



Parish Eucharist

for the feast of Candlemas

1st February 2026

10am



ST MARGARET'S
PUTNEY

Welcome to St Margaret's, Putney

St Margaret's is a diverse and friendly community in leafy West Putney. A space to meet God, to connect with others, celebrate life and find support when we need it most. We are building a vibrant community and making a positive change, through prayer, friendship, charity and care of the environment.

Our services and music are rooted in the traditions of the Church of England. We want church to be inclusive, thought-provoking and fun, and we strive to make God's Word relevant and connected to everyday life. People of all ages fully participate in Sunday Mornings and activities throughout the week.

Whether you want to be part of something bigger or need a quiet moment to yourself, there's a warm welcome waiting for you here at the heart of your community.

St Margaret's Putney. Reflect. Connect. Grow.

Welcome to St Margaret's. The church operates a hearing loop system. Please turn your hearing aid to the "T" position. Please take a moment before our service begins to pray. A voluntary and introit may be played.

As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Please stand to sing the hymn:

**At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
king of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord
who, from the beginning,
was the mighty Word.**

In your hearts enthrone him,
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true:
crown him as your captain
in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you
in its light and pow'r.

Truly, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with the Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow
and our hearts confess him
king of glory now.

CAMBERWELL
Caroline Maria Noel 1817-1877
Michael Brierley b 1932

The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Please be seated for the welcome.

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

Please stand to sing the Gloria.

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty
God and Father,
we worship You,
we give You thanks,**

we praise You for Your glory.
Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.

Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of
the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.

For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the
glory of God, the Father.

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.

The Collect

Let us pray that we may know
and share the light of Christ.
Lord Jesus Christ, light of the
nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father, your
God, and our God.

All Amen.

Please be seated.

Malachi 3:1-5

A reading from the book of
the prophet Malachi.

The Lord Almighty answers, "I
will send my messenger to
prepare the way for me. Then
the Lord you are looking for
will suddenly come to his
Temple. The messenger you
long to see will come and
proclaim my covenant."

But who will be able to
endure the day when he
comes? Who will be able to
survive when he appears? He
will be like strong soap, like a
fire that refines metal. He will
come to judge like one who
refines and purifies silver. As a
metalworker refines silver and
gold, so the Lord's messenger
will purify the priests, so that
they will bring to the Lord the
right kind of offerings. Then
the offerings which the
people of Judah and
Jerusalem bring to
the Lord will be pleasing to
him, as they used to be in the
past. The Lord Almighty says,
"I will appear among you to
judge, and I will testify at
once against those who
practice magic, against
adulterers, against those who

give false testimony, those who cheat employees out of their wages, and those who take advantage of widows, orphans, and foreigners—against all who do not respect me.

The reader concludes:

This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand to sing.

**This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

**Jesus is the Light,
I'm gonna let Him shine.
Jesus is the Light,
I'm gonna let Him shine.
Jesus is the Light,
I'm gonna let Him shine.
Let Him shine, let Him shine, let
Him shine**

**Hide it under a bushel?
No - I'm going to let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel?
No - I'm going to let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel?
No I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Please be seated

Hebrews 2:14-end

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since the children, as he calls them, are people of flesh and blood, Jesus himself became like them and shared their human nature. He did this so that through his death he might destroy the Devil, who has the power over death, and in this way set free those who were slaves all their lives because of their fear of death. For it is clear that it is not the angels that he helps. Instead, he helps the descendants of Abraham. This means that he had to become like his people in every way, in order to be their faithful and merciful High Priest in his service to God, so that the people's sins would be forgiven. And now he can

help those who are tempted,
because he himself was
tempted and suffered

The reader concludes:
This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

*The choristers sing All Things Bright
and Beautiful*

Luke 2:22-40

The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

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

All Glory to You, O Lord.

The time came for Joseph
and Mary to perform the
ceremony of purification, as
the Law of Moses
commanded. So they took the
child to Jerusalem to present
him to the Lord, as it is written
in the law of the Lord: "Every
first-born male is to be
dedicated to the Lord." They
also went to offer a sacrifice
of a pair of doves or two
young pigeons, as required
by the law of the Lord.

At that time there was a man
named Simeon living in
Jerusalem. He was a good,
God-fearing man and was
waiting for Israel to be saved.
The Holy Spirit was with
him and had assured him that
he would not die before he
had seen the Lord's promised
Messiah. Led by the Spirit,
Simeon went into the Temple.
When the parents brought the
child Jesus into the Temple to
do for him what the Law
required, Simeon took the
child in his arms and gave
thanks to God:

"Now, Lord, you have kept
your promise, and you may let
your servant go in peace.
With my own eyes I have seen
your salvation, which you have
prepared in the presence of
all peoples: A light to reveal
your will to the Gentiles and
bring glory to your people
Israel."

