# WELCOME

Sunday 2 February 2025 Candlemas (Year C)

TAKE HOME TO READ

# **MONDAY**



10am-12noon ARK PLAYGROUP For Under 5s and carers. £3 first child, £1 others.

# **TUESDAY**



**CONNECTIONS CAFÉ** Coffee, cake & conversation. Puzzles and games.

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9:30am-1pm SPRING INTO ACTION! Tidving for Easter. Why not join the team?

# Sunday

8:00am HOLY COMMUNION (Said)

9:30am PARISH COMMUNION

MESSY CHURCH RETURNS NEXT WEEK

Weekdays

9:00am MORNING PRAYER Tue, Wed, Fri

NO MIDWEEK COMMUNION

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**OPENING HOURS** Mon, Wed, Fri 0930-1230 Tue, Thu 1230-1530

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#### COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel:

make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. Amen.

#### **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.

#### **GOSPEL LUKE 2: 22-40**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus 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 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 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

### **HYMNS**

was upon him.

#### HYMN 1

O worship the King all glorious above; O gratefully sing his power and his love; our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space; his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, almighty, thy power hath founded of old; hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? it breathes in the air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end! our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

O measureless might, ineffable love, while angels delight to hymn thee above, thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

# HYMN 2 (Choir only)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, Which Thou has prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### HYMN 3

How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears, whilst I thy footsteps trace; a sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold thy face.

They sing because thou art their Sun; Lord, send a beam on me; for where heav'n is but once begun there alleluias be.

How great a being, Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere; thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere.

#### HYMN 4

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee, 'How great thou art! how great thou art!' Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee, 'How great thou art! how great thou art!'

When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

Then sings my soul...

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin:

Then sings my soul...

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!

Then shall I bow in humble adoration

Then shall I bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!'

Then sings my soul...

#### LATEST NEWS

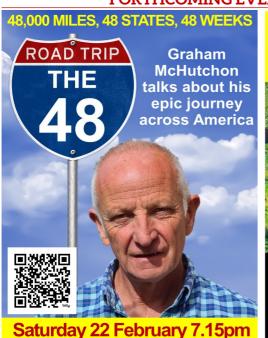
#### **DEREK'S NEW ROLE**

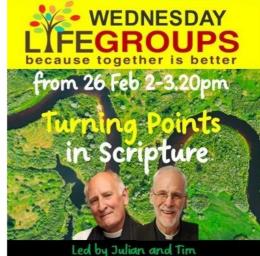
Derek is being installed as one of four new prebendaries of St Paul's Cathedral during *Evensong* this afternoon at 3pm. You are most welcome to attend the service.

Prebendaries are appointed in recognition of their work in the Diocese. They are each given their own stall in the quire, are invited to preach once a year, and are given a portion of the Psalms to recite daily.

Derek continues as our vicar!

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS - BOOK NOW!





26 Feb Moses Lawgiver, leader & liberator 12 Mar Isaiah Three prophets in one

26 Mar Jesus The heart of our faith 9 Apr Paul Church planter & letter writer

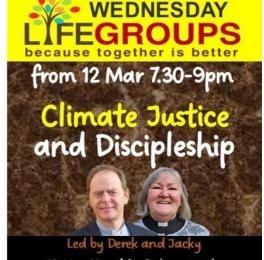
2-3.20pm Learning about God & ourselves

# **PURIFICATION**

£10 tickets: https://bit.ly/StJThe48s

He sits, the purifier And refiner of silver. Purging humanity's metal By fire. I try to remain Still under his hand, To accept separation, Removal of dross, whatever Promotes inner and outer Purification. Submission Leads to clear perception Of his beauty, though it take A lifetime to reflect it.





12 Mar Humility Bishop Sarah 19 Mar Solidarity Bishop Anderson 26 Mar Example Bishop Emma 2 Apr Accountability Bishop Joanne 9 Apr Hope Bishop Lusa

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