

St Peter's Church, Streatham – Candlemas 2025

You are welcome at St Peter's – whether this is your first time in church, or your 1000th. Everything you need is in this booklet – please join in the **bold**. If you would like a gluten-free wafer at communion, please let a welcomer know before mass begins.

Feb 2 Candlemas	8am: Said Mass 10.30am: Parish Mass 6.30pm: Choral Evensong and Benediction
Mon-Wed	9.00am Morning Prayer
Tues 4	7.30am: Said Mass at St Margaret's (SW2 3BH) 9am: Morning Prayer
Wed 5	9am: Morning Prayer 9.20am: Toddler Church 12pm: Said Mass
Thurs 6	Youth Group 7pm Thursday Club
Feb 9	8am: Said Mass 10.30am: Parish Mass 6.30pm: Choral Evensong and Benediction

PRAYER CYCLE: to add/remove, please contact Fr Steffan
In our Diocese for **St James & St Anne Bermondsey**; & in the
Anglican Communion for **The Anglican Church in Aotearoa,
New Zealand and Polynesia.**

Birthdays: *(none listed - please check sheet for others)*

The Sick: Judy, Indy, Chad, Helen, Natasha, Arlette, Brian, Imogen,
Paula, Bridget, Gabriel, Richard, Norman, Patsy, Claude, Juliana, Paul,
James. **The Elderly & Housebound:**

Vera, Rupert, Godfrey, Sylvia, Cleo.

The Recently Departed: Fr Neil Dawson, Valerie Lawrence,
Wessel Thomas **and whose Year's Mind occurs at this time:**
Jim Chapman, Leonard Tidmarsh, Phyllis Gaster

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Stuck at home/hospital?

Please be in touch and the clergy would be happy to visit or pray.

New home? Fresh start?

We would be delighted to come round for a house blessing.

*Speak to Fr Ben to be added to our email list, or to request a visit.
stpeters-streatham.org. Facebook & Twitter: @StPetersSW16*

Please do join us for refreshments after the service – we love meeting new people! Refreshments are normally by the statue of Mary.

*One of the clergy can help introduce you to people
– please ask if we can be of help.*

PARISH MASS – ORDER OF SERVICE

*As the bell rings, the Altar party enters. Please stand, if you are able.
we sing:*

1. Hail to the Lord who comes,
Comes to his temple gate!
Not with his angel host,
Not in his kingly state;
No shouts proclaim him nigh,
No crowds his coming wait;

2. But borne upon the throne
Of Mary's gentle breast,
Watched by her duteous love,
In her fond arms at rest;
Thus to his Father's house
He comes, the heavenly guest.

3. There Joseph at her side
In reverent wonder stands;
And, filled with holy joy,
Old Simeon in his hands
Takes up the promised Child,
The glory of all lands.

4. Hail to the great First-born
Whose ransom-price they pay!
The Son before all worlds,
The Child of man to-day,
That he might ransom us
Who still in bondage lay.

5. O Light of all the earth,
Thy children wait for thee!
Come to thy temples here,
That we, from sin set free,
Before thy Father's face
May all presented be!

GREETING AND WELCOME

✠ In the name of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you:
And also with you

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

And then calls us to confession:

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ: 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.' Let us therefore bring our sins into his light and confess them in penitence and faith. *Silence, then:*

Almighty God, **our heavenly Father,**
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

We then sing the kyrie, meaning 'Lord have mercy'

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy upon us.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon *you*, pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins, confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness, and keep *you* in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We then sing the ancient hymn of praise, the gloria...

Glory to God, glory in the highest,
peace to his people, peace on earth. **Glory to God...**
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. **Glory...**
We worship you, **glory in the highest,**
give you thanks, **glory in the highest,**

praise you for your glory. **Glory...**
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us, **have mercy on us;**
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer, **receive our prayer.**
Glory to God, glory in the highest,
peace to his people, peace on earth. **Glory...**
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the glory of God the Father. **Glory...**
Amen, **amen.**

OPENING PRAYER FOR THIS SUNDAY

Let us pray. *Silence, then:*
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.

Please sit for the IST READING A reading from the Prophet 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. 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.⁴ 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

Psalm 24.7–10 The choir sing: *Who is the King of glory? It is the Lord.*
And we respond: Who is the King of glory? It is the Lord.

1 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; Grow higher ancient doors.
Let the King of glory enter in. **Response**

2 Who is the King of glory? 'Tis the Lord strong and mighty, Ee'n
the Lord mighty in battle. **Response**

3 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; Grow higher ancient doors. Let
the King of glory enter in. **Response**

4 Who is this King of glory? E'en the Lord of hosts, He is the King
of glory. **Response**

2ND READING A reading to the letter to the Hebrews (2.14–18)

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, 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.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as the music starts and face the Gospel reading (accounts of Jesus' life & teaching) as it moves to the centre of church.

