



The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
(Candlemas)
Purification of the Virgin Mary

The season of joyful celebration that begins at Christmas and continued through the successive Sundays of Epiphany, now comes to an end today with the Feast of the Presentation of Christ (Candlemas).

The child who has been manifested to the magi at his birth is now recognized by Simeon and Anna, when he comes to be presented in the Temple according to the Law of Israel. He is both 'a light to lighten the Gentiles' and 'the glory of God's people Israel'. But the redemption he will bring must be won through suffering; the Incarnation is directed to the Passion; and Simeon's final words move our attention away from the celebration of Christmas and towards the mysteries of Easter (which begins with Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 14th).

Today in our liturgy we take the light of Christmas with our lighted candles into a world waiting to hear the Good News of Christ's Peace.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Youth Group meets this afternoon at St Luke's Church, Woodside. There is a Parental Consent Form for those who wish to attend, to take home for their parents' signature. Please see Ann Squirrell.

Lent is fast approaching, and our **Mass for Ash Wednesday** with the Imposition of Ashes, will be held at St Mark's Church, on **14th February** at 8.00pm.

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STOP PRESS - MAGAZINE EDITOR NEEDED

St Mark's Church is looking for an editor for the quarterly Magazine to succeed Josh Dumbrell. The role consists of asking people for contributions and reminding them of deadlines, arranging the articles, and inserting the pre-printed "Parish Pump". No need to worry about printing, that is taken care of. There are templates available, as well as a lot of help. Please speak to Jan if you are interested.

The latest copy of **Discipleship News** is at the back of both churches. Please do peruse and sign up for any of the interesting courses on offer.

Welcome to the United Benefice of Holy Innocents and St. Mark, South Norwood

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



28th January 2024

Priest (PTO): Revd. Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley, TSSF, SCP

Reader (PTO): Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds,

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

*Malachi 3.1-5 * Psalm 24 * Hebrews 2.14-end * Luke 2.22-40*

*Today we welcome **Mother Linda Fox** who is our President and Preacher at St Mark.*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

CHURCH NOTICES

Pastoral Care: Funerals, baptisms, weddings, please contact Mother Susan 07890 780572, fs.kiley@btinternet.com or Cicelyn Hinds 07484 677951. Please note that Mother Susan's day off is Friday.

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We pray: for Archbishops Justin and Stephen; for the Bishops in this diocese, Christopher, Rosemarie and Martin.

For the Bishops, priests, deacons and people in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe and *The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.*

Pray for the **Woolwich Episcopal Area Anglican Ecumenical Borough Dean.** Alastair Cutting (Lewisham) Edward Collier (Southwark) Patrick Eggleston (Greenwich)

For the sick – Marina, Richard, Alec, Malik, Simon, Caroline, Susan, Norman, Sacha and baby Mabel.

The bereaved – Sarah and the Cromwell-Price family.

The recently departed – Kyria Cromwell.

Years Mind Henry whose anniversary of death occurs at this time.

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A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who worked so hard to help with, provided the catering for, and came to, the concert at Holy Innocents Church last night.