

**ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, SWANLAND**

***'Sharing Christ through friendship' - SMALL GROUPS NOTES***

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

**The Presentaion of Christ**

<b>Welcome/ icebreaker</b>	What do you think is the most appropriate way, as a Christian, to mark the birth of a baby?
<b>Worship</b>	Have a time of praise and thanksgiving – using Luke 29 – 32a as a basis.
<b>Word (refs.↓)</b>	<i>NB Sermon available to listen to on <a href="http://www.stbchurch.org.uk">www.stbchurch.org.uk</a> (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>
<b>Prayer and Witness</b>	<p><b><u>Pray</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ for your mission link person(s) or project</li> <li>❖ for older people in our church fellowship</li> <li>❖ for grace to look to the interests of others - and opportunities to show it</li> <li>❖ for grace to look to the interests of other groups and churches</li> <li>❖ for sharing Christ through friendship</li> </ul>
<b>Prayer and Witness</b>	<b>Reminder:</b> Church Family Together, Thursdays 5 February & 5 <sup>th</sup> March in church 7.30-9.30pm. Coffee & cake – worship – encouragement.