

St Mary's Newsletter

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Week beginning Sunday 2nd February 2014



THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE CANDLEMAS

11.00am Family Service
12.15pm Parish Eucharist
6.00pm Evensong

An audio loop is installed for those with hearing aids: please switch to the 'T' position.

WE WELCOME all who join us for our services today. Please feel welcome to stay for coffee or squash after the Family Service - the time to meet and greet. Also, you are warmly encouraged to come back to St Mary's this evening at 6pm for the service of Evensong for Candlemas

Luke tells of Mary's humble keeping of the Jewish law relating to childbirth. As the new world is born, the old is superseded but not despised.

** We need powerful symbols, like the temple in Malachi's prophecy. How powerful can we let them be, and can they come to dominate the reality they stand for?*

** It is surely helpful to see Jesus as our 'go-between' in relation to God. He has a foot on either side and joins the two together.*

** Religious devotion can be glad of the past, even as the future dawns and draws our eyes.*

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS

...those who suffer in mind, body or spirit: Angie Rigney; Sue Denwood; Jean Mattock; Mark Williams; Yvonne Milne; Bert Hobby; Doreen Howe; Eli Garland; Ashley Bowen; John Searle; Ben Pratt; Philippa Mace
...those in care homes: Jessie Child; Pat Cook; Clemency Clarke;
...R.I.P: All those who have departed in peace

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday 3rd - 9.00am Morning Prayer
8.00pm Pilgrim Course at 1 Jordan Close
Tuesday 4th – 7.00pm Choir Practice
8.00pm Bellingringing practice
Wednesday 5th – 9.00am Morning Prayer
10.45am Coffee Morning in church
7.30pm P.C.C. meeting in church
Friday 7th – 9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY

THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT
11.00am Parish Eucharist
and Sunday Club

NOTICES

A big thank you to all who have helped with and all who have supported the **Coffee Mornings** this year. The next one will be on **Wednesday 5th February** at 10.45 am in church. The total raised in 2013 amounted to the princely sum of £796.99 which is a very welcome addition to our funds.

PARISH LUNCH AT THE FIVE BELLS - This will be on Sunday 16th February. The list and menu will be at the back of the Church from this Sunday.



TONIGHT - Evensong
(from the Book of common Prayer 1662)
at 6.00pm at St Mary's.

The hymns will be: Sing we of the blessed Mother; Virgin-born, we bow before thee; We hail thy presence glorious; Hail, gladdening Light, of His pure glory poured. The Psalm set is 122 and the anthem: *When Mary to the Temple went*, by **Johannes Eccard** (1553–1611).

Please come along to this beautiful evening service if you can – and bring a friend!