



Please Pray for

...those who have died, including: **Hazel** (Lucilla's cousin's daughter aged 13), **Charles Paine** (funeral at TV Crem 2pm Tue 17th Feb), **Gwyneth Page** (funeral at St Mary's, Fowlmere 2pm Sat 7th Feb), **Martin Gritt** (funeral at Wellow 2.30pm Tue 10th Feb) and **Reginald Cloudsdale** (funeral at Wellow 2pm Mon 16th 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 21st 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 2nd 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	Psalm 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 8th February – 2nd 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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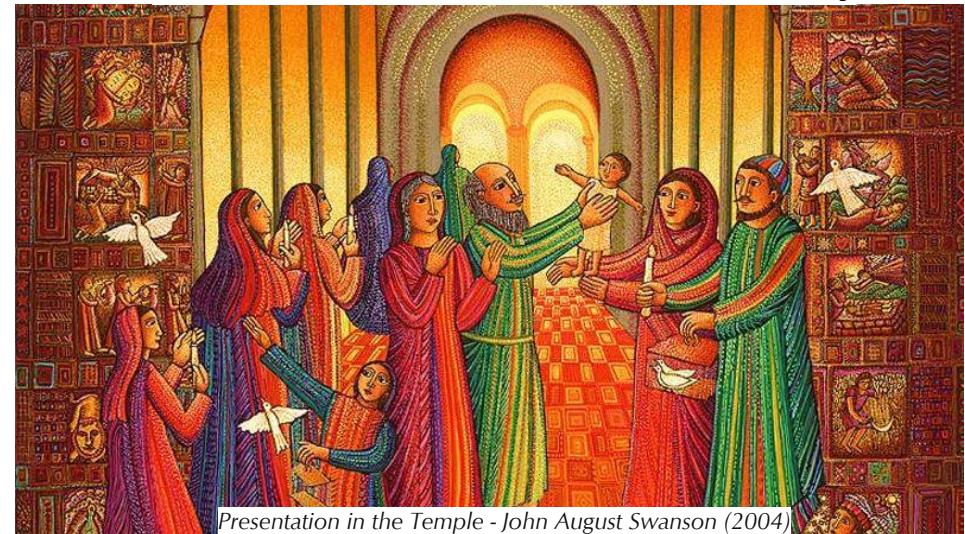
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**Thorngate & Blackwater
BENEFICE**

News & Notices - 1st to 8th February



Presentation in the Temple - John August Swanson (2004)

Sunday 1st February - Candlemas

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

Sunday 1st February - Candlemas

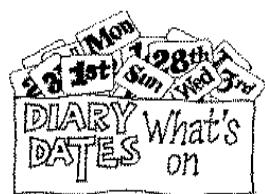
Malachi 3:1-4 Psalm 84	Hebrews 2:14-18	Luke 2:22-40
Offering Temple sacrifices while oppressing or neglecting people illustrates tarnished humanity. Before judging us, God will help us, sometimes painfully, to clean up our act.	In Jesus, God shared our human life, understanding our fears and failings. 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

Tuesday 3rd February

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



Wednesday 4th February

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

Saturday 7th February

1030am-Noon Coffee Morning at Sherfield English

Sunday 8th February – 2nd Before Lent

8am Communion (BCP) in West Tytherley
From 9am Online Service 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

	15 th Feb	22 nd Feb	1 st Mar	8 th Mar
East Dean	8am (BCP) Communion	6pm (BCP) Evensong	11am (BCP) Matins	9am (BCP) Communion
East Tytherley	Services will resume in warmer weather – 8 th March			
Lockerley	1030am Celebration	1030am Eucharist	8am (BCP) Communion 1030am Celebration	1030am Eucharist
Sherfield English	11am Family Service	11am Morning Prayer	11am Communion	11am Morning Prayer
West Tytherley	9am Eucharist	9am (BCP) Matins	9.45/10am Breakfast Church	8am (BCP) Communion
Wellow	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 3rd February 2026, 6.45pm to 8pm

Topic: Rekindling the Wonder of Childlike Wisdom.

Book is 'Seeing Anew' Awakening to Life's Lessons by Martina Lehane 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

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

THE CHAIRS

WAYS TO ARRANGE THEM

PERFECTLY
NEAT ROWS

THE REGIMENTAL

EVERYONE SITS IN THE
SECOND ROW, THEN
ADDS CHAIRS BEHIND

THE SEMICIRCLE

FIRST
FOUR
ROWS
RESERVED

ONE ROW
AT THE
BACK
FOR THE
CONGREGATION

THE BAPTISM

EVERYONE
IN THE BACK
TWO ROWS

MOULDY
CHAIRS
OUT OF
STORAGE

REDUCED
LEGROOM

A GOOD WAY TO
MAKE THE PLACE
LOOK A BIT BUSIER
THAN IT IS

THE CAFE-STYLE

THE FESTIVAL

THE USUAL