

THE FLAME

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CANDLEMAS

3rd February 2019

THIS MORNING'S READINGS

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING - *Malachi 3.1-5 (NRSV)*

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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING - *Hebrews 2.14-end (NRSV)*

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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL - *Luke 2.22-40 (NRSV)*

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.

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. **Amen.**

WELCOME

WELCOME to the Parish of Baildon. You will find an accessible toilet in each of our three churches/halls and hearing loops are fitted.



TODAY'S SERVICES

ST HUGH'S CHURCH at 9.00am

Hymns: CP 80 (*omit * verses*),
sheet 1, 3 and CP 513

ST JOHN'S CHURCH at 10.00am

See Service Booklet

ST JAMES' CHURCH at 10.30am

Hymns: CP 80 (*omit * verses*),
sheet 1, 2, 3 and CP 513

ST JAMES' CHURCH at 6.00pm
Taizé Service



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EVENING SERVICE

for those about to marry
Sunday 10th February, 5pm
St John's Church

A special evening service for couples getting married in the parish during 2019/20



It would be lovely for couples to be welcomed by members of our congregations. Please try to come along if you can.

Sunday
17 February
at 4.00pm



St John's Church Hall

We welcome you to come and explore what Christians believe through craft, activities & worship

NOTICES

INSTALLATION at Wakefield Cathedral – I would like to thank those who offer their congratulations to me and for the card received from the parish on my invitation by the Bishop of Leeds to become a Canon of Wakefield Cathedral. The service is on Sunday 24th February at 3.30pm. I have put lists in all of the Churches for both those wanting lifts and those able to offer lifts. If you would prefer to go by train Sheila Matthews is aiming to do this and is happy for others to go with her. I hope we can arrange for as many people to go as possible; it will be great to see some familiar faces. After the service the Cathedral are putting on light refreshments.

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL 2019 - The Electoral Roll is the total membership list for the Parish of Baildon and allows those on the list to participate fully in Parish life. In 2019 we prepare a completely new Electoral Roll so everyone who wishes to be on the

new Roll needs to apply. If you are on the current Roll an envelope addressed to you containing an application and a consent form will be on the table at the back of church from Sunday 10th February. If you are new to church please take the opportunity to join the Electoral Roll. Application forms will be available in church from Sunday 10th February until Sunday 31st March. A box will be available in church for your completed forms or can be returned directly to Tim Barnard, Electoral Roll Officer, whose name and address is on the form. To be included on the new Roll, application forms must be submitted no later than Monday 1st April.

DEANARY SYNOD – The next Deanery Synod is on Monday 11th February at St Saviour's Harden starting at 7.30pm with refreshments available from 7.00pm. At this meeting Simone Bennett, Deputy Director of Education for the Diocese of Leeds is coming to lead a discussion on education particularly although not exclusively, in Church Schools. Synod members are reminded of this meeting but anyone would like to hear Simone, who is an exciting speaker, is very welcome to attend. If transport is an issue please speak to Ruth or Sandra.

LENT STUDY GROUPS – We have had several people kindly volunteer to host groups which is great. Our study this year is a little different and is based around the great film 'The Kings Speech'. To remind ourselves of the film and to come together with people who are interested in the study, we will be showing the film on Sunday 3rd March at 12.45pm in St John's Church Hall. After the service at St John's, the Hall will be open for people to bring a packed lunch and St Hugh's and St James' are welcome to join. We will provide tea and coffee. The film is 2 hours in length. We hope that just before lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 6th March, this will give us a timely introduction to Lent.

THE 100 CLUB - This weekly lottery raises much needed funds for the Eagle Fund which in turn is used for improvements to the Church and Hall at St John's. This year marks the 20th year since we started The 100 Club and during that time over £35,000 has been raised for the Eagle Fund and nearly £43,000 has been paid out in prizes; many thanks to all who continue to support the 100 Club. The draw takes place in the Church Hall after the 10am service and there are 3 prizes each week. Each number costs £1 per week. If you would like to join, please speak to Anthony Illingworth or contact him on 01274 580679 or via arillingworth@gmail.com for further details.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH DIARY

THIS SUNDAY: *Candlemas*

- 8.30am **Holy Communion** at St John's Church
- 9.00am **Holy Communion** at St Hugh's Church
- 10.00am **Family Worship** at St John's Church
- 10.30am **Holy Communion** at St James' Church
- 6.00pm **Taize Service** at St James' Church

