

Nadder Valley Benefice

Western Area



Sunday 29th January 2023

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

Today's Service

10.00am Parish Communion St John the Baptist, Tisbury

President: The Revd Joanna Naish Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

The four parishes in the Western area of the Benefice join together this morning for our celebration of Candlemas. Do stay for refreshments after the service!

Setting: Mass of St Thomas *David Thorne*

157 Hail to the Lord who comes; 44 Faithful vigil ended; 408 Love divine all loves excelling

During Communion: Nunc dimittis *Walmisley in D minor*

Closing hymn: Like a candle flame (*words overleaf*)

Organ Voluntary: Nun danket alle Gott *Karg Elert*

Next Sunday, 5th February

The Third Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Fonthill Gifford

Priest: The Revd Juliette Hulme

9.30am Parish Communion Hindon

President and Preacher: The Revd Joanna Naish

9.30am All-Age Service Tisbury

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme and Canon Judy Anderson

5.00pm Evensong Fonthill Bishop

Minister: The Revd Juliette Hulme

In Memoriam

We continue to pray for the families and friends of members of the community who have died recently:

Norman Savage died at home at the end of December. Funeral details are not yet known.

Jessica Gibbs died early in the New Year. Her funeral will take place at Salisbury Crematorium on Monday 6th February at 1.00pm.

Isobel Vining died on 9th January. Her funeral will take place in St John's, Tisbury, on Wednesday 1st February at 11.30am.

For your prayers

Please pray for the members of the Chalke-Cueibet planning group as they consider ways to strengthen the Deanery link and plan activities for this year.

We pray for peace and calm in Israel between Jews and Palestinians after the recent escalation of attacks.

We pray for all who have died in violent circumstances and for all their loved ones who suffer trauma and bereavement.

For your diary

Wednesday 15th February 2.00-4.00pm Children's Holiday Workshop - Hindon

Do join the Nadder Valley Team for a workshop in the theme of 'Flight' at St John the Baptist, Hindon. All children need to be accompanied throughout by a responsible adult. Advance booking is essential, via the Revd Jo Naish: revdjoannanaish@gmail.com or 01747 871820

Wednesday 15th February at 6.30pm Chalke Deanery Synod - Open Meeting

All are warmly invited to an open meeting of Chalke Deanery Synod at Wilton Community Centre. The speaker will be the Revd Canon Karen Hutchinson, Lay Ministry Development Officer for the Diocese of Salisbury; her subject 'What is lay ministry? How can each one of us use our gifts?'

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 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.

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 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.

Closing hymn

1. Like a candle flame
Flickering small in our darkness
Uncreated light
Shines through infant eyes

God is with us, alleluia
God is with us, alleluia
Come to save us, alleluia
Come to save us, alleluia!

2. Stars and angels sing
Yet the earth sleeps in shadows
Can this tiny spark
Set a world on fire?
God is with us ...

3. Yet his light shall shine
From our lives, Spirit blazing
As we touch the flame
Of his holy fire.
God is with us ...

And finally ...

Could you donate

Broadsheet newspapers
Plastic bottles (500ml)
Wooden laundry pegs
(the sort with springs)
Tissue paper
for the Workshop on 15 Feb
Please contact Revd Jo
Naish if you can help.

Thank you!

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