

Sunday 1st February The Presentation of Christ

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, your 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.**

A reading from Malachi (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 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.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 24.7-10

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you ever-lasting / doors: and the King of / glory / shall come / in.

8 'Who is the / King of / glory?': 'The Lord, strong and mighty, the / Lord • who is / mighty in / battle.'

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you ever-lasting / doors: and the King of / glory / shall come / in.

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

A reading from Hebrews (2.14-18)

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

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Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke (2.22-40)

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 the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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**



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1st February 2026

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Also known as Candlemas

Welcome to our worship today.

HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 321 , 293 , 295 , 565

TODAY	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (followed by tea / coffee)
	11.30 am	Sung Eucharist at Norton Church
MONDAY	6.30 pm	Men's Society at the BCYC
TUESDAY	9.30 am	Ministry Area Clergy Meeting
	10.30 am	Sgwrs a Choffi (Chat and coffee) - in the back of All Saints - Croeso i bawb - all very welcome
	2.00 pm	Coffee and craft in Norton Church - all welcome
WEDNESDAY	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist followed by refreshments
	2.00pm	Bible study/prayer group (church rooms)
	7.00 pm	Choir Practice - all are very welcome to come and join the choir.
THURSDAY	10.30 am	Coffee and Chat in Norton Church - all welcome
	1.30 pm	Church grounds and cleaning group - all help welcome.
	7.00 pm	Concert : Land of Song : Young Voices / Master Sounds. See posters for details. Pay on the door £7.
NEXT SUNDAY		8th February 2026
		Second before Lent / Creation Sunday
	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (followed by tea / coffee)

Concert : Land of Song : Young Voices / Master Sounds. THIS THURSDAY at 7 p.m. in All Saints. See posters for tickets / details.

Tenby trip : an enquiry before we fix date / get prices etc. Would there be interest in having another trip to Tenby one Wednesday in June ? If you would like me to explore dates / prices can you please put your name on the list at the back of church - bookings closer the time if there is enough initial interest.

Men's society : tomorrow evening - please add your name to the list at the back of church TODAY if you can join us. It is a very enjoyable monthly evening in the BCYC with good company , a meal and interesting speakers.

Ash Wednesday : 18th February : 10.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and 7 p.m. Choral Eucharist in All Saints. During Lent **Stations of the Cross** will take place in All Saints on Wednesdays at 12 midday.

Marie Curie Concert : Saturday 28th February at 7 p.m. in All Saints with the Gwalia Singers. Please see details on posters for tickets.

A flavour of Wales (2) with Rob Pendry : on St. David's Day : Sunday 1st March at 6 p.m. in All Saints. A entertaining evening of music , scenery , television from around Wales. Tickets / entry £5. *A great way to celebrate St. David's Day.*

A tribute to Ivor Novello 'We'll gather Lilacs' : Friday 6th March at 7 p.m. in All Saints given by Ros Evans , Owen Webb and Sian Davies. Tickets £12. See posters for details / tickets.

Sea Shanties and Pancakes : a FREE half term event for children on 17th February (Shrove Tuesday - Half term) from 2 - 3.30 p.m. in the Lower Church Rooms. All very welcome. Can you please let families you are in contact with know.

Pastoral Visiting : many people are becoming ill with the many winter bugs flying around at the moment , and a number of others unable to attend worship for various reasons. Can I please continue to ask that you let me now of those in need of visits / contact. When leading worship it is sometimes difficult to keep track of those missing so your help is greatly appreciated.

Healing Services : A Ministry Area Well-being and Healing Services takes place each third Sunday of every month at 4pm. On 15th February the service will be at Holy Cross.

Mothers' Union at Holy Cross Church, Fairwood Road restarts this Tuesday at 2.15pm. Annual General Meeting followed with a talk by Bob Wigley. All welcome.