Alleluia! **Alleluia** 'The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people' **Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord. (Luke 2.22–40)

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'), ²⁴and 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. ²⁶It 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, ²⁸Simeon 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.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then 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 ³⁵so 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, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At 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. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON, *then silence for reflection.*

Then, we stand for THE CREED:

**We believe in one God, the Father,
the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
[All bow for] *was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.***

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead ✠, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

please feel free to sit or kneel

After each prayer, the leader may say:

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

After praying for the dead, they may say:

✠ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord:

and let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Then: Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.*

**Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now,
and at the hour of our death.**

The priest ends the prayers: ...Jesus Christ: Amen

THE PEACE:

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high has broken upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. The

Peace of the Lord be always with you:

and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We turn to our neighbour and say 'peace be with you', or shake hands

OFFERTORY: *The gifts of bread and wine are brought forward. During the hymn, a collection is taken: you are welcome to make a donation or, if you would like, you can use a card reader at the back of the church.*

1. How shall I sing that majesty
Which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
Thy throne, O God most high;
Ten thousand times ten thousand
sound
Thy praise; but who am I?

2. Thy brightness unto them appears,
Whilst I thy footsteps trace;
A sound of God comes to my ears,
But they behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
For where heaven is but once begun
There alleluyas be.

3 Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
Inflame it with love's fire;
Then shall I sing and bear a part
With that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
With all my fire and light;
Yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.

4. How great a being, Lord, is thine,
Which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
To sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
A sun without a sphere;
Thy time is now and evermore,
Thy place is everywhere.

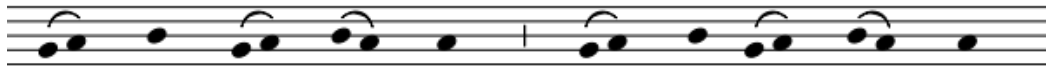
PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS AT THE ALTAR

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to
God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the
praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good
of all his Church.**

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your
people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ
the Lord. **Amen.**

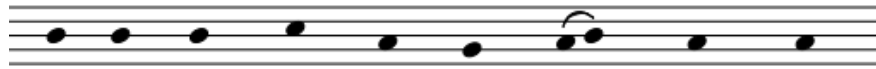
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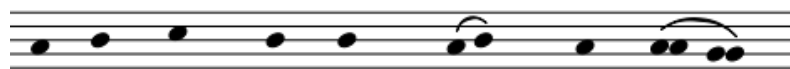
The Lord be with you **R.** and al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. **R. We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give thanks and praise.

The priest praises God for his acts, and then we join with the angels in their song of praise, as the choir sing (in English or Latin):

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The priest, recalling the last supper of Jesus and his disciples, prays that the bread and wine may become the body and blood of Christ.

After elevating the host and chalice, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The priest then prays for the church and the world, and the gift of God's spirit, ending as the priest elevates the gifts...



for ev-er and ev-er. **A-men.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, Hal - low - ed be thy name. Thy king - dom come;
thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread,
and for - give us our tres - pas - ses, as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us,
and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.
In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as
we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

As the host (body of Christ) is broken, the choir sings (in English or Latin):
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the
word and I shall be healed.**

RECEIVING OF COMMUNION

*Please come forward to receive communion after the choir.
Christians of any denomination are welcome to receive communion.*

If you would like a blessing, ask as you approach, or cross your arms over your chest, and this will be given – or feel free to stay in your pew.

The choir sings a motet: O nata lux (Tallis)

*O nata lux de lumine
Jesu redemptor saeculi
Dignare clemens supplicum
Laudes precesque sumere
Qui carne quondam contegi
Dignatus es pro perditis
Nos membra confer effici
Tui beati corporis*

*O Light born of Light
Jesus, redeemer of the world
With loving-kindness deign to receive
Suppliant praise and prayer
Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
For the sake of the lost
Grant us to be members
Of thy blessed body*

Then we sing:

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

*Chorus: Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.
Christ, be our light!...

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.
Christ, be our light! ...

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.
Christ, be our light!...

5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light!...

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. *Please stand.*

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

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Amen

Notices

BLESSING OF THE CANDLES

Let us pray:

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendour, that we, who by these kindling flames light up this temple to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled, and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal city where you live and reign, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE BLESSING
The Lord be with you
And also with you

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, fill you with radiance and scatter the darkness from your path.

Amen.

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

Amen.

Christ, the Dayspring from on high, draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ: **Thanks be to God.**

We sing:

I Mine eyes have seen the glory of
the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where
the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of
his terrible swift sword:
His truth is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

2 I have seen him in the watch-fires of
a hundred circling camps;
They have builded him an altar in the
evening dews and damps;
I can read the righteous sentence by
the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on.
Glory! Glory!...

3 He has sounded forth the trumpet
that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of all
before his judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer him;
be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.
Glory! Glory!...

4 In the beauty of the lilies Christ
was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that
transfigures you and me;
As he died to make us holy, let us
die that all be free!
While God is marching on.
Glory! Glory!...

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