



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

## **Notices week beginning 31.05.2026**

### **Trinity Sunday - Drybrook**

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

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

#### **From +Christopher**

Today we celebrate the Dedication Festival of Holy Trinity, Drybrook.

The good news at Lydbrook last Sunday (in addition to Graham's Confirmation - a very happy occasion) was a letter from the Bishop of Gloucester announcing that the Revd Ros Greenhalgh will shortly become Associate Minister for the Brookdean Benefice (Drybrook, Lydbrook and Ruardean). We shall see her before then and we already know her from the help she has been giving on Sundays and from before that when she worshipped at Drybrook when living at Ruardean Woodside.

Bishop Christopher, Tony Hughes and the Churchwardens of Holy Trinity, St John the Baptist and Holy Jesus warmly welcome her.

Ros writes as follows:

#### **How can I help?**

How can I help? Those were the words that led to my being ordained in June 2012 and now the words that have led me back to the Brookdean Benefice.

Many of you will remember me from life before ordination. I moved from Bolton in Lancashire to Ruardean Hill in 2002 with my husband Tim and daughter Sarah, worshipping at Holy Trinity Drybrook (Forest Church). At the time I was a cardiac nurse working at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital Cardiac Unit. I trained for ministry on the West of England Ministerial Training Course alongside my work as a nurse.

Following Ordination I served my curacy in the West Cheltenham Team and then was appointed Rector to 4 parishes near Stratford upon Avon (the northernmost parishes of Gloucester Diocese) where we greatly enjoyed ministry.



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I retired in 2022 and Tim and I now live just outside Ross on Wye and have been worshipping at St Mary's Newent. Sarah is married with two sons aged 6 and 4 and is a teacher at St Johns Coleford.

As you will have heard I will be licensed as Part-time Associate Priest to the Benefice covering some Sundays and up to 2 days a week. I'm very much looking forward to coming back to support you through the vacancy, particularly looking at how we might grow and sustain our churches, reaching out to the communities in which we live.

I don't pretend to have all the answers and will not be working full-time so it is essential that we all pull together as a team, lay and ordained. I will be meeting with Bishop Christopher, Tony, the Church Wardens, PCC's and others in due course but if any of you want to speak to me, make suggestions or want to get involved in any way, then do get in touch – the easiest way will be by email at [rosgreenhalgh22@gmail.com](mailto:rosgreenhalgh22@gmail.com).

Finally a prayer that you may wish to use as we move forward:

Journeying God,  
give us the courage to commit ourselves to move on from where we are,  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
We know that you have a great adventure mapped out for us  
and we commit ourselves to travel with you.  
Thank you that we need not fear the heights, for you will steady us.  
We need not fear the rough places, for you will equip us.  
We need not fear the valleys for you will sustain us.  
So help us to shake off the past,  
to take on the future  
and go forward with you. Amen

Pray for her and her family.

+Christopher

### Collect for the week...

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us stedfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end.

Amen



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### Readings

Our readings this week are:

Matthew 28: 16-20

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-31

### For our Prayers

We pray for those who are unwell: June and Malcolm Jones, Janet Marrott, Dave Perkins, Keith Thompson, Glyn Ellsmore, Sue Thompson.

We pray for those we have known and who have died: Paul Coleman, Jean Pudge, Mandy Pugh.

We pray for Hazel and Thomas, married at Lydbrook this weekend.

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

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)

### 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.



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

### **Changes to Sunday Rotation**

There will be slight changes in our usual pattern of services in the next few weeks due to Patronal Festivals. This has been agreed with the Churchwardens.

**Trinity Sunday on 31 May** the Eucharist will be at **Drybrook** *not* at Ruardean

7 June **Ruardean**

14 June Lydbrook (with Baptism)

21 June **Drybrook**

28 June **Ruardean St John the Baptist Patronal.**

The normal rotation of services will continue after this.

### **Next Sunday**

Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Ruardean.