

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

# THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



## HIGH MASS

WITH BLESSING OF CANDLES

Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2026

11am

Cover image:

*Candlemas*

David Jones, 1895-1974

§ *Candles are distributed and lit. All stand to sing when the bell rings.*

**YE WHO own the faith of Jesus  
Sing the wonders that were done,  
When the love of God the Father  
O'er our sin the victory won,  
When he made the Virgin Mary  
Mother of his only Son.**

**Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary full of grace!**

**Blessèd were the chosen people  
Out of whom the Lord did come,  
Blessèd was the land of promise  
Fashioned for his earthly home;  
But more blessèd far the Mother  
She who bare him in her womb. *Hail Mary...***

**Wherefore let all faithful people  
Tell the honour of her name,  
Let the Church in her foreshadowed  
Part in her thanksgiving claim;  
What Christ's Mother sang in gladness  
Let Christ's people sing the same. *Hail Mary...***

### **THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

In the name of the ☩ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

#### **BLESSING OF CANDLES**

O Lord Jesu Christ, who art the true light that lightenest every man that cometh into the world: we beseech thee to pour out thy blessing upon these candles, and sanctify them with the light of thy grace; and mercifully grant that, even as they with their flame do scatter the darkness of night, so our hearts being inflamed with the inward brightness of thy Holy Spirit may be delivered from all blindness of iniquity; that the eyes of our souls being enlightened may discern such things as are pleasing unto thee and profitable unto us for our salvation; that finally after the darkness and dangers of this world we may attain in the end to light everlasting; through thee, Christ Jesu, Saviour of the world, who in the unity of the blessed Trinity livest and reignest, God, world without end. **Amen.**

§ *The Deacon sings:*

Let us go forth in peace.

§ *All respond:*

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

§ *The hymn resumes.*

**In his Temple, now he enters  
Prophesied by Malachi;  
Simeon and Anna greet him  
Precious Son of God most high.  
Turtle doves his parents' offering  
Which his Mother purify. *Hail Mary...***

**Let us weave our supplications,  
She with us, and we with her,  
For the advancement of the faithful,  
For each faithful worshipper,  
For the doubting, for the sinful,  
For each heedless wanderer. *Hail Mary...***

**For the sick and for the agèd,  
For our dear ones far away,  
For the hearts that mourn in secret,  
All who need our prayers today,  
For the faithful gone before us,  
May the holy Virgin pray. *Hail Mary...***

**Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,  
Praise thy Saviour and thy Son,  
Praise the everlasting Spirit,  
Who hath made thee ark and throne;  
O'er all creatures high exalted,  
Lowly praise the Three in One. *Hail Mary...***

V.S. Stuckey Coles, 1845-1929

**DAILY, DAILY**  
Melody 'from a French Paroissien'

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Suscepimus Deus, misericordiam tuam in medio temple tui: secundam nomen tuum Deus, ita et laus tua in fines terrae: iustitia plene est dextera tua. Magnus Dominus, et laudabilis nimis: in civitate Dei nostri, in monte sancto eius.*

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple: O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end: thy right hand is full of righteousness. Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised: in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill. *Psalm 48.8-9; 1*

## MASS SETTING **MISSA BREVIS IN F K192**

W.A. Mozart, 1756-1791

§ *All sit when the celebrant has intoned the Gloria.*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

§ *All stand.*

## THE COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God, we humbly beseech thy majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

§ *All sit.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST 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.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY *24.7-10*

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and 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: and the King of glory shall come in. Who is the King of glory: even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.*

THE EPISTLE *Hebrews 2.14-18*

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.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL *St Luke 2.22-32*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*The old man carried the Child: but the Child governed the old man. Alleluia...*

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory be to thee, 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

§ *All sit.*

HOMILY

Fr Peter Anthony

*The Vicar*

§ *All stand to sing the Creed.*

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.**

**And I believe one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

**And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace. **Amen.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### THE PEACE

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with thy spirit.**

§ *All sit.*

#### MOTET HODIE BEATA VIRGO

William Byrd, 1540-1623

*Hodie beata Virgo Maria puerum Jesum presentavit in templo, et Simeon, repletus Spiritu sancto, accepit eum in ulnas suas, et benedixit Deum in aeternum.*

Today the blessed Virgin Mary presented the boy Jesus in the temple, and Simeon, filled with the Holy Spirit, took him in his arms, and blessed God forever.

