

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, SWANLAND

'Sharing Christ through friendship' - SMALL GROUPS NOTES

Wk/beg 29/1/17 - Hebrews 2:14-end; Luke 2:22-40

Please read the passages.

Presentation of Jesus in the temple- Holy Spirit in action

Welcome/ icebreaker	Have you ever heard from God at any time in your life?
Worship	Listen/sing songs about the Holy Spirit. Eg Welcome Holy Spirit or Breathe on us.
Word (refs.↓)	<i>NB 9am Sermon available to listen to on www.stbchurch.org.uk (click on the 'downloads' tab).</i>
Luke 2:22-40	Use all/some of these questions to aid discussion & understanding, add some of your own questions: Why were the Holy family at the temple? How did The Holy Spirit use Simeon in this passage? What qualities set Simeon apart so that God could use him? How do you think Mary felt after Simeon gave her a prophecy about Jesus? What was significant about the words that Simeon said, "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." ? How was Anna's reaction to Jesus different to Simeon's reaction? What can we learn about Simeon and Anna's relationship to God from this passage?
Works	What can you do over the next few weeks to connect with God every day to build up your faith? How are you going to learn to recognise the voice of the Holy Spirit? How is God asking you to be part of his plans?
Witness	God wants us to bring His kingdom in our homes, workplaces, street, neighbourhood. How could you do this? Pray for each other for this to happen.