

# Nadder Valley Benefice

## Western Area

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

**Presentation of Christ in the Temple  
(Candlemas)**

### Today's Service

**10.00am Parish Communion (CW) Tisbury**

**Please note start time**

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme Preacher: Canon Judy Anderson

Setting: Mass of St Thomas *David Thorne*

Hymns: 364 God is Love; let heaven adore him; 44 Faithful vigil ended; 408 Love divine, all loves excelling

During Communion: Nunc dimittis: *mode viii*

Closing hymn: 413 Now thank we all our God

Voluntary: Final *Denis Bédard*

This is the only service in the western part of the Benefice today – a very warm welcome to all!

### Services during the week in the Nadder Valley Benefice

Wednesdays at 10.00am Holy Communion Tisbury

Wednesdays at 11.00am Holy Communion Hindon

Fridays at 8.00am Holy Communion Tisbury

### Online services in the Nadder Valley Benefice

Services are streamed online via Zoom as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84966332040> Passcode: 039012

Monday at 08.30 Morning Prayer

Tues to Thurs at 08.00 Morning Prayer

Mon to Thurs at 17.30 Evening Prayer

**Next Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> February**

**The Fourth Sunday before Lent  
Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Fonthill Gifford

Priest: The Revd Juliette Hulme

9.30am Parish Communion Hindon

President and Preacher: tbc

9.30am All-Age Service Tisbury

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme

5.00pm Evensong Fonthill Bishop

Minister: The Revd Juliette Hulme

### In Memoriam

The funeral of Bill Liddiard will take place on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February** at 2.00pm at St John's, Tisbury, followed by tea in the Hinton Hall. All who knew Bill are very welcome. Donations for St John's may be made in the church, or for Salisbury Hospice Charity via this link: <https://williamliddiard.muchloved.com/>  
Please keep Trish, their children Sally, Kate and Jim, and all the family in your prayers at this sad time.

## The Collect for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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.

## The Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3.1-5

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 judgment; 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.

## The Gospel: 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 turtledoves 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 worshiped 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.

## For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray for the schools run by the Anglican church in the diocese, for the pupils and their teachers, and for adequate resources.

As we celebrate Candlemas, we pray for all pregnant mothers and those who have recently given birth. We pray that they may receive the support they need and rejoice in their babies. We pray too for all fathers and those who take on fathering roles. Mindful of Simeon and Anna, we give thanks for the wisdom of the elderly, and we pray for all grandparents, great aunts and uncles.



**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00pm**

**Service of Healing and Wholeness**

A quiet service of prayer and contemplation for all the churches of the Nadder Valley Benefice, including a reading, a song, meditation and prayers for yourself and for those about whom you care. St John's Church, Tisbury (St Andrew's Chapel). All very welcome.