



**Benefice of Christ Church and St Mary's, Frome**  
Diocese of Bath and Wells

**Choral Evensong  
Candlemas Sunday  
Sunday 2nd February 2025**

**6.00pm Choral Evensong for Candlemas**

**Prayers:**

**RIP:** Alan Charlesworth

**Sick:** Judy Kirkham, Suzanne, Arthur, David Fielden, Koji Saki, Shirley, Jude, Yvonne Stewart

**Years Mind for February:**

Audrey Ashley-Belbin, Gordon Bailey, Peter Bardgett, Bernadette Case, Dave Jones, Mary Kilner, Colin Smith, Georgio Parmakis, Joe Parmakis

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**Organ:** Two Fantasias by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

**Introit:** Thomas Tallis (1505-1585), "O Nata Lux"

O Light born of Light,  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
with loving-kindness deign to receive  
suppliant praise and prayer.  
Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh  
For the sake of the lost  
grant us to be members  
of thy blessed body

O nata lux de lumine  
Jesu redemptor saeculi  
Dignare clemens  
supplicum  
Laudes preces que  
sumere

Qui carne quondam  
contegi  
Dignatus es pro perditis  
Nos membra confer  
effici  
Tui beati corporis

**Hymn 44** Faithful vigil ended (tune Pastor pastorum)

## **Psalm 122** - chant by Andrew Seivewright (1926-2010)

I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.  
Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem.  
Jerusalem is built as a city: that is at unity in itself.  
For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord: to testify unto  
Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.  
For there is the seat of judgement: even the seat of the house of David.  
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.  
Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.  
For my brethren and companions' sakes: I will wish thee prosperity.  
Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God: I will seek to do thee good.

### **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.

**Magnificat:** Orlando Gibbons, Short Evening Service

### **Second Reading: 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.

**Nunc dimittis:** Orlando Gibbons, Short Evening Service

**Anthem,** Johannes Eccard (1553-1611), "When to the temple Mary went"

Mary made a pilgrimage to the temple and brought her child there  
Who was seen by the aged Simeon, as the prophets had foretold  
Simeon took Jesus in his arms, and joyfully sang:

Now I go forth with joy  
For today I have seen You, Saviour —  
Comfort of Israel, light of the World

O dear Jesus, grant now that we at all times  
Find all our joy in Thee, just as Simeon did  
And that, when the time comes, we pass away gently and thus sing gladly:

Now I go forth with joy  
For today I have seen You, Saviour —  
Comfort of Israel, light of the World

**Hymn 157** Hail to the Lord who comes (tune Old 120th)

**Organ:** Ground by Orlando Gibbons

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**Retiring collection for church funds.**

**Thank you.**

**Do stay for mulled cider or tea.**

**Next Choral Evensong Sunday 2nd March 6pm including music by  
Welsh-born Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)**

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