



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 31st January 2021

4th Sunday of Epiphany

Candlemas

10:30 a.m. Partnership Service on Facebook
Followed by All Saints Coffee Time on Zoom

Monday 1st February 8:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
via Zoom: *contact Carol Hunter for the link*

Public Worship and Private Prayer

Our Churches remain closed for Public Worship and Private Prayer

Candlemas – Presentation in the Temple—Feast of the Purification of Mary

In some Christian traditions, Candlemas, the 2nd of February which is the 40th day after Christmas Day, marks the end of Christmas celebrations and has its roots in the Old Testament.

In Leviticus, we read of the regulations given to Moses by the LORD for the day-to-day life and worship of the Israelites. As recorded in Chapter 12, following childbirth, a woman had to follow a strict process to be ritually cleansed. The naming of the child took place 8 days after his birth. After a further 33 days, she had to see the Priest to be ritually cleansed. This involved the sacrifice of lamb as a burnt offering and a turtledove as a sin offering. If she was unable to afford a lamb, a second turtledove replaced it. In our calendar we celebrate the naming of Jesus on 1st January and the Presentation on 2nd February.

The Presentation of Jesus and Mary's Purification are recorded in Luke 2:22-40. Mary, Joseph and Jesus travelled to the Temple in Jerusalem for the ceremony. Whilst there they encountered Simeon and Anna.

Simeon is described as righteous and devout, and looking for the 'consolation of Israel'. He had been given a promise through the Holy Spirit that he would see the Lord's Christ before he died. He saw and recognised Jesus as 'Thy Salvation' and celebrated in what we now call the Nunc Dimittis. A familiar part of Evening Prayer in the Book of Common Prayer

A light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel [Luke 2:32]

Anna is described as a prophetess and of a great age. She spent her time in the Temple, worshipping and fasting night and day. She encountered Jesus and immediately recognised Him. She then gave thanks to God and began to speak about the child to all who were looking for the Redemption of Jerusalem.

In Simeon and Anna we have the two witnesses required in Deuteronomy 19:15 to confirm the truth of the Loving Purpose of God in sending His Son to be our Saviour.

Collect for Candlemas

2nd February

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel:

make Your home among us, and present us pure and holy to Your Heavenly Father, Your God, and our God.

Readings

Malachi 3: 1-5

Psalms 24: [1-6] 7-10

Hebrews 2: 14-18

Luke 2: 22-40

Focus on Mission—SPCK

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Prayer Requests

Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw

Prayer Meeting via Zoom at 8:00 p.m.

Monday 1st February

A chance for prayer and thanksgiving as we bring to God our concerns and dreams as we seek to minister to our community

Link details from Carol Hunter
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4th Sunday of Epiphany Collect

God of heaven, You send the Gospel to the ends of the earth and Your messengers to every nation:

Send Your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20
Psalm 111
Revelation 12: 1-5a
St Mark 1: 21-28

Bible Readings for this week

31st St Luke 23: 50-56
1st St Luke 24: 1-12
2nd St Luke 24: 13-35
3rd St Luke 24: 36-53
4th Acts 1: 1-11
5th Acts 1: 12-26
6th Acts 2: 1-13

Puzzle Corner:

How well do you know the New Testament?

Identify the books from their introductory words from the Revised Standard Version

This is an open-Book exercise with no time limit, physical prizes or answers and you can only use the one Book.

In many and various ways
In the beginning was the Word
In the First book O Theophilus
Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative
James a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ
Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James
Paul a prisoner for Christ Jesus
Paul an apostle not from men
Paul an Apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to
Paul an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God and Timothy our brother. To the Church of God
Paul an Apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God and Timothy our brother. To the Saints...
Paul an apostle of Christ Jesus by the Will of God to the Saints
Paul an Apostle of Christ Jesus Christ by command of God
Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus
Paul, called by the Will of God to be an apostle
Paul, a servant of God and an Apostle
Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ
Paul, Sylvanus and Timothy to the Church at...
Paul, Sylvanus and Timothy to the Church of the
Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ
Simon Peter, a servant and apostle
That which was from the beginning
The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ
The book of the Genealogy of Jesus Christ
The elder to the beloved Gaius
The elder to the elect Lady and her children
The revelation of Jesus Christ

**Having got this far...
Why not settle down, choose one book from this list and continue reading...**

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