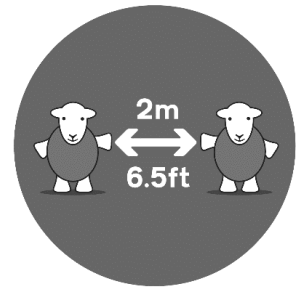


The United Benefice of Barlborough and Clowne

St James the Greater, Barlborough



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Please Maintain
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Eucharist for the Candlemas – the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Sunday 30th January 2022

Please take this order of service home with you

Notices

Our first **Choral Evensong** service of the year will be next **Sunday 6th February at 5.00pm. This will become a monthly service and is part of our new pattern of worship.** Please do come along and be lifted into the presence of God through the liturgy and music. We may well go to the Rose and Crown after the service for a drink!

We are planning a **memorial service for John Whybrow** on Sunday 13th February at 5pm. If you would like to write a tribute or even speak at the service about memories of John, please speak to Rev Bryony. We already have Guide me O Thou Great Redeemer of course! Please put this date in your diary and tell people about it.

At the end of the service today, feel free to move into the Lady Chapel if you would like to spend some quiet time in **prayer**, light a candle or speak to Rev'd Mike who will be available to pray for you. We are going to start offering this as a matter of course after services so that you know that you can bring your personal needs before God and be prayed for.

Please leave any **collection money** on the plate provided at the back of church or even better, set up a direct debit by ringing this number in the week: 0333 002 1271. You will need your bank details and the correct code for the church you wish to give to regularly.

Parish Giving Scheme codes:

St John the Baptist, Clowne: 120612060

St James the Greater, Barlborough: 120612054

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Please note that the clergy's usual day off is a Friday. Find out other information about our churches on our website: <http://bcjj.org.uk>

These are our upcoming service and event times for your diary:

Sunday 6th February – 4th Sunday before Lent

8.30am Morning Prayer, Barlborough

10.00am Benefice Eucharist, Clowne

5.00pm Choral Evensong, Barlborough

Sunday 13th February – 3rd Sunday before Lent

8.30am Morning Prayer, Clowne

10.00am Benefice Eucharist, Barlborough

2.30pm Baptism, Barlborough

5.00pm John Whybrow Memorial Concert, Barlborough

Sunday 20th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

8.30am Morning Prayer, Barlborough

10.00am Benefice Eucharist, Clowne

2.30pm & 3.30pm Baptisms, Clowne

Sunday 27th February – Sunday before Lent

8.30am Morning Prayer, Clowne

10.00am Benefice Eucharist, Barlborough

Please remain seated as the choir sings the Introit

OPENING HYMN *Please stand as you are able*

426 Praise to the holiest in the height

THE GREETING

✠In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord of glory be with you. **The Lord bless you.**

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 be seated

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The confession comes later in the service today

THE GLORIA

Please stand as we sing the Gloria

**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.
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.
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.
Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Let us pray that we may know and share the light of Christ.

**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.
Amen.**

Please sit

BIBLE READINGS

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

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

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, 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.

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

GRADUAL HYMN *Please stand as you are able*

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GOSPEL READING *Please remain standing and face the deacon*

Today the Lord is presented in the Temple
in substance of our mortal nature.

Alleluia.

Today the Blessed Virgin comes
to be purified in accordance with the law.

Alleluia.

Today old Simeon proclaims Christ
as the light of the nations and the glory of Israel.

Alleluia. Praise to Christ, the light of the world.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

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 ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), ²⁴and 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. ²⁶It 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, ²⁸Simeon 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. ³⁴Then 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 ³⁵so 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, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At 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. ⁴⁰The 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.**

Please sit for **THE SERMON**

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *We kneel or sit for our prayers.*

This week our prayers are asked for:

The sick and in need:

Wyatt & Garrett Ruthven, Barbara Needham, Veronica Blackwell, Luke Firth, Chloe Parkes, Betty Wood, Lillie Wood, Richard Abbiss, Margaret Malpass, Scarlett Bolton (3), Susan Proffitt, Joan Phillimore, Alan Taylor, Steve Short, Kath Adams, Heather Davies, Pat Ashley, Barbara Anderson, David Higgins

The dearly departed:

Ruth Upton, May Jones, Graham Roberts, Keith Dunnin

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:

'I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness
but shall have the light of life.'

Let us therefore bring our sins into his light
and confess them in penitence and faith.

cf John 8.12

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.**

**We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,**

**forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.**

Amen.

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.

Amen.

We Share Holy Communion

We stand and the president introduces the Peace.

