

## This Week

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 18:30 Songs of Praise – St Francis, Littlemoor

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 09:30 Morning Prayer – Church Rooms, Preston

19:00 **Licensing by Bishop Nicholas Holtam  
of our new Team Vicar, Philip Elliott,  
at St Nicholas & St Laurence VA  
Primary School**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 19:30 Candlelit Evensong  
with Confirmation course  
– St Andrews, St Andrews, Preston

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 Holy Communion – St Laurence, Upwey  
10:00 Trad' (BCP) Holy Communion  
– St Andrews, Preston

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00 Holy Communion- St Nicholas, Broadway  
19:30 Prayer group – St Francis, Littlemoor

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 11:30 Said Holy Communion  
– St Francis, Littlemoor  
19:30 Candlelit Holy Communion  
with Healing Prayer  
– St Andrews, Preston

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 10:30 Installation by Archdeacon Paul Taylor  
of our new Team Vicar, Philip Elliot.  
Joint Service at St Laurence, Upwey.**

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## ***Bincombe with Broadway, Upwey and Buckland Ripers Part of the Weymouth Ridgeway Benefice***

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016**  
*The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany*

### The Prayer for Today

*Fourth Sunday of Epiphany – 31<sup>st</sup> January*

God of heaven,  
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth  
and your messengers to every nation:  
send your Holy Spirit to transform us  
by the good news of everlasting life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*The Presentation of Christ in the Temple – 2<sup>nd</sup> February*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God.  
Amen.

### Readings

	<i>Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> January</i>	<i>Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February</i>
Old Testament	Ezekiel 43 : 27 – 44 : 4	Malachi 3 : 1 – 5
Psalms	Psalms 48	Psalms 24 : 7 – 10
Epistle	1 Corinthians 13 : 1 – 13	Hebrews 2 : 14 – 18
Gospel	Luke 2 : 22 – 40	Luke 2 : 22 – 40

## **In Our Prayers**

- **We pray for Philip Elliott as he is licensed and installed as our new Team Vicar.**
- **Our Church School, and Headteacher Mrs Helen Williams.**
- **Our Street Pastors & Prayer Pastors**
- **Food Banks & Christians against Poverty**
- **Healing on the Streets**
- **The Lantern Centre**

## **Remembering those who have passed into God's presence...**

*all those from our community, and their families in their grief.*

## **Remembering the sick...**

*and all others in our community who suffer sickness.*

**On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February we will be collecting food or (even better!) cash to provide support to the Lantern Centre.  
Please come prepared to give as you are able.**

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## **Something to think about**

This Tuesday will be Candlemas – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple. The day commemorates the ritual purification of Mary, 40 days after the birth of her son Jesus. This day also marks the ritual presentation of the baby Jesus to God in the Temple at Jerusalem. Simeon held the baby Jesus and called him a Light to the World.

Here we read the absolute Sovereign has kept his promise to Simeon, who now asks the Lord to let him die in peace. In the prophetic praise that follows, Jesus is equated with 'your salvation'.

It is not accidental that Jesus' name, in Hebrew Yeshua (a form of the name 'Joshua'), means literally, 'salvation'. So Simeon looks on the child named 'Salvation' and says, 'my eyes have seen your salvation...'

It is remarkable that Simeon sees Jesus' salvation as extending to all people - Gentiles and Jews alike. This is the same message the angel spoke to the shepherds on Christmas night: 'I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people' (Luke 2:10).

## **Something to do**

When was the last time you heard good news? Maybe it was a wedding announcement, a birthday or a new job. We all want and wish for good news. The Gospel message tells us Jesus is good news to all people, especially the poor.

Today make your own good news happen - reconnect with a neighbour, work colleague or school friend and let them know you care.

## **Something to pray**

Lord Christ, set me on fire  
Burn for me all that dims your light  
Kindle an answering flame in lives around;  
That darkness may be driven back into this world  
Transforming it with love.