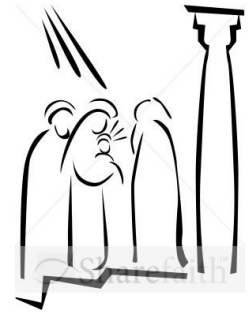


Welcome to St David's on Sunday 28 January 2018

Candlemass

President	Nigel Guthrie,
Talk	Sue from the YMCA
Readers	Katy Tyler, Charlotte Townsend
Prayers	Nigel Walsh
6pm	Evening Prayer, Robert Mitchell



Traidcraft stall after the service today

A warm welcome to Sue from the YMCA who will talk to us today

Malachi 3.1-4 The Coming Messenger: 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.

Hebrews 2.14-end: 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, 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.

Luke 2.22-40 Jesus Is Presented in the Temple: 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 (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 for 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.

Keep in your prayers: Pat Coward; George Tout; Janet Horner; Jim Dyer; Ben Grimsey; Nikki; Christopher Heaven; the Refugee Support Group; the hostels for asylum

We commend to the Peace of God: Olive Beer (Roger's step-mother)

Some dates for you:

11 February Edibles Stall

18 February Family Service, First Sunday of Lent

Notices

YMCA: On average a young person is made homeless every hour in England and hundreds of young people spend at least one night on the streets. Yet for every rough sleeper in Exeter there are at least another five people who are sleeping on a friend's sofa, in a car or are on the move night after night. The reasons for homelessness are varied, some young people are care leavers, others have left home due to overcrowding and many are escaping abusive relationships. YMCA Exeter is one of the oldest YMCAs in the world and as a Christian charity provides Support and Accommodation for young people who have been homeless yet are striving to live a more fulfilling life and our annual sponsored sleep-out event, Sleep Easy, is an opportunity for us to engage with God's heart for social justice in a practical way. Sleep Easy 2018 is on Saturday 10 March in the grounds of Barnfield Crescent, Southernhay. Young and old alike get sponsored to spend the night sleeping outside and in doing so help shine the spotlight on homelessness and raise vital funds to support the work of YMCA in Exeter. To register for the event visit www.sleepeasyexeter.org.uk or ring the YMCA Events Team on 01392 410530. The registration fee is £10 and helps cover the costs for event and once registered, you will receive an event pack with information about what to expect and how to raise money

Silent Prayer in the Lady Chapel: Alternate Tuesday & Thursday evenings 7:30-8pm, optional coffee afterwards, February 8 & 20, March 8 & 20. See poster at the back, or speak to Christopher Durrant. "For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him." Psalm 62.5

Women's World Day of Prayer 2 March at Sacred Heart Church, Exeter. If you would like to take part or help there is a meeting at 10am on 19 January in the meeting room next to the Sacred Heart Church (blue door). Your contact is Vivian Phelps: vivian78hope@sky.com

Is there anyone who might like to help with Junior Church? We need two adults there each week, and this is a small but important ministry with a commitment to help about once a month. Please speak to Bill, Sarah H, Helen S or Ruth if you are interested

Lunch club dates are THURSDAY 8 February, 15 March. Speak to Sue Wilson

Christopher Durrant will be on placement with The Revd Alan McDonald and the people of Silverton 18 Feb-24 March. Please continue to pray for Christopher. He will be back for Holy Week & Easter

19-26 August 2018 18-35s week at Taizé. If you want to know more about this, speak to Helena

Notices: if you have notices to share, please send them to notices@stdavidschurchexeter.org.uk or give them to Helena in church

PLEASE TAKE THIS SERVICE-SHEET AWAY WITH YOU