

## A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

2.14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

## Hear the Gospel According to Luke

2.22-40

### GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

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.'

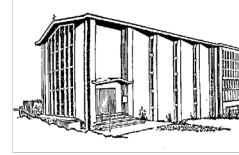
There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At 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.

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**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

# The Benefice of Langelei



St Benedict's,  
Bennetts End



Holy Trinity,  
Leverstock Green



St Mary's,  
Apsley



All Saints,  
Kings Langley

## Candlemas - Year C

2nd February, 2025

### The Collect

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.

**Amen**

### Prayer after Communion

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.

**Amen**

## A reading from the book of Malachi

3.1-5

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

## CONTACT DETAILS

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## Prayer of preparation

Spirit of God, come among us, work within us.  
 Breathe life into our worship, love into our hearts, and light into our witness.  
 Cleanse us and make us new.  
 Touch us and make us whole.  
 Receive our worship in Jesus' name.  
**Amen**

## Holy Trinity church is open everyday

for private prayer and reflection from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

**Children** from Nursery age upwards are encouraged to join the Junior Church which meets in the Trinity Room, except when there is an 'all-age' service. Parents are welcome too! They go out to JC after the Collect prayer and return for Communion. There is a children's corner for tots at the front of church with toys, books and colouring, to be used under your own supervision. Toilets and baby change facilities are available through the Trinity Room.

Our services are live streamed. Cameras are focused on those leading the service. Any images of the congregation will be distant or in passing. Please sit on the far left if you wish to remain off camera.

## Services Today

8am BCP Service

10.00am Parish Eucharist

**Presiding Preaching** Revd Jos Perris

**Hymns HON** 117, 139, 428, 554  
**Communion** 393, 557

**Junior Church** Sarah & Roni

## This Week at Holy Trinity

**Monday 3rd February**

7.30pm CA Meeting

**Wednesday 5th February**

10am Morning Service

2pm Craft Group

**Thursday 6th February**

10am Toddlers Church

**Friday 7th February**

7pm Choir Practice

**Saturday 8th February**

10am-12 Coffee Shop

7.30-10.30pm Fun Wine Tasting in TR

## Did you know?

You can find details of parish activities on our website at [www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk](http://www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk) and we have a Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/holytrinityleverstockgreen](https://www.facebook.com/holytrinityleverstockgreen)



## Sunday 9th February Fourth Sunday Before Lent

10.00am Parish Eucharist

**Readings:**  
 Isaiah 6.1-8  
 1 Corinthians 15.1-11  
 Luke 5.1-11

## PRAYERS

... for the **Ministry Team** and especially for Father James McDonald and Revd Dr Diana Stretton.

...**please pray** for Elsie and Abel Baptised last Sunday.

... **for the sick:** King Charles, Catherine Princess of Wales, Eileen Adams, Pat Brown, Barbara Chapman, Phyllis Duncan, Amelie Flatt, Rich Gibbs, Kay Hawes, Linda Maynard, Rachel O, Florence Portugal, David Roberts and Su.

... **for the departed:** We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Jim Adams, Barbara Batten, Tony Coley, Reg Kent and those whose anniversary falls at this time. We pray for their families and friends and all who mourn.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Saturday 8th February - Wine Tasting**

in the Trinity Room at 7.30pm. Numbers are limited to 30. Sign up sheet is in the TR. Tickets cost £15 per person and are available from Kathy or Terry Perry - 07748 555333

**Tuesday 4th March 4.30-6pm Pancake Tea**

**Upcoming Events....**

**Dates tbc 12-2pm - Lent Lunches**

**Saturday 15th March - Scrabble Tea** afternoon

**Friday 18th April - Good Friday** Childrens' Workshop

**Sunday 20th Easter Day** hot cross buns & coffee and Easter Egg hunt

**Monday 21st 9.45am** Easter Pilgrimage breakfast

## NOTICES

**Please pray** for Alice and Coral as they prepare to move on and also for St Benedict's and St Mary's.

**Langelei Lent Course: 3rd March-14th April**

This year, we are running a Team Lent Course starting on 3rd March to 14th April. There will be 3 sessions/locations available each week. Each location will be using the same material each week over the 6 week period:

**Monday** 3.30-5pm at Jos' house in Bedmond  
**Tuesday** 7.30-9pm at Alice's house, Bennetts End

**Friday** 10-11.30am at All Saints Church, KL

We will be using a book written by Paula Gooder called 'Women of Holy Week'. You do not have to purchase the book but can do so if you would like to. If you would like to know more, please contact: Alice, Jos or Keith/Andy at All Saints. There is a sign up sheet at the back of Church.

**Bible Bites** is looking at **St Paul's letter to the Romans**, meeting once a month on the following Saturday's at 10am in Anne Twiggs home: 22 February, 22 March, 26 April, 24 May and 28 June

The book is now available - please speak to Tim if you are interested.

**Food Bank** - Please support this important resource. Non perishable in date food can be put into the donation box in the Trinity Room.

If anyone has **items for re-gifting** please place them in the box in the TR. Gillian is happy to collect and store them.

**This bulletin, with the notices, prayers and readings, is for you to take home to study at your leisure.**