



BrookDean Benefice – The Parishes of Drybrook, Lydbrook & Ruardean

Notices week beginning 07.06.2026

First Sunday after Trinity

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.

First Sunday after Trinity

It was good to see Ros last Sunday at Drybrook for Holy Trinity's Dedication festival.

We now run into the long season of 'after Trinity'. Ordinary time and the church's colour is green for ordinary life.

But just before that there will have occurred in the Church Calendar on Thursday 4 June a Festival with the somewhat cumbersome title of Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of the Holy communion. Helpfully it brackets this as (*Corpus Christi*) the original name, in Latin for the Body of Christ. Why last Thursday? It was felt (about 800 years ago!) that though the natural day to remember the institution of the eucharist was Maundy Thursday the crucifixion commemorated the following day on Good Friday overshadowed thinking about the origin and the meaning of Holy Communion. So the first *Thursday* outside the Easter-Pentecost season was chosen.

Corpus Christi has had its ups and downs in the Church of England. At the Reformation the reformers disliked the custom of processions of the sacrament. But it was put back into the CofE calendar just under 100 years ago and in *Common Worship* it can be kept as a Festival or 'red letter day'.

So the Church calls us to think about the meaning of Holy Communion and also how faithful we can try to be about regularly receiving communion and preparing ourselves to receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood and in the consecrated Bread and Wine of the eucharist.

Try to spend a few moments of prayer in preparation for receiving Communion and a few moments in thanksgiving afterwards and you will be keeping the spirit of *Corpus Christi*.

+Christopher



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Collect for the week...

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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:

Matthew 9: 9-13,18-26

Genesis 12: 1-9

Romans 4: 13-25

For our Prayers

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

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

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

Michael Shrubbs – 12th June. Happy birthday Michael!

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



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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.

Saturday 27th June, 8.30am – Men's Breakfast, Drybrook Methodist Church. A traditional cooked breakfast followed by guest speaker Martin Gibbs. To book a place please contact outreach.forestofdean@glosccircuit.co.uk or 07727 699751. Suggested donation £6

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.

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 with Baptism at Lydbrook.