BrookDean Benefice – The Parishes of Drybrook, Lydbrook & Ruardean

Notices week beginning 05.11.2026

The Second Sunday before Advent

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

Rev Ros will be taking our service this week, and looks forward to welcoming you.

Reflection

This week's Bible readings are from 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 and Matthew 25.14-30 which talk about how we might use our time as we wait for the return of Christ.

Waiting is something we all experience in life. We wait for birthdays, Christmas, good news, bad news and special events. Sometimes waiting can be exciting, at other times difficult and frustrating.

In the Bible, we are reminded that waiting is an important part of our relationship with God and God's timing isn't always the same as ours. We need to learn to be patient and trust that He knows what is best for each one of us.

Waiting doesn't mean doing nothing. While we wait, (as we learn in Matthew's gospel) we can use our talents/gifts to pray, help others, show kindness and continue to do our best. We can use the time to grow in faith and become more patient.

Just like a seed takes time to grow into a beautiful flower, good things often take time. We mustn't give up just because we can't see things happening straight away.

Remember: Waiting isn't wasted time. It's an opportunity to trust God, develop patience and prepare for what lies ahead. God has given each one of us a gift or talent. As we wait, let's develop them and use them for good.

Have faith, be patient and trust in God's plan.

Rev Ros

Collect for the Week

Heavenly Lord, You long for the world's salvation: Stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope. That all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings

Our readings this week are:

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Matthew 25: 14-30

For our Prayers

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

We pray for those we have known and who have died: Mena Knight, Harold Moore, Jean Cammell, Elsie Meek.

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.

Jean Cammell

Jean's family would like to share the following:

Celebrate the life of Jean Rose Cammell.

Church Service at 11:00 on Wednesday 2nd December at Lydbrook Church. This will be followed by the committal at the Forest of Dean Crematorium at 12:30, for those who wish to attend.

Jean loved her flowers and garden so wearing colour is welcome, but whatever feels right for you.

After the service, all are welcome for refreshments and to raise a glass to Jean at The Pludds Village Hall, GL17 9UQ.

Congratulations…

to Jane Hulbert who has completed the Diocesan Lay Worship Leading Course which she is hoping will be used to good effect at Euroclydon Nursing Home.

Celebrations

If you, or someone you know, would like to have their birthday, anniversary or another special occasion 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 £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.

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 Garland or Jane Hulbert, or email Jane at jane_hulbert@sky.com

Forest of Dean 'Branch' Youth – a Christian (Ecumenical) Youth Event for any young person 11 years old (school yr 7) to 18 yr olds from across the Forest of Dean. The evening consists of Hot chocolate / Milk shakes as everyone gathers, teaching followed by social time until the end.

The event is held at The Community Church building in Cinderford, Foxes Bridge Road, GL14 2PQ from 7-9pm on the following dates:

5th December, 6th February, 6th March, 1st May, 5th June, 3rd July.

Next Sunday

Our Benefice Service of Holy Communion takes place at Drybrook, led by Rev Ros who looks forward to welcoming you.