: living life fulfilling your wishes, preparing and planning for the future, Mental Capacity Act, Lasting Power of Attorney, choices for end of life, how to talk to people who are sick or bereaved; as well as topics raised by participants. Have a word with Sharon to find out more. Look out for the leaflets and sign up to attend.

**Equip Hub:** The diocese provides opportunities for life-long learning and training, in person, online and on Zoom. There are courses to explore your faith, training for lay ministry and free resources, videos and podcasts. Head onto [ww.equiphub.org.uk/](http://ww.equiphub.org.uk/) to find out more.

**Warm Hubs: Slow Cooker Classes.** At the Benn Partnership starting 25th February, 1.30 - 3.00pm.

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**Diary for the week  
3rd – 8th February**

**Monday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*  
10.00am Ball of Yarn knitting & crochet group  
11.00am Church Mice Baby & Toddler Stay & Play  
6.30pm Community Singers  
7.30pm Bell ringing practice *New members welcome*  
7.30pm Women Mystics

**Tuesday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*  
9.30am Reflective Eucharist *followed by coffee*  
1.00pm Tuesday Lunchtime Concert  
6.00pm Free Voice

**Wednesday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*  
10.00am Community Conversation  
12.00pm Eucharist  
2.15pm Mothers' Union Eucharist  
5.00pm Young Choristers  
7.00pm Adoptive Parents Group

**Thursday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*  
2.00pm Bereavement Journey I  
6.30pm Board games group  
7.15pm Choir Practice

**Friday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*  
10.00am Big Table Gospel group

**Saturday** 10.00am-12noon Café open  
10.00am Second Saturday Songs  
3.00pm Deanery Bell Ringers AGM

**Sunday 9th February - 4th Sunday before Lent**  
**8.00am** Holy Communion (BCP)  
**10.30am** Sung Eucharist  
**6.00pm** Sung Evensong