

Sunday 2 February 2025

The Presentation of Christ in the temple | Candlemas

Weekly Notices

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Today's Services

- 8.00am **Holy Eucharist** [1984]
- 9.00am **Holy Eucharist** [2004]
- 11.00am **Choral Eucharist**
Collegium Regale *Howells*
The Song of Simeon *Shephard*
Fiat Lux *Dubois*
- 4.00pm **Advent to Candlemas**
Special Order of Service



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The 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.

The 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.

The First Reading

A reading from the prophet Malachi

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.

Malachi 3. 1-5

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**The earth is the Lord's and all that therein is:
the round world and they that dwell there in.**

**For he hath founded it up on the sea:
and established it up on the floods.**

**Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord:
or who shall stand in his holy place?**

**He that hath clean hands and a pure heart:
and that hath not set his mind upon vain things,
nor sworn to his neighbour deceitfully.**

**He shall receive blessing from the Lord:
and recompense from the God of his salvation.**

**Such is the portion of them that seek him:
even of them that seek thy face O God of Jacob.**

**Lift up your heads O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors:
that the King of glory shall come in**

'Who is the King of glory?'

'It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.'

**Lift up your heads O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors:
that the King of glory shall come in.**

'Who is the King of glory?'

'Even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

Psalm 24

The Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

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.

Hebrews 2. 14-end

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

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 for 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.

Luke 2. 22-40

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

WEEKLY NOTICES

Congregation Survey—We would like to hear your views! Complete our congregational feedback survey and help us learn more about you and your experiences at the Cathedral. You can complete the survey here—<https://llandaffcathedral.online/congregation-feedback-survey>

Mothers Union—Our next meeting will be on Monday 3rd February at 2.00pm in the Parish Hall. We are delighted to welcome our speaker Dean Jason. Visitors are always welcome to join us at this meeting.

A new course of 'Explore the Faith' will be running on Tuesday evenings, 7-8pm, from Tuesday 4th February to Easter. This is for adults who are either coming fairly new to the Christian faith, or who would like to deepen their understanding of it. If you have never thought through questions of faith since childhood, or if you have a child in a church school and want to help them understand the faith and travel with them as they learn about it, or if you don't receive Holy Communion but would like to, or if you are interested in being baptised or confirmed... This course could be for you.

Please contact Canon Jan for more information and to join the group: chancellor@llandaffcathedral.org.uk, 07472 610101.

Coffee Concert—The next coffee concert will take place on Saturday 8 February at 11am in the Parish Hall. Joining us will be Ffindir - a new ensemble exploring Welsh and Celtic myths and legends, blending traditional tunes and folk music with contemporary jazz and improvisation, featuring Mark Sambell (piano), James Chadwick (guitar) & Paula Gardiner (bass)

Calling on strong, active people! On the morning of **Saturday 8th February** we will be laying a new path through the butterfly garden in our churchyard, using materials provided by 'Keep Wales Tidy'. (underlay, bark chippings and edging). We need a working party for this one task on one date - could you help? Please contact Canon Jan at chancellor@llandaffcathedral.org.uk or 07472610101.

School references for Llandaff City Church in Wales Primary School: Parents needing a church reference for their child's application should please email Canon Jan (chancellor@llandaffcathedral.org.uk) with an outline of their and their child's involvement at the Cathedral over at least the last 2 years. This information will be helpful alongside our own attendance records.

Join us as we journey towards an EcoChurch Gold award... Llandaf Cathedral received the Silver award this week! We are eager to proceed to the next level. Each week we will update you on the progress we are making and highlighting ways that you can join with us to care for God's creation. St. David said '*Be joyful, keep the faith, and do the little things...*'. A little thing you can do this week:

World Wetlands Day! —The 2nd of February marks the anniversary of the signing of The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands which happened on the 2nd of February 1971. It's a day to raise awareness about these rapidly decreasing and essential ecosystems. Wetlands help to clean our water and support a variety of wildlife. They also help to protect against flooding as well as protecting us against climate change due to storing carbon.

To learn more or discover the nearest Wetlands to you, go to: <https://www.wwt.org.uk/discover-wetlands/world-wetlands-day>

Prayers for the sick – Prayer intentions for the sick: this list is now based on the requests sent in via this form: <https://llandaffcathedral.churchsuite.com/forms/wy58qy6m> which is also available on paper from the Cathedral office. Each name remains on the list for 8 weeks and this time can be extended by re-submitting the form or emailing the Office.

