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# St Mary's

## Church of England Primary School



### Candlemas February 4 2020

- **THE LORD IS HERE: Alec** (*light Easter candle and Advent ring*)
- **WELCOME:** Today is our celebration of the feast of Candlemas, which was on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. This marks the end of Epiphany, as we remember Joseph and Mary presenting Jesus at the Temple, 40 days after his birth. His parents came to dedicate him to God, a bit like baptism or christening today.
- In the temple was an old man, Simeon and a prophetess called, Anna. They were holy people. They loved God, and like many people in their day, they were waiting for the Messiah. God had told Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah.
- Simeon knew that something special was happening, so he hurried to the place in the temple where Jesus and his parents were waiting. When he saw them, he knew that Jesus was the special baby: the Messiah: the Christ: the Son of God. Simeon took the baby Jesus in his arms, and spoke these beautiful words:
- 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 people. A light to reveal your will to the Gentiles, and bring Glory to your people Israel
- Anna was 84 years old. She spent her time in the temple, worshipping and praying to God. She gave thanks to God for Jesus, and told Mary and Joseph and everyone that she met, that Jesus was the child sent from God who would set them all free.
- **TALK: Alec**
- **SONG: This little light of mine**
- Prayers Introduction: Mrs Adams
- **JESUS YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**
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- Thank you that you came into the world long ago. Thank you for Simeon and Anna who knew that you are the Son of God.
- **JESUS YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**
- Thank you Lord Jesus that you are still with us today and that your light still shines in the darkness.

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- **JESUS YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**
- Thank you that you help us to reflect YOUR light and to do what is right.
- **JESUS YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**
- Thank you that you forgive us when we have done wrong. Help us to forgive each other when we have arguments or get angry with each other.
- **JESUS YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**
- Thank you that you are the light of the world, and that you are with us today and always
- **JESUS YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**
- *Presentation of candles. One child from each class brings the class candle to the table. The candle is lit from the Advent ring. Children stay at the front during the song.*
- *2 children from each class come forward to receive candles for class members.*
- Song : Christ be our light
- BLESSING: Alec