

Candlemas

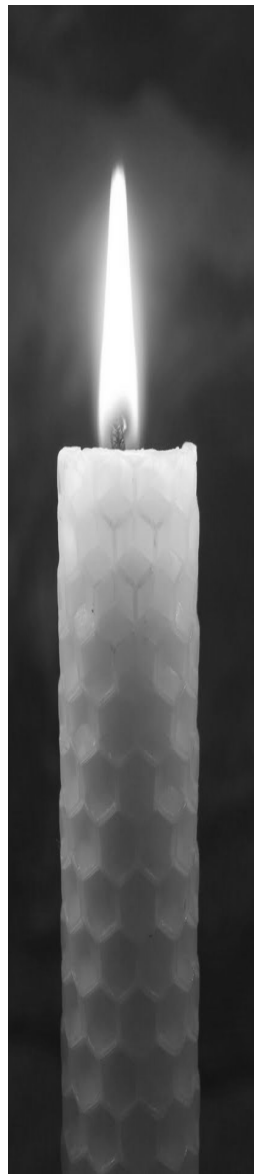
On Christmas day we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to God and shown to his people. Our gospel story tells us how he was recognised, by Simeon and Anna, as our Saviour.

In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion. We turn our hearts and minds from the crib to the cross.

The light of Christ has dawned in our hearts, let us then shine in the world with the light of his love.

Prayer

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendour, that we, who by these kindling flames light up this temple to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled, and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal city where you live and reign, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen



Holy Spirit



Sunday 29th January Candlemas

WELCOME

Welcome to Holy Spirit. We have Sunday School for children from Reception age upwards during term time & a crèche all year round. For LARGE print hymn & service books ask the sidespeople. There is a loop system; please adjust the setting of your personal hearing aid.

JOIN IN

Please ALL COME to the Lord's table: whether or not you are used to receiving communion. We all gather as members of God's family to receive bread & wine or a blessing.

Please stay for a drink & a chat after the service

SUPPORT

Make your donation count: Thank you for supporting Holy Spirit. You can make your donation even more valuable by allowing us to reclaim the tax on your gift. To do so please fill in your details on the front of the Yellow Envelopes.

THANK YOU!

READINGS

Luke 2. 22-40 - Simeon and Anna had been waiting for Jesus; waiting to see the face of their Messiah. And today they do! Here, on this ordinary day in the temple, a first born male is being presented to the Lord. The Law is being observed, the usual purity rituals are being performed, and amidst this normality something extraordinary happens; the light of God is recognised, named and proclaimed by these two elderly prophets. In this moment of revelation, there is truth and wonder and joy but there are also undeniable notes of anticipated pain and judgement. Simeon and Anna had been waiting for their Messiah – a Messiah they had probably imagined would be a mighty military leader, or similar. Little did they know that in beholding the face of the Lord's Messiah, they were looking at the face of God himself. The light of God is recognised, named and proclaimed both then, by those people, and today, by us.

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CALENDAR

Today

9.00am Said Eucharist

10.30am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Mon 30th January

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30-5.30pm Opera Project

Tues 31st January

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Molies

10.30am Silver Socials

12-6pm Opera Project

Weds 1st February

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30-5.30pm Opera Project

Thurs 2nd February

10.30-5.30pm Opera Project

12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist followed by simple lunch

7.30-9.00pm Baptism prep Evening

Fri 3rd February

10.30-4pm Opera Project

4.00- 7.00pm Wedding preparation and rehearsal

Saturday 4th February

Melissa and Paul Wedding

7.00pm Robes night shelter in Contact Centre

Sun 5th February

9.00am Said Eucharist

10.30am Parish Eucharist and Baptism

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Please pray for:

Albert Bell, Heidi Bell, Jane Bell, Tim Gridale, Cassie Williams, Charles Donoghue, Anthony Walker, Sara Carter, Harry Rich, Lynford Esterine, Jean Boxill, Aude Bonnetain, Fred Udhe, Yvonne de Grouchy and Molly Price Owen.

All Ages please come and join us

to mix, pour, flip and eat

February 28th

6-7.30pm



Notices

CHAIRS New chairs are HERE, hope you noticed! Most of the current ones will be sold, all money going towards funding the new chairs, if you wish to purchase one please contact the church office. They will be £30 each and **sold** as seen. Come and choose the ones you want. We shall be disposing of the majority to a dealer on Tuesday so get your order in quickly.

Our Foodbank box is looking empty, please help us re-fill it. Items requested are tins of meat and fruit, longlife milk and juice.



We are hosting a Welcoming Party for new refugee families in Lambeth on **Wednesday 15th February** in the evening. We need **FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT & YOU** to come and welcome our new neighbours and make them feel at home here. If you can help or would like to know more get in touch with Mtr Ruth or Sara Spillet.



We shall be hosting the **Robes nightshelter** in the Contact Centre on Saturday nights from 4th February, if you want to know more please speak to Anna L, Sarah or Sara J.

Book Club are reading This Must be the Place by Maggie O'Farrell, next meeting is on Tuesday March 14th, 8pm at 67 Rodenhurst Road. Lively discussion and a glass of wine!

Knitting Group will be clicking needles on Monday 13th Feb at 7.30 at 1 Bedford Terrace, Lyham Road. All Welcome

Watch this space, new early morning Sunday **Pram Service** for parents and very young children coming in early March, more info soon.

Flying Paper is the uplifting story of Palestinian children in Gaza engaged in the fascinating culture of kite making and flying. It is being screened by Lambeth and Wandsworth Palestine Solidarity Campaign on February 7th at 8pm at Whirled Cinema, Brixton for more info see <https://www.palestinecampaign.org/events/film-flying-paper/>