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CHRISTINGLE & CANDLEMAS 2nd February 2025

HYMNS

Introit	839
Gradual	845
Offertory	901
Communion	399
+ St G Singers	
Recessional	419



COLLECT

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.

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.

FOR OUR PRAYERS: Brian, Kathy, Jewel, Beverley, Ben, Denise, Edna, Alan, Marie, Lizzie

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH: Daisy Watts, Terry Wood

CHRISTMAS MARKET 2025

If you are just clearing up from Christmas 2024 and have odd numbers of surplus crackers, an abundance of bottle bags or gift bags or some leftover unused Christmas cards then bring them along to the vestry now. We will store them for you.

And if you want to buy them back next year then put this date in your diary!

Christmas Market 2025 will be on **Saturday 29 November.**



SCOUTS QUIZ! SAVE THE DATE

17th Forest Hill Valentine's Quiz
Saturday 15 February at St George's
£8 adults £4 children (Food included)
Doors open 18:30.
More details to follow.



PAT

We need a couple people to help us in bringing Pat to church on Sundays. And more urgently we need cover on **Sunday 9 February.** If you can help, please speak to Richard.



TEA TOWEL ROTA

We need some help with cleaning tea towels. If you can help, please contact the office, or speak to Richard.

BURNS NIGHT THANKS FROM LYNNE

Dot and I would like to thank everyone for their help and support on Burns night. It really was a lovely evening and we have had lots of lovely feedback.

We always need people to help so going forward if you would like to help with next years celebration please let us know and nearer the time we can get together to make next year's even more special.



LEWISHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

On **12 February at 19:30** at the Royal Festival Hall the Lewisham Choral Society with the Hackney Singers and the London Mozart Players will perform **Brahms' German Requiem** and other pieces. More details on the flyer in the lobby!



DISCUSSION GROUP

We will be starting a discussion group on **6 February**, then meeting on the 1st Thursday every month at 19.30 in church.

Our first meeting will be a discussion about what we'd like to use as our starting subject and we might discuss the previous Sunday's sermon as well.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: DUNCAN PATTERSON-BANKS

There is a memorial service for Duncan **today, Sunday 2 February, at 16:00.** Everyone is welcome to attend if you're able.



FEBRUARY LUNCH CLUB

This will be **Wednesday 5 February.** Sign up list available now!



TAIZE EVENING PRAYER

There will be a monthly evening service in the style of the Taizé Community every second Sunday of the month.

We will begin on **Sunday 9 February at 18.00.**



REV'D SHEILA CAMERON MEMORIAL
St George's is holding a choral evensong in memory of Rev'd Sheila on **Sunday 2 March at 16:00.** Everyone is very welcome to come and remember Sheila and all that she was and did among us.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 3 February

Church: 19:00 - Meditation group

Studio: 19:00 - 20:30 - Guides

Tuesday 4 February

Church: 09:30- Morning prayer

Church: 10:30 - Ecumenical service

Church: 18:00 - Brownies

Wednesday 5 February

Hall: 18:00 - Cubs, 20:00 - Scouts

Church: 13:00 - Lunch Club

Studio: 19:30-20:30 - Yoga class

Thursday 6 February

Hall: 18:15 - 19:15 - Beavers

Church: 19:30 - Discussion Group

Saturday 8 February

Church: 09:30 - Morning Prayer

Studio: 11:00-12:00 - Yoga class

Studio: 14:30 - 15:30 - Outside group

Sunday 9 February

Church: 10:00 - Parish Eucharist

Studio: 14:00 - 16:00 - Outside group

Church: 18:00 - Taizé Service

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 2 March

St George's: 16:00 - Memorial service for Rev'd Sheila Cameron

Wednesday 12 March

Church: 13:00 - Lunch Club

OT: 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.² 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;³ 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.⁴ Then 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 thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.



GOSPEL: Luke 2: 22 - 40

²² 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 opposed ³⁵ 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.