

What's on

Coming Up

Sunday 3rd August - Taizé Service - 6.00 pm Overbury Church

Sunday Preaching

From 20 July we will be focussing for four Sundays, one on each chapter of Paul's Letter to the Colossians.

Great Comberton Flower Show - Saturday 23rd August 2025 2.00 pm

Theme this year

Out of this World

www.theflowershow.org.uk for more information

**A Tale of Two Cities and Several Ladies with Rev'd Dr Gerard Moate
On the 7, 14 and 21st October 2025 7.00 - 8.00 pm at St Faith's
Church, Church Row, Overbury, GL20 7NY**

Three talks making connections between London and respectively the cities of Philippi, Corinth and Rome in New Testament times, secondly, connections between women who were known to St Paul (Lydia, Priscilla and Phoebe) and three ladies who once lived in London - to illustrate aspects of the Christian Virtue of Generosity.

Please email julietvines@gmail.com to let us know if you're thinking of coming, for catering purposes.

**Please email content for the next Link News to
rectoryoffice@btinternet.com by Wednesday 6th August 2025.
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)

Link News is sent to all Church members whose email addresses we have. If you would like to forward it to a friend, please feel free to do so. If you know of someone who would like to be included in the mailing list, please ask them to contact the Parish Office.

**Sunday 27th July, 6th Sunday after
Trinity and Sunday 3rd August, 7th
Sunday after Trinity**



'The centre cannot hold'

'The centre cannot hold' is a famous line from a poem by W.B. Yeats written in 1919. It describes a world descending into chaos and disorder. It signifies a loss of stability and the emergence of mighty and disruptive forces. But it probably more accurately describes our world today than it did in 1919. Yeats writes: 'Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold; mere anarchy is loosed upon the world'. What can we do? One respected principal of a theological college told me recently that he found it difficult to look into the eyes of his grandchildren because of the appalling legacy he and his generation have left to them, and yet, he feels powerless to act.

We have several choices. We can avoid the dispiriting news and cocoon ourselves in a cosy world of our own making. We can, alternatively, spend time obsessing about and ruminating on the state of the world and its leadership as if to find some small comfort in our shared lament.

There is a third approach, which came to mind when we looked at the first chapter of the short letter to the Colossians last Sunday, as the first of a series exploring the four chapters of the book. In it we find the most exalted claims about Jesus in the whole of the New Testament. 'All things were created through him'; 'He is the head of the Church', and 'In him (Jesus) all things hold together'. What a contrast to Yeats' expression, above, where everything seems to be falling apart around us!

But this is no fanciful, comforting option; the hope rests in Christ alone. We're called not to retreat from the messiness of the world but to view it always in the light of the nourishing, restorative life of Jesus so vividly set out for us in the letter to the Colossians.

Roger Spiller

Readings and Collects

Sunday 27th July

Readings

Genesis	18: 20 - 32
Psalm	138
Colossians	2
Luke	11: 1 - 13

Collect:

Creator God,
You make us all in your image, may
we discern you in all that we see
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 3rd August

Readings

Ecclesiastes	1: 2, 12 - 14
	2: 18 - 23
Psalm	49: 1 - 12
Colossians	3
Luke	12: 13 - 21

Collect:

Generous God,
You give us gifts and make them
grow through our faith as small as
mustard seed, make it grow to
your Glory and the flourishing of
your Kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray . . .

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

- Yvonne Seward
- All in residential and care homes
- All who live with chronic conditions

We remember the loss of loved ones

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

Shirley Cooper

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

For couples getting married

Marc Alexander & Tegan Parsons
Jack Knowles & Victoria Bozward

God, we pray for a shared vision for our
future. Guide us to align our dreams and
goals, and help us to work together to-
wards a common purpose. Amen.

Morogoro Diocese in Tanzania:

Our Parish contributes to the funding of
Mission Priests in the Morogoro Diocese in
Tanzania:

O God of the nations, give to mission
priests energy and wisdom in all their work.
Bless their fledgling congregations with
love and joy, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Sunday 3rd August - World Against Trafficking

God of Justice, awaken our hearts. Help us
to protect the vulnerable and end the
chains of trafficking. Make us instruments
of your Freedom and Hope, Amen.



July/August Services

Sunday 27th July

9.00 am	Great Comberton - Holy Communion
10.45 am	Defford - Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashton-under-Hill - Holy Communion
10.45 am	Bredon - Village Worship

Wednesday 30th July

10.00 am	Little Comberton - Morning Worship
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Sunday 3rd August

10.45 am	Little Comberton - Holy Communion
10.45 am	Bredon - Holy Communion
6.00 pm	Overbury - Taizé

Wednesday 6th August

10.00 am	Little Comberton - Morning Worship
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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.

