

OREMUS:

Readings, Prayer & Music

Week beginning 2nd February 2025

This coming week (2-8 February)

MORNING PRAYER 8.30am (St Nicholas Chapel)

WEEKDAY (said) EUCHARIST (*except Thursdays*) 11.00am (St Nicholas Chapel)

THURSDAY 10.30am (said) Eucharist in St George's Church, Waddon

CHORAL EVENSONG 5.30pm TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

THURSDAYS: 10.30am (said) Eucharist in the Chapel of Whitgift Almshouses

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME RECITALS 1.10pm

Next Sunday 9th February 2025 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.00am (said) Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8; Psalm 138:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20; Luke 5:1-11

5.30pm Choral Evensong

The Feast of The Presentation of the Lord

Prayers, Readings & Texts for the Sunday Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist (President & Preacher: *Fr Andrew*)

Choir: Boys & Lower voices

HYMNS: NEH 157; 33 (omit*); 44

SETTING: Communion Service in *C Ireland*

THE BLESSING OF CANDLES AND THE PROCESSION

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

The choir and clergy gather at the West End of the Church and all turn and face west. While the candles are being lit the choir sings the Nunc Dimittis, The Song of Simeon.

A light to lighten the nations: and the glory of your people Israel.
Now Lord you let your servant go in peace : your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen your salvation : which you have prepared in the sight of every people.

A light to reveal you to the nations : and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father and to the Son : and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning is now : and shall be forever. Amen.

The Priest says

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

All **Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF AN EXPECTANT MOTHER

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

All **and also with you.**

Dear brothers and sisters,
forty days have passed since we celebrated the joyful feast of the
Nativity of the Lord.
Today is the blessed day when Jesus was presented in the temple by
Mary and Joseph.
Outwardly he was fulfilling the Law,
but in reality he was coming to meet his believing people.
Prompted by the Holy Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple.
Enlightened by the same Spirit, they recognized the Lord and confessed him
with exultation.
So let us also, gathered together by the Holy Spirit,
proceed to the altar of God to encounter Christ.
There we shall find him and recognise him in the breaking of the bread,
until he comes again, revealed in glory.

*After the address all raise their candles and the Priest blesses the candles,
saying:*

Let us pray.
O God, source and origin of all light,
who on this day showed to the just man Simeon
the Light for revelation to the Gentiles,
we humbly ask that, in answer to your people's prayers,
you may be pleased to sanctify with your blessing + these candles,
which we are eager to carry in praise of your name,
so that, treading the path of virtue,
we may reach that light which never fails.
Through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

*The candles are sprinkled with holy water and incense placed into the
thurible for the procession. Then the Priest announces the procession:*

Today we pray particularly for Elena Bolger and her unborn child, a daughter, due in
the next couple of weeks.

We give thanks for the gift of this child and ask the Lord to protect them both, that
no harm may befall them. We pray that her daughter will be safely delivered and
we look forward to her birth and that she will know the new birth of baptism.

We ask God's blessing on them, and on Lee, Elena's husband, that as they are called
to be a mother and father, they will show their child the nurture, kindness and
compassion of Christ, and will reveal the loving purposes of the Lord to their child
day by day and guide her in the way of Christ.

All stand

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All **Who made heaven and earth.**

*All are invited to pray for Elena and her unborn child, and Fr Andrew leads
the prayer.*

All **Amen.**

Elena's husband, Lee, kneels beside her and they are sprinkled with holy
water and are blessed.

All **Amen.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Mein Jesu, der du mich Op.122 No.1 *Brahms*

5.30pm A Procession of Epiphanies

See Order of Service

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Fiat Lux *Dubois*

from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the Temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon him.

ANTHEM: O gracious light *He/vey*

O gracious Light, pure brightness of the ever-living Father in heaven. O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

- Prayers for peace in Ukraine, Europe, and the Holy Land.
- The ceasefire between Israel-Hezbollah to hold fast.

Those who are unwell:

Margaret; Mariam; Ben A; Barbara A; Mark C; Michael B; Jenny M; Nicky P; Robby R; Lorraine S; Adrian S; Francis W; Linda W; Jean W; Diane W.

Those who have died:

Gill Doling; Lady Ina Wood; Irene Christie.

Those whose Year's Mynde fall at this time:

Geraldine Baxter; Olive Perry; Peter Hammond, priest; Kate Miller.

All

Let us go in peace to meet the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

We sing the processional hymn NEH 157

Hail to the Lord who comes,
Comes to his temple gate,
Not with his angel host,
Not in his kingly state:
No shouts proclaim him nigh,
No crowds his coming wait.

But borne upon the throne
Of Mary's gentle breast,
Watched by her duteous love,
In her fond arms at rest;
Thus to his Father's house
He comes, the heavenly guest.

There Joseph at her side
In reverent wonder stands;
And, filled with holy joy,
Old Simeon in his hands
Takes up the promised child,
The glory of all lands.

Hail to the great First-born,
Whose ransom-price they pay,
The Son before all worlds,
The child of man to-day,
That he might ransom us
Who still in bondage lay.

O Light of all the earth,
Thy children wait for thee:
Come to thy temples here,
That we, from sin set free,
Before thy Father's face
May all presented be.

The Eucharist continues as the choir sings the Gloria in Excelsis (full text on page 5 of the service booklets).

The COLLECT of the Day is prayed and the candles are extinguished.

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.**

FIRST READING Malachi 3:1-4 *read by Dede Banks*

Thus says the LORD God: Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his Temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, 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 sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

RESPONSORIAL Psalm 24:1-6



Bles - sed are those who seek your face, O Lord.

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, the 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 from 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**

SECOND READING Hebrews 2:14-18 *read by Liz Watkins*

Since the children share in flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord') and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said 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, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said:

'Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.' And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed — and a sword will pierce through your own soul also — so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.' And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years