

The Parish Noticeboard

Welcome to all our visitors at our Services today. Tea/Coffee & Biscuits are served in the south-west corner of the church after the 10.15 a.m. Sung Mass and everyone is invited to take part in this social aspect of our outreach.

Chelveston: Everyone is invited to stay for Tea/Coffee & Biscuits at the end of the Sung Mass today.

St Mary's Church Choir: Does your son or daughter enjoy singing? If so, we are looking at recruiting young people into the new Junior Choir at Higham. Youngsters can join at the age of 7 years and full musical training will be given. Please have a word with Tony Edwards after any service or contact him on 01933 673163 or e mail TonyE1960@aol.com. Also any adults who would like to consider joining please see Tony.

Journeving: The informal faith journeying meetings continue on **Thursdays at 7.45pm** in the home of Lynne and David Pocock, 3 Midland Road, Higham Ferrers (opposite the Library) on *the 4th and 11th February*. We use the Emmaus material exploring "Being Church". It is open to all including those who would like to come for a "taster". Please let Fr Roger (01536 721726) or Lynne (311370) know if you are coming or need any further information.

St Mary's PCC meets this **Thursday 4th February** in the Chichele Room at **7.30 p.m.** after Mass in the Chantry Chapel at **7.00 p.m.**

The Holy Dusters will meet in St Mary's on **Monday 14th February** at **9.45 a.m.** Please come along and help if you can. Thank you.

Parish Magazine: Items for inclusion in the March edition of the Parish Magazine need to be with the Editor by 12 noon on Wednesday 10th February. If you collect your magazine from the back of St Mary's, the £4.00 annual subscription is now due. Please pay Alison or Richard Oberman. Many thanks.

The World Women's Day of Prayer: The interdenominational service will be held at St Mary's on **Friday 5th March** 2010 at **10.30 a.m.** The theme is *'Let everything that has breath praise God'*. Do come along and join in the worship and fellowship. Men are invited as well!

The Higham Deanery Synod meets this **Wednesday 3rd February** at **7.30 p.m.** in the **Bede House** with special thanks to Avril & her helpers for the refreshments at **7.00 p.m.**

The St Mary's Thursday Coffee Mornings: We need more helpers for the monthly meals and if you could help please see Lynne Pocock 01933 311370.

Group 74: The 2010 Programme starts tomorrow **Monday 1st February** at **7.30 p.m.** at **Chelveston Village Hall**. The Speaker will be **Capt. Margaret Corns** from the **Salvation Army**. Programmes are available on the back table at St Mary's. For further information please see Pat Spencer.

The Organ Loft: The final report from the Structural Engineer has now been received. His calculations and assumptions are being checked by East Northants Building Control and we expect the result within 2 weeks. In the meantime the propping will remain in place.

Wanted: A 4 drawer filing cabinet is wanted by Derek Harber to house the Choir's growing collection of music and related records. If anyone has one to spare he will gladly collect. Thanks.

Mayor's Concert: The **RAF Wyton Voluntary Band** will be giving a concert in St Mary's Church at **7.30 p.m.** on **Saturday 27th February**. Tickets @ **£10** each include soft drinks at the interval and are now available from the Mayor ☎ 01933 357212 or by using the order form on the table at the back of St Mary's. All proceeds will be for the **Help for Heroes** charity which gives wonderful help and support to members of our armed forces who are injured in conflict.

The St Cecilia Singers will be performing their Spring Concert of 'Holy Week' music at St Mary's on **Sat. 27th March** at **7.30 p.m.** Tickets @ **£10 (£7)** will be available soon from Angela Fulcher, Avril Harlow or from Roy Benning ☎ 356546. The Poster in the porch gives details of the programme.

A CD of some of the organs of East Northamptonshire has been produced by Paul Derrett, concert organist. They are for sale @ **£10** each and it includes music played on the **old organ** at St Mary's. Please add your name to the list on the table at the back of St Mary's if you would like one of these special CDs.

The Visit to Worcester on **Thursday 22 April 2010** is now over-subscribed - Pat has started a waiting list and will add your name to this if you are interested. Please contact her on **01933 316376**.

Snowdrop Festival: Chelveston's famous Snowdrop Festival occurs on the **20th - 21st February** between **2.00 p.m. & 4.00 p.m.** each day. Come along for wonderful cream teas, pots of snowdrops etc.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, HIGHAM FERRERS
AND

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, CHELVESTON.

The St. Mary's web site : www.stmaryhighamferrers.org

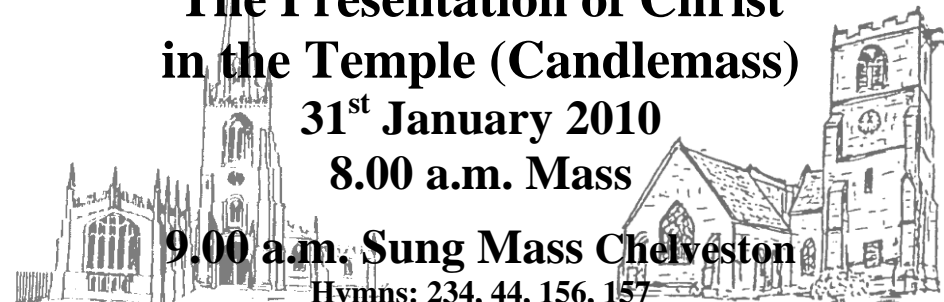
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemass)

31st January 2010

8.00 a.m. Mass

9.00 a.m. Sung Mass Chelveston

Hymns: 234, 44, 156, 157



9.15 a.m. 'All Sorts' Service (Bede House)

10.15 a.m. Sung Mass

Hymns: When Candles are Lighted, 44, 156, 157, 187, 234

Mass Setting: Rawsthorne

Anthem: When to the Temple Mary Went Johannes Eccard 1553 - 1611

Organ: Trumpet Tune Norman Warren b. 1934

Services for this Week

Monday	St Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, c525AD	--
Tuesday	feria	7.30 a.m. Mass
Wednesday	St Anskar, Archbp of Hamburg, Missionary in Denmark & Sweden, 865AD	9.30 a.m. Mass
Thursday	St Gilbert of Sempringham, Founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189AD	10.30 a.m. Mass
		Mass prior to the PCC Meeting 7.00 p.m.
Friday	feria	9.30 a.m. Mass
Saturday	The Martyrs of Japan, 1597AD Accession of Queen Elizabeth II	9.30 a.m. Mass

Sunday 7th February 2010 The Second Sunday before Lent

8.00 a.m. Mass

9.00 a.m. Sung Mass (Chelveston)

9.15 a.m. 'All Sorts' Service (Bede House)

10.15 a.m. Sung Mass & Baptism of Sophia Evie Osborne

Pray for

The Sick : Tim Maguire, Elizabeth Groome, Peggy March, Gladys Wakefield, Leah Munn, Daniel Boxall, James Searle, Nancy Sanders, Brian Cox, Freda Pockson, Eric Richardson, Eugene Donaghey, Terry Sheen, Phyllis Lowther, Margaret Hawkins, Ruby Baird, Peter Gaskell, John Heyworth, Fred Stoneham, James Burton, Noreen Holmes, Don Lewis, Colin Percy, Marilyn Whitmill, Geoff Palmer, Michael Foulger, Florence Coles, Joan Bouvier, Jeanie Toombs, Connie Fletcher, Gwen Murdin.

The Departed : Alex Porter, Alan Groom.

Anniversaries of Death: Daisy Foster, Susan Lesley Darnell, George Frederick Groome, Clara Ellen Carmichael, Bertha Knight, Emmeline Burrows, Florence Wood, John Pack, Harold Owen Binder, Winifred Edith Pack, Anne Jephcote, Ernest Higginbotham, Frank William Margetts, Cecil Joseph Smith, Hugh Douglas Keller, Gwendoline Pentlow, Olive Mary Vollmar, Arthur Crowder, Ada Elizabeth Newell, Joan Helen Oberman, Lilian May Munn, John William Holley Murdin, Rose Turnock, Eva May Entwistle, Eric Aries, Donald Edwin Carmichael, Alice Hendry, Winifred Edith Pack, Gladys Eliza Williams.



The Presentation of Christ in the Temple Candlemass

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living 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.

FIRST READING

Malachi 3.1-5

Thus says the Lord God: ¹ 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. ² 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; ³ 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. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵ 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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2.14-18

¹⁴ 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, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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

This child is the light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia

GOSPEL

Luke 2.22-40

²² 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. ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴ 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.' ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ 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, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' ³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ 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 ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' ³⁶ 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, ³⁷ 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. ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.