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to remind you about our other services and events.**

Today at St. Wilfrid's

Sunday 3rd February 2013 **The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)**

08:00 Eucharist, 10:30 Parish Eucharist

At the 10:30 Eucharist we gather in the Hall for the Blessing of Candles and the Procession into Church

**Eucharist Times This Week: Saturday 9th Eucharist 8:30am because 'Let's Act'
Children's Bible Workshop 9.45 - 12.15. All other times as usual.**

Sunday 10th February 2013

Next Sunday before Lent

08:00 Eucharist. 10:30 Parish Eucharist with Healing. 18:00 Choral Evensong

Eucharist of Candlemas

(We begin in the Church Hall but candles are distributed to those in church who are unable to join in the procession)

On the arrival of the clergy, the Choir sing the antiphon and the people's candles are lit and incense blessed.

Antiphon: Behold, our Lord will come with power, to enlighten the eyes of his servants, alleluia

+ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

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 house of God to encounter Christ. There we shall find him and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, until he comes again, revealed in glory.

Blessing of Candles: People hold their lit candles aloft

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.

AMEN.

Holy Water. Incensing of people and candles

Choir sing and the people join in, the NUNC DIMITTIS

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation; Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end.

Procession:

Let us go forth in peace. ***In the Name of Christ. Amen***

Processional Hymn: Hail to the Lord, who comes to His Temple gate

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| 1) 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; | 3) 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. |
| 2) 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. | 4) 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. |

5) 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!

There is no confession or penitential rite as the procession was our preparation

When the clergy have censed the Altar and proceeded to their chairs, The
choir sing and the people join in the **Gloria to God in the highest**

Collect for the Day

Let us pray:

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**

First Reading - Malachi 3.1-5

Responsorial Psalm 23:7-10 (BCP 24)

Response: *Who is the King of Glory? It is the Lord.*

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| 1) O gates, lift up your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the King of Glory! R/. | 3) O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the King of Glory! R/. |
| 2) Who is the King of Glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war. R/. | 4) Who is he. the King of Glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the King of Glory. R/. |

Second Reading - Hebrews 2.14-18

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The light to enlighten the Gentiles
And give glory to Israel, your people

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 2.22-40

Offertory Hymn 309 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

Prayer over the gifts

May the offering made with exultation by your Church be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, for you willed that your Only Begotten Son be offered to you for the life of the world as the Lamb without blemish. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **AMEN**

Communion Sentence

My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

Hymn 527 Virgin born, we bow before thee

Anthem: Presentation of Christ at the Temple.....Eccard

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**

Notices

Hymn 94 Come, let us join our cheerful song

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Our Schools Nyewood Junior School, Nyewood Infants School; for all the staff, governors, parents and pupils of both schools.

The Sick - Christine Harris, Oliver Baxter-Smith, Shirley Johnson, Joanna Holley, Geoff Tooley, Evelyn Gibb, John Bywater, John Cooper, Patricia Bratt, Anne Vincent, Michael Soare, Philip Dawe, Bethany Chiddle, Father Ramon

The Departed - Vic Smith, May Povey, Dorothy Payne

TODDLER CORNER For pre-school children. There are activity sheets on the table by the south porch for older children to use.

IN AN EMERGENCY NOTE THE EXITS - MAIN ENTRANCE PORCH, EAST DOOR, CHOIR VESTRY AND SOUTH PORCH.

FIRST AID BOXES ARE OUTSIDE THE CHOIR VESTRY AND IN THE HALL

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