



St Martin's Church, Welton

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WELCOME! Please stay for tea or coffee after the service — we would love to chat with you.

If you don't normally take communion but would like God's blessing, please come up to the altar rail holding your service booklet.

**This morning we welcome Revd Canon Ken Baker,
and thank him for leading our worship today.**

First Reading Hebrews 2 14 - end

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.

Gospel Reading 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.

MORNING SERVICES. All commence at 11.00 a.m.

ROTAS	Today	05 February	12 February	19 February
Chalice	Val Hamblin	Gill Beardmore	Val Hamblin	Morning Service
Reader	Charles Broadhead	David Horder	Gillian Weigel	Margaret Jones
Sidesperson	Pam Broadhead	Val Hamblin	Harold Thompson	Keith Beardmore
Prayers	Vicar	Keith Beardmore	Vicar	Gill Beardmore

 **Revd Sarah writes:** *“The PCC and I are excited that things are beginning to fall into place as far as patterns for worship are concerned. I’m delighted that the 11am Sunday service is in the capable hands of Rev Ken, Rev John and Gilly and now can tell you about our ideas for the additional afternoon service. Nothing is set in stone - I have not yet even sat down with Cliff to think about music for those services- but from discussions in the PCC and as I have visited many of you in your homes there seems to be a firm consensus in favour of 4pm every Sunday for alternatives to the 11am. So 4pm it will be. Every Sunday. Not too late in the winter months but early enough to get children settled and in bed ready for the coming week. Everyone I have spoken to has slightly different ideas about what the service should be so we are starting with a bit of a mixture to see what works.*

*Two services a month will be **Family Communion**- a less formal, shorter form with lighter hymns and songs and with an All Age talk rather than a formal sermon. It should cater for children and adults equally well but will be less traditional and perhaps more palatable to families without any compromise on the gospel. This is not watering down, just differently communicated!*

*Once a month we shall try a **Book of Common Prayer Evensong**- beloved by many of certain years including myself. How this will work musically remains to be seen but this will be an oasis of tradition, peace and the fabulous theology and language of the old prayer book.*

*And then in total contrast we shall move away from formal liturgy once a month for **Sunday at Teatime** at which we shall eat cake, drink tea, pray, discuss and worship informally with serious God-talk for the adults and age-appropriate activities on the same thing for children. It will fall into shape depending on who comes! Speaking of which, all of this is not an effort to guilt-trip regular members into coming to church twice! You should attend what brings you closest to God and I fully anticipate a year of small turn-outs to the 4pm while we build on our relationships with school, village and estates. The point is to offer choice, diversity and convenience to existing members as well as to newer ones and I’m looking forward to seeing our church grow in the coming years.*

We profess Christ crucified and resurrected. We operate for transformation of individuals and society in the power of the spirit and the more people we can share this with the better! Please pray that our plans are truly in accordance with God’s will for his church in Welton and that if they are not that he will make our way plain.” Every blessing, Sarah.

NEW AFTERNOON SERVICES. All commence at 4.00pm.

05 February	12 February	19 February	26 February
Family Communion	Evensong - Book of Common Prayer	Family Communion	Sunday at Teatime

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 It is with great sadness that we note the recent death of Robert Lynch and Joan Morgan. We all send our heartfelt sympathy to their friends and family. Please keep them in your prayers.

**If you have any news or forthcoming events: email [ros@rosirius.co.uk](mailto:ros@rosirius.co.uk).**