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.78,79

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Please share the peace in a safe manner!

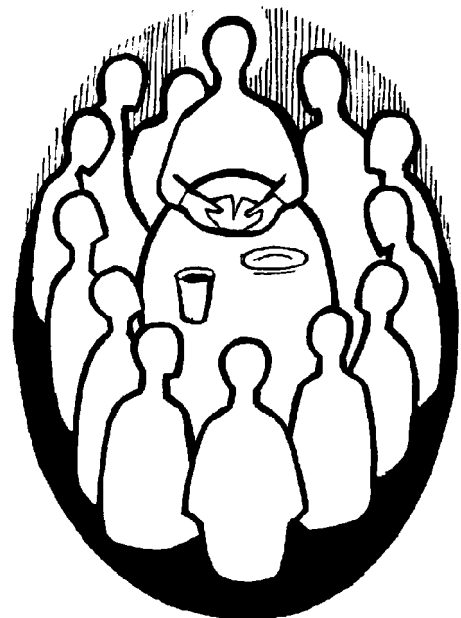
OFFERTORY HYMN

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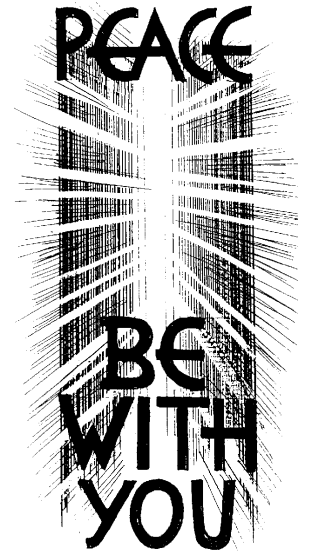
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PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

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.
Amen.



The Peace



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *Please stand as you are able*

The Lord be with you
and also 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

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 in the highest.

✠Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Great is the mystery of faith...

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins
of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of
the Blessed Virgin Mary, St John the Baptist, St James
and all the angels and saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

AGNUS DEI *we sing*

**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.**

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

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

Please come to receive communion when prompted and follow the markings on the floor to remain at safe physical distance. Take your time, no need to rush. Please bring this booklet with you if you would prefer a blessing. Please continue to wear a mask as you move around the building (unless you're exempt).

COMMUNION HYMN

445 Sing, Lullaby!

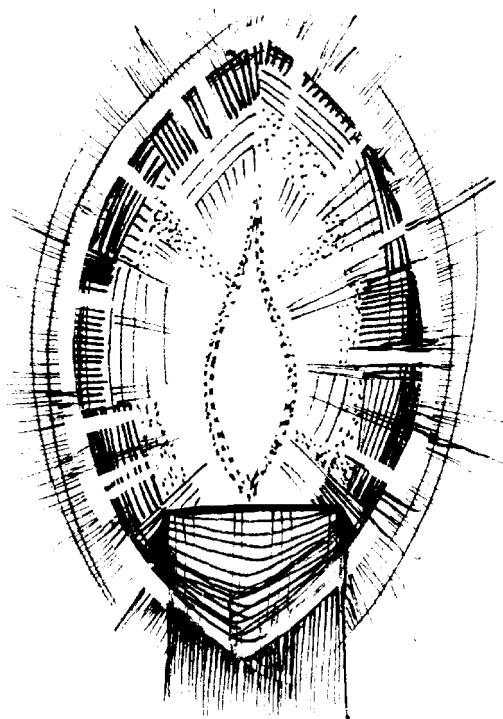
PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

We pray together

**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.
Amen.**

BLESSING OF CANDLES

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.



We stand. Our candles are lit during this hymn.

FINAL HYMN

432 Rejoice the Lord is King

Turn to face the font

THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

Let us bow our heads to receive God's blessing.

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the +Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

The deacon dismisses the congregation:

Father, we have sung your praise with shepherds and angels:
may Christ be born in our hearts today.

All Praise to Christ our light.

We have shared in the joy of Simeon and Anna;
help us, like them, to trust your word.

All Praise to Christ our light.

We have greeted Jesus, the light of the world;
may we be filled with the light of your love.

All Praise to Christ our light.

We stand near the place of new birth.

All Let us shine with the light of your love.

We turn from the crib to the cross.

All Let us shine with the light of your love.

We go to carry his light.

All Let us shine with the light of your love.

Thanks be to God.

If you would like to spend some time in quiet prayer or speak to Rev'd Mike in private, please go into the Lady Chapel at the end of the service. Bring your burdens before God and let us pray for you.

