

St Helena's is an English Language Anglican Church  
in the centre of Larnaca, Cyprus.



From 1907 Christian worship has been offered from our premises. We are part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion with worshippers (*parishioners*) attending from many backgrounds and countries.

**All are Welcome to Worship with us.**

**The Holy Eucharist is Celebrated Sundays at 10.00am.**

Afternoon Prayers - Wednesdays at 12.15pm.

**Please Take This News Sheet Away Home for a Neighbour.**

**Please Note:** The Reverend Navina Thompson will be licensed on 2nd Feb 2026 at Synod's Opening Eucharist at St Christopher's Cathedral in Bahrain as Parish Priest of St Helena's Anglican Church, Larnaca. Navina's first Sunday will be on the 8th Feb. There will be a Welcome Service on Sunday 22nd Feb @ 10.00am. Bishop Sean will officiate and preach at the welcome Eucharist. There will be a Parish Lunch after the service at Marzanos. Please add your name to the list at back of church should you wish to join us for the lunch. *Please note that Numbers are Limited - So It's - First Come, First Served on this occasion. Thank you.*

**At Candlemas - The President Blesses the Candles, saying ...**

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. Bless these candles and make them holy so that they may be used to your praise and glory.

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

**Giving to St Helena's Anglican Church, Larnaca ...**

The Offertory Basket for your Tithes and Offerings for the Lord's work is located at the back of church.

The running of the Church here costs a considerable amount of Euros each year and so your giving is Important and Appreciated.

**THANK YOU - Efcharistó - o theós na evlogeí - GOD BLESS.**

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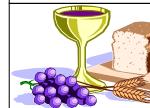
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# St Helena's Anglican Church, Larnaca



**Welcome to our Service of the Word**

**Sunday 1st February 2026** (Live Streamed)



**Today's Hymns:**

**Processional:** 537 - O Worship the Lord

**Gradual:** 210 - God of mercy God of grace

**Offertory:** 29 - A man there lived in Galilee

*Candlemas Holy Communion this Wednesday afternoon 4th Feb @ 12.15*

**Recessional:** 416 - Lord the light of your love

**Candlemas**  
The  
Presentation  
of Christ in  
the Temple



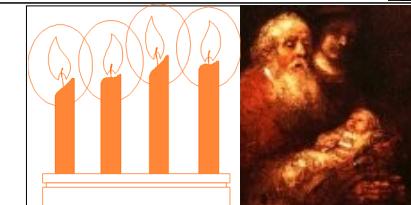
**Today's Sunday Lectionary Readings:**

**1st:** 1 Kings 17: 8-16

**Responsorial:** Psalm 36: 5-10

**2nd:** 1 Corinthians 1: 18-end

**Gospel:** Luke 2: 22-40



**Next Sunday's Lectionary Readings:**

**1st:** Genesis 1:1 - 2:3

**Responsorial:** Psalm 136:

**2nd:** Romans 8: 18-25

**Gospel:** Matthew 6: 25-end

**Next Sunday**  
8th February 2026  
**Second Sunday before Lent.**  
(Welcome Revd Navina)



**THE COLLECT:** *Candlemas*

*The Presentation of Christ in the Temple*

*Let us pray ...*

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. **A-MEN.**

**PRAYER:**

*Let us pray ...*

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we be prepared to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life.

**A-MEN.**



## **Responsorial Psalm**

We say together the verses in **BOLD**.



**Psalm** 36: 5-10 ...

5- Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens • and your faithfulness to the clouds.

**6- Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; • you, Lord, shall save both man and beast.**

7- How precious is your loving mercy, O God! • All mortal flesh shall take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

**8- They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house; • they shall drink from the river of your delights.**

9- For with you is the well of life • and in your light shall we see light.

**10- O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you • and your righteousness to those who are true of heart.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and evermore shall be: world without end. Amen.**

## **CANDLEMAS: The End Of The Christmas and Epiphany Season.**

*The Presentation of Christ in the Temple.* Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem forty days after his birth to dedicate him to God, in keeping with Jewish law. Upon bringing Jesus to the temple, the family encountered Simeon; the gospel records that Simeon had been promised "he should not see death before he had seen the Messiah of the Lord." (Luke 2: 26). Simeon prayed the prayer that would become known as the Nunc Dimittis, or Canticle of Simeon, and prophesied regarding Jesus. The prophetess Anna was also in the Temple, and offered prayers and praise to God for Jesus. Traditionally Candlemas was the last feast in the Christian year that was dated by reference to Christmas. **Candlemas marked the end of the Christmas and Epiphany season.** The term "Candlemas" refers to the practice whereby a priest on February 2nd would bless the candles to be used in church that year with an aspergillum. Candles to be used in the home were also blessed.

*The Light of Christ has come into the world.*

## **Nunc Dimittis:**

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My eyes have seen the salvation You have prepared in the sight of every people, A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your 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.**

## **For Prayer - Candlemas - The Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

**Pray for** - The Church of England

**Pray for** - The Diocesan Synod, for all attending, and for wisdom and vision in all that is planned and done.

**Pray for** - St John's, Derynia, Cyprus

**Pray for** - The sick, the housebound, residents in-care establishments.

**Remembering** - The recently departed - **May They Rest In Peace.**



## **Notices:**

♦Please check that your Mobile Phones are on silent during the services.

♦St Helena's is a self-funding Church: Your giving is much appreciated.

The Offertory basket is at the back of Church for your Tithes and Offerings.

♦Gluten Free Wafers Available - Please inform a Warden **BEFORE** the service.

♦All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Should you wish for a **Blessing Only** - Please bring this leaflet with you or just keep your arms folded whilst at the Altar Rail.

♦**TODAY: SERVICE OF THE WORD** - Led by Lay Worship Leader - *Wendy*.

Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Wednesday Afternoon the 4th Feb @ 12.15pm**.

♦During the distribution of Holy Communion please respect each other by quietly saying your prayers and not chattering at this most holy time. *Thank you*.

♦The next Quiz Night - Saturday 28th February 2026 @ 6.30pm.

♦For any pastoral needs please contact a warden.

♦*Webpage:* <https://sainthelenaschurch.com/>

## **Who's Who !!!**



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