



Parish of Baildon
ST JOHN'S CHURCH

*a light
to enlighten
the Gentiles*



A CELEBRATION OF CANDLEMAS

**Sunday 6th February 2022
10.00am**

WELCOME AND NOTICES

Today is the feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple. It is also called the feast of Candlemas. We gather as family to ask God's blessing on us all, that we might walk in the light of God's love all our lives.

Hymn

**When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day
the dark is behind us, and spring's on the way.**

*A glory dawns in every dark place,
The light of Christ, fullness of grace.*

**The kings have departed, the shepherds have gone,
the child and his parents are left on their own.**

A glory dawns in every dark place

**They go to the temple, obeying the law,
and offer two pigeons, the gift of the poor.**

A glory dawns in every dark place

**But Anna and Simeon recognise there
the Christ-child who came at the turn of the year.**

A glory dawns in every dark place

**The old who have suffered and waited so long
see hope for the world as they welcome the young.**

A glory dawns in every dark place

**They gaze at God's wonderful answer to prayer,
the joy of the Jews and the Gentiles' desire.**

A glory dawns in every dark place

**The candles invite us to praise and to pray
when Christmas greets Easter on Candlemas Day.**

*A glory dawns in every dark place,
The light of Christ, fullness of grace.*

As we gather together

All Lord, help us to concentrate on you

As we put aside the things that distract us

All Lord, help us to concentrate on you

As we leave behind the things that worry us

All Lord, help us to concentrate on you

As we forget about ourselves

All Lord, help us to concentrate on you

As we worship you with songs of praise

All Lord, help us to concentrate on you

As we listen to stories from your Word

All Lord, help us to concentrate on you

As we hear your teaching

All Lord, help us to concentrate on you

WE SAY SORRY TO GOD

Light shows up things that have been forgotten or lost or hidden. As we come into Jesus's presence, his light reminds us of all the good things we have forgotten to do and all the things that have been hidden away. But if we say sorry, then we can walk in the light.

For all the times we have ignored people in need, Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

For all the times we have deliberately made wrong choices, Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

For all the times we have forgotten your love, Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive you your sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

CANDLEMAS READING

TURNING FIGURES TO LIGHTS!

Hymn

*The light of Christ
has come into the world;
the light of Christ
has come into the world.*

**All men must be born again
to see the kingdom of God;
the water and the Spirit
bring new life in God's love**

The light of Christ

**God gave up His only Son
out of love for the world,
so that all men who believe in him
will live forever.**

The light of Christ

**The light of God has come to us
so that we might have salvation;
from the darkness of our sins
we walk into glory with Christ Jesus.**

The light of Christ

THE WELCOME

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, N by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

JESUS—LIGHT OF THE WORLD!

THINKING ABOUT OUR CANDLES!

PRAYERS

Jesus light of the world

All Shine in our hearts today

We finish our prayers by saying together the Lord's Prayer

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

GIFTS!

Hymn

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the world shine upon us
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

*Shine, Jesus, shine
fill this land with the Father's glory
blaze, Spirit, blaze
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with love and mercy,
send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light.*

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

Shine, Jesus, shine

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory;
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

Shine, Jesus, shine

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Lord Jesus, thank you that Simeon and Anna recognised you as a special baby, and knew you would grow up to do God's special work. Help us to discover who you are, and how you are special.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you, and with those whom you love and pray for, today and always.

All Amen.

We go to carry his light and blessing.

All Let us shine with the light of your love. Thanks be to God.

NOTICES

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA - At St John's we are now beginning to offer refreshments after Sunday worship. This time is very valuable after worship to meet with others and share news. We have a small number of volunteers on the rota but it would be great if we had more - many hands make light work! If we enough people volunteering it will be lovely to offer refreshments every Sunday - but let's see where we go. Please let Canon Sandra know if you are able to help.

NEW TOILETS - Refurbishment of the toilets at St John's Hall is nearly complete. We hope to declare them open on Saturday, 26th February with a celebration from 10am to 1pm. There will be coffee, cake, games and a raffle. Keep an eye on our Face Book page and future notice sheets for more details. Anyone willing to help with the opening is invited to contact Sheila Matthews 01274 599249.

TOILET TWINNING - As completion of St John's Hall toilet refurbishment draws near, we appreciate how lucky we are to have such lovely facilities so we want to help people less fortunate than ourselves. We are raising money to fund toilets for people in the third world and refugee camps who don't have access to clean and safe facilities. Proceeds from our St John's Toilet Opening celebration will go to this worthy cause. There are lots of ways you can join in our fund raising effort. For example several people are doing a 'sponsored squat'. Please support them or donate by visiting our Just Giving page: www.justgiving.com/campaign/StJohnsToiletTwinning

Alternatively, donate in any of the ways listed on the back page, adding the reference 'Toilet Twinning' when you are prompted. If you are interested in running a fundraising event of your own, contact Sheila Matthews 01274 599249.

MESSY CHURCH—Our next Messy Church is on Sunday 20th February at 4pm in St John's Church Hall. All families welcome.

ASH WEDNESDAY is Wednesday 2nd March. We will be holding a Holy Communion Service with Imposition of Ashes at St John's Church at 7.30pm.

ALMOST £1000 (£996.12 to be precise) was raised for homeless people during December 2021, and this will be shared between Shelter, Crisis and Centrepont. Many thanks to those who contributed at the coffee morning

MOTHERS UNION - Our Mothers Union are meeting on Wednesday 9th February at 2pm at St James's Lounge. Everyone is very welcome.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE - We have started Wednesday Coffee at St James's Church. Do you fancy a chat with friends in a lovely setting? Do join us from 10.00am to 12 noon every Wednesday.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - I would like to give a big thank you to all our regular house box collectors and to the many donations given this year for the work of the Children's Society. This will help to support the work of the society, caring for vulnerable children in our country and local area. The total amount raised by the parish this year is £744. A great result and thanks to all, Jennifer Marsh.

REMINISCENCE - At our next meeting on Monday 21st February, we will be exploring the meaning and origin of common words and sayings. *Two heads are better than one* so come and share your proverbs with us - after all, *if you can't beat 'em, join 'em* because *good things come to those who wait*. Reminiscence Group meets every third Monday in the month at St Hugh's at 2pm. Everyone is welcome. It costs £2 per session which includes refreshments - which is *cheap at twice the price!*

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