The child's father and mother
were amazed at the things
Simeon said about
him. Simeon blessed them
and said to Mary, his mother,
"This child is chosen by God
for the destruction and the
salvation of many in Israel. He
will be a sign from God which

many people will speak against and so reveal their secret thoughts. And sorrow, like a sharp sword, will break your own heart."

There was a very old prophet, a widow named Anna, daughter of Phanuel of the tribe of Asher. She had been married for only seven years and was now eighty-four years old. She never left the Temple; day and night she worshipped God, fasting and praying. That very same hour she arrived and gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were waiting for God to set Jerusalem free.

When Joseph and Mary had finished doing all that was required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to their hometown of Nazareth in Galilee. The child grew and became strong; he was full of wisdom, and God's blessings were upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to You, O Christ.

The Talk

Please be seated.

Let us stand to declare our faith in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through father, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Please be seated.

Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

The response is:
Lord, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

The intercessions conclude:

All Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

God be gracious to us and
bless us, and make your face
shine upon us:

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on
the earth, your saving power
among the nations:

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known
your salvation, and reveal
your justice in the sight of the
nations:

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives
all who truly repent, have
mercy upon you, pardon and
deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in
all goodness and keep you in
life eternal, through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

The congregation stands.

Our Saviour Christ is the
Prince of Peace. Of the
increase of his government
and of peace there shall be
no end.

The peace of the Lord
be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another
a sign of peace.

The peace is shared.

The Collection

- Please fill in a gift-aid envelope if you are a UK tax payer.
- Contactless Machines are available at the back of church if you wish to donate by card
- You can go straight to our secure giving page by scanning the QR code:



Lord, the light of your love is
shining, in the midst of the
darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the world, shine
upon us; set us free by the truth
you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's
glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace
and mercy; send forth your
Word,
Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome
presence, from the shadows into
your radiance.
By the blood I may enter your
brightness; search me, try me,
consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly
brightness so our faces display
your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell
your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Graham Kendrick b. 1950

Prayer over the Gifts

Father, in Christ there has
sprung up a light for the
righteous; accept the gifts
we bring before you and
grant that Christ may shine
in us to the praise and glory
of your name.

All All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.

The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you

And al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give thanks and praise.

The congregation is seated.

It is indeed right and good,
always and everywhere to give
you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ, who is one
with you from all eternity. For on
this day he appeared in the

Temple in substance of our flesh to come near to us in judgement. He searches the hearts of all your people and brings to light the image of your splendour. Your servant Simeon acclaimed him as the light to lighten the nations while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your redemption. Destined for the falling and rising of many, he was lifted high upon the cross and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.

And now we rejoice and glorify your name that we, too, have seen your salvation and join with angels and archangels in their unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory:
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ and, as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the

power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross. We proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension. We look for the coming of your kingdom and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise and, as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him and with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Silence is held.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
All **Our Father in heaven,**
hallowed be your name; your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil;

for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
All **Though we are many, we are one body because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The Communion

- All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Communion.
- The sacrament is distributed from front and back of church. Please follow the sides-persons instructions. If you would like a blessing please bow your head to indicate this.

An anthem may be sung.

Prayers after Communion

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.

All Amen.

All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of
your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of
your Spirit to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

The Notices are given.

The children prepare to light their candles.
Please stand for the hymn, during which
the clergy change from white to green
vestments.

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!

*Shine in our hearts,
shine through the darkness.*

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us,
make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell b. 1957

Candlemas Procession

The children are invited to the front to light their candles. The ministers and children move to the font as the Nunc Dimittis is sung and the congregation's candles are lit

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.

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 temple where you live and reign, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

The Blessing of Candles

Father almighty, who created all things out of nothing, and by your command made wax from the labour of bees; we ask, you to bless and sanctify these candles, that we might use them in prayer, learning and service in honour of the light of the world, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

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

All **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.

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

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

All **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.

All **Help us, who now extinguish these candles, never to forsake the Light of Christ.**

All extinguish their candles.

Here we now stand near the place of baptism.

All **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.

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

Here we bless one another in
your name.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

All **Help us, who now go in
peace, to shine with your
light in the world.**

A voluntary may be played