



BrookDean Benefice – The Parishes of Drybrook, Lydbrook & Ruardean

Notices week beginning 03.05.2026

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

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

This Joyful Eastertide: Easter V (5)

There will be Alleluias in all the hymns on Sunday at Lydbrook. No Apologies! Easter is not just one Sunday or one week. It is celebrated from Easter Eve right through until Pentecost (Whitsunday). Pentecost means 50 days and we conclude Eastertide by celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit. *Alleluia* in Hebrew means *Praise to the Lord*. With the first English Prayer Book back in 1549 the word Alleluia was helpfully retained. But with the second in 1552 Alleluia was always translated *Praise ye the Lord*. While that is what it means there's no good reason for cutting out the original word. It was the more evangelical, free church, traditions and then the Pentecostal and Black-led churches which in their spontaneity retained the word Alleluia (or Halleluia). Then came Handel's *Messiah* and the *Halleluia Chorus*! And with the great 18th and 19th century revival of hymn singing Easter hymns, carols and songs unashamedly revived, as we sing today, Alleluia, during Eastertide.

This Sunday's Post Communion reflects the Gospel for the Day:

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

+Christopher

Collect for the week...

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen



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Readings

Our readings this week are:

John 14: 1-14

Acts 7: 55-60

For our Prayers

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

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.



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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 Ruardean.