



BrookDean Benefice – The Parishes of Drybrook, Lydbrook & Ruardean

Notices week beginning 22.02.2026

1st Sunday of Lent

This Sunday we come together at Drybrook for our Benefice Service of Holy Communion, at 10.30am.

We welcome Rev. Ros Greenhalgh who is taking our Communion service.

A message from Bishop Christopher...

As I said on Sunday Lent should not be a 'gloomy time' but a 'learning time'. Some of you are indeed considering Confirmation, younger people and mature. Lent was always the time for the preparation of candidates for Baptism and Confirmation. It's the right time: a 'learning time'. But it can also be a time for giving up something such as a meal a week and giving the cost towards a charity for the homeless, or refugees or other good causes such as Christian Aid. Fasting is not however, for children, the sick or elderly. More important is to do something positive during Lent. Try to say the Lord's Prayer once a day very slowly and meditatively, for example. Or perhaps during Lent try making the Stations of the Cross. At Drybrook they are outside along the path leading to the gateway. Just walk slowly and read them and think about them and pray them. Or inside the church at Ruardean (normally open weekdays from 10.00 - 4.00). Again, walk round them in order, read, think, pray. There are some cards to help you when you are by yourself or with others.

+Christopher

Readings

Our readings this week are:

Genesis 2: 15-17 and 3: 1-7

Romans 5: 12-19

Matthew 4: 1-11



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For our Prayers

If you would like us to prayer for someone who is unwell, please do let us know by emailing their name (with their consent, and ideally including surname) to benefice-support@hotmail.co.uk . Names will be included for a period of 4 weeks unless otherwise requested.

+Christopher has asked that we pray for all those preparing for Baptism and Confirmation.

We prayer for those we have known and who have died.

Birthdays

If you, or someone you know, would like to have their birthday celebrated in our weekly notices, please do let us know by emailing benefice-support@hotmail.co.uk

Events

Tuesday 3rd March – Soup & Pud at Ruardean Memorial Hall at 12 noon, £6.50 per person.

Every 2nd. Tuesday of the month - Meet and Eat at The Pludds, Village Hall. 11am – 2pm. A warm place to meet, chat and share. Light lunches tea, coffee and cakes. Further information from Sue Barber on 01594 861180.

Every Thursday morning - 10:30–12 noon, treat yourself to a cup of tea or coffee with a fresh slice of cake for only £1.50. Ruardean Woodside Village Hall.

Fridays - 10am. -12noon. Coffee, cake and conversation. Ruardean warm space. Ruardean Memorial Hall. Post office van outside from 10 -11am.

Next Sunday



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Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Lydbrook – 2nd Sunday of Lent.