



BrookDean Benefice – The Parishes of Drybrook, Lydbrook & Ruardean

Notices week beginning 09.08.2026

10th Sunday after Trinity

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

Revd Ros will be taking our service this week, and looks forward to welcoming you. We look forward to welcoming Lucas and his family for his Baptism. The family now live in Spain, but have strong links with Drybrook.

A bit about Baptism

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. For all involved, particularly the candidates but also parents, godparents and sponsors, it is a joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring the faith. The wider community of the local church and friends welcome the new Christian, promising support and prayer for the future. Hearing and doing these things provides an opportunity to remember our own baptism and reflect on the progress made on that journey, which is now to be shared with this new member of the Church.

The service paints many vivid pictures of what happens on the Christian way. There is the sign of the cross, the badge of faith in the Christian journey, which reminds us of Christ's death for us. Our 'drowning' in the water of baptism, where we believe we die to sin and are raised to new life, unites us to Christ's dying and rising, a picture that can be brought home vividly by the way the baptism is administered. Water is also a sign of new life, as we are born again by water and the Spirit. This reminds us of Jesus' baptism. And as a sign of that new life, there may be a lighted candle, a picture of the light of Christ conquering the darkness of evil. Everyone who is baptized walks in that light for the rest of their lives.

As you pray for the candidates, picture them with yourself and the whole Church throughout the ages, journeying into the fullness of God's love.

Jesus said, 'I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

John 10.10



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Collect for Baptism

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we may grow to be more and more like your Son, Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and for ever.

Amen

Readings

Our reading this week is:

Matthew 14: 22-33

For our Prayers

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

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



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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.

Tuesday 11th August 7.30pm at Drybrook - Benefice Churchwardens meeting

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

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.



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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 Lydbrook, led by Ros with Tony preaching.