



Holy Innocents Kingsbury

NOTICE SHEET

1st February 2026
Candlemas

Welcome to Holy Innocents.

Please stand when the hymn begins

**Processional hymn: (AM42) Longing
for light omit v3**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 3.1–5

A reading from the book of Malachi.

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. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵ 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

SERVICES TODAY

8.30am Said Eucharist & 10.00am Eucharist

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tuesday 10.00am Morning Prayer & coffee
Thursday 10.00am Said Eucharist followed by coffee

NEXT SUNDAY 8TH Feb – Racial Justice Sunday
10.00am Eucharist

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Romans 8.18–25; *MATTHEW 6.25–34*

thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 2.14–18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

¹⁴ 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.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

**Gradual hymn: (AM593) At the name
of Jesus**

GOSPEL READING Luke 2. 22-40

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you O Lord

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'),²⁴ 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.'

²⁵ 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. ²⁶ It 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,²⁸ Simeon 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.'

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ 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 opposed³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶ 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,³⁷ 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. ³⁸ 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.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The 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.

**Offertory Hymn: (AM719) Lord, the
Light of your Love**

**Recessional Hymn: (AM113) When the
candles are lighted on Candlemas Day
(omit starred verses - 7-12)**

CANDLEMAS PROCESSION

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.

NUNC DIMITTIS

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant
depart in peace: according to thy
word.**

**For mine eyes have seen: thy
salvation;**

**Which thou hast prepared:
before the face of all people;**

**To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people
Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the
Son:
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end.**

Amen

FINAL RESPONSORY

Father, here we bring to an end our celebration of the Saviour's birth.

**Help us, in whom he has been born,
to live his life that has no end.**

Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.

**Help us, who have received the bread
of life, to be thankful for your gift.**

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

**Help us, who have found the Lord in
his temple, to trust in your eternal
promises.**

Here we have greeted the light of the world.

**Help us, who extinguish these
candles, never to forsake the light of
Christ.**

Here we stand near the place of baptism.

**Help us, who are marked with the
cross, to share the Lord's death and
resurrection.**

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.

**Help us, for whom Lent is near,
to enter deeply into the Easter
mystery.**

Here we bless one another in your name.

**Help us, who now go in peace,
to shine with your light in the world.
Thanks be to God. Amen**

NOTICES

For your prayers: Juliet; Bobbi; Ivy; Phyllis; Marylin; Coral; Robin; Ann; Desmond; Winfield; Heather.

Anniversary of death: Doreen Freeman; Ruby Healy; John James; Emily Barrett; C J Cumberlidge; Denise Wheeler; Pat Watson.

Diary of upcoming events: for details see notices above or signs in church.

Day	Date	Time	EVENT	Place
Tues	3 rd Feb	11am-1pm	TIME TO SEW – MACHINE EMBROIDERY GREETINGS CARD <i>Come for a chat, sew a simple item from new or repurpose fabric or bring your clothes for simple mending/adaptation. Please bring your own fabric or a donation to cover fabric provided.</i>	Church
Wed	4 th Feb	7pm	DEANERY SYNOD <i>Deepening Discipleship in our Church Communities; Mirjam Ngoy Verhage, our Diocesan Discipleship Enabler, will introduce us to this exciting initiative and how churches can discern a shared way of life</i>	Church
Thurs	12 th Feb	7-9pm	BIBLE STUDY <i>Time to read and study the Bible together. We will start with food so please let Sophie know if you can come along.</i>	Church
Wed	18 th Feb	7.30pm	EUCARIST WITH ASHING	Church
Tues	24 th Feb	11am-1pm	TIME TO SEW – COASTERS	Church
Wed	25 th Feb, 4 th , 11 th , 18 th & 25 th March	7-9pm	LENT GROUP <i>We will join with the diocesan online reflection series exploring discipleship amid uncertainty, suffering, and mystery. Drawing on disability and suffering theologies, the sessions will reflect on following Christ not despite life's struggles, but through them, trusting God's presence and grace in hidden places (Isaiah 45:3). All are welcome, especially those journeying with questions, doubt, or vulnerability.</i>	Church
Thurs	26 th Feb, 5 th , 12 th , 19 th & 26 th March	11am-1pm		

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