

What's On

A short course on the History and Faith of the Old Testament/ Hebrew Bible with Roger Spiller

The Old Testament is not only the indispensable background to the New Testament; it exceeds it in its breadth of history, its unforgettable stories and its concerns for the welfare of people and nations. As we spring through the 2,000 year story, we will be prompted to ask hard questions: How do Jews read the Hebrew Bible differently from Christians? Why so much violence, patriarchy and discrimination in the Old Testament? How far do the prophets speak for God and for themselves? How far were God's promises met? How was and is God's apparent muteness understood? How far were 'God's promises fulfilled? How do ancient traditions of Judaism continue to affect the hope of Israel today?

When and Where

7-8.30 pm, on 3, 10, 24 April, 1, 8, 22 May 2024 at Little Comberton Village Hall

Booking

Please book by the 22 March 2024

Donation To cover costs and support Morogoro Bible Colleg

**To book your place email: acbhteam@gmail.com Or, call 01386 710 394
(leave a message)**

Caring Hands needs the following items: Long life milk, pasta, rice, tea and tinned: vegetables, meat, tuna, tomatoes etc. Boxes are available in our churches for donations of food.

**Please email content for the next Link News to rectoryoffice@btinternet.com by Wednesday 27th March 2024.
Contributions from all villages welcomed. Thank you.**

Please note that the rectory office is manned on Wednesday mornings 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

Weddings, funerals and baptisms

Enquiries should be made to Alison Khan, Administrative Co-ordinator,
Bredon Hill Group (tel. 07984 748 059)

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March Link News Sunday 17th and Sunday 24th The Fourth Sunday of Lent & Palm Sunday



Finding Sense in the Sanctuary

The Lenten season this year has felt very in tune with what is happening in the world: Ukraine, unresolved. Gaza, a horror. Government in this country challenging the rule of law! Democracy facing a crisis.

It was good to find time,, as a Parish for an Away Day with Rev'd Steve Clark, who was vicar here some 30+ years ago. He led us in three exercises of listening to God using different senses, quiet and conversation, art, nature, scripture. As one who attended said: "What a memorable day with Steve leading and inspiring us with his thoughts, stories and faith. The day's programme was just right, with time to listen, to discuss, quiet reflection and social time, and of course refreshments."

The House of the Open Door in Childswickham was a wonderful venue for such a day. Gorgeous spring gardens, many rooms, an inspiring chapel.

I'm reminded of a favourite Psalm of mine, Psalm 73 which speaks of the Psalmist's despair at the state of the world, where those in power seem to grow ever more powerful, greedy and ruthless and those who are faithful to God's ways of dignity, inclusion, generosity, sharing seem to be ground into dust. The Psalmist says that they almost lost faith until they entered the sanctuary of God. Spending time with God brings perspective, restores faith, renews energy to persevere in ways of justice and peace.

Yours, as we renew of prayer and action for justice and peace in our worlds,

Rev'd Katryn

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March Services

Readings and Collects

17th March Readings

Jeremiah 31.31-34

Psalms 51.1-13 or

Psalms 119.9-16

Hebrews 5.5-10

John 12.20-33

Collect:

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

24th March Readings

Mark 11.1-11 or

John 12.12-16

Psalms 118.1-2, 19-24*

Collect:

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

Pershore Community Cupboard

We are seeing an increased demand in use of the cupboard alongside a reduction in the amount donated by supermarkets and our cupboard stocks are depleting fast. If you are able to donate any of the following items we would be very grateful.

- Tinned meat / fish
- Tinned fruit / custard
- Baked beans, Soup, Pasta Sauce
- Nappies Size 3-6

Toiletries, Toilet rolls. Thank you for your kindness 😊

We pray . . .

For all in our community who are sick or in long term care:

- Adrian Nichols
- Yvonne Seward
- Peter Locksley Smith
- Jackie O'Shaughnessy
- Domini Allen
- All in residential and care homes

We remember the loss of loved ones

Those who have died recently and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

*May the souls of the faithful departed,
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Lent Groups

Tues: 20th February 2.00pm Village Hall Committee Room, Overbury

Tues: 19th March

Wed: 21st Feb 10.30am Eckington Church

Wed: 21st February 7.00pm Elmley and the Combertons various homes

Wed: 20th March

Thurs: 21st March 2.00pm "Rivendell", Elmley Castle

You are welcome to join the group of your choice. It would be useful to have numbers so we can ensure the venue can work. Please contact Alison Khan for details of addresses and to sign up acbhteam@gmail.com

We need you!

The Parish Council are organising a community litter pick on Saturday 23rd March and Saturday 13th April. If you can help then please get involved. All equipment will be supplied. We will be meeting outside Elmley Castle Village Hall at 9.30 am.

Sunday 17th

9.00 am Eckington, Holy Communion

10.45 am Bredon, Holy Communion

10.45 am Elmley Castle, Holy Communion

4.00 pm Bredon's Norton, Evensong

4.00 pm Beckford, Evensong

Sunday 24th

9.00 am Great Comberton, Holy Communion

10.45 am Defford, Holy Communion

10.45 am Ashton-under-Hill, Holy Communion

3.00 pm Elmley Castle, Messy Church

Thursday 28th Maundy Thursday

10.00 am Overbury, Holy Communion with washing of feet

7.00 pm Little Comberton, Holy Communion with washing of feet

7.00 pm Bredon, Holy Communion with washing of feet

Holland House

Morning Prayer (Celtic and other) at Holland House on: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9.15 am. There will be a Eucharist at 12 noon on Wednesdays.

Choir for Easter Sunday

Interested singers of all ages are invited to join with the Link Choir on Thursday Evenings at 6.45-7.45pm throughout March, to prepare for the Easter Sunday Service on Sunday 31st March.

The first practice will be at **St Peter's, Little Comberton**, with all subsequent rehearsals at **St Mary's, Elmley Castle**.

Tony Mealings

Volunteers needed: Carrying of the Cross from Elmley Castle on Good Friday

PLEASE ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP US, please let us know if you can help or would like further information, please contact The Rectory on 710394 or email rectoryoffice@btinternet.com