



Barmby Moor  
Group of Churches

## "Connect 5"

Weekly news connecting  
church and community  
across the five parishes

### Church Services

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January** - Celebration of New Year Service at 9:15am at Fangfoss led by Rev'd Mark. This is an informal, interactive and fun service suitable for people of all ages. Please come along and invite friends to join you. Holy Communion at 10:45am at Barmby Moor led by Rev'd Mark. Rev'd Chris Wingfield, retired Priest, who now worships with us in our benefice with his wife, Thelma, will be preaching at this service.

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January** - Holy Communion at 10:00am at Barmby Moor led by Rev'd Mark.

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we commemorate the end of Epiphany with Candlemas, remembering when Jesus was presented in the Temple. We then turn our hearts and minds towards Lent. This seems like the year is already racing ahead, but it also brings with it thoughts of Spring and lighter and brighter days ahead!

Rev'd Mark

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### Thought for the Week

The Greek word for 'perfect' used in the New Testament is *teleios*, which translated means to be complete. In other words, to be everything God created us to be. To be ourselves, content in our own skin, and live life in all its fulness.



Celebrating Candlemas

### Service Booklets for Lent and Easter

I am delighted that I have been given permission to update our service booklets for Lent and Easter. Coming soon!



### A Book for Lent

Why not join me in reading the Archbishop of Canterbury's nominated book for Lent, 'Tarry Awhile' by Selina Stone. It's highly recommended!

'You will seek me and find me when you seek  
me with all your heart' (Jeremiah 29:13)

## Readings for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January

### **Hebrews 2:14-18**

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

### **Luke 2:22-40**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

**Children to visit St  
Martin's, Fangfoss**

**I will be welcoming  
the youngest class at  
St Martin's school  
into church on  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February  
and I will try and  
answer all their  
questions!**



### **Celebration Services**

**The February Celebration  
Services on the theme of  
'Love' will be as follows:**

**Barmby Moor - 11<sup>th</sup>  
10:45am**

**Thornton - 18<sup>th</sup> 10:45am  
Fangfoss - 25<sup>th</sup> 9:15am**

**Who could you invite?**