

THIS WEEK

Today

9.15am Morning Prayer
10am Parish Mass with Candlemas Procession
12-4pm Belfry/Lumen exhibition: New Horizons
5pm Christchurch London Service

Monday 4th February (St Gilbert of Sempringham)

9am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 5th (St Agatha)

9am Morning Prayer
1.10pm Said Mass

Wednesday 6th (St Paul Miki)

9am Morning Prayer
7pm Said Mass

Thursday 7th (St Theodore the General)

9am Morning Prayer

Friday 8th (St Cuthman)

Saturday 9th (St Apollonia)

9.15am Morning Prayer
9.30am Said Mass (Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 10th (4th SUNDAY BEFORE LENT)

9.15am Morning Prayer
10am Parish Mass
5pm Christchurch London Service

Further Ahead

Friday 22 February, 7.30pm: Concert in church – Hexvessel

Tuesday 5 March, 7.30pm: Concert in church – Laura Gibson

Wednesday 6 March, 7pm: Ash Wednesday Mass and Ashing

Saturday 9 March, 7pm: Piano for Cuba Concert

WELCOME TO ST JOHN ON BETHNAL GREEN



CANDLEMAS – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
28 JANUARY 2018

Today's Hymns - (New English Hymnal): 33 (omit starred verses), 3 (2nd tune), 338,
44 (tune: 83)

Introductory Sentence

Open for me the gates of righteousness: I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord

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**

First Reading: Malachi 3. 1-5

A reading from the prophecy of Malachi

Thus says the Lord God: 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.

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Second Reading: Hebrews 2. 14-18

A reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews.

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus 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 Gospel: Luke 4. 14-21

Acclamation on separate sheet

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus 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 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 Sentence

My eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared before all peoples.

Post Communion Prayer

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. **Amen**

Please join us for refreshments at the back of church after the service

Grand Union Orchestra: Sounding Bethnal Green, February – April 2019

The Grand Union Orchestra is the acknowledged pioneer and leading exponent of cross-cultural music-making in the UK. Sounding Bethnal Green is a series of events on the first and third Friday of each month at St John's, to bring to the attention of local residents the extraordinary variety of people and cultures on their doorstep.

As much a social as a cultural event, Sounding Bethnal Green is a series of informal evenings combining performance, interview, discussion and practical workshop. Led by professional artists from all parts of the world who have settled in East London, they will highlight the remarkable demographic of the area, its history and the music flourishing locally.

Come along and listen, join in, contribute and, of course, meet your neighbours! Bar open throughout. Admission: pay what you can.

1 February: Focusing on the South African diaspora, led by trumpeter Claude Deppa and singer/percussionist Marcina Arnold.

15 February: Celebrating Chinese New Year with the music of East/Southeast Asia, led by gu zheng (Chinese harp) virtuoso Zhu Xiao Meng from Shanghai.

1 March: Focusing on music and musicians from Bangladesh and Southern India – artists to be announced.

15 March: Focusing on the music of Somalia and the Congo.

5 April: Led by Bulgarian percussionist Lilia Iontcheva, focusing on the songs and dance rhythms of Eastern Europe and the Balkans

Art Exhibition in Belfry and Crypt: New Horizons

Exhibition open today 12-4pm

ArtCan's pop up exhibition in partnership with Lumen London and St John on Bethnal Green celebrating the connection between art and science. Lumen London is an arts collective specializing in exhibitions and events centred around astronomy, physics, broader aspects of science and ecology.

"New Horizons" explores the exciting intersection between art and science and how these seemingly opposite subject matters can influence and create a positive collaboration with each other. Artists participating in this show are exhibiting work inspired by contemporary scientific research including astronomy, light, speculative ecology and nature.