MONDAY:

- 7.00pm **Church in the World C'mt** at St John's Church Hall
- 7.30pm **God and Brexit course** at St James' Church

TUESDAY:

- 9.30am **The Eucharist** at St Hugh's Church
- 12 noon **Luncheon Club** at St James' Church
- 2.00pm **Super Nova Over 60s Club** at The St Hugh's Centre
- 6.00pm **Vestry Hour** (arrangement of banns, baptisms etc) in St John's Church Hall

WEDNESDAY:

- 10.00am **The Eucharist** at St James' Church
- 2.00pm **St Hugh's Management C'mt**, The St Hugh's Centre
- 7.30pm **Julian Meeting** at St John's Church Hall

SATURDAY:

- 10.00am **Coffee Morning** at St Aidan's Church

NEXT SUNDAY: *The Fourth Sunday before Lent*

- 8.30am **Holy Communion** at St John's Church
- 9.00am **Holy Communion** at St Hugh's Church
- 10.00am **Holy Communion** at St John's Church
- 10.30am **Holy Communion** at St James' Church
- 3.00pm **Baptism** at St John's Church
- 5.00pm **Evening Wedding Service** at St John's Church

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Sunday 3rd February 2019

NOTICES continued...

VOLUNTEERS FOR INN CHURCHES - St Aidan's Church on Baildon Road is operating as an Inn Church from 25th February to 4th March 2019. The Inn Churches scheme uses church spaces to provide shelter and practical support to people who are homeless or vulnerably housed in the cold winter months. Volunteers are needed throughout the week for welcoming, feeding and supporting the homeless, as follows: Two volunteers to cover overnight (9pm – 7am) on Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th, Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd. Two volunteers to cook breakfast and wash up (6.30 to 9am) on Thursday 28th Feb. One volunteer to cook breakfast and wash up (6.30 to 9am) on Saturday 2nd March. One volunteer to cook breakfast and wash up (6.30 to 9am) on Sunday 3rd March. Volunteers for the Emergency rota, should inclement weather prevent us from transporting our guests back to Bradford City Centre in the morning, or to cover volunteers (from Shipley) who are unable to make it to St. Aidan's for their slot. All new volunteers need to attend a training session in St Aidan's Church Hall on Sunday 10th February at 12.15pm (previous Inn Churches volunteers do not need to retrain). If you think you may be able to volunteer for any of the above roles, please contact Kate Nisbet (katemn@virginmedia.com) or Teresa Fenham (teresa.xfenham@btinternet.com).

LOST KING - One of the three kings from the travelling crib got lost on his journey; please can you search your toy boxes and see if he can be found and return him to church. Thank you!

GOD AND BREXIT - Revd Professor Ken Medhurst is leading an exciting 3 week course entitled 'God and Brexit' in St James' Church on 4th, 11th and 18th February 2019. The course starts at 7.30pm with refreshments from 7.00pm.

Ken writes: BREXIT – NOT AGAIN! The course seeks to break free from angry and divisive debates. Rather it invites us thoughtfully to contemplate the current crisis through the eyes of Christian faith. Can the Bible and Christian teaching shed light on the deep-seated issues at stake? The course covers these topics -

Week 1: Why should Christians be concerned by Brexit? What guidance can the Bible and Christian teaching offer?

Week 2: What is Brexit all about? What deep-seated issues are at stake? What is the spiritual significance of these issues? A Christian response – prophets and prophecy.

Week 3: Where do we go from here? What are the Church and Christians called to do in the face of crises and change? A Christian vision for our nation's future.

It is a great privilege for the parish to have Ken share with us on this important subject as the country experiences massive turmoil in light of the events this week. I recommend this course to you.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH - In February we are supporting **St George's Crypt in Leeds**. It has been helping homeless and vulnerable people for nearly 90 years, offering lunch to anyone who comes to the door and 3 meals a day 7 days a week to residents, plus showers, advice and support. They have training opportunities in retail and catering, and they offer a range of services, such as drug rehabilitation, dentistry and occupational therapy. We will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 16 February, 10.00 to 11.30am, at St James', and there will be buckets for donations, as usual, at the two other churches throughout the month.

FUN AUCTION - Join us for our Fun Auction on Saturday 16th February at 7.30pm in St John's Church Hall. Tickets are available from Alison Boggie and cost £5 per person to include a pie and peas supper. Please bring two items only for the auction.