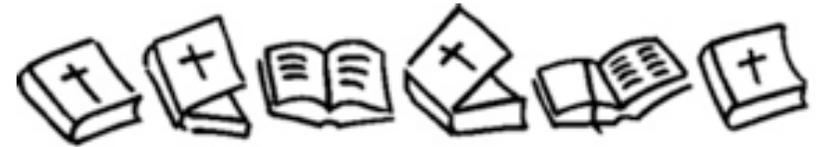


# Colouring In



Simeon and Anna Thank God  
Luke 2



# Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie  
welcomes

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to Mass today.

## God Keeps His Promises

### *The Holy Family. Year B.*

I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas!

Tomorrow we will be celebrating the start of a New Year – a time where New Year's resolutions (or promises) are often made. In today's Gospel, we hear about a promise that God made to a man named Simeon.

Simeon was a very old man who had faithfully served God all of his life. Simeon was looking forward to the coming of the Messiah. God had promised Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Christ, the promised Messiah. A few days after the birth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple to dedicate him to God. Simeon was in the temple. As soon as Simeon saw the baby, he knew that Jesus was the Christ and that God had kept his promise that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah.

The bible is full of the promises of God, and what is more, it shows that God always keeps his promises... 100%! And if God faithfully keeps his promises to us, don't you think that it is important for us to keep our promises to Him?

So as we start a New Year, think about a promise that you can make to God. You must think about it carefully, say what you mean and then mean what you say. We must then faithfully stick to it! So what promise are you going to make to God this year?

# Decoder Puzzle



Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words:

V	C	Y	U	K	S	N	Z	W	O	X	R	H
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

M	G	D	I	Q	T	P	J	F	L	B	A	E
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

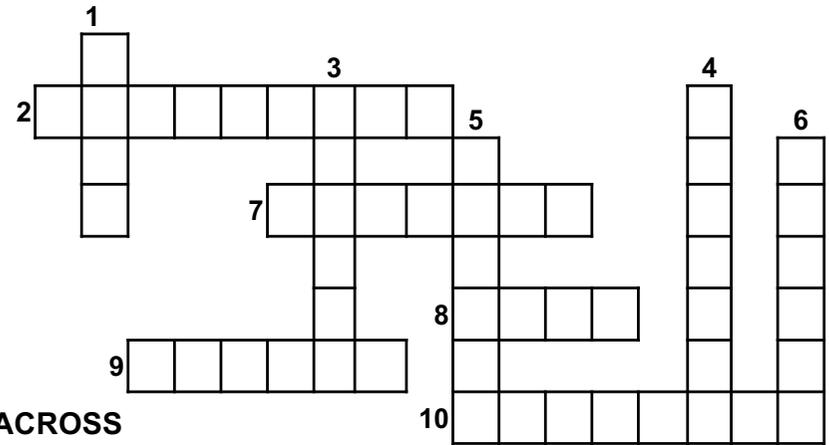
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- 6-17-14-26-10-7 \_\_\_\_\_
- 16-26-1-10-4-19 \_\_\_\_\_
- 19-26-14-20-23-26 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2-13-17-23-16 \_\_\_\_\_
- 20-12-10-14-17-6-26-16 \_\_\_\_\_

Mary	Jesus	Simeon	Child	Promised
Temple	Joseph	Devout		

**Mary and Joseph knew that the Temple was a good place to take their baby son, Jesus. Your parents think that too. What do you like the most about coming to Church?**



# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

- Deliverance from the penalty of sin
- Something you said that you would do
- The organs for seeing in the faces of humans and animals
- A building dedicated to religious ceremonies or worship
- The town where Mary, Joseph and Jesus lived

## DOWN

- The mother of Jesus
- The homeland of the Jewish people
- A person who is not Jewish
- The man who was promised he would not die until he had seen the Messiah
- The earthly father of Jesus

Temple	Israel	Salvation	Promise	Gentile
Simeon	Eyes	Joseph	Nazareth	Mary

# Children's Prayer

Dear Father. Just as you are faithful in keeping your promises to us, please help us to be faithful in keeping our promises to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

