



**BrookDean Benefice – The Parishes of Drybrook, Lydbrook & Ruardean**

## **Notices week beginning 29.03.2026**

### **Palm Sunday**

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

Bishop Christopher will be taking our service this week, and looks forward to welcoming you.

### **Palm Sunday**

Palm Sunday and its Procession of Palm branches, now including our small palm crosses made from single fronds of a palm branch, is a very ancient Christian observance beginning Holy Week. A Spanish pilgrim nun called Egeria described the Palm Sunday Procession in Jerusalem in the 4<sup>th</sup> century. In Jerusalem the procession went from outside the city along the path of Jesus' own entry into Jerusalem. So we begin *outside* the Church (weather permitting) and enter the Church as if Jerusalem.

Then comes the dramatic reading of the Passion, this year from St Matthew. This has always been done by several voices and the whole congregation is the crowd. You will have the text and your part is marked **All** and starts with the cry for Barabbas going on with the demand that Jesus be crucified (twice) and in the soldiers and the crowds mocking Jesus on the cross. In this dramatic reading we all share the emotions of the crucifixion of Jesus.

The story of the Passion unfolds during the week with Christ's institution of the eucharist (Holy Communion) on Maundy Thursday (Ruardean 7.00pm); on Good Friday for the last hour of the Cross (Lydbrook 2.00pm), the Vigil of Easter with baptism and confirmation (including those from our benefice) in the Cathedral (8.00pm) and finally with our Easter morning celebration (Drybrook 10.30am) where we shall light the Easter Candle and renew our baptismal/confirmation promises.

*+Christopher*

### **Collect for the week...**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross:



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grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Readings**

Our readings this week are:

Luke 19: 28-40

Philippians 2: 5-11

### **For our Prayers**

We continue to pray for all those preparing for Confirmation on Holy Saturday at Gloucester Cathedral.

We pray for those who are unwell: June and Malcolm Jones.

We pray for those we have known and who have died: Velda Simonds, Joan Boseley, Valerie Horton (Val), Stephen (Steve) Davies.

If you would like us to pray 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](mailto:benefice-support@hotmail.co.uk). Names will be included for a period of 4 weeks unless otherwise requested.

### **Birthdays**

Tony Hughes – 27<sup>th</sup> March

Hilary Meredith – 29<sup>th</sup> March

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](mailto:benefice-support@hotmail.co.uk)



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### Events

Every 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Ruardean churchyard working party/clean-up from 10am. Please bring tools, gloves, rubbish bags, wheelbarrow and join us to help make the churchyard tidy! If you have any spare indigenous plants, foxgloves, poppies, primroses, valerian, wildflower seed or bulbs do bring them along for planting.

### Holy Week and Easter Services:

Palm Sunday – 29<sup>th</sup> March at Ruardean. Don't forget the clocks go forward!

Maundy Thursday – 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 7pm at Ruardean

Good Friday – 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2pm at Lydbrook

Easter Vigil, Baptism and Confirmation – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 8pm at The Cathedral

Easter Eucharist – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 10,30am at Drybrook

On Easter Saturday, if anyone would like to place near, or plant in the troughs, any potted flowers by the Easter Garden at the front of Holy Trinity, Drybrook, or place a jar of flowers on the windowsills inside the Church, please feel free to do so. Alternatively, please bring a jar of flowers with you to the service on Easter Sunday.

### Next Sunday

Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Drybrook – Easter Sunday.