



## Please Pray for

...those who have died, including: **Hazel** (Lucilla's cousin's daughter aged 13), **Charles Paine** (funeral at TV Crem 2pm Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Feb), **Gwyneth Page** (funeral at St Mary's, Fowlmere 2pm Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Feb), **Martin Gritt** (funeral at Wellow 2.30pm Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Feb) and **Reginald Cloudsdale** (funeral at Wellow 2pm Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Feb)  
...those who are unwell, including: **Brian Ambler**, **Debbie Arthur**, **Debbie Matthias**, **Glen Hunt** (operation), **Hilary and Martyn Lacey**, **Jeanine Stewart**, **Lawrence Nash** (in hospital in Winchester), **Maisy** (aged 15), **Mavis Eastwood**, **Michelle Harden** (surgery on 21<sup>st</sup> Jan and 6 weeks in plaster!), **Pam Farquharson**, **Rae Tugwell**, **Richard & Sue** and **Simon Bell**

When Mary and Joseph presented their son to God, Simeon and Anna, representing all faithful Jews, recognized him as both Israel's Saviour and the one who would 'enlighten the Gentiles'. This festival may be celebrated by processing with lighted candles, symbolizing Christ, the True Light. Held on or near 2<sup>nd</sup> February, it closes the Epiphany season, but the sombre words of Simeon hint at sufferings to come.

### Daily Bible Readings:

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings. Try to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	Matthew 5:13-20	Salt and light
Monday	2 Kings 2:19-22	A miracle involving salt
Tuesday	Mark 9:42-50	Have salt in yourselves
Wednesday	Colossians 4:2-6	Conversation seasoned with salt
Thursday	Ephesians 5:3-14	You are light in the Lord
Friday	1 Thessalonians 5:5-11	You are children of the light
Saturday	Psalms 36:5-9	In your light we see light
Sunday	Matthew 5:21-37	Teachings of Jesus

**A Prayer for the Week:** Lord Jesus, help us to be your salt today, flavouring the world around us with your love and truth. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:** May God's love shine through you, so that others see that God is good and worthy of praise. Amen.

### Readings for 8<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> Before Lent

Isaiah 58:1-9a(9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9(10); 1 Cor 2:1-12(13-16); Matthew 5:13-20

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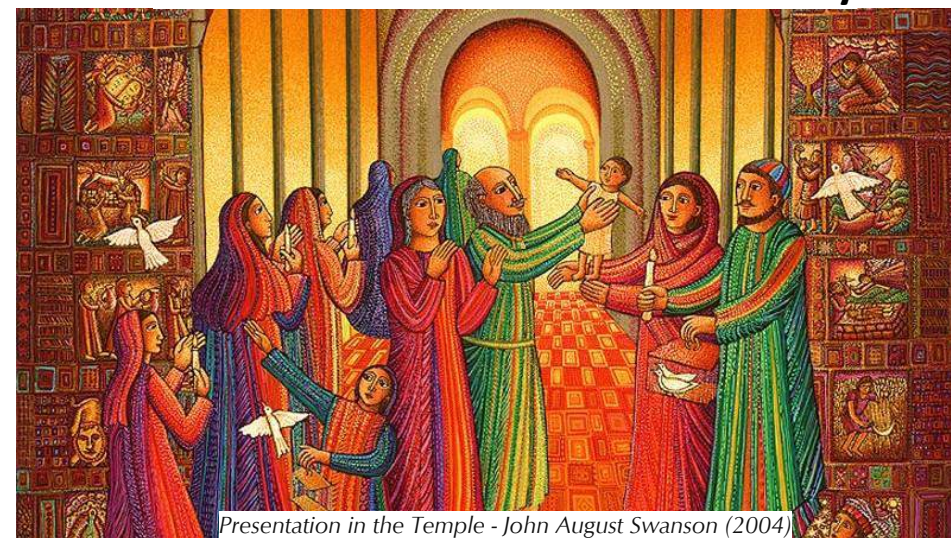
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## News & Notices - 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> February



