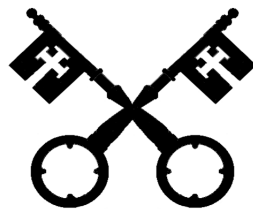




The Parish Church of
**ST PETER,
ARKLEY**



Part of the
Chipping Barnet Team Ministry

St John the Baptist, Chipping Barnet; St Peter, Arkley; St Stephen, Bells Hill; St Mark, Barnet Vale

**SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2025
CANDLEMAS**

A warm welcome to everyone worshipping at St Peter's Church



Today's Service

9am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Holy Communion,
followed by refreshments

Celebrant: Revd Cindy Kent, MBE

This Week

Tuesday 4th February 11am Holy Communion

Next Sunday 9nd February

THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

10.30am Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 6.1–13 1 Corinthians 15.1–11 Luke 5.1–11

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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.

PSALM 24

Response *R* ~ **The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.**

For he has founded it upon the seas
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,
or who can rise up in his holy place?' *R*

'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor sworn an oath to a lie;

'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
a just reward from the God of their salvation.' *R*

Such is the company of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. *R*

SECOND READING 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, 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.

GOSPEL 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 (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.

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.

International Prayers:

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa (New Zealand) and Polynesia

Notices

Important: new church Electoral Roll. In 2025, the Church of England requires a complete renewal of the Electoral Roll, not just a revision. Every person who wishes to have their name entered on the new Roll, whether it is entered on the present Roll or not, must apply for enrolment. This needs to be produced before the ADCM in April. Everyone will need to complete a short application form to stay on the Roll. We're also taking the opportunity to check that we have your correct contact details and seek your consent to hold them, so the church can stay in touch with you. The forms will be available shortly in both paper and online formats.

There will be a **Parish lunch** in *St Peter's Church Hall* after our service on Sunday 16th February at 12noon. If you would like to come please let Sharon Butler know: stpetersarkleycw@gmail.com.

The February and March issue of the **Arkley Church and Community News** has been published on our website (stpetersarkley.com/arkley-magazine).

Parish Team Magazine. February & March 2025 edition is available for collection in the Church. Full colour version is also available from the SJB website: www.barnetparishchurch.org.uk

SJB Choir Quiz 2025 will take place on the 1st March 2025 at 6.30 for a 7pm start at the Church House (Upper Hall). Please contact Becky to book your place: bhay00213@gmail.com; mobile number: 07523 190219.