

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

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 10th April 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/April Link News Sunday 31st March and Sunday 7th April Easter Day and 2 Easter



The most bizarre happening in History

Faith, my faith, hinges on this happening which no one witnessed. No one saw the moment when God the Father and Spirit raised the Son from death. And what a moment of joy it must have been, God, reunited, restored after the most harrowing experience of their divine, eternal dance. It is very hard to describe in words, I find.



No one saw that tender and intimate and powerful moment, but we know the reverberations of it in all creation. Jesus appeared to many disciples, and they knew it was really him. He was different but recognisable. His conversations consistent with all that had gone before.

What is extraordinary, is that Jesus continues to be present with us in God the Holy Spirit sent upon the church. At our Baptism, by faith, by a deep conviction that this works, we are touched by the Holy Spirit and grafted into God's community. The Holy Spirit gives us intimations and experiences day by day that deepen our conviction. So faith grows and steadies and holds. Our connection with God in Jesus by the Holy Spirit brings adventure and joy as we live out our lives in God's good creation. In the power of God we seek to be those who testify by our lives and words to this most bizarre happening in the history of the world.

Easter peace keep you, in Jesus Christ the Lord,

Rev'd Kathryn

March/April Services

Readings and Collects

31st March Readings

Acts 10.34-43 or

Isaiah 25.6-9

Psalms 118.1-2, 14-24*

1 Corinthians 15.1-11 or

Acts 10.34-43

John 20.1-18 or

Mark 16.1-8

Collect:

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. .

7th April Readings

Acts 4.32-35

Psalms 133

1 John 1.1 - 2.2

John 20.19-31

Collect:

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Pershire 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.*

We need you!

The Parish Council are organising a community litter pick on 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 31st Easter Day

9.00 am Besford, Holy Communion

9.00 am Bredon's Norton , Holy Communion

10.30 am Overbury, All Age Service

10.45 am Eckington, Holy Communion

10.45 am Elmley Castle, Holy Communion

10.45 am Bredon, Holy Communion

Sunday 7th April

9.00 am Little Comberton, Holy Communion

9.00 am Besford, Holy Communion

10.45 am Bredon, Holy Communion

10.45 am Teddington, Holy Communion

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.

Momentary prayer for all

For a few moments, all at the same time, wherever they are, at 8.30am on a Wednesday morning, several members of the Bredon Hill churches pray privately. Known as Local Acts of Momentary Prayer (LAMP), only a few elements are needed... Praise, Asking, Thanks, Hallelujah! (PATH). Anyone is welcome to join in, quite anonymously, though it would encourage others if the clergy knew how wide the prayer time is. Psalm 119 says in verse 105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." Please do join in our remote prayer chain if you can.