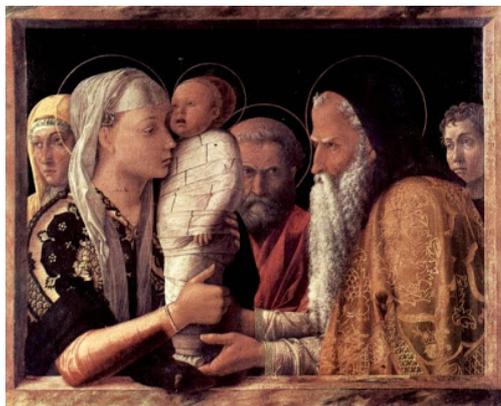


# St German's Church

3 February 2019 - Presentation of Christ in the Temple



Today we remember when Mary and Joseph obey the law of Moses and presented the child Jesus to the priests in the temple. Throughout this scene, the parents seem to be in the process of presenting/offering their son as was customarily done with sacrifices and the Levites, while through the persons of Simeon and Anna it seems rather God who offers/presents the son for the salvation of us, God's people. He would be the light that shines in the darkness and so our blessing of candles symbolises this light, and our gratitude for Christ, the light that will illumine the nations.

## Parish Notes:

**Social Events and Fundraising Team** - met last Sunday and we hope to finalise the events for the rest of 2019 after the PCC and will publish these accordingly. Most months have one or two social events.

**Nightshelter Appeal** - This year, we are looking specifically for coats (male and female) that are in a very good condition (new or nearly new). We are also in need of gloves. Please continue to pray for our guests and helpers each Saturday and Sunday morning.

**Croeso** - Please take a copy of the latest edition of our diocesan magazine home. Available at the back of the church.

**First Aid** - There are still places available for the first aid training to help us become more safe as a church. See Fr Phelim (Tues 12 Feb 10-4pm).

**Treorchy Male Voice Choir** -concert at St German's Church commencing at 7pm (doors open at 6pm) on Sat, 23 March 2019. You are strongly advised to book tickets (£15 from Angela Parry) as soon as possible.

**Unique Website Visitors** - After a recent analysis we are delighted to share that on average 2,000 people visit our main website each month (The St German's specific web site also had 900 unique visitors in the last month).

**PCC Meeting** - the Parish Council next meets on Mon 4 Feb 2019 at 6pm for mass with the business items at 6.45 pm.

**Recently Departed:** Ron Judd, Arthur Hopkins, Peggy Davies, Rob Evans *RIP*

## This week:

### Sun 3

8am Said Mass (St G)

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

### Mon 4:

6pm Mass (St G)

### Tues 5:

10am Mass (St S)

St Agatha

### Wed 6:

10am Mass (St G)

Sts Paul Miki and

Companions

### Thur 7:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

### Fri 8:

6pm mass (St S)

### Sat 9:

11am Mass (St S)

### Sun 10:

*St Saviour's:*

9:30 Sung Mass

*St German's:*

8am Said Mass

11am Sung Mass

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

Malachi 3:1-4

Ps 24:7-10

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Isa 6:1-2a, 3-8

Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5,

7-8

1 Cor 15:3-8, 11

Luke 5:1-11

## PSALM:

**Who is the King of  
glory? He, the Lord,  
he is the King of  
Glory. (4vv)**

**Today's Hymns: 32 And can it be; 658 There is a Redeemer; 68 Be still my soul; 716 We have a gospel to proclaim; Setting: A New People's Mass, Murray (Kyrie, Black Mountain)**

## COLLECT:

Almighty and everliving 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

## FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Malachi.

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of Hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fullers' alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Malachi 3*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Who is the king of glory?*

*He, the Lord, he is the king of glory.*

O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory?

The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,

the Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is he, the king of glory?

He, the Lord of armies,  
he is the king of glory.

*Psalm 19*

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter to the Hebrews.

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Christ too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Heb 2*

## GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Luke 4*