

What's happening in the Team this week

For more details of local events, please see Team News

Wed 1 Feb 10am Eucharist to celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple
St Mary's, Beaminster
11-12.30pm Walk in Wednesday St Mary's,
Beaminster

THE HUB — By Revd. Canon David Baldwin

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 22nd February. As in previous years I offer the following reading: The book that we will be using in the team is the Archbishop of Canterbury's offering, 'Failure' written by Bishop Emma Iveson. This is six sessions with guided study material. The book tackles the area of what Jesus said about sin, mistakes and messing stuff up. There are many others, as always, including Richard Rhor's 'Jesus' Alternative Plan'. Based on the Sermon on the Mount it is a new proclamation of the power of the cross to transform Human History. Also, you may like to consider 'The way of Thomas Merton', A prayer journey through Lent. This book is based on the major writings of Thomas Merton. Finally this week, and closer to home, Andrew Daunton Fear and Mary Treacher edited a book of readings for Lent and daily life by their Mother Alison Daunton-Fear called 'Treasures From A Deep Mine' which is a collection of 40 talks given by Alison Daunton-Fear, a gifted speaker whose ministry spanned a large part of the twentieth century.

If you would like a copy of any of these books they can be ordered through the Church Office and prices may vary according to volume ordered. The deadline for ordering any of these publications through the Office is **Wednesday 8 February.**

It is also time to order Easter Candles and transfers and Palm Crosses. For help with this please speak to Anne in the Office as soon as possible.

PEW NEWS

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Presentation of Christ in the Temple**(Candlemas)**

Malachi 3. 1-5
Psalm 24. (1-6), 7-10
Hebrews 2. 14-18
Luke 2. 22-40

Gold/White Year A

Collect

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

Post 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.

Please take this copy of Pew News away with you for reference during the week.

If you would like material about Church events included in the Pew News, please bring it to the Church Office, or e-mail **beaminsterteam@gmail.com** by 9am on the Wednesday before publication.

Please note that the Office will be closed on Monday 30 January

First Reading — Hebrews 2. 14-18

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus 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, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore 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. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

A new opportunity to pray and study together. If you have a spare half an hour on a Tuesday morning at 9.45am then please pop into St Mary's Church Beaminster and join David and Jo as they study the Old Testament passage for the following Sunday and pray together. This will be every week, for half an hour and anyone is welcome to be there. We will read the passage, talk about it, then pray about some of the themes that have arisen. We will always keep to time, as our staff meeting will follow afterward at 10.15am.

Snowman Drive with Pudding

Saturday 11 February
6pm for a 6.30 start
Blackdown Village Hall

£6 Adult, £4 Child, £18 Family

Info and tickets available from:

Philip 01460 30661/30517/07980
864169

Evelyn 01460 30964/07531 080100

THE CHOSEN

A *free* showing of the first ever multi-season series about the life of Christ
All welcome (approx. 2 hours)

Tea, Coffee, Cake

Comrades Hall, DT8 3QP

Sundays @ 2pm
from 5th February

Gospel Reading— Luke 2. 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), 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.'

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. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 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, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 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 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

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 seven years after her marriage, 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. 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.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Eco Pause for Thought... The annual RSBP bird count is this weekend. To take part, spare an hour in your garden or an outdoor space to record all the birds you see.