

What's on

Coming Up

Sunday 7 September at 10.45 am at Little Comberton Church

Have you ever wondered why an Anglican Holy Communion service unfolds as it does?

On 7 September at 10.45 am at Little Comberton Church, Roger Spiller will be offering a running commentary as the service unfolds instead of a sermon. All are welcome!

Saturday 13th September 2025 .

On Saturday 13th September we have the annual Worcester and Dudley Historic Buildings ride and stride. An important annual fundraiser. Details and forms on website

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 3rd September
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)

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**24th August, 10th Sunday after Trinity and
31st August, 11th Sunday after Trinity**



Worship

I wonder what you imagine you are doing when you go to church, when you gather together with others to worship God?

Some of us think that we have come to experience an intimate encounter with God. We come to hear in the words and experience in the actions a connection with God that is both personal and emotional. This may be through songs, through music, through the poetry of the liturgy, the drama of a shared eucharistic meal.

Others of us come because we recognised our desire and our need to be edified. We want to hear the Bible come to life and made relevant to our lives. We may be a bit suspicious of emotion, of heartfelt praise and thanks to God. Others of us worship as a duty and a service to God and to one another and to the world. It is our duty, because we need it, we need to gather together to give praise to God, to hear God's word, to share God's sacraments and to go out and serve in the world.

For yet others worship is an ongoing offering to God, part of the continuous offering of worship offered to God at different times and different places. When we gather, we enter into that flow of worship, day and night that is being offered in this world and the next. Worship is for God's sake, so it does not matter who is or is not present. Some understand their worship to be on behalf of those who cannot or do not come.

When you come away from a church service thinking: "That was good!" I wonder what it was about your experience which made it 'good'? Was it because you connected personally and emotionally with God? Was it because you felt you learned something and you were moved, satisfied by the preaching particularly? Was it because you felt you had done your duty, with joy? Was it because you understood that you were entering into a flow of worship that has been happening forever, and this was meaningful and satisfying?

I wonder which of these assumptions underlie your expectations when you gather in worship of God with the church?

I wonder which of these assumptions underlie the way our particular church understands worship?

Rev'd Katryn

Readings and Collects

Sunday 24th August

Readings

Jeremiah 1: 4 - 10

Psalm 71: 1 - 6

Hebrews 13: 18 - 29

Luke 13: 10 - 17

Collect:

Lord of Heaven and Earth
As Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope but always bring our prayers before you.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Sunday 31st August

Readings

Jeremiah 2: 4 - 13

Psalm 81: 1, 10 - 16

Hebrews 13: 1, 1 - 8, 15 - 16

Luke 14: 1, 7 - 14

Collect:

God of Glory.

The end of our searching. Help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your Kingdom and give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond the price
Through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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.

*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

Heavenly Father,

We come before You with grateful hearts, acknowledging the love You have placed between us. As we prepare for the sacred covenant of marriage, we seek Your guidance and wisdom. Help us to build our relationship on the solid foundation of Your Word, that we may stand firm through every season of life.

For our friends and neighbours in Hands Orchard and Church Street

Heavenly Father, thank You for our community. Bless the people who live and work around us. Let Your Spirit move through our streets. We pray for protection, healing, and godly wisdom to guide everyone's decisions. Help us find unity in our differences and work toward a flourishing community filled with faith, hope, and positive change. In Jesus' name, amen.

Praying with USPG

Let Justice and Peace Flow:

Creator of love thank you for the gift of life
Which we share with all creation.
Call us again to safeguard everything you have made
For earth and all its fullness is yours.
Amen

Loving God

You walked with the exiled and displaced.
Be with all migrants, refugees and political exiles, especially those struggling with uncertainty, loneliness and rejection. May they find strength in your presence and hope in their journey.



August Services

Sunday 24th

10.45 am Defford - Holy Communion

10.45 am Bredon - Village Worship

6.00 pm Great Comberton - Celebration Praise, in Marquee on Great Comberton Field

Wednesday 27th

10.00 am Little Comberton - Iona Morning Prayer

Sunday 31st

10.45 am Little Comberton - Group Service

Wednesday 3rd September

10.00 am Little Comberton - Northumbrian Morning Prayer

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.

Confirmation Preparation 2026

Confirmation preparation for 2026 will be done in the Deanery (Rev'd Katryn will be involved). Confirmation courses are a wonderful opportunity to explore Christian faith over ten weekly sessions, together with others.

The course may be a refresher for you or in preparation for your confirmation. A Confirmation Service is a service where the promises made at your baptism are now affirmed by you as an adult and you receive the laying on of hands and anointing with oil by a bishop confirming you in the Christian faith. (If you have not been baptised, this may happen during the confirmation service at Worcester Cathedral on Easter Eve or in your parish.)

If you are thinking of being Confirmed, do speak to Rev'd Katryn

