BrookDean Benefice – The Parishes of Drybrook, Lydbrook & Ruardean

Notices week beginning 16.08.2026

11th Sunday after Trinity

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

Revd Ros will be taking our service this week, with Tony preaching; they look forward to welcoming you.

Collect for the Week

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your Kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

Readings

Our readings this week are:

Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28

For our Prayers

We pray for those who are unwell: June and Malcolm Jones, Janet Marrott, Dave Perkins, Sue and Keith Thompson, Joan Stewart, Michael Wonnacott.

We pray for those we have known and who have died: Vanda Lane, Paul Rose, Steven Powell, Barbara Poole.

We pray for Victoria and Thomas, married at Lydbrook this Saturday.

We pray for Lucas Enrique Carbonell Knapman, baptised at Drybrook this Sunday.

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

News from Lydbrook

Welcome to Rachel Brooks and Graham Williams as they take on the role of Churchwardens for Lydbrook Church. Do pray for Rachel and Graham as they take on this new task.

A huge thank you to everyone who has worked to keep Lydbrook Church on track in the absence of Churchwardens.

Lydbrook Church also has a new Facebook page – 'Lydbrook Church of the Holy Jesus'. Please have a look and click 'follow'.

Confirmation

Bishop Rachel will be leading a Confirmation Service in the Autumn in the Forest area. If you would like to be confirmed, please speak to Ros.

Service Leader Training

If you feel you would like to help lead some non-Eucharistic services, there will be the opportunity to attend training in the Autumn. Dates are to be finalise but would probably be in the evening over 5 or 6 weeks. If you are interested, please speak to Ros.

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 £2. Ruardean Woodside Village Hall.

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

Monday 17th August 7pm at Drybrook - Benefice Treasurer's Meeting

Friday 21st – Saturday 22nd August, 6pm until 6pm - Pray for the Forest. 24 hours of non-stop prayer (you don't have to sign up for the whole 24 hours unless you want to!). Sign up to lead a prayer or to join in at signup.24-7.prayer.com/signup/dea2e2/ or email joeknight@outlook.com

Saturday 22nd August 2-5pm – Drybrook (village) Summer Fete.

Euroclydon

A small group visit Euroclydon care home, currently twice a month, to hold a short service of hymns, readings and prayers for the residents.

Especially during the summer, people have other commitments and the group would welcome one of two more people to help with supporting the residents with participating in the service.

If you would like to be help, please talk to either Kathy Garlands or Jane Hulbert, or email Jane at jane_hulbert@sky.com

Next Sunday

Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Ruardean, led by Rev. Fred Long.