

Sunday 1st February 2009 - Candlemas / Christingle

SUNDAY SERVICES

- 8:00am Holy Communion - BCP (St Mary's)
10:15am Family Service (St.Nicholas, Hinxworth)
10:45am Service of the Word
Family Service (St Mary's)
Christingle
6:30pm Choral Eucharist (St Mary's)
Hymns: A&M 44 164 195 387 199
Anthem: When to the temple Mary went - Eccard



NEXT SUNDAY

- Sunday 8th: 3rd Sunday before Lent
8:00am Holy Communion - BCP (St Mary's)
9:15am Parish Eucharist (St.Nicholas, Hinxworth)
10:45am Parish Eucharist (St Mary's)
6:30pm Choral Evensong (St Mary's)

For your Prayers this week:

Please pray for those who are sick including:

**Stan Aldridge, Gill, Brian Wheeler,
Derrick Haig, Andy and Barbara Nye**

And pray for the family and friends of those who have recently died:

Aaron Hacket, David Marshall and James Yates



Baptism Anniversaries

Kier and Tyler Watts - 1st anniversary
Harriet Britten and Hannah ten Hove - 2nd anniversary.
Love and prayers go to their parents
and Godparents from us all.

St Mary's Church Cleaning

this Wednesday after the Soup Lunch.
Many helping hands needed !



Soup Lunch

This Wednesday: 12:00 -1:30pm Parish Room.

PLEASE NOTE

The next soup lunch will be on Wed 3rd June!
If you would be happy to coordinate soup-lunches
in the future please contact Simon



St Albans Cathedral Choir

Conductor Andrew Lucas
Organist Tom Winpenny

Singing music from the classics
of the English Cathedral repertory

St Mary's 7th March 2009 at 7:30pm

All proceeds toward St Mary's Restoration Fund



A Chamber Concert

at St.Mary's Sat. 7th Feb,7:30pm.

Danielle Perrett Harp

& The Landon Chamber Ensemble.

Tickets £10 Children under 16 free
available from the Post Office,Church Office 742601,
Catherine Dunlop 742240 or at the door.

There will be a bar.

Proceeds in aid of Church Fabric Fund.



THIS WEEK'S DIARY:

Monday 2nd

9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)

Tuesday 3rd

9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)

3:00pm Rosary Group (St Mary's)

Wednesday 4th

9:30am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)

10:00am Midweek Communion (St Mary's)

Noon-2:00pm Soup Lunch (Parish Church Room)

2:30pm Church Cleaning (St Mary's)

Thursday 5th

9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)

10:30am-3:00pm Visit by St Albans Cathedral Music Staff
(St Mary's)

8:00pm-9:00pm Bellringing Practice (St Mary's)

Friday 6th

9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)

9:30am-3:00pm Northfield School Visit (St Mary's)

10:00am Prayer Group (Parish Room)

7:00pm-7:45pm Junior Choir Practice (St Mary's)

8:15pm Senior Choir Practice (St Mary's)

Saturday 7th

9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)

7:30pm Chamber Concert (St Mary's)



Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to
Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. ...
And the child's father and mother were
amazed at what was being said about him. ...
The child grew and became strong,
filled with wisdom;
and the favour of God was upon him. '

Luke 2.22-40

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Collect of the Day

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

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. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Psalm

Psalm 24

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and ¹ all that ¹ fills it, ♦
the compass of the world and ¹ all who ¹ dwell there¹ in.
- 2 For he has founded it up¹ on the ¹ seas ♦
and set it firm upon the ¹ rivers ¹ of the ¹ deep.
- 3 'Who shall ascend the ¹ hill • of the ¹ Lord, ♦
or who can rise ¹ up • in his ¹ holy ¹ place?'
- 4 'Those who have clean hands and a ¹ pure ¹ heart, ♦
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor ¹ sworn an ¹ oath • to a ¹ lie;
- 5 'They shall receive a ¹ blessing • from the ¹ Lord, ♦
a just reward from the ¹ God of ¹ their sal¹ vation.'
- 6 Such is the company of ¹ those who ¹ seek him, ♦
of those who seek your ¹ face O ¹ God of ¹ Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you ever¹
lasting ¹ doors; ♦
and the King of ¹ glory ¹ shall come ¹ in.
- 8 'Who is the ¹ King of ¹ glory?' ♦
'The Lord, strong and mighty,
the ¹ Lord • who is ¹ mighty in ¹ battle.'
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you ever¹ lasting ¹ doors; ♦
and the King of ¹ glory ¹ shall come ¹ in.
- 10 'Who is this ¹ King of ¹ glory?' ♦
'The Lord of hosts, ¹ he • is the ¹ King of ¹ glory.'

Second Reading

Hebrews 2.14-18

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus 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.

Gospel

Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus 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.

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.**