

Sunday 30th January 10.30am

Candlemas Service



**The Presentation of
Christ in the Temple**

**With the blessing and distribution
of candles**

NEW WAYS OF WORSHIPPING TOGETHER SAFELY

Face coverings are no longer mandatory in any setting but may be recommended in enclosed or crowded places, particularly where you come into contact with people you don't normally meet. The best available scientific evidence is that wearing a face covering can help to protect others.

We therefore respectfully request that you continue to wear a mask if possible to respect the concerns of others.

When we come to receive Holy Communion we will not be sharing the common chalice and so Holy Communion will continue to be shared in one kind only by the receiving of the Bread of Heaven at the chancel step. Please wait in your seat until the welcomer indicates it is your turn to go forward. Once you have received the bread in your hand, please return to your seat to consume.



If you require a gluten free wafer please ask your welcomer who will advise the clergy

SERVICES THROUGH THE WEEK - ALL ARE WELCOME!

Mon: Morning Prayer 9am	Thurs: Morning Prayer 9am
	Evening Prayer 5pm
Tues: Morning Prayer 9am	Sun: Celebrating Together 10.30
Evening Prayer 5pm	(Holy Communion) am
Weds: Morning Prayer 9am	
BCP Eucharist 11.30am	
Evening Prayer 5pm	

If you live in the parish of St Francis and would like to receive the Sacrament at home because you cannot get in to church, please contact Fr Tracy, 07834 845623

FOR OUR PRAYERS

We pray for those who are in acute need of prayer at this time: Charles Reed; Stephen; Maureen; Natalie; Richard; Hayley; Audrey; Sheila; Megan; Riley & his mum and family; David M; Alex and Amanda; Kathryn, Willow and Edward.

We continue to pray for Woodside House Care Home, Hebron House and all those who are managing long term health issues including: Margaret & Martin; Gayle; Linda R; Charlotte, Maegan & Carson; Tom; Rosemary; David & Cynthia; John and Jane; Rosie and Pete; Shirley.

We pray for all who mourn the loss of a loved one or a friend, and at this time we remember Ethel Tungate, Conway & Kathleen Brown, Terry Lewington and John Royal.

**The Church of St Francis
Heartsease**



**Heavenly Father
We ask your blessing upon us.
Hold the Heartsease Community,
and all the world,
in your arms of love.
Be with us.
Give us your strength,
peace, and healing grace.
Watch over us,
protect us from harm;
and keep in safety
all those who care for the sick
and attend to our needs,
in Jesus name we pray.
Amen**

COLLECT FOR THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST

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. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

READINGS FOR THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST

MALACHI 3:1-4

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.

PSALM 24

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, ♦
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

**2 For he has founded it upon the seas ♦
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**

3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, ♦
or who can rise up in his holy place?'

**4 '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;**

5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, ♦
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'

**6 Such is the company of those who seek him, ♦
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting 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 everlasting 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.'**

**Glory be to the father and to the son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning and shall be for ever. Amen**

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.

LUKE 2:22-40

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 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ST FRANCIS

**The Church of St Francis
Heartsease**



HOW ARE WE SAVED?

The Meaning of The Cross

WEDNESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

7.30pm



Using the beautiful stained glass window in St Francis Church Fr Tracy will explore who Jesus Christ is and what he has done for us

These two teaching sessions will lead us gently from Epiphany into the Lenten season.

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THINKING ABOUT CONFIRMATION?

The New Year will see us beginning
another round of preparation for
confirmation
sessions with a
view to candidates
being presented to
the Bishop for
confirmation at
Easter.



If you are interested and would like to
know more, please contact the Vicar
or Fr Tracy who will be delighted to
hear from you.

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