



Welcome to St Edburgha's Church Sunday, 1st February – 4th Sunday of Epiphany

During the distribution of Holy Communion, you are most welcome to take time to pray and light a candle in the Gilby Chapel.

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.

First Reading:

Malachi 3.1-5

¹See, 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.

²But 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; ³he 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. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days

of old and as in former years.

⁵Then 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.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 2.14-end

¹⁴Since, 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, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.

¹⁷Therefore 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. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he

is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2.22-40

²² 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 ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’),

²⁴ 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.’

²⁵ 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. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.

²⁷ 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, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your

people Israel.’ ³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

³⁴ 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 ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’ ³⁶ 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, ³⁷ 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. ³⁸ 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.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Children’s activities and toys are available to use at any time during the service at the top of the north aisle.

For Your Prayers

Andrew, Glenys, Bill and Jo

Please contact the parish office if you would like to include someone on the prayer list

Monthly Charity



**British
RedCross**

Supporting our Community



Your donations of tins of meat, fish, fruit, rice pudding, and monetary donations are always gratefully received.

Children and Families Work:

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Safeguarding: If you have any

concerns about a vulnerable child, young person or an adult, please contact Julie Bridges (children) 07814 023913 – Tammy Tearoe (adults) 07462 228797

Fundraising Events

Saturday 14th February

Table Top Sale 10:30 am – 1pm
In the Church Hall – Refreshments available - £10.00 to book a table
contact # 0121 783 7965

LENT CHARITY LUNCHES



The XPM Committee will be organising “hunger lunches” in the Church Hall following coffee after the 10.30 am service on two Sundays in Lent. Home-made soup, a roll and baked potato in exchange for the cost of your normal Sunday lunch! Funds raised will support the work of CMS and the Church in Malawi. This year the lunches will be on: **February 22nd & March 1st**. Why not join us for lunch on one or both of these Sundays? Please sign the sheet at the back of church so that we know how many to cater for or contact Sylvia Roberts on 07771 655 789.

7th March

Traditional Afternoon Tea

In the Church Hall

Book a Table @ 0121 291 0401

£18 per head or £21 with Prosecco
Children under 12 is £8



Electronic Order of Service:



Hymns numbers for today

516, 496, 267, 30

Born in the night, Mary's child

Born in the night, Mary's child,
A long way from your home:
Coming in need, Mary's child,
Born in a borrowed room.

Clear shining light, Mary's child,
Your face lights up our way:
Light of the world, Mary's child,
Dawn on our darkened day.

Truth of our life, Mary's child,
You tell us God is good:
Prove it is true, Mary's child.
Go to your cross of wood.

Hope of the world, Mary's child,
You're coming soon to reign:
King of the earth, Mary's child,
Walk in our streets again.

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ARTS & CRAFT FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART



**Thursday 5th February in Church
at 2:00pm**

Come and take part in a lovely time of craft and coffee – we are making a picture together of the journey from **Christmas** to **Easter** – aim to have fun, chat, glue, draw, colour and achieve. Call Julie Bridges @ 07814-023 913 for more information.



Saturday 17th February – 10:30am – 12:30pm

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