§ *All stand.*

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father. **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to hear our prayers: and that these gifts which we offer unto thy divine majesty may be an acceptable offering in thy sight, do thou show forth on us the succour of thy loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. **It is meet and right so to do.**

§ *The celebrant sings the preface.*

#### SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory, Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

§ *All kneel. The Canon of the Mass follows.*

Great is the Mystery of Faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

§ *The Canon concludes:* Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

#### THE COMMUNION RITE

§ *The celebrant introduces the Lord's Prayer, which is sung by all.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. [x2]*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

§ *As the choir sings the Agnus, the celebrant shows the consecrated host to the people:*

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

§ *Anyone baptized in the name of the Trinity may receive Holy Communion. Low-gluten hosts are available at the Lady Altar.*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Responsum accepit Simeon a Spiritu Sancto, non visurum se mortem, nisi videret Christum Domini.*

It was revealed unto Simeon by the Holy Spirit: that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Anointed. *Luke 2.26*

§ *All sing the communion hymn.*

**Joy! Joy! the Mother comes,  
And in her arms she brings  
The Light of all the world,  
The Christ, the King of kings;  
And in her heart the while  
All silently she sings.**

**Saint Joseph follows near,  
In rapture lost and love,  
While Angels round about  
In glowing circles move,  
And o'er the Mother broods  
The everlasting Dove.**

**There in the temple-court  
Doth Simeon's heart beat high;  
And Anna feeds her soul  
With food of prophecy;  
But, see! the shadows pass,  
The world's true Light draws nigh.**

O Infant God, O Christ,  
O Light most beautiful,  
Thou comest, Joy of joys,  
All darkness to annul;  
And brightest lights of earth  
Beside thy Light are dull.

F.W. Faber, 1814-1863

LAUDES DOMINI

Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896

§ *All stand.*

By these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord, bring your grace to perfection within us, and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation that he would not see death until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ, so may we, going forth to meet the Lord, obtain the gift of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:

And may the blessing of God almighty, the ☩ Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

§ *All sing:*

**HAIL to the Lord's Anointed!**  
**Great David's greater Son;**  
**Hail, in the time appointed,**  
**His reign on earth begun!**  
**He comes to break oppression,**  
**To set the captive free;**  
**To take away transgression,**  
**And rule in equity.**

He comes with succour speedy  
To those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy,  
And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Were precious in his sight.

O'er every foe victorious,  
He on his throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
All-blessing and all-blest:  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand for ever;  
That name to us is Love.

James Montgomery, 1771-1854  
based on Psalm 72

#### KING'S LYNN

Adapted from an English folk song by  
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1959

#### THE ANGELUS

THE Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.  
**And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour  
of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

**Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour  
of our death. Amen.**

And the Word was made flesh.

**And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

**That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

We beseech thee, O Lord, to pour forth thy grace into our hearts, that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of an angel, so, by his ☩ Cross and Passion, may we be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY  
**PRAELUDIUM IN D MAJOR BuxWV 139**

Dieterich Buxtehude, 1637-1707

*Welcome to All Saints', especially if you are visiting.*

*Please join us for refreshments after Mass.*

# ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET | PARISH NOTICES

## Today's Flowers

The flowers at Our Lady this week are given by **Bernard and Francis Davis**, in memory of their mother, **Barbara**, whose anniversary is on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

If you would like to make a donation for flowers or the courtyard garden, please contact Shawn directly or via the office.

## Zoom Theology

Dr Colin Podmore will address us on the process behind the appointment of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, at 7pm.

Zoom Link on Parish Website: [asms.uk/growing-in-faith/zoom](https://asms.uk/growing-in-faith/zoom)

## Night Shelter Volunteers

Thanks to all who have helped staff the cold weather night shelter this season. We are still looking for volunteers for this coming Wednesday evening/Thursday morning, and for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Please be in touch ([assistantpriest@asmk.uk](mailto:assistantpriest@asmk.uk)) with Fr Alan.

## John Martell R.I.P.

John Martell, who worshipped at All Saints' for many years prior to the Pandemic, died last Thursday. All welcome at his Requiem Mass followed by buffet on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 11.30am. St Michael & All Angels, Harbledown, Canterbury, CT2 8NW. Fr Alan will be preaching.

## Parish Theatre Trip & Lent Seminar

There will be a parish trip to see Shadowlands on the evening of Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, followed by a seminar on C.S. Lewis the following Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Limited tickets available for the play (sign up soon via the Parish Website or weekly email); all welcome to the seminar.

## Fulham Lay Congress

Bishop Lindsay Urwin OGS will help us to reflect on how we can be more effective in our sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 10am-3.30pm at St Alban's, Holborn. All Welcome.

## Parish Email

Sign up for our more detailed weekly email on the Parish's website: [asms.uk/news](https://asms.uk/news)

## **MASS TIMES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> February**

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (CANDLEMAS)**

5.15pm Low Mass; 6pm *Candlemas Carol Service & Benediction*

**Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

Feria

12noon; 6.30pm

**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

12noon; 6.30pm

*with blessing of throats*

**Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February**

Feria

12noon; 5.30pm *Holy Hour*; 6.30pm

**Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> February**

St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

12noon; 6.30pm; 7pm *Catechesis*

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> February**

St Paul Miki & Companion Martyrs

12noon; 6.30pm

**Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Feria

12noon; 6pm *Confessions*; 6.30pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> February**

**SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

8.30am Low Mass; 11am High Mass

5.15pm Low Mass; 6pm *Evensong & Benediction*

**TONIGHT 6pm**  
6pm Candlemas Carol Service  
**Byrd | Wood | Rheinberger | Mendelssohn**  
**Schütz | Sumsion | Henschel**  
*Refreshments in church afterwards*



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