Asking for a blessing instead of receiving the bread and wine? If you have been baptised/christened in any church, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Cathedral. If you are not baptised and/

or confirmed, do get in touch if you are interested in thinking about this. You might like to try our course 'Explore the Faith' which is suitable for those enquiring about the faith, as a refresher, or as a preparation for confirmation. Contact Canon Jan to find out more.

Opportunities for musical children – Majestas Kids, our music group for children aged 6-13 has now re-started for the new academic year. Rachel Kilby, our Music Animateur, inspires children to explore their musical talents through games, singing and work with instruments. Majestas Kids meets from 10-11am on Saturdays in term time and we look forward to them performing at various Cathedral events this year. If you'd like more information, or would like to sign your child(ren) up to join, please contact our Rachel at rachelkilby@llandaffcathedral.org.uk

This is a great opportunity for children with a passion for music and singing to perform in a profession context in the beautiful setting of worship in our Cathedral. If you would like more information about **Majestas Youth Choir**, or about any other events happening in the music department, please email us at music@llandaffcathedral.org.uk

The 'Anniversary of Death' List – If your loved one's funeral was held at the Cathedral, and/or their ashes are interred in our Garden of Remembrance, their name can be included in the prayers on the anniversary of their death, and/or in the Book of Remembrance, by request from next of kin using this form: <https://llandaffcathedral.online/remembrance-form>

Join the Friends of Llandaff Cathedral – The Friends are an independent charity founded to provide invaluable support to the Cathedral's life; its fabric, music and heritage. Information about projects and membership can be found at www.llandafffriends.org.uk

*The deadline for submissions for the Weekly Notes is 9am on Thursday each week.
Please send any notices to admin@llandaffcathedral.org.uk*

THE WEEKLY PRAYER INTENTIONS

Those who are currently sick and have asked for prayer:

Carolyn Jenkins, Huw James, Charles & Alison Lewis, Octavia Allen-Davies, Philip Morris, Girija Teli, Paul Madley, Val Hopkins, Nicky James, Johanna Foley

Those for whom we wish to pray, including those who are housebound and those whose need for prayer is long-term, among them:

Beryl Baldwin, Sid Baldwin, Megan Pugh, Bettie Williams

Those who have died recently: Mair Griffith-Williams

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:

2nd February Gillian Hartley, Elizabeth Rose Powell, John David Walke, Gwendoline Doreen Waters

3rd February Emily Davies, Violet Irene Reed, Robert Foley Roderick

4th February Howard Parkhouse

5th February Robert Baker, Melva Evans, Rhian Rees Davies

6th February *No names listed on this day*

7th February William George Collins, Gordon Donald Evans, Vera Maryllia Westwood, Avril Griffiths

8th February Muriel Florence Franklin, Howard Vernon Smith, Beatrice Sellwood, John R Kenyon

The Cycle of Prayer for this week in the Anglican Communion, this Diocese and in the Cathedral Community:

Sunday The Diocese of Dublin & Glendalough (Ireland) | Ministry Area of Roath & Cathays
The Friends of Llandaff Cathedral

Monday The Diocese of London (Canterbury) | Ministry Area of South Cardiff
Welcomers & Guides

Tuesday The Diocese of Long Island (The Episcopal Church) | Ministry Area of West Cardiff
Eucharistic Assistants

Wednesday The Diocese of Los Angeles (The Episcopal Church) | Ministry Area of North Cardiff
Flower Guild

Thursday The Diocese of Louisiana (The Episcopal Church) | Taff Wenallt Ministry Area
Altar Servers

Friday The Diocese of Western Louisiana (The Episcopal Church) | The Garth Ministry Area
Guild of Stewards & Parish Stewards

Saturday The Diocese of Luapala (Central Africa) | Llan Ministry Area
Cathedral Choir—Boys

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday 3 February <i>The Saints, Martyrs & Missionaries of Europe</i>	8.00am 5.30pm	Holy Eucharist Choral Evensong
Tuesday 4 February <i>Manche Masemola</i>	8.00am 9.30am 5.30pm	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Choral Evensong
Wednesday 5 February	8.00am 5.30pm	Holy Eucharist Choral Evensong
Thursday 6 February	8.00am 9.30am 5.30pm	Holy Eucharist Cymun Bendigaid Choral Evensong
Friday 7 February	8.00am 5.30pm	Holy Eucharist Choral Evensong <i>in the Lady Chapel</i>
Saturday 8 February	8.00am 5.30pm	Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer
Sunday 9 February <i>The Fourth Sunday before Lent</i>	8.00am 9.00am 11.00am 4.00pm	Holy Eucharist [1984] Holy Eucharist Choral Eucharist Choral Evensong

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