



The Parish of Saint Peter le Poer

Diocese of London

Weekly News Sheet



3rd February 2019 – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Welcome to St Peter's Church. We extend a very warm welcome to all. Please join us for refreshments in the hall after the Parish Mass.

This week's Services

Sunday 3rd February	11am	Parish Mass
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple		Fr John Wainwright
Tuesday 5th February	7pm	Mass
		Fr Ben Kerridge
Friday 8th February	12:30 pm	Mass
		Fr Martin Poole
Sunday 10th February	11am	Parish Mass
Fourth Sunday before Lent		Fr Dennis Bury

Notices

Parish Prayer List. We have updated the Parish Prayer List in light of feedback received. Thank you to everyone for this. Please check the list in this newsletter and let us know of any changes to be made going forwards.

Hymn Selection. Please could you let us know what your favourite hymns are and we will try and add them to the service list to be sung at an appropriate time. Just let Tim or James know, preferably by email to office@saintpeterlepoer.org.uk

Activities for Children on Sundays. Please let anyone who may be interested know that from the beginning of February, a new range of activities will be available for children of all ages to complete during Mass.

Christian Aid Week. The launch for this is on Thursday 7th February and details may be found at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/events/london-launch-christian-aid-week>

In particular we pray for the people of Yemen this Sunday and for an end to the conflict and suffering there.

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Readings for Sunday 3 February, the Presentation of Christ in the Temple

First Reading (Malachi 3.1–5)

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

Thus says the LORD God: 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.

Psalm 24.7-10:

Second Reading (Hebrews 2.14–18)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus 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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The true light which enlightens everyone
was coming into the world.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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 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 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.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer (www.anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer.aspx)

Sunday, 3 February 2019

Pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi

The Most Revd Martin Blaise Nyaboho - Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba

Monday, 4 February 2019

Lusaka (Central Africa) The Rt Revd David Njovu (Diocesan Bishop)

Tamale (West Africa) The Rt Revd Jacob Ayeebo (Diocesan Bishop)

Guinea (West Africa) The Rt Revd Jacques Boston (Diocesan Bishop)

Tuesday, 5 February 2019

Lusitanian Church (Portugal) The Rt Revd Jorge Pina Cabral (Diocesan Bishop)

Tanga (Tanzania) The Most Revd Dr Maimbo Mndolwa (Primate)

Wednesday, 6 February 2019

Luwero (Uganda) The Rt Revd Eridard Kironde Nsubuga (Diocesan Bishop)

Tarime (Tanzania) The Rt Revd R Mwitwa Akiri (Diocesan Bishop)

Tasmania (Australia) The Rt Revd Dr Richard Condie (Diocesan Bishop)

Tasmania (Australia) The Rt Revd Christopher Jones (Assistant Bishop)

Thursday, 7 February 2019

Lweru (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Godfrey Mbelwa (Diocesan Bishop)

Te Pihopatanga o Tai Tokerau (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Rt Revd Te Kitohi Wiremu Pikaahu (Diocesan Bishop)

Friday, 8 February 2019

Machakos (Kenya) The Rt Revd Joseph Mutungi (Diocesan Bishop)

Te Pihopatanga o Tairāwhiti (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Most Revd Don Tamihere (Primate)

Gujarat (North India) The Rt Revd Silvans Christian (Diocesan Bishop)

Saturday, 9 February 2019

Madhya Kerala (South India) The Most Revd Thomas Kanjirappally Oommen (Primate)

Te Pihopatanga o Upoko o Te Ika (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) Vacant (Diocesan Bishop)

Gusau (Nigeria) The Rt Revd John Garba Danbinta (Diocesan Bishop)

Your prayers are asked for:

The sick & those in need in our Parish or known to us

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries of Death:

Sun: Reginald Middleton (Priest) **Mon:** Molly Weber **Tue:** Salimeh Azzam, John O'Rourke

Fri: Harry Du Preez **Sat:** Jean Alsford, Ronald Chesterfield

To update these lists, or to receive the sacraments at home, please contact a Churchwarden.



This week the Blessed Sacrament lamp burns as a sign of prayer for HM the Queen on the anniversary of her accession to the throne, and the Lady Chapel lamp for the people of Yemen.

To dedicate a lamp for a week, please speak to one of the Churchwardens