Presentation in the Temple - John August Swanson (2004)

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February - Candlemas

8am	Communion (BCP) in Lockerley
From 9am	Online Service <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches">www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches</a>
9.15am	Eucharist in Wellow
9.45am/10am	Breakfast Church in West Tytherley
10.30am	<del>Celebration Service in Lockerley - Cancelled</del>
11am	Matins (BCP) in East Dean
11am	Candlemas Communion in Sherfield English
4pm	Messy Church in Wellow Village Hall
9pm	Online Night Prayer <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches">www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches</a>

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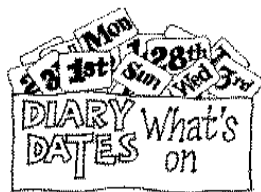
Malachi 3:1-4 Psalm 84	Hebrews 2:14-18	Luke 2:22-40
Offering Temple sacrifices while oppressing or neglecting people illustrates tarnished humanity. Before judging us, God will help us, sometimes painfully, to clean up our act.	In Jesus, God shared our human life, understanding our fears and failings. Making the perfect yet painful sacrifice, Jesus frees us from sin and death.	Jesus was ritually presented in the Temple as an ordinary human baby, but would offend many by transcending religious practice and reaching out to save all God's children.

## Monday to Saturday

9am & 9pm Online Morning & Night Prayer [www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches)

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

3pm Wellow PCC Meeting  
6.45pm Book Club at West Tytherley  
7.30pm Deanery Synod at North Baddesley



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

9am Lockerley School Service in Church (No Eucharist)  
6.30pm West Tytherley PCC Meeting

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

1030am-Noon Coffee Morning at Sherfield English

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> Before Lent

8am Communion (BCP) in West Tytherley  
From 9am Online Service [www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches)  
9am Communion (BCP) in East Dean  
9.15am Sung Eucharist in Wellow  
1030am Eucharist in Lockerley  
11am Morning Prayer in Sherfield English  
9pm Online Night Prayer [www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches)

	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	8 <sup>th</sup> Mar
<b>East Dean</b>	8am (BCP) Communion	6pm (BCP) Evensong	11am (BCP) Matins	9am (BCP) Communion
<b>East Tytherley</b>	Services will resume in warmer weather – 8 <sup>th</sup> March			9.30am Short but Sweet
<b>Lockerley</b>	1030am Celebration	1030am Eucharist	8am (BCP) Communion 1030am Celebration	1030am Eucharist
<b>Sherfield English</b>	11am Family Service	11am Morning Prayer	11am Communion	11am Morning Prayer
<b>West Tytherley</b>	9am Eucharist	9am (BCP) Matins	9.45/10am Breakfast Church	8am (BCP) Communion
<b>Wellow</b>	9.15am Sung Eucharist	8.15am (BCP) Communion 9.15am (BCP) Matins	9.15am Sung Eucharist 4pm Messy Church	9.15am Sung Eucharist

## Book Club at West Tytherley Church

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026, 6.45pm to 8pm**

Topic: Rekindling the Wonder of Childlike Wisdom.

Book is 'Seeing Anew' Awakening to Life's Lessons by Martina Lehané Sheehan.

**All are very welcome. Wrap up warmly.**

## Charity of the Month February 2026



Millions of Palestinians living under Israel's military occupation and as refugees are being denied their rights to health and dignity. MAP is working to change this. It has been their driving force for more than 40 years, and the need has never been greater. MAP has been working with Palestinian communities to deliver locally-led health and medical care to those worst affected by Israeli occupation, discrimination and oppression.

Teams provide immediate medical aid to those who need it at times of crisis and heightened violence, while also developing local capacity and skills to ensure the long-term development of the Palestinian healthcare system.

More details from [www.map.org.uk](https://www.map.org.uk)

(Collection Baskets in Churches or to the Vicar at Crispins, Lockerley)

