Aldermaston and Woolhampton Benefice News

**(the parishes of Aldermaston & Wasing, Beenham, Brimpton, Midgham and Woolhampton)**

**Sunday 2nd February 2025: The Presentation of Christ**

**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.

**FIRST READING** *Hebrews 2.14–18* Christ became flesh and blood like us, says this writer, and we shall hear how his parents did the same as for every first-born child in Israel. Jesus fully shared our human condition, so that he could unite us all to God.

**GOSPEL READING** *Luke 2.22–40* As the Law requires, Jesus the first-born is brought to the Temple with a thank-offering. Two old and holy people, Simeon and Anna, perceive that this child is the fulfilment of ancient prophecies of redemption, but the glory will not be without pain and suffering.

**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.

**Services this Sunday**

St Mary’s, Aldermaston 10.45am Holy Communion

St Mary’s, Beenham 9.15am Holy Communion

St Peter’s, Brimpton 10.45am Holy Communion

St Matthew’s, Midgham 9.15am BCP Communion

**Services on 9th February: The Fourth Sunday before Lent**

St Mary’s, Aldermaston 10.45am Holy Communion

St Mary’s, Beenham 9.15am Morning Praise

St Peter’s, Brimpton 9.15am Holy Communion

St Peter’s, Woolhampton 10.45am Holy Communion

**Prayers and Pastoral Care** In the Benefice we seek to offer care for everyone in our churches and our communites, especially when they are in a difficult period in their lives. If you need to talk to a someone or would like a home visit, please contact the Rector on 0118 9712 891
You might just need to talk to someone in complete confidence about a personal or family crisis. We will always listen and help if we can. If you would like prayers included in our services on a Sunday for someone who is ill or in need, (providing the person is aware that they are being prayed for), has recently died or on the anniversary of their death, please do let me know. Revd Jane

We pray for those who are ill at this time and remember those who

have recently died and pray for those who grieve

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