



St Margaret's Church

Sunday, 29th January 2023

Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)

Welcome to St Margaret's, especially if you are visiting or worshipping with us for the first time. Please do stay behind after the 10:30 service for refreshments. The church is equipped with a loop system: please switch your hearing aid to "T" position.

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Today's Services

10:30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

(Common Worship, sung)

President and preacher Rev'd Dr Liz Carmichael

Opening hymn 157 - Hail to the Lord who comes

First reading Malachi 3.1-5

Psalm 24 *(see separate sheet)*

Second reading Hebrews 2.14-end

The Gospel Luke 2.22-44

Offertory hymn 156 - See how the age-long promise

Anthem Nunc Dimittis (Beach)

When to the temple (Eccard)

Final hymn 33 - Of the Father's heart begotten

Please note that this service is livestreamed on the Internet. Please speak to our welcome team if you have any concerns.

4:00 pm CHRISTINGLE AT CANDLEMAS

Officiant Rev'd Daniel Walters

Come and make your Christingle orange in an all-age friendly, fun workshop, followed by a candlelit service of music and prayer. All welcome!

Prayers and Readings

*for the Presentation of Christ
in the Temple*

Collect

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.

Malachi 3.1–5

3 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. ²But 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; ³he 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.* ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵ 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 24 (see separate sheet)

Hebrews 2.14–end

¹⁴ 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, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore 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. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Luke 2.22–40

²² 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 ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

²⁵ 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. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.* ²⁷Guided 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, ²⁸Simeon* took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant* in peace,

according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then 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 ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶ 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, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day.

³⁸At 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.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him

Distribution of Communion

At the distribution, please note that we are now offering consecrated wine from the common cup.

There is no expectation that you should do so; if you prefer to receive in one kind (bread only), please do so.

Out of consideration to others, please **do not** intinct (dip) your bread in the chalice.

Post Communion

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.

Prayer Requests

Sick: Margaret Holmes, Julia Aston
Smith, Colin Cooke, Caroline Cooke.

RIP: Joan Johnson (03/01/2023)

Year's Mind:

Faith Franklin (30/1/2004),
Tim Lusty (30/1/2015),
Henrietta Jope (1/2/2004),
Emily Davies (3/2/2007)

Services & Events This Week

Morning Prayer

Tuesday-Saturday, 9:00am

Online Compline (via Zoom)

Monday 30th January, 8.00pm

Little Fishes (babies & toddlers)

Friday 3rd February, 9.00am

Next Sunday (5th February)

The Third Sunday Before Lent

Parish Eucharist (CW), 10:30am

Evening Prayer (BCP), 5:30pm

Notices

Please note that there will be **no Sunday School provision** today (Sunday 29th January).

Join us this (Sunday) afternoon for **Christingle at Candlemas** at 4pm in support of The Children's Society.

Come and make your Christingle orange in an all-age friendly, fun workshop, followed by a candlelit service of music and prayer. All welcome!

You can also donate to The Children's Society via the St Margaret's Christingle page on their website: see bit.ly/3HBqS5w or use this QR code



We would like to host a couple of days of **Holy Week Children's Workshops** during the school holidays. If you have any ideas (eg, Easter garden, material crafts, music or basic bakery based) or would like to help run a station, then please join us for a planning meeting on Tuesday 31st January at The Vicarage at 7:30pm.

The next **PCC meeting** will be on Wednesday 1st February at 7.30pm, in church or via Zoom.

21st -25th August - **St Margaret's Pilgrimage** to Winchester Abbey for our teen (13yrs +) group. Please talk to Lucy Kent or Eva Walters for more information.

We would be very grateful for 2-3 (or more!) people to join the **sacristan rota**. This involves preparing elements for Communion before and after the Sunday morning service, roughly once every six weeks. Please see a member of the clergy or Lucy Simmonds if you are interested in learning what is involved.

The latest issue of **Pathways**, the Diocese of Oxford's magazine, features an article by our very own Revd Dr Anne Holmes on how to be resilient in an ever-changing world.

You can pick up a physical copy from church, or download an electronic version from the Diocese of Oxford's website: bit.ly/3RdGMpM

Open Study Day at St Theosevia House, 2 Canterbury Rd: **Life, Worship & Architecture: Churches in Oxford Diocese 1000-1900**. Speakers: Dr David Boswell; Revd Prof William Whyte. Sat 4th Feb, 10:30am-4pm.