

This week's diary

Sunday 29th	PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)
8.00am	Eucharist
10.00am	Sung Eucharist, with Spectrum on Sunday
Monday 30th	CHARLES, KING AND MARTYR
5.00pm	Beaver Scouts
6.30pm	Cub Scouts
Tuesday 31st	
7.00pm	Scouts
7.15pm*	Eucharist
8.00pm	PCC Meeting
Wednesday 1st	
5.30pm*	Eucharist
7.00pm	Youth Club
Thursday 2nd	
10.00am*	Eucharist
6.00pm	Bishop Richard's farewell service at St Paul's Cathedral
8.00pm	Badminton Group
Friday 3rd	ANSKAR, ARCHBISHOP OF HAMBURG
8.30am*	Eucharist
6.30pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday 4th	
9.30am*	Eucharist
Sunday 5th	FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT
8.00am	Eucharist
10.00am	Sung Eucharist, with Spectrum on Sunday

* Other than on Sunday, Eucharist services are preceded thirty minutes earlier by Morning or Evening Prayer



THE ORBIT

WELCOME to St. Edmund's

**Sunday 29th January 2017
CANDLEMAS**

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

Today's Services

8.00am Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Prelude: Pavane pour une infante defunte - M.Ravel

Setting: Rogers

Anthem: Ave Verum Corpus – W.A.Mozart

Hymns: 188, R29, 185, R31, 187

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue No 3 in Em – J.S.Bach

*Please join us for refreshments
after the 10am Eucharist in the Hall*

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**Please take this home with you
for your reference and prayers this week**

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Notices

Today's Readings

Malachi 3:1-5; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

The Feast of the Presentation of Christ carries a number of themes. The reading from Malachi speaks simply of God's coming to the Temple, after he has been absent during the nation's Exile, and that his return will be preceded by a herald or messenger. The theme of judgement is here, as are those of purification and offering. Judgement begins at the house of God so that worship may be pure. Hence the need for purification for the people, whose motives are mixed, whose lives are compromised and whose goals for holy living are missed.

The vivid imagery of Hebrews speaks of the high priesthood of Christ. He comes to the Temple to offer atonement for the sins of the people; what he offers, however, is his own body, and that sacrifice aligns him with those on whose behalf he offers himself, for he suffers whatever they suffer.

The story of Simeon and Anna in Luke is one of the most beautiful in scripture. These elderly people, one man, one woman, both devout, have much to teach about the virtue of looking forward to the new age of God's future. Sight, light and insight are all here, and for all the Gentiles, all nations of the earth, that they may see and respond to the good news of the presence of Jesus among humankind.

For your prayers this week...

The sick: Amy Austin, Julie Bent, Suzanne Cooper, Barbara Fairclough, Bernard Fairclough, Kay Fletcher, Ollie Gardiner, Betty Glass, Darren Hale, Margaret Messenger, Suzanne Nicholls, Joan Rix, Ros Shirran, Charlie Shirran, Fred Webb, Allan Whalley, Julie Windsor, Rachel Windsor, Nora Wood.

Recently Departed: Quamari Barnes, Bill Rix



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PCC MEETING. The PCC meet on Tuesday at 8.00pm in the Lady Chapel. This will be preceded by a Eucharist at 7.15pm to which all are welcome.

BONUS BALL GAME. We hope to start a new game beginning from the draw on Saturday Feb.18th. Steve has offered to collect your names (and £10!), starting after today's 10am service. The game lasts 10 weeks and the winner each week doubles the money they put in. We need 49 numbers covered and you can have more than one number- providing you pay! It is an easy way to collect £290 for church funds.

HARROW HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY EVENT. "How can life go on?" – tomorrow at 7.00pm (Doors open 6.30 pm) at Elliott Hall, Harrow Arts Centre, Hatch End. Guest of Honour is Holocaust Survivor, Marla Tribich OBE. For further information see the poster on the notice board.

BISHOP RICHARD'S FAREWELL. The Diocese will bid farewell and Godspeed to Bishop Richard at St Paul's Cathedral on Candlemas, this Thursday, at 6pm. To reflect this, everyone is welcome to the service. The earlier ticketing arrangement for parishes has been dispensed with and everyone is welcome. The Bishop will preside over the beautiful Candlemas liturgy celebrated with a feast of music and light in the extraordinary setting of St Paul's. Alongside the service in the Cathedral, the Bishop will launch a parallel celebration — a "pop-up cathedral" — in Paternoster Square shortly before 6pm. The Bishop's sermon and other parts of the cathedral service will be shown on a big screen in the Square, and there will be music, prayer and proclamation. Holy Communion will be shared by everyone inside and outside the cathedral as the whole body of Christ comes together with the Bishop. Again, tickets will not be necessary. All are welcome to join the celebrations inside and outside St Paul's. Anyone with particular accessibility needs is invited to send their details to candlemasparish@stpaulscathedral.org.uk.