

# 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026 – Presentation of Christ

## THE ORWELL AND DEBEN RURAL BENEFICE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### Collect

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. **Amen**

### DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	- Malachi 3:1-5; Hebrews 2:14-end; Luke 2:22-40.
<b>Monday</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	- Genesis 18:1-15; Matthew 27:11-26.
<b>Tuesday</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	- Genesis 18:16-end; Matthew 27:27-44.
<b>Wednesday</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	- Genesis 19:1-3,12-29; Matthew 27:45-56.
<b>Thursday</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	- Genesis 21:1-21; Matthew 27:57-end.
<b>Friday</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	- Genesis 22:1-19; Matthew 28:1-15.
<b>Saturday</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	- Genesis 23; Matthew 28:16-end.

### SUNDAY SERVICES

#### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Epiphany 4**

9am	Falkenham	Morning Prayer
<b>10am</b>	Newbourne	Holy Communion
10am	Waldringfield	Morning Prayer
10-30am	Nacton	Holy Communion

#### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> – 2 before Lent**

9am	Hemley	BCP Holy Communion
10am	Kirton	Morning Prayer
10am	Levington	Morning Prayer
10-15am	Bucklesham	Holy Communion

#### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday next before Lent**

9am	Falkenham	Holy Communion
10am	Bucklesham	All Age Praise
10am	Nacton	Morning Prayer
10am	Newbourne	Morning Prayer
10-30am	Waldringfield	Holy Communion

## February Events

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bucklesham coffee and library – 10 to 12 noon

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kirton Bible study – 2pm

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Mothers' Union - Kirton Church Hall – 2pm

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Bucklesham Bible study – 2:30pm – **Cancelled** for February

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> - Community Tea Shop – Kirton Church Hall – 2:30 to 4pm

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> – Cheese and wine – St Mary's Newbourne – see below

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Benefice Book Club – 2:30pm

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> – Falkenham Snowdrop Day – see below

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> - Prayers for Persecuted church – Kirton - 2pm

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> - Community Tea Shop – Kirton Church Hall – 2:30 to 4pm

### Change of service time from February 1<sup>st</sup>

From Sunday February 1<sup>st</sup>, the service of Holy Communion at St Mary Newbourne will begin at 10am.

### ***Valentine's Day Wine & Cheese at St Mary's, Newbourne***

*on Saturday February 14th 6-8pm*

*Do come and join us for a social evening in Church. Bring your friends, children welcome.*

*No tickets, Donations towards Church Funds.*

*Look forward to seeing you there!*

### **FALKENHAM SNOWDROP DAY**

The churchyard at St Ethelbert's is renowned for its beautiful carpet of snowdrops. Every year, this provides a backdrop for what has become an important event in Falkenham's social calendar – our Snowdrop Day!

Snowdrop Day 2026 will be on **Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup>**. Coffee, tea and homemade cake will be served between 10 am and 2pm, with homemade soup and a roll at lunchtime. It's a great opportunity to meet up with friends and neighbours so come along for a chat and see the lovely snowdrops!

There is no charge, but donations will be invited for the refreshments. Funds raised will be put towards the repairs that are needed to the Church Tower.