BrookDean Benefice – The Parishes of Drybrook, Lydbrook & Ruardean

Notices week beginning 08.11.2026

Remembrance Sunday

This Sunday we come together for Acts of Remembrance at each of our Parishes within the Benefice.

Drybrook – 10.45am

Lydbrook – 10.30am (Lydbrook Memorial Hall)

Ruardean – 10.45am

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

Remembrance – Looking Forward to the Future

Remembrance is not only about looking back at the past; it is also about looking forward and considering the future we want to create. As we pause to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice, we must ask ourselves how we can honour their memory through the way we live our lives today.

The courage, bravery and selflessness shown by previous generations should inspire us to build a future based on peace, respect and understanding. Those who served and sacrificed did so in the hope that future generations could enjoy a better world, free from the fear and suffering of war. We have a responsibility to protect that hope.

Looking forward, it is important that we continue to tell the stories of the sacrifices made by those who came before us. As the years pass and fewer veterans remain to share their experiences, their stories must never be lost. Remembrance should remain meaningful, not simply as an annual occasion, but as a lesson that shapes our everyday lives.

We must also recognise those serving in our Armed Forces today, along with their families, who continue to make sacrifices to protect others and support peace around the world.

The future is in our hands. We cannot change history, but we can learn from it. We can choose kindness over hatred, understanding over division and peace over conflict.

As we look forward, let us make that our prayer as we carry the memories of the past with pride and gratitude, ensuring that the sacrifices of previous generations were never in vain.

We remember yesterday, honour today and build a better tomorrow. Lest we forget.

Rev Ros

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: Tom Barton (Drybrook Post Master), Joan Stewart, Mena Knight, Harold Moore, Jean Cammell.

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.

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 Garlands 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 Ruardean, led by Rev Ros.