

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.
Amen

Readings for This Week (may vary)

(Candlemas)

Malachi 3.1-5

(Psalm 24.[1-6]7-10)

Hebrews 2.14-18

Luke 2.22-40

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Isaiah 6.1-8[9-13]

(Psalm 138)

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Luke 5.1-11

Verse for the Week:

‘And a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

Luke 2:35

Prayer & Reading Diary Jacobstowe

Monday

Read: John 2 v 18 - 22

Prayer: For peace, reconciliation, understanding
and compassion in these times of change and
uncertainty.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 4

Prayer: For our PCC at Jacobstowe and its officers
as they continue to support and nurture the Church.

Wednesday

Read: Philippians 1 v 12 - end

Prayer: For the Jacobstowe Community Group and
its activities and use of the Church.

Thursday

Read: Philippians 2 v 1 - 13

Prayer: For people in our communities facing illness
or uncertainty that they may be given strength.

Friday

Read: John 14 v 1 - 14

Prayer: For farmers and growers planning the year's
harvest and hoping for the right conditions.

Saturday

Read: John 14 v 15 - end

Prayer: For new people in our communities that they
will find a welcome in our churches.

Notices:



* Stephen and Fiona would like to say a huge thank
you for the kind words and hugely generous gifts on
the occasion of Stephen's retirement. There was a gift
from All Saints on Sunday and a separate one from
the rest of the Northmoor Team. Stephen is not sure of
the etiquette of announcing the amounts but is very
happy for the treasurers to tell you if you are curious.
Thank you to all who donated; we were quite
overwhelmed. We're not sure quite what we will do
with it but we will think of you all with gratitude
when we spend it. You will always hold a special
place in our hearts and we look forward to hearing
news of the next stage of your journey together. With
love from us. Stephen and Fiona.

* All Saints Church Treasurer.

After 11 years of loyal service, our treasurer is
stepping down after the APCM in April 2025.

We are looking for someone to take on this role,
which is at present a volunteer role.

If you think you may be interested and have the skills
for this role, or alternatively that you may prefer to
take on part of its responsibilities, for example,
reclaiming VAT or GIFT aid claims, we would love to
hear from you.

Please contact either Sara Hall or Pete Brayne for
further information.

Anyone considered for this role will be subject to
fulfilment of the diocesan safer recruitment procedure.

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Dates for your diary :



* Sunday 2nd February: St Bridget's Day

After the service at St Bridget's we move to The Ark for the Methodist Drop-In service which will then be followed by soup and a roll lunch at midday.

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Church Services:



Sunday 2nd February

(Candlemas/ Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

9:30am

Exbourne – Family Service
Northlew - Morning Prayer
Meeth – All Age Worship
Belstone – Celtic Morning Prayer
Inwardleigh - Holy Communion
Sourton – Holy Communion
Bridestowe – St. Bridget's Day Service

10:30am

Sticklepath - Village Praise

11:00am

Okehampton -Family Service/ Café Church
Hatherleigh – Holy Communion
Lydford – Morning Prayer

11:15am

Germansweek – Holy Communion

6:30pm

Okehampton – Holy Communion

Sunday 9th February

(4th Sunday before Lent)

09:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion
Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer
Bridestowe – Morning Prayer
Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion
Jacobstowe - Morning Prayer
Northlew - Holy Communion

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion
Hatherleigh - Morning Service
Meeth - Morning Prayer
Exbourne – Morning Prayer
Lydford - Holy Communion

Grapevine

Candlemas

2nd February 2025



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This passage reads like a handing on of the baton in a relay. Simeon and Anna are two incredible elders in the community; faithful and prayerful. Simeon assured he would see the Messiah, and Anna who never left the temple, praying day and night. At the presentation of Jesus they are both overjoyed. Simeon declares in v30 “my eyes have seen your salvation”, and Anna “gave thanks to God” (v38). Truly, we see a man and a woman overjoyed that the future of God’s kingdom would be secure.

Yet, the joy of one generation on their final lap, is a compassionate warning of the trials ahead to the next. Jesus is to be “spoken against”(v34) and Mary is told “a sword will pierce your own soul too”(v35). Truly love costs, and Mary’s love of Christ was deep.

Just like Mary needed Anna, and vice-versa, we need an intergenerational church more than ever. Many elderly in our churches long to see God move afresh. Many young in faith are comforted by the service of those walking in faith their whole life. Together, may we find the comfort and joy of Anna, and the strength of Mary to face the fresh trials of loving Christ with all our hearts.
Amen.

Jonathan Cook