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SUNDAY 4th February 2018 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)

WELCOME to the Cathedral whether you are a regular, a visitor or simply trying us out. We are delighted to have you with us.

If you are here with **CHILDREN** or **TEENAGERS**, they are most welcome either to sit with you or to join our **BEANSTALK** (Young Church) Groups which meet just after the Collect prayer next door in Castlehill House. Please let a welcomer know if you are interested. There is also a play area for very young children.

STUDENTS – It's great that you are here. We are planning get-togethers and activities for the new semester so please speak to Jeremy, the parish priest.

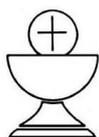


THIS MORNING, TODAY we celebrate the **PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE** commonly known as **CANDLEMAS**. Liturgically it signifies the end of the Christmas and Epiphany celebrations but with Simeon's words that we hear in today's gospel, our minds are turned to focus upon the forthcoming season of Lent and the struggle which lies ahead for

Jesus. This morning to celebrate the light that shines in the darkness and leads us on our way, we light even more candles than usual and we join together in a candlelit procession. **Candlemas** is also one of the ancient agricultural quarter seasons in Scotland. The liturgical colour is the white of purity.

This **morning's service** is contained entirely in the liturgy booklet with the exception of the biblical readings which you will find on pages 3 and 4 of this leaflet.

In the second half of the service, we celebrate **Holy Communion**. You are welcome to come forward and either to receive Holy Communion at this service or, if you would prefer, a blessing. If you do not hold your hands out to receive Communion, the priest will know to give a blessing instead. If you prefer simply to stay in your seat, that is fine too.



After the service LUNCH is being served in St Roque's Hall. If you have time, please join us – just follow the crowds!

We  *giftaid* There is an **Offering** to contribute to the ministry costs of the Cathedral in the middle of the service. If you are a UK taxpayer, you can **GIFTAID** your offering meaning that the Cathedral can reclaim from the government the

tax you have already paid on the amount you give. To do this, please simply fill in a Gift Aid envelope which are to be found at the end of each pew or on the Gift Aid table at the back.



IN OUR PRAYERS... peace throughout the world; places of conflict or disaster and all suffering peoples: especially those affected by recent natural disasters and terrorist attacks; all refugees; those ill or recuperating: Noel Edwards, John Perry, Bill and Elma Johnston, Margaret (Paul Hastie's aunt), Russell Herbert; those who have died recently: Willie Ritchie, Kay Adamson, Edith Watson, Grant Coutts. Michael Ross and those whose anniversaries occur at this time; those who mourn: Fran, Erin, Nathan and all the family; Graeme Adamson; Edith and Marc Tait, Kerrie and Grant Coutts, Louise Ross and Elaine Shields; the life of the Diocese of Brechin, Canon Anne Dyer (Bishop-elect of Aberdeen & Orkney) and the life of that diocese; our Companion Dioceses of Iowa and Swaziland; Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Anglican Church of Burundi.

PASTORAL... For pastoral visiting or an appointment, or to discuss weddings, baptisms or funerals, please contact the church office at admin@saintpaulscathedral.net or (01382) 224486; or contact the Provost direct via the office telephone or at provost@saintpaulscathedral.net or 01382 646296 (out of hours) or 07715 868960.

CALENDAR...

DAY	TIME	EVENT
Tonight	6.15pm	Service of Healing and Wholeness
Mon 5 th <i>Feria</i>	7.00pm	Cathedral closed Bell ringing practice
Tues 6 th <i>Feria</i>	1.10pm	Prayers for the middle of the day
Wed 7 th <i>Feria</i>	12 noon 1.10pm	Soup 'n' Soul Midday Prayer & Eucharist
Thurs 8 th <i>Feria</i>	11.00am 1.10pm 2.00pm 4.15pm 7.00pm	Flower Arranging Midday Prayer & Eucharist Funeral of Willie Ritchie Confirmation Class Choir Practice
Friday 9 th <i>Feria</i>	1.00pm	Funeral of Edith Watson
Sat 10 th <i>Scholastica</i>	10.00am	Prayer Group meeting
Sun 11 th <i>SUNDAY</i> <i>BEFORE LENT</i>	10.30am 6.15pm	SUNG EUCHARIST CHORAL EVENSONG

NOTICES



A SPECIAL WELCOME THIS MORNING TO OUR GUEST PREACHER, Rev'd ANDREW ASHDOWN who has spent much time working and carrying out research among the faith communities of Syria. Please pray for Syria and for Andrew's work there. There will be an opportunity to hear further from Andrew at lunchtime and to ask question.

BRING 'n' SHARE LUNCH – immediately after the 10.30am Eucharist today. If you have brought something to share, please take it up to St Roque's Hall either before the service or immediately thereafter.



WILLIE RITCHIE's funeral will take place at Dundee Crematorium on Thursday 8th February at 2pm. Please keep Fran, Erin, Nathan and all the family in your prayers. May Willie rest in peace and rise in glory.

FLOWERS TODAY are donated by **Mike Duncan** in loving memory of his late father whose anniversary occurs at this time. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS – thanks to all who helped with yesterday's concert. The next in the series will take place on Saturday (17th February) at 1.00pm when **Gabriel Faure's REQUIEM MASS** will be performed by the Choir of the University of Dundee. Tickets on the door (£5, £3, Free – for details (including other concerts in the series) pick up a flyer at the back of church.



LENT APPROACHES... Lent begins this year on 14th February (Ash Wednesday) (St Valentine's Day is off this year!) Many thanks to all who have made suggestions concerning this year's Cathedral Lent appeal. The Vestry will announce details of the Lent appeal this coming week.



Details of all Lent services, Lent courses and Holy Week and Easter will be available in a separate leaflet next Sunday. However, on Ash Wednesday, there will be Eucharists with Imposition of Ashes at 8.00am, 1.10pm and 7.30pm.

WEEKLY EMAIL – there are a few printed copies of this week's *Weekly Email*. If you are not receiving this electronically and would like to, please email provost@saintpaulscathedral.net to that effect and we shall make sure you are added to the list. You do not need to be a member of the Cathedral to receive the email.

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)



Malachi 3.1-4

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi:

Thus says the Lord God:

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.

Hebrews 2.14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

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.

Luke 2.22-40

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

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.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

READINGS NEXT WEEK... SUNG EUCHARIST (SUNDAY BEFORE LENT)

Deuteronomy 5.12-15; Psalm 81.1-10
2 Corinthians 4.5-12; Mark 2.23-3.6



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