

## Lambourn Valley Contacts

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## Deanery Prayer Cycle

### Thatcham

Mark Bennet, Marion Fontaine, Pat Jones,  
Brenda Harland  
Curate: Leonard Onugha  
St. Mary Thatcham, St. Barnabas Thatcham

## Prayers for People

### We continue to pray for:

Tony Basden, Nigel Jenks, Alan Wood,  
Charmaine Pike, David Ashplant, Ruth Jarvis,  
Linda Tame, Maureen Leppard, Carol Jerrard,  
Christine Kendall, Margaret Stewart and Bill Stewart.

### Those who have died recently:

Evelyn (Mary) Gee, Raymond Hobbs,  
Brian Dellafera, John Michael Cole.

## Lambourn Valley Welcome

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

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**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019**  
**Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)**  
**Welcome to everyone!**  
**We are glad to have you join us**  
**as we worship God in this church.**

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## The Week Ahead

### Today 3<sup>rd</sup> February

10.30am Group Communion, Eastbury

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February

9.30 -10.00am Prayers, Lambourn  
10.00am Parents and Toddlers, Lambourn  
1.30pm - 3.30pm Food Bank, Sacred Heart Hall

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

7.30am All Age Worship Meeting at Meridian

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February

8.00pm Good Friday Concert Rehearsal, Lambourn

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February

10.00am Nursery (F1) Service, Lambourn  
2.30pm Funeral John Michael Cole, Lambourn  
7.00pm Choir Practice, Lambourn

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## Next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent

9.00 am Family Communion, East Garston  
10.30am Sung Eucharist, Lambourn

### Readings

Isaiah 6.1-8,(9-end); 1 Corinthians 15.1-11;  
Luke 5.1-11

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## Notices & Diary Dates

### Update on appointment process

Following the Section 12 meeting between the three PCCs and Archdeacon Olivia, six parish representatives, two from each parish, have been elected to interview candidates for the post of Vicar of the Lambourn Valley Benefice. An advertisement was agreed and has been published in the Church Times on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February. The closing date is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February with interviews scheduled for Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Please pray for all involved in the selection process and for a good response to the advertisement.

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**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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# 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-end

Since, therefore, 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.

## 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 first born 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

### Next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February

We welcome the Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral to preach and preside at our 10.30am Sung Eucharist in Lambourn.