

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, SWANLAND

'Sharing Christ through friendship' - SMALL GROUPS NOTES

Wk/beg 1st February 2015. Bible passages: Luke 2: 22 – 28. Hebrews 2: 14 – 17.

The Presentaion of Christ

Welcome/icebreaker	What do you think is the most appropriate way, as a Christian, to mark the birth of a baby?
Worship	Have a time of praise and thanksgiving – using Luke 29 – 32a as a basis.
Word (refs.↓)	<i>NB Sermon available to listen to on www.stbchurch.org.uk (click on the 'downloads' tab).</i>
Luke 2.22-28	<p>What were the reasons for Mary and Joseph taking Jesus to the Temple? Why take Jesus if he had already been circumcised</p> <p>What do we learn about and from Simeon?</p> <p>What else do we learn from Anna's response?</p> <p>What do we learn about the role of Holy Spirit from this passage?</p>
Hebrews 2: 14 - 17	What do we understand by 'he made atonement for our sins'? (v 17)
	<p>What do you think might be 'The advantages of Old Age?' What particular roles might older people play in our church life?</p> <p>What guidance, if any, from the Luke passage can we take for our Christian 'journey'?</p>
Prayer and Witness	<p><u>Pray</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ for your mission link person(s) or project ❖ for older people in our church fellowship ❖ for grace to look to the interests of others - and opportunities to show it ❖ for grace to look to the interests of other groups and churches ❖ for sharing Christ through friendship
Prayer and Witness	Reminder: Church Family Together, Thursdays 5 February & 5 th March in church 7.30-9.30pm. Coffee & cake – worship – encouragement.