



BrookDean Benefice – The Parishes of Drybrook, Lydbrook & Ruardean

Notices week beginning 19.04.2026

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

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

Reflection

This Sunday is the Third Sunday of Easter and our Gospel reading, the story of the road to Emmaus, is one of the most relatable narratives in the Gospel. It begins with two disciples walking away from the chaos of Jerusalem, their faces downcast and their hearts broken as they were retreating from a future that looked bleak and empty.

As they discuss their despair, Jesus himself approaches and walks alongside them, yet “something prevented them from recognising him”.

The encounter changes everything. Their sadness turns to joy, and their walk of retreat turns into a run back to Jerusalem to share the news. The risen Lord wants to be encountered and shared.

Collect for the week...

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord, give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 24: 13-35

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41



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For our Prayers

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

We pray for those we have known and who have died: Arthur Wilks.

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. Names will be included for a period of 4 weeks unless otherwise requested.

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

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.

Tuesday 5th May – 12 noon, Soup & Pud at Ruardean Memorial Hall.

St John the Baptist Church APCM – Sunday 10th May at 12 noon (in Church).

Next Sunday

Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Drybrook.