

## Lambourn Valley Contacts

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## Prayers for People

**We continue to pray for:** Robert Jefferys, Monica Eyre, Anthony Jefferson, Tony Basden, Sarah Brooks, Rose Sasin, Beth Furneaux, Jonathan & Helene Haw, June East, Rene Rookes.

## Deanery Prayer Cycle

### Shaw cum Donnington

Marion Wood  
St. Mary Shaw cum Donnington

## Notices & Diary Dates

### Lent course 2016

Migration and Movement is clearly a hot topic of the moment and our US(PG) course provides a lot of useful information and different perspectives on what can seem a daunting problem.

We hope to establish four Lent groups each lasting five weeks:-

on Saturdays from 9.00am beginning 13th February at St James Eastbury (including breakfast)

on Mondays from 7.30pm beginning 15th February at Calyptus Cottage Newbury Road Lambourn

on Tuesdays from 7.30pm beginning 16th February at Lambsdown Front Street East Garston

on Wednesdays from 7.30pm beginning 17th February at Meridian House Lambourn

Please let Martin know by e-mail which group you would like to attend or sign up on the sheets provided in our churches.

**Please send items for inclusion in the Lambourn Valley Welcome by 4.00pm on Wednesday at the latest to both: (Please start Subject Line with VW)**

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## Lambourn Valley Welcome

St James the Greater Eastbury  
All Saints East Garston  
St Michael & All Angels Lambourn

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016 Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

**Welcome to everyone!**  
**We are glad to have you join us**  
**as we worship God in this church.**

## The Week Ahead

### Today:

10.30am Group Communion Service Lambourn  
6.30pm Taize style service Eastbury

### Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn

### Tuesday:

7.45pm Deanery Synod Greenham

### Friday

10.00am School Reception Class Service Lambourn

## Next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016 Sunday next before Lent

9.00am Holy Communion BCP Eastbury  
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

### Readings

Exodus 34:29 - 35; 2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2;  
Luke 9:28b - 36

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### Sunday 7th February 2-30 to 5-30pm

**Come and Sing Messiah** in Wantage, with tea and Home-made cakes afterwards. £12-00 to sing, or listen, proceeds go to Cancer Research and Oxford Air Ambulance. See poster in Lambourn Church porch or speak to Tessa, 71551.

### 10th February Ash Wednesday

Easter is early this year and Ash Wednesday will soon be upon us. Lambourn CofE School will have their service in Church in the morning and there will be a Eucharist with the opportunity for the imposition of ashes at 7.30pm at St Michael & All Angels Lambourn for the whole benefice.

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Bishop Andrew is coming to open the new school building at Lambourn Primary School with a service at the school at 2.45pm followed by a joint school parish reception from 3.30pm and a service at St Michael and All Angels to bless our new facilities at 5.00pm. Please ensure this is in your diary.

# The Prayers and Readings for Today



## The Collect for Today

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.

## Short Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God.

## 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. But 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; he 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. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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.

## 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, 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.

## 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 (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 for 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.

## 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.

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## Notices & Diary Dates

**Thank you,** the donations for the after service refreshments at St Michaels throughout 2015 have allowed us to be able to support each of the following charities with a £50.00 donation; Crisis at Christmas, Water Aid, The Lewy Body Society, and MAF. I have received acknowledgements which are on the notice board. Regular updated literature from charities are available in the south chapel for you to read.

**Children's Society Boxes** has raised a further £128.00 which has been sent to the society to support their important work. Many thanks, Brian Fletcher.

## SHOEMAKERS VACANCY

Shoemakers Christian book and coffee shop is currently looking for a sales assistant to work alternate Saturdays in the book and coffee shop. This post would be particularly suitable for someone still in full-time education.

For more information on this position and to get an application form please contact the shop on 01635 37836 or email [office@christophershoemaker.org.uk](mailto:office@christophershoemaker.org.uk)

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