

## NOTICES

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

10.30 Compton Bassett: Benefice Communion in the Village Hall

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	10.00 Heddington Coffee Morning 7.15 Prayer Meeting
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15 Little Fishes
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	1.30pm Home Group at the Rectory
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	9.45 Calstone: Morning Worship 6.00pm Cherhill: Informal Evening Worship 10.00 Compton Bassett: Morning Worship 11.15 Heddington: Holy Communion

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07864 000906**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> February Presentation of Christ in the Temple Hebrews 2.14-18 Luke 2.22-40



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 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.

Next week:  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Before  
Lent

1 Corinthians 15.1-11  
Luke 5.1-11

### Welcome

We hope you feel welcome at our church and find it a place where you can meet with God. If you are unsure about anything, please ask the person who gave you this sheet.

We love children and we understand they will make some noise; don't worry about it! However, if you feel your youngest ones would benefit from playing quietly in a corner, do ask the people who welcomed you and they can point you in a suitable direction. We may even have the odd book or toy for them to play with.

A loop system may be provided in this church. Please ask or check by switching your hearing aid to the "T" position.

**PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU**

## **New Testament Reading: Hebrews 2.14-18**

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

## **Gospel Reading: Luke 2.22-40**

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord’), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: ‘a pair of doves or two young pigeons’.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

‘Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,  
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.  
For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and the glory of your people Israel.’

The child’s father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: ‘This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Heddington Coffee** runs every Monday morning from 10am.

**Little Fishes** is held every Tuesday @ 9.15am during term time.

**Bible Study Group** will be at 7.15pm on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February.

The next **Home Group at the Rectory** will be on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30pm.

There will be a **Prayer meeting** on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.15.