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Deanery Prayer Cycle

Thatcham

Mark Bennet, Marion Fontaine,
Pat Jones, and Brenda Harland
St. Mary Thatcham, St. Barnabas Thatcham

Prayers for People

We continue to pray for: Tony Basden, Cheryl Eaton-
Evans, David Taylor and Eric (Snr) & Pam Hastle

We look forward to celebrating Ruth Jarvis's 100th
Birthday tomorrow.

We learn with sadness of the death of Roger Curtis
of Aldbourn. His funeral will be at Lambourn on
5th February at 1.30pm.

We learn with sadness of the death of Molly Thorne.
Her funeral will be at the West Berkshire Crematorium in
Thatcham on 8th February at 11.15am.

Notices & Diary Dates

Lent Groups

Ash Wednesday is 14th February. If you would like to
be part of a Lent Group for five weeks following Ash
Wednesday. We hope to have groups on Tuesday
evenings in East Garston, Wednesday afternoon and
Wednesday evenings in Lambourn and Saturday
mornings in Eastbury. Sign up sheets will be available
from next week.

**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 28th January 2018**Presentation of Christ****Welcome to everyone!****We are glad to have you join us
as we worship God in this church.**

The Week Ahead

Today:

9.00am Family Communion East Garston
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn
6.30pm Taize Style Service Eastbury

Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn
10.00am Parents & Toddlers
7.30pm PCC Lambourn

Tuesday:

8.50am Assembly Lambourn School

Wednesday:

2.00pm Memorial Service Lambourn
Mrs Pauline Bracey

Thursday:

8.00pm Good Friday Choir rehearsal Lambourn

Friday:

10.00am Reception Class Service Lambourn

Next Sunday 4th February 2018 2nd Sunday before Lent

9.00am Holy Communion BCP Eastbury
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

Readings

Proverbs 8:1, 22 - 31; Colossians 1:15 - 20;
John 1:1 - 14.

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17th February - PCCs AwayDay

The long awaited joint AwayDay for the three PCCs will
be held at the Friends Meeting House in East Garston.

Confirmation 2018

We are delighted that the 2018 Confirmation will be on
15th May at 7.30pm at Lambourn. Classes for young
people will be held at 11.45am on Sundays 18,25 Feb, 4
Mar,15,22 Apr & 13 May at Lambourn. Please let Martin
know if you or someone you know wishes to be
confirmed this year.

Prayers and Readings



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.

The 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.