

This week's diary

Sunday 28th

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)

8.00am Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist

Monday 29th

No services today

5.00pm Beaver Scouts
6.30pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday 30th

7.00pm Scouts
7.15pm Eucharist
8.00pm PCC Meeting

Wednesday 31st

S JOHN BOSCO

4.15pm Confirmation Class
5.30pm Eucharist

Thursday 1st

S BRIGID

10.00am Eucharist

Friday 2nd

8.30am Eucharist
6.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 3rd

S ANSKAR

9.30am Eucharist

Sunday 4th

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

8.00am Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist



THE ORBIT

WELCOME

to St. Edmund's
Sunday 28th Jan 2018

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10.00am Sung Eucharist

Prelude: Pavane – M.Ravel

Setting: Thorne (Thorne Gloria)


Anthem: A Gaelic Blessing – J.Rutter

Hymns: 188 (OMIT VV 5 & 6), 44, 185, 187, R22

Postlude: Prelude & Fugue No 3 – J.S.Bach

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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, Marianne Dawson, Barbara Fairclough, Bernard Fairclough, Kay Fletcher, Betty Glass, Iris Golding, Darren Hale, Saman Khan, Margaret Messenger, Suzanne Nicholls, Emil Pimm, Margery Richards, Joan Rix, Ian Roberts, Ros Shirran, Charlie Shirran, Fred Webb, Eileen Whalley, Julie Windsor, Rachel Windsor, Ann Warrick, Bernard Wood, Nora Wood

Anniversaries of death: Harry and Phyllis Gammon, Harry Warrick, Bessie Bright, Rose Hughes

CONFIRMATION will be conducted by the Bishop of Willesden on Sunday 18th February at 10.00 am. Please pray for the candidates: Agceya Jeganathan, Agsitha Jeganathan, Brandon Mensabonsu, John Orr, Danika Prabhu, Madeline Roberts, Oscar Roberts, Jerome Sebastian, Maya Yankey

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CALENDAR The current calendar of events can be found online at tinyurl.com/EdmundCalendar

WOODLAND FLORAL ART CLASSES Wellbeing sessions. Woodland adventure invites you to come along and join them for a creative morning learning different floral arts in a local woodland. Sessions are Monday mornings 10am to noon January 29th, February 5th, 19th & 26th. The course is free for adults wishing to come and learn a new skill and have coffee and cake around a cosy woodland fire. 90 Uxbridge Rd Harrow Weald HA3 6DQ (in the woods behind All Saints Church)