



The Link Benefice

*Serving the villages of Bawdrip, Cossington,
Pawlett, Puriton and Woolavington*

Vision statement: *To live and journey together, striving to be the body of Christ, in our villages.*

Sunday 26th April – Easter 4

Readings: Acts 2:42-end, 1 Peter 2:19-end, John 10:1-10

9.30am Holy Communion, Pawlett

9.30am All Age Worship, Woolavington

11.00am Holy Communion, Cossington

6.30pm Evening Prayer, Bawdrip

The 9.00am service from Puriton will be livestreamed

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Collect

Risen Christ,

Faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:

Teach us to hear your voice

And to follow your command,

That all your people may be gathered into once flock

To the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Banns 3rd Time

Phoenix Kristiann Cooper & Georgia Molly Pilgrim of Chedzoy
Matthew Nigel Stone & Cory Taylor Fairbrother of Cossington,
Kevin Isaac & Amanda Jane Chick of Chedzoy

Please pray for

Peace in our world especially in the Middle East ,

A fair distribution of resources.

Those who are sick or in any kind of distress.

For all those who are mourning.

For events happening in the Benefice – please see the diary.

Jenny and Lynda as they continue their ministry training.

For those exploring a call to ministry.

News & Notices

Benefice Reorganization.

For some time, our Diocese has been looking at the need to reduce clergy numbers, they are not alone. The Deanery Mission and Pastoral Group (DMPG) have looked at many options over the last few years. In 2025 a new way of paying for Vicars was introduced which means that to be financially viable our Benefice needs to expand to include new churches. The current proposal is: The Link Benefice (Bawdrip, Cossington, Pawlett, Puriton and Woolavington) to join with Westonzoyland and Chedzoy. Athelney Benefice (North Curry, Burrowbridge, Lyng and Stoke St Gregory) to join with Middlezoy and Othery. We will start to work in these groupings from the 1st June, unless there is a better solution which the DMPG have missed.

We will be having a Benefice Service – Communion Together, 10.00am on 31st May at Westonzoyland Church. Which will be followed by refreshments. It would be lovely to have a full church worshipping together.

I am looking forward to working together for Mission and Ministry in our villages.

Joint PCC for all 7 PCCs Monday 10th May, 7.00pm Woolavington Church with Archdeacon Simon & Assistant Area Dean Catherine.

Bridgwater Foodbank thank you for your continued support. The current needs are Long Life milk, Long life fruit juice, squash, tinned vegetables: peas & carrots and toiletries.

Saturday 2nd May. 10-12noon Coffee Morning at Mike and Ali's Bawdrip. All Welcome.

Monday 4th May. Westonzoyland Church Tower Open Day. Refreshments served in church.

Sunday 10th May – 3pm at Wells Cathedral, Evensong to say farewell to Anne Gells, Archdeacon of Wells.

Saturday 16th May from 10am -1.30pm Care for the Family is running a Bereavement Awareness Course at St Mary's. For more information, please email Julie Pelling revjuliepelling@gmail.com

Weekly Events

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| Monday | 7:00pm | Bell Ringing Practice, Woolavington |
| | 7.30pm | Bell Ringing Practice, Puriton |
| Tuesdays | 10.30am | Coffee Morning, Puriton Clist Room |
| Wednesdays | 10:45am | Coffee Morning, Cossington |
| | 3.15pm | Messy Church Club, Woolavington |
| | 7.00pm | Bell Ringing Practice, Pawlett |
| Thursdays | 12-2:30pm | Bakeability Café Bawdrip Parish Hall |
| | 7.30pm | Pause for Thought, Bawdrip |
| Fridays | 2.00pm | Pop Up Choir, |
| | 5.00pm | Choir Practice, Pawlett |

This week...

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| Monday 27 th | 10.30am | Westonzoyland APCM, Church |
| Wed 29 th | 2.00pm | Funeral, David Hewlett, Puriton |
| Thurs 30 th | 11.00am | Burial of Roy West's Ashes Puriton |
| Friday 1 st | 11.00am | Burial of Ashes Puriton |
| | 11.30am | Funeral of Felicity Pugh, Crematorium |
| | 1.30pm | Funeral of Jean Hodgson, Crem. |
| Saturday 2 nd | 10-12noon | Coffee Morning, Bawdrip. |
| | 1.00pm | Wedding of Barbara & Frank, Puriton |
| Sunday 3 rd | 12noon | Woolavington APCM |

Morning Prayer on Zoom Monday – Thursday 8.30am

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Next Sunday 3rd May – Easter 5

Readings: Acts 7:55-end, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

8.00am Holy Communion Bawdrip

9.30am Holy Communion, Puriton

9.30am Morning Prayer, Pawlett

11.00am Holy Communion, Woolavington

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Usual rest day Friday.