

The Parishes of
BROSELEY with BENTHALL and JACKFIELD
LINLEY with WILLEY and BARROW

Candlemas 28th January 2018

Holy Eucharist booklet: Candlemas. Liturgical colour: White.
The services today will be led by Rev Fr Christopher Penn



DIARY OF EVENTS

please refer to the back page
*and take this leaflet home as a
reminder.*

We omit asterisked verses of
hymns; after the service
coffee/tea will be served —we
hope you will stay.

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 book of Malachi

Thus says the Lord God: 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Hebrews 2.14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel

Luke 2.22-40

Alleluia, alleluia.

This child is the light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord

When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons”.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you now dismiss your servant in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all people,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

The child’s father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and

spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayers

We pray for Violet Katie Hodge and Lyla Mae Chidlow who are to be baptised in All Saints' today

We remember all those known to us who need our prayers including:

The sick: Roy Morris, Simon Gibbons, Turley Mear, Lawrence Homer, Michael Brookes, Christopher Dorricott, Gerald Jones, Evelyn Jones, Sienna Richards

The departed: Delilah Sherwood, Kenneth Davis, Bernard Watson

Those whose year's mind falls this week: Eveline Whittles, Margaret Herriman, George Willets, Reginald Gould, Gwen James, Lucy Bowen

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

DIARY OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

Daily	8.15am	Morning Prayer – All Saints', Broseley
Mon 29 th	7.00pm	BBJ PCC Meeting – All Saints', Broseley
Thurs 1 st	9.30am	Eucharist – All Saints', Broseley
Sunday 4 th	9.15am	Eucharist – St Mary's, Jackfield
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist – All Saints', Broseley

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