



# Carlton and Mutford Benefice

## Newsletter February 2026



### Rector's ramblings

February the shortest of months, yet there is much to look forward to from Valentines day to Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday (see over the page for details of events and services).

On the 1<sup>st</sup> we will be marking the feast of the Presentation of Christ in the temple In the temple

Simeon and Anna recognised and received the Messiah. Both had waited decades for this moment and were elderly when they met Jesus, showing that age is not a barrier to serving God.



**Challenge:** Their dedication to worship, fasting, and prayer serves as an example of lifelong devotion, relevant to all generations.

- They were able to recognize the Saviour in a humble baby because they were guided by the Holy Spirit and attuned to God's presence.  
**Challenge:** That we might be open to seeing God at work in unexpected places and in everyday life.
- After seeing Jesus, Anna immediately began to "speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem".  
**Challenge:** to share personal testimony and proclaim the message of salvation to others.
- Simeon's declaration, "my eyes have seen your salvation," expresses a deep sense of peace and fulfilment after a lifetime of seeking God.  
**Challenge:** Their story assures us that in Jesus, we can find genuine soul satisfaction and true consolation.

### Prayer:

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

## February Services

- 1st 'The Presentation of Christ'  
Holy Communion 9am -St Andrew's  
Worship for All 10.30am- St Peter's  
8<sup>th</sup> Holy communion 10.30am St Peter's  
15<sup>th</sup> Worship for All 10.30am St Peters

Holy Communion 11am St Andrew's



18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 10.30am  
Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday

20<sup>th</sup> Prayer and Praise 1.30pm Carlton Hall  
22<sup>nd</sup> Holy Communion 10.30am St Peter's

## Events coming up –

Get the dates in your diary. Come along to any of our events invite your friends and neighbours - the more the merrier.

February 14<sup>th</sup> 3pm -5pm -Valentines Quiz

 £6 per person- Get a team of 6 together or come along and we'll put you in a team. - This event will support our work with various mission agencies.

February 20<sup>th</sup> 'The Bible course'

During Lent and for 2 weeks after Easter we will be running this 8 week course it is very easy to follow and no previous knowledge is required just bring yourself and a Bible A course guide will be available to buy £8.99 but please do not let this be a barrier to joining in.

Using a mixture of video presentations from the Bible Society and group discussions we will look together at all the books events and characters in the Bible and how they fit together to form God's big story, and how that influences our lives today. If you have access to the internet check out the course by following this link <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course> and register for free  
To find out more talk to Andrea or Mark.

February 24<sup>th</sup> 10am-12noon Coffee Morning

Come and join us for Coffee, or tea and delicious cakes  
£2 per person - in aid of general church funds



March 28<sup>th</sup> - 6-8pm Curry Evening

£10 per person please bring your own drinks - Funds will go towards the